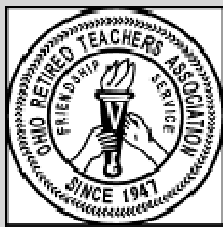


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2010 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS TO BE HONORED AT LUNCHEON

Five future teachers, graduates from Portage County high schools, will receive PCRTA Future Teacher scholarships this year. Selected from 23 applicants, the winners demonstrate excellence in scholarship, community service activities, and leadership experiences. Congratulations to **Katelyn Alesci** (Streetsboro), **Kyle Dreger** (Rootstown), **Molly McCreary** (Kent Roosevelt), **Miranda Titko** (Field), and **Alex Wolfe** (Waterloo). They will be introduced at our July 15 luncheon.



Katelyn Alesci was the president of her class at Streetsboro High School. She has been involved in the school-to-work program allowing her to gain teaching experience with elementary and middle school students and their teachers. Her supervisor said, "Her many strong points include her intelligence, commitment, and enthusiasm. She is able to effectively adjust to changing lesson plans and 'jump in' in a highly productive way." She is a nursery attendant at her church and has participated in a mission trip to New Orleans. Katelyn will attend The Ohio State University and looks forward to their "study abroad" program to learn about different cultures.

The top graduate at Rootstown High School, **Kyle Dreger**, plans to attend Mount Union College and major in education and computer science. As an IT intern, he helped kindergarteners learn to use computers while assisting staff with technical problems. He is the founder and CEO of "Laps for Love Charity Walk-a-thon" to help cancer patients and their families with the financial burden that comes with ever-constant medical bills. Kyle participated in Buckeye Boys State and was captain of his soccer team. He teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. His English teacher stated, "He is one of very few students I have ever encountered to possess the moral, academic, and personal characteristics that set him apart from his peers."



Music has always been important to **Molly McCreary** who was the field commander for the Kent Roosevelt marching band. She was a section leader in the orchestra, played piano in the jazz band, and has been dancing competitively for 12 years. Her band director reports that, "Miss McCreary's hard work, dedication, talent, and academic excellence will make her an excellent representative of this scholarship." She was the booster club president and the orchestra librarian. She teaches Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Molly will attend the University of Akron as a music education major. Because she will begin college with 23 credits earned while in high school, Molly will finish a five-year music education degree in four years.

MORE 2010 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Miranda Titko ranks second in her class, is a class officer, president of Field High School student council, a teen board representative, and captain of her soccer team. She will attend Kent State University and study integrated mathematics. Her advanced placement English teacher calls her “logical, perceptive, organized, and ambitious—an intellectual star in the classroom.” She is a member of the “homework gang” at her church where she volunteers to help students with their math homework. Miranda teaches Vacation Bible School and has gone on mission trips with her church. She was recently touched by the loss of her brother to cancer. Her dream is to teach and spread her love for learning to her students who may someday follow their dreams and find an end to this ugly disease.



Alex Wolfe will attend Mount Union College to study mathematics education with a minor in adolescent to young adult education, and he plans to teach high school math. Graduating third in his class at Waterloo High School, he received the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science award. He participated in Quiz Bowl, Beta Club, Drama Club, and was the design editor for the school paper. He was in the school marching, symphonic, jazz, and pep bands. His teacher makes this recommendation: “By virtue of his intelligence, curiosity, and diligence, Alex does well in challenging academic endeavors.” He also offered, “It always pleases me when a bright and talented student chooses to enter the teaching profession.” Alex plans to show his students the relationship between math concepts taught and where they are applied in real life.

2010 PCRTA LEADERSHIP TEAM	COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
OFFICERS	Archival	Norm Park
President— Dave Gynn	Community Services	Judith Morgan
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PREZ SEZ — ELEVATOR GOING UP by Dave Gynn

Have you crafted your elevator chat?

An elevator speech or elevator pitch is a concise, carefully planned, well-practiced description about your cause. Some people think of it as a brief, easy-to-understand message a person would comprehend in the time it would take to ride up an elevator.

Sales people rehearse their elevator presentations. They stress the importance of how their product or service will meet the needs of potential clients—in just the time it takes to ride up in the elevator.

I hope you will use your elevator speech or elevator chat to encourage PCRTA and ORTA membership. What do you say when you meet a non-member—a recent retiree or someone who just hasn't joined yet?

Your prepared elevator chat will pop into your head, and you will talk confidently about their need to participate in the only retired teacher organization in Ohio working to improve the benefits of retired educators.

Your chat should mention that Ohio legislators will soon be making changes to the retirement system, and future retirees may not receive the benefits we are enjoying. We need to speak in one loud, clear voice that our STRS system must **not** go to a 401K-type retirement plan.

All STRS recipients must let Columbus know that retirement without health care is not retirement. Retirees should remind legislators that our annual cost of living adjustment gives us the security needed in retirement.

A goal of your elevator chat should be to have non-members sign **UP** for membership. We need to bring our membership numbers **UP** to become a more significant voice for all active and retired teachers.

Teachers are natural story tellers. They need to be prepared when they see non-members and deliver their elevator chats. Membership will go **UP**. Our influence will go **UP**. Our elevator should always go **UP**.



“All STRS recipients must let Columbus know that retirement without health care is not retirement.”



Dave Gynn, PCRTA President

Dave

BEEN TO OUR WEBSITE LATELY? www.pcrta.net

This newsletter contains some excerpts from notes from several of the former scholarship recipients telling us what they have been doing since they received their scholarships. Due to space constraints, there was not space to print their entire letters.



However, their complete notes are posted on our website. Look there to see the wonderful things these students have been doing.

An informant told us that one of our members, **Dottie Emerick**, went to see *The Putnam County Annual Spelling Bee* at Porthouse Theater recently. Dottie didn't get to SEE the first half, because she was chosen to be IN the play as one of the spelling bee contestants. We heard she was great!!

STOP THE PAPER ONSLAUGHT!
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Read it sooner—in color!

Call Pat Gynn @ 330-678-8423

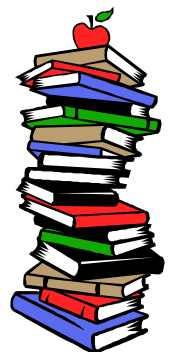
Or Email her— PatGynn@aol.com

BRING BOOKS TO TRADE!

We will have our annual book exchange at our July luncheon meeting. Bring a few books you have recently enjoyed and take home a few you want to read.

Please leave your old college texts, older books, and your old encyclopedias at home.

Leftover books will be donated to the Reed Memorial Library book sale.





TREASURER'S REPORT by Darlene Fetterhoff



Report for May 11, 2010 to June 6, 2010:

Beginning Checking Acct. Balance:	\$ 18,181.45
Expenses:	\$ 1,243.02
ORTA dues	340.00
U M Church-luncheon	700.00
Bank fee	3.62
UMC Church-Oct. seminar fee	36.00
MJ Brannon-memorial flowers	42.68
D Fetterhoff-Quicken software	32.03
A Balog-fee for 990 form complications	50.00
D Fetterhoff- postcards, postage, labels	38.69
Income:	\$ 3,248.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 18,798.98
Scholarship Funds in Checking	\$ 15,128.24
2011 Carole Myers funds \$965 included	
Checking Working Balance	\$ 5,058.19

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES UPDATE

Perhaps you have noticed that the membership code on your newsletter label has changed. There has been some confusion, so in an attempt to clarify, changes have been made.

Just remember, if your code notes a year, then you are an annual member paid through that year. For example, S2010 P2010 indicates that dues are paid for 2010 for both ORTA (S) and for PCRTA (P).

If your code says just SP, that means you are a lifetime member of both ORTA and PCRTA. S stands for State and P stands for Portage.

Darlene



In Memoriam of Carole J. Myers – May 16, 2010

Our sincere sympathies to **Lowell Myers** and his family for their loss. Carole retired from Streetsboro Schools in 1992 and was a life member of both ORTA and PCRTA since 1996. She was a dear friend to many PCRTA members.

As of this printing, scholarship donations total \$1,760. Thank you to the following contributors to the 2011 Carole J. Myers Memorial Scholarship:

Jack and Beth Angelotta; Annetta L. Arris; Joe and Debbie Berdine; Jeff and Pat Bissell; Bill and Peggy Bravard; Donald and Deborah Broomfield; Mary Burik; Steven and Dorothy Buzash; John and Carol Carney; Jeff and Karen Claypool; Scott Claypool; Henry Defer Intermediate School Staff; Nancy Duquette; Mike and Cindy Emch; Corey and Nora Faul; Darlene Fetterhoff; Bill and Adele Fussner; William and Nancy Gerdes; Kenneth and Nancy Granville; Louise C. Gremmels; John and Barbara Hamilton; Janet Hartzell; Rhonda Heidinger; Winifred Hickson; Jane C. Hostler; Judi Ince; Marilyn Johnston; Crysann Kelly; Selma Kennedy; Janet Kolmer; Harlan and Joan Kropp; Massillon Chiropractic Clinic (Dr. Haycock, Stacy, Shiann, Shaila, Nate and Menka); Tim and Deborah McGill; John and Hope McNally; Larry and Janet Metzgar; Otto and Virginia Meyer; Jack Miller; JoAnn Meyers; Jim and Laurie Mills; Joyce Naujoks; Samuel E. Oyer; Frank and Kelly Pugliese; Joe and Elaine Pumphrey; Santo and Mona Scopilliti; Sara, Andy and Alina Smith; Howard and Kathleen Turner; Jennifer Vinson; Frank and Esther Williamson; Theresa L. Woods; and Dr. William and Kathleen Yeakley.

NOTES FROM FORMER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:



Courtney Spellman 2009 I am currently attending Kent State University and majoring in Integrated Mathematics. I have a 3.89 grade point average after my first semester. I will have taken 34 credit hours and I am a member of the Honors College. I took a student instructor training course this spring which will allow me to be a teacher's assistant in the fall.



Rachel Baughman 2008 In the fall, I will be a junior at Marietta College, majoring in History and Secondary Education and receiving a Teacher Leadership Certificate. I have managed to keep high grades, getting a 4.0 this semester (3.958 cumulative). My ultimate goal is to work as a corps member for Teach For America. I sing in the Women's Choir, teach at a local dance school, and volunteer for the Red Cross.



Ashley Bault 2008 I am just finishing up my sophomore year at Marietta College. I am majoring in Middle Childhood Education with concentrations in Math and Language Arts. I am also minoring in graphic design. I will be earning a Teacher Leadership Certificate through the McDonough Leadership Center. I have done field experience at two schools. The kids have been great and I have been learning a lot about education.



Kera LeMasters 2008 I am going to enter my third year at Mount Union College as a Middle Childhood Education Major (grades 4-9). I have been busy at school taking between 16-19 credit hours a semester. I have a cumulative GPA of 3.97. This last semester I was involved in five different campus organizations along with volunteering as a tutor at Parkway Elementary School and Alliance Middle School.



Anna Engle 2007 I will be a senior at Eastern Mennonite University this fall. I'll be student teaching in the fall and graduating in spring 2011. My major is History and Social Science Secondary Education with a Teaching English as a Second Language minor. I studied in Guatemala and Mexico this past year and am very excited to teach ESL after my experience as a second-language learner!



Jessica Grabnic 2007 I just finished my junior year at Slippery Rock University. I am an elementary education major with minors in middle school math, elementary school math, and exceptionalities. I am a member of the Honors Program and am involved in many educational organizations. Next year I will complete my classes in the fall and will student teach in the spring. Then I plan to come back to Ohio to teach.



Kyle Kalail 2007 Next year will be my senior year. I am double majoring in Pure and Applied Mathematics and 7-12 Math Education. If all goes well, I'll be student teaching in the fall. I have been attending Hastings College in Nebraska and loved every moment of it. I plan to go onto graduate school and hope to some day teach college.



Bethy Herchek 2006 I am currently a senior at Otterbein College getting ready to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in English: Literary Studies. I student taught this year at Dublin Coffman High School in Dublin, Ohio. It was the greatest experience of my life, and I can't wait to have my own classroom. I have applied several places and am waiting to hear. Hopefully next year I can report on my own classroom!

See more on page 10.



Dan McCombs, ORTA Trustee for PCRTA and ORTA Chair of Legislative Committee

WE NEED TO KEEP OUR DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SYSTEM

We need to be ready to respond to the current financial shortfall in our State budget. The latest figure I have been hearing passed around Columbus is that we are facing an 8 billion dollar deficit for next year.

Since the State cannot operate with a deficit, cuts in expenditures will have to occur or new sources of funding will have to be developed. When is the last time you recall a legislator or governor having enough backbone to utter the TAX word. I don't think I will ever see it in my lifetime.

So where might the politicians look to borrow the funds to cover the shortfall? You've got it...our pension system.

We need to be proactive in letting our representatives and our Governor know that we will not permit them to raid our pension system. Even though they will tell us that they will pay it back, I personally am skeptical that they would do so.

Now is the time to act, not when the horse is out of the barn. Write, call, or e-mail them to let them know you want our pension systems

protected at all cost. There continues to be a lot of pension jealousy out there in the public regarding our system.

There is a movement afoot to get us to switch from our current *defined benefits plan* (where we get a defined stable source of revenue) to a *defined contribution plan* (a 401k-type that depends on the stock market and the economy).

National studies have recently found that our defined benefit plan can be run for nearly half the cost of a defined contribution plan. West Virginia made the switch only to lose money for teachers and chose to go back to the defined benefit plan.

In closing, I want to continue to remind you that we need to also continue our fight to keep our pension system out of Social Security. These our tough times, but with your help, there will be better days ahead.

Wouldn't it be refreshing to read about positive changes in education rather than these difficult economic realities.

Dan

KNOW YOUR REPRESENTATIVES—Let them know what you think.



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Art Fesemyer,
Membership Chairman

“ORTA Annual Dues will increase from \$20 to \$30 after December 1, and Life Membership will increase from \$300 to \$500 after September 1.”

KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS CLIMBING

One of the very nice things that happened to the Membership Committee lately was to have **Adele Fussner** join the group. The first task Adele undertook was to phone some of the latest PCRTA members and welcome them into the association. It is so important that new members feel welcome. No one else is better suited for doing this than Adele. We want to thank Adele for volunteering to help.

The most important news from ORTA is that ORTA annual dues will increase from **\$20 to \$30 after DECEMBER 1**, and life membership will increase from **\$300 to \$500 after SEPTEMBER 1**.

Talk about change! This is a large increase in ORTA’s dues; however, it is the first increase in ten years. We were reminded of Heraclitus, the Greek philosopher, when he wrote “nothing endures but change.” Or even my wife’s favorite Robert Burns’ quotation from *To a Mouse*: “the best laid schemes of mice and men aft go agley.”

Our original committee plan, in addition to contacting the 62 teachers who retired this year, was to concentrate our efforts on retaining our present members and to contact teachers who reside in Portage County and have not yet joined the PCRTA and to ask them to consider membership.

The sudden news from ORTA about the increase in dues meant that we had to drastically revise our plans. There was not

enough time to assemble the entire committee, so Helena Parry, President David Gynn, and I met and made plans for making the changes.

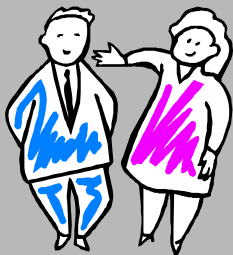
The 62 new retirees had already received invitations to join the associations, but none were notified that there would be an increase in dues. We decided that we needed a new package of materials to be distributed to every school in the county BEFORE the start of summer vacation.

In the packet for each school, we planned to include our “Ohio Major Newspapers Put Public Pensions Under Attack” collage, a copy of the latest ORTA quarterly, and posters for the bulletin boards that listed the changes in dues. We also included a letter from **David Gynn** with the title “Preparation for Retirement” and some of our current applications, where our current dues are listed. We also added a notice for the upcoming Pre-Retirement Workshop scheduled for October 19 at the United Methodist Church in Kent.

Thanks to the cooperation of the staff at the Educational Service Center in Ravenna all the packets were delivered through their inter-school service.

One has to hope that the efforts of the committee will help to maintain and even increase our membership.

Art



Say Hello to Our Newest Members:

Larry Bailey	Rootstown	Jane Rose	Associate
Janice Busher	Ravenna	Deborah Scharlotte	Kent
George C. Rose	Aurora		

WELCOME

MEETING MINUTES - Ruth Weigand, Secretary



Highlights from the last Executive Committee and luncheon meetings are provided below. Many meeting details are included in other reports in this newsletter. A complete set of detailed minutes are available to any PCRTA member. Call **Ruth Weigand** (330-673-4788), email PCRTA@aol.com, or locate the minutes on our website (www.pcrta.net).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - May 13, 2010

--Corresponding Secretary, **Barbara Cribbs**, mailed 22 letters to former scholarship recipients and received seven responses for the newsletter.

--**Darlene Fetterhoff** reported a treasury balance of \$18,181.45 (\$4,571.21 working balance and \$18,181.45 scholarship fund). Expenses included newsletters, \$347.76; scholarship printing and mailing, 95.37; postage, 24.40; 2010 audit and 990 form, 150.00.

--Vice-Presidents, **Ken & Nancy Granville**, reviewed the luncheon programs. **Dan McCombs** will arrange a meeting to meet the candidates in the November election.

--ORTA Trustee, **Dan McCombs**, reported that the revised bylaws were approved. The number of trustees will be reduced; Portage County needs a large membership increase to retain a trustee. He also reported that ORTA dues will increase to \$30 a year; life membership will increase to \$500.

--Results of a survey at the March luncheon show that most members are satisfied with the location, time, and program of PCRTA luncheons. Most members attend to meet people, legislative concerns, and programs.

--Ten PCRTA members attended the ORTA Area Meeting in Canton. They reported on the workshops and how to improve PCRTA. **Jim McGreevy** and **Bob Stein**, STRS Board members, impressed delegates with their reports.

--Unfinished Business: The adhoc bylaws committee will review the revised ORTA bylaws and recommended changes to the PCRTA bylaws.

--**Norm Park** recommended that our records be stored in places such as Portage County Historical Society so they are available to interested parties.

--**Judy Morgan**, announced that the Maplewood GED graduation date has been changed to May 27. PCRTA

members will supply cookies and act as hosts to serve refreshments. We will also prepare congratulations cards for the graduates. She also reported that six PCRTA members served as judges at the Future Educators Association contest in April at KSU.

--**Kay Wise** said Bisslers will provide estate and funeral planning brochures for the memorial services luncheon. Miracle-Ear Hearing Center will offer hearing checks at the September 16 luncheon.

--Legislative Chair, **Dan McCombs**, said not to expect retirement legislation until after the election. There is a need to stress that STRS pensions should remain as a defined benefits program. ORTA is supporting a push for the US Congress to pass the GEO/WEP legislation.

--**Art Fesemyer** reported that there are 60 retiring teachers in Portage County this year. He sent membership packages and will send notices about the dues increase.

--**Mary Jane Brannon**, said everything is ready for the memorial service luncheon. She asked to be notified of any member illnesses or deaths.

--**Pat Gynn** reported that 410 newsletters were printed and 370 mailed at a cost of \$347.76. Thirty newsletters went to Membership for recruiting new members.

--**Edith Scott** reminded members to sign up for NEOUCOM proctoring. The next orientation will be in August.

--**Jan FencI** reported that **Ria Mastromatteo** (Assistant Treasurer) and **Barbara Cribbs** (Corresponding Secretary) have accepted nominations for 2011-2012. There is no nominee for president at this time.

--**Helena Parry** has scheduled the Pre-Retirement Planning seminar for October 19 at the United Methodist Church of Kent.

--**Jim Montaquila** said 23 applicants from nine Portage County high schools were considered for scholarships. The committee selected six seniors to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. He also received a check from the estate of **Mildred Price** which she designated for our scholarship fund. Jim met with the Portage Foundation and learned that by investing our funds with them, we would give up the principal and be entitled to withdraw only the interest.

New Business: It was suggested that we have a mini-fair at one of our meetings. Each committee would have an exhibit to show what the committees do and to encourage volunteering on a committee.



LUNCHEON MEETING – May 20, 2010--

The PCRTA luncheon meeting was held at the United Methodist Church of Kent.

--**Ken and Joanne Cardinal** were the greeters. Music was led by **Les Bennett**. The invocation was given by **Rev. Heller**.

--President **Dave Gynn** announced that today’s community service collection was for Freedom House, a residence for homeless veterans. He asked members to write some congratulations cards for Maplewood GED graduates and to sign up to bake cookies for the GED ceremony.

--**Jerry Weingart** spoke on behalf of AMBA, Association Member Benefits Advisors, who are endorsed by ORTA. He said they offer long-term health care, cancer insurance, a travel program, and many other services.

--**Bissler’s** Funeral Home provided estate and funeral planning brochures.

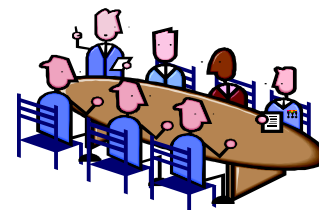
--**Mary Jane Brannon** prepared a table with obituaries for the deceased members from the past year. **Rebecca Heller**, First Christian Church minister in Kent, led the memorial service by using rocks as a symbol for remembering our loved ones.

There was a moment of silence for each of the ten deceased members; namely, **Mary E. Baker, James Caniglia, Dorothy L. Franks, Irene George, Clinton H. Hobbs, Eric May, Mildred P. Price, Raymond Troxtell, Dorothy A. Turk, and Doris T. Wise**.

-- **Dan McCombs** said there is a major concern in Columbus because the state of Ohio has a deficit of 8 billion dollars and we need to watch closely for their attempts to borrow from the pension funds. He noted that the stimulus money is helping this year. He stressed that it is vital that STRS members realize that they want to maintain the **defined benefits retirement plan** and not switch to a **defined contribution plan**.

The 50/50 drawing in the amount of \$54 was won by **Nancy Granville** who donated back to PCRTA.

Dave thanked everyone on the Executive Committee for helping to make our organization successful. He thanked everyone who attended the meeting and asked them to each recruit one or two retirees to attend our meeting and also to thank the legislators for our defined benefits retirement plan.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:



July 8—Executive Board Meeting

July 9—Tall Ships Trip to Cleveland

July 15—Luncheon Meeting—
Scholarship Recipients

August 4—Palace Theater Trip for “Phantom of the Opera”

August 12—New Proctor Training 10:00 AM
Meet at NEOUCOM Main Lobby

September 9—Executive Board Meeting

September 14—NRTA Day of Service

September 16—Luncheon Meeting—
New Retirees with **Roger DiPaolo**
Free Hearing Screenings Available

by **Rick Conley** of Miracle-Ear, provided by REACH (Reach, Educate and Communicate Hearing) arranged by **Kay Wise**

October 23—Make a Difference Day

November 11—Executive Board Meeting

November 18—Luncheon Meeting—
Elections

December 16— Luncheon—Christmas Party
and Officer Installation

The Executive Board meetings are held on the Thursday before each luncheon meeting at the United Methodist Church, Room 200, at 9:30 am.

The PCRTA luncheon meetings are held at the United Methodist Church of Kent, 1435 East Main Street at 12:00 noon.

Know of anyone who needs a card for illness, sympathy, or congratulations??
Call **Mary Jane Brannon** and she will send that person a card from PCRTA.
330-673-3138

MORE PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS NOTES:



Matt Long 2006 Matt is still attending Walsh University and pursuing a teaching degree in high school social studies. He will be doing his student teaching in the fall at Perry High School in Massillon. He will graduate in December, 2010. Matt also competed four years in cross country and track, serving as team captain this year; and he competed in the NAIA Championship in the marathon last year. He also hopes to coach these sports in the future. (from his mom, Kathy Long)



Alyssia Weaver 2006 I am graduating this year from Mount Union College with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Mathematics with Honors and minoring in adolescence to young adult (grades 7-12) education. I am currently completing my student teaching at GlenOak HS and Oakwood MS. I was recently awarded the Ullman Mathematics prize and the Phi Delta Kappa Secondary Education award for the 2010 graduating class at Mount Union. I cannot wait to begin my education profession.

These are excerpts from these past scholarship recipients. You can read their complete notes online at pcrta.net. All students expressed their thanks and appreciation for what our scholarship meant to them. Thanks to these young people for responding and keeping us informed of their progress toward becoming teachers.

KEN CARDINAL IN HALL OF FAME

Kent City Schools recently inducted Kenneth Cardinal into their Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes people who have made exceptional achievements and unique contributions to the Kent community. Ken and his wife Joanne are life members of PCRTA and ORTA, and they participate regularly in the luncheon meetings.

Kenneth Cardinal was the superintendent of the Kent City Schools from 1977-1981 after serving as the assistant superintendent for ten years. His career began in Ashtabula County where he was a teacher, coach, and an administrator in the Buckeye Local Schools.

Ken researched and developed a structured interview process designed to predict behavior, attitudes and

other subjective traits in teacher candidates. He has worked with school districts throughout the United States and Canada to provide instruction of the use of structured interviewing and targeted professional growth opportunities for classroom teachers, administrators, coaches, and school support personnel.

Cardinal earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Kent State University and received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Outstanding Accomplishment from the KSU College of Education. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman Badge. Congratulations, Ken.



NOTEWORTHY NEWS ABOUT ORTA...From data supplied by the Association for State Retired Teachers Executives

- ORTA is the 5th largest RTA in the US (Following TX, CA, MI, and PA)
- Of the 15 largest RTA's, Ohio and Kentucky have the lowest dues.
- Several states have reported that they no longer accept lifetime memberships.
- Five of the states' budgets are in the millions. Ohio's is \$400,000. The average of the 15 is \$832,133.
- Every state budget has increased except Ohio and Indiana. Pennsylvania's budget has doubled since 2001. ORTA's budget has decreased.



Already a member??? Pass this form on to a fellow retired teacher.

2011 PCRTA and ORTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Retirement Year/School District _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____

Last 4 digits of Social Security Number _____

Associate Member's Name, if joining (non-teacher spouse or friend)

Gift Membership from _____

2011 DUES PAYMENT	
PCRTA & ORTA ANNUAL DUES:	
(PCRTA \$10 +ORTA \$20) = \$30	_____
<small>(After 12/1/10 ORTA dues \$30)</small>	
PCRTA Life Membership	\$150 _____
ORTA Life Membership	\$300 _____
<small>(After 9/1/10 ORTA Life \$500)</small>	
PCRTA Associate Member (Non-teacher spouse/friend)	\$5 _____
Scholarship Fund Donation	_____
TOTAL	_____

Make one check payable to PCRTA. Mail completed form and check to
 Darlene J. Fetterhoff, Treasurer, 2417 Duck Pond Dr., Ravenna, OH 44266



Luncheon Reservation for Thursday, July 15 12 noon

Kent United Methodist Church – 1435 E. Main Street, Kent



Luncheon Menu: Barbecued chicken breast, Green beans, Corn, Salad, Rolls, Beverage, and Pie

Vegetarian Entree:
Bowtie Vegetable Medley

Number of **buffet** lunch reservations _____ and names. Please print clearly for name tags.

Number of **vegetarian** lunch reservations _____ and names. (Vegetarian menu includes all items except chicken.)

Your name and phone number _____

I have enclosed \$_____ (\$10 for each luncheon reservation).

I have enclosed \$_____ for the scholarship fund.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY July 8. Mail your reservation and check made to **PCRTA** to:

Les Bennett, 6222 Lakeview Drive, Ravenna, OH 44266 330-673-4115

BRING TO THE MEETING: Books to trade...Good books to trade and take home.





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Address Service Requested

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2417 Duck Pond Drive
Ravenna, OH 44266-8221

Please notify PCRTA of any address changes.

ADDRESS CODES
Year= Your membership is paid through that year
S= Life Member of ORTA—Ohio Retired Teachers Association
P= Life Member of PCRTA—Portage County Retired Teachers Assn.
A= Associate member of PCRTA

E-mail: PCRTA@aol.com



Connie Evans,
Webmaster

ORTA DUES INCREASE COMING

Dues will soon increase—join or renew **NOW** and save.

Annual Dues before December 1

PCRTA \$10 + ORTA \$20 = \$30 **SAVE \$10**

Annual Dues after December 1

PCRTA \$10 + ORTA \$30 = \$40

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Life Membership Before September 1

PCRTA \$150 + ORTA \$300 = \$450 **SAVE \$200**

Life Membership After September 1

PCRTA \$150 + ORTA \$500 = \$650



PCRTA MEMBERS VOLUNTEER AS JUDGES AT THE OHIO FUTURE EDUCATORS CONFERENCE



The Future Educators Association held their state conference at KSU in April. Judging the speeches and the projects were: Front row: **Sally Hershisher, Dottie Emerick, Ruth Wiegand** Back Row: **Judy Morgan, Dave Gynn, and JoAnn Stikes**. They said “Sign us up again next year—this was fun!”