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Welcome, Mr. President!

Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th President of the United States 150 years ago on March 4, 1861. Shortly after starting his second term of office he was assassinated while attending the theater with his wife.

President Lincoln will be brought back to life at our March meeting by Gerald Payn. He began to portray Mr. Lincoln in 1999, and in the last two years he has portrayed him over 160 times. He most recently was in our area at Reed Memorial Library for their display on Lincoln.

Mr. Payn is a most avid student of President Lincoln. He has visited every place that Mr. Lincoln lived in his lifetime plus a number of Civil War battle sites. He can deliver any of Lincoln's speeches.



Mr. Payn is a life member of the National Association of Lincoln Presenters, one of almost 200 members. He can speak on a large variety of topics—any chapter in Lincoln's life, politics, religion, the law, slavery, and the trials and tribulations of the presidency.

Payn performs in costume and whiskers as a full-height Lincoln standing 6'4" and presents in the first person.

Besides presenting Lincoln, Jerry Payn likes to travel, be with his grandchildren, sing, and play the tuba. He is proud to say that he was a member of the OSU Marching Band as a tuba player and got to be the "dotter of the i."

A retired science teacher, he is a member of the Wayne County Retired Teachers and ORTA. Come prepared to be in the presence of Abraham Lincoln.

FREEDOM HOUSE—OUR MARCH SERVICE PROJECT:

Freedom House is a transitional shelter in Kent for 14 single adult males who are veterans and homeless. Opened in 2008, Freedom House provides these veterans with assistance in finding jobs and permanent housing, mental health and substance abuse counseling, involvement in community activities, and an aftercare program of follow-up and support.

It is estimated that there are 154,000 homeless veterans on any given night. This represents about a fourth of the adult homeless population. Nearly half of these homeless veterans served during the Vietnam War. Most had an honorable discharge but found themselves alone and homeless though poor choices and unlucky breaks.



Bring to the luncheon some of the things that are currently needed by Freedom House to help our veterans. See page 12 for some suggestions.

ORTA PRESIDENT KAREN BUTT SAYS...LET'S GET IT DONE--IN TWO-ZERO-ONE-ONE



ORTA President Karen Butt will bring greetings to PCRTA members at our March 17 luncheon. Karen is a retired health and physical education teacher who also coached volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis, and track. She has demonstrated her spirit and enthusiasm as she served ORTA on several committees, as District Director, Eastern Area Vice President, and President-Elect.

As president she is challenging every member to do a part in growing our organization. Leaning on her coaching experience, she often quotes John Wooden, who is remembered for saying: "Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." President Butts' theme for the year is "Let's get it done--in Two-Zero-One-One."

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO PCRTA MEMBERS

My husband Ralph and I attended an AARP Driver Safety Program in Salem. When I told my friend, **Pat Mazer**, about the program, she mentioned that Robinson Memorial Hospital offered the same program.

I called **Tracie Martin** at the hospital, and she said that the next AARP Driver Safety Program will be May 13 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in Classroom 3A. The instructor is **Kathy Lusk**. She suggested that if PCRTA got as many as 6 people to participate, she would hold the class at the Methodist Church at a convenient time for us.

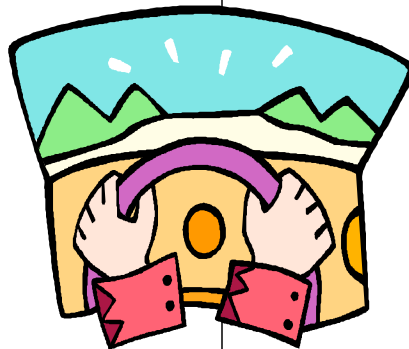
Best of all, the AARP Safety Driver Program is only \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers.

I called my insurance agency when we returned from our class and got an immediate discount on our insurance. I didn't even have to send a paper confirmation; however, you do get a certificate upon completion of the driver safety class.

Kathy's 84-year-old mother saved \$100 over three years time. There is no guarantee this will happen for you, but it is a possibility. *Each person would have to check with his/her auto insurance company to see if they would be eligible for a discount after completing the class.*

What you will learn:

- * Defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws and rules of the road
- * How to deal with aggressive drivers
- * How to handle problem situations such as left turns, right-of-way, interstate highway traffic, trucks and blind spots
- * How to safely use anti-lock brakes, air bags, and safety belts



I will have a sign-up sheet at the March Luncheon for anyone who would like to have the class at the Methodist Church. If you are interested in the class, but will not be attending the March meeting, call **Kay Wise** at (330) 297-1110.

If you are interested in the class at Robinson on May 13, call **Tracie Martin** at (330) 297-2576.

Kay Wise, Chair, Informative and Protective Services



Kay



Did You Know?

Besides the \$4.9 billion spent for STRS Ohio pensions, an additional \$592 million—or about \$1.6 million a day—is spent on health care coverage for retired and disabled educators and their family members.

PREZ SEZ – SETTING FORTH THE CHALLENGE

First and foremost, let me take the opportunity to thank all the members for allowing me to take the reins of PCRTA for this year. Second, thanks so much to all the Board members who agreed to remain for this year (and hopefully many more). Welcome to the new Board members, and thanks to **Art Fesemeyer** for the effective work he did as Membership Chair.

Some of you suggested that I provide a little of my background. Reluctantly here goes.... after four years with the Strategic Air Command of the Air Force and college, I began teaching business education at Ravenna High School. This began a 38-year career there encompassing positions as a teacher, a librarian, an assistant principal and a principal, then business manager for eight years. Fortunate to earn some degrees at Kent State University, I had the privilege of teaching on campus and at a branch campus for several years. Leaving Ravenna and serving with the Stow City School District for three years led to retirement... until now.

People usually get to be leaders because they were good "doers." They were good teachers, counselors, coaches, and

administrators. You, as a member of PCRTA, are a leader. You are a leader as you cause others to want what you are doing to accomplish the work of the PCRTA.

Many members of an organization, especially those who care deeply for the organization, have a collective sense of its underlying purpose. Including every person at every level is a job for each of us. This call for supporting a creative process in which the members need to know that they have real freedom to say what they want about purpose, meaning and vision, with no limits, no encumbrances or reprisals. Each of us needs to actively involve ourselves in the vision, mission and purpose of PCRTA.

With that I leave you with the challenge I made when you accepted me as your new president. It is imperative that PCRTA retain and increase its membership. We must keep our numbers in the top ten in the state in order to retain a trustee in Columbus. Help your organization do this. Ask a retired educator or a soon to be retired educator to join PCRTA; bring forth a new member this year.

See you at the March meeting. Cheers, *RON*

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Ron Snowberger, PCRTA President

2011-12 PCRTA OFFICERS INSTALLED BY ORTA DISTRICT XI DIRECTOR, PATRICK PINNEY

Patrick Pinney hands the president's gavel to Ron Snowberger.

Newly-installed officers **Dave Gynn**, Past President; **Barb Cribbs**, Corresponding Secretary; **Laura Ecklar**, STRS speaker; **Nancy and Ken Granville**, Vice Presidents; **Darlene Fetterhoff**, Treasurer; and **Ron Snowberger**, President look forward to working together for PCRTA.

Not pictured are **Ruth Weigand**, Recording Secretary; **Ria Mastromatteo**, Assistant Treasurer; and **Dan McCombs**, Legislative Chair and ORTA Trustee.





TREASURER'S REPORT by Darlene Fetterhoff

November 11, 2010 to January 26, 2011:

TIME TO PAY 2011 DUES

Beginning Checking Acct. Balance: \$ 23,857.05

Dues for 2011 should have been paid by December 31, 2010, but will still be accepted until June, 2011.

Expenses: \$ 3,138.03

Check your newsletter address label for your current status.

Dan McCombs—Political Luncheon	32.72
Kay Wise—Informative	33.31
Helena Parry—Retirement Planning	31.00
Tree City Toastmasters—Speaker	50.00
United Methodist Church—Luncheon	1,680.00
ORTA—Memberships	1,020.00
Art Fesemyer—200 Brochures	160.00
Jan Fencl—Officer Gift	75.00
Nancy Granville—Dec. Entertainmet	50.00
Bank Fees	6.00

Call me at 330-673-8164 if you have any questions.

Note: Income, Transferred funds from Life CD will be reinvested.

Darlene

Income: \$ 27,917.34

Dues, luncheon, scholarship, donations	4,419.00
Transferred funds from Life CD	23,498.34

Ending Balance: \$ 48,636.36

Scholarship Funds in Checking \$ 18,350.24

Checking Working Balance \$ 30,286.12



Did You Know?

Survivor, disability and retiree pensions are determined by a member's age, years of service, and final average salary.

IN MEMORY

Our sincere sympathy to the friends and the family of these PCRTA members who passed in the recent months.

You will be missed.

Mary Lou Kosar who passed on August 29, 2009 was a dual member since 1998. She retired from Bedford Schools in 1994.

Eloise R. Seachrist who passed on November 13, 2010 was a dual member since 2007. She retired from Crestview High School in Columbiana in 1978.

Judith Richards who passed on November 16, 2010 was a dual member since 2004. She retired from Southeast Schools in 1998.

Arthur L. Kaltenborn, Jr. who passed on January 31, 2011 was a dual member since 1992. He retired from Kent State University in 1978.





LOOKING BACK by Norm Park, PCRTA Archivist

As I sit with pen in hand, I notice the date. I also notice the date on an article I wished to comment on. January 14, exactly one year ago.



It was on this date that we lost a truly fine gentleman, a diligent worker in the cause of education, and for the new retirees he wished to bring into the fold. **Ray Troxtell**, January 14, 2010.

It's difficult for me to grasp that it's been one year. I remember so well sitting next to him at committee meetings and seeing subtle changes in his voice, his hair, his movements. He attended meetings as long as he could, possibly in pain which he did not convey to us.

Now let's go back to a quote from the Desktop, July, 1998: "Ray Troxtell is mending slowly. He is counting the days until his school days are over. He is expecting to have more surgery. We wish you well, Ray, and will be glad to have you back."

This was written thirteen years ago. It would appear that Ray was in a state of ill health even prior to the above quote.

Also on the front page of that same edition was the heading, "A Message from Ray Troxtell." As president of PCRTA his duty was to write a President's Message for each edition. It's surprising, knowing Ray, that he spent the whole column on his "ups and downs these last ten months."

A few highlights:

- Call from a superintendent wanting me to come back and take over as interim principal for a couple weeks or months.
- Met and worked with some teachers I knew as beginners many years before.
- Lost my athletic director and football coach who died after his first football game.
- Lost a chunk of flesh in my right triceps muscle due to a bite by an 18-year-old special student.
- Another surgery with slow recovery.
- The responsibility of finding a new high school principal.
- With sadness, regret, and relief made the difficult decision to resign as the president of PCRTA.
- When post surgery problems clear up, I promise to serve the organization in any capacity. (And indeed he did.) Quite a load for a ten-month period.

When Ray had mended sufficiently, he became active in ORTA and our own chapter.

Speaking of ORTA, I've been reading the ORTA Quarterly with greater interest since various reps from Portage County are showing up more and more. **Dave Gynn**, president-elect of ORTA and **Dan McCombs**, our Trustee and the chair of the ORTA Legislative committee were both pictured and named several times.

Out of 88 counties, we got recognized about ten times. I consider that mighty significant. If Ray were still with us, I'm sure he'd be there somewhere, too.

Norm

We remember Ray Troxtell... past PCRTA and ORTA President

Did You Know?

In fiscal year 2010, STRS Ohio paid \$4.9 billion in pensions to its members, of which about \$4.3 billion went to Ohio residents.





LEGISLATIVE CHAIR REPORTS ON PENSION CHANGES



Dan McCombs,
ORTA Trustee
for PCRTA,
ORTA
LEGISLATIVE
Chair

This has been a very hectic new year as far as our current pension system is concerned. **Dave Gynn, Ron Snowberger** and I attended a meeting at the STRS headquarters on February 15 to meet with the Pension Champions Committee. This committee will address what our position will be in regards to the upcoming legislation dealing with our pension reforms.



The pension bill (HB69) was introduced by Representative Wachtmann (R-Napoleon). There has also been some discussion of it at the Health and Aging Committee on February 2. Rumor has it that the committee will address each pension system separately—ie. the age for retirement, final average salary, and the COLA for all systems. To keep current, you can access the bill on the state web site: www.legislature.state.oh.us.

The governor has made it clear that Boards of Education will not have an increase in their employee retirement compensation. Only employees will be expected to have their rates increased.



Also, the Ohio Senate has addressed the issue of Defined Benefits through the introduction of SB3, Senator Faber (R-Celina). In the past Faber has favored Defined Contributions.

Hang on to your seats. We hope to be able to provide you with an update at our next regular meeting.

Keep your powder dry and be prepared to contact your representatives when we call on you!!!
Dan



Did You Know?

While STRS Ohio offers three retirement plan options (Defined Benefit, Defined Contribution and Combined), about 96% of STRS Ohio's 470,000 members are enrolled in or receiving a pension from the **Defined Benefit Plan**.

KNOW YOUR REPRESENTATIVES—Let them know what you think.



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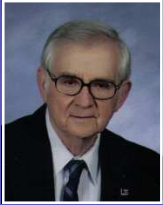
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MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Thanks, Art!



Many thanks go to **Art Fesemyer** who has been the past membership chairman and has worked hard to build up the number of our members. He devised the attractive membership brochure that we now use. He also built up his committee by involving one person to represent each school district. Many thanks to you, Art, for your dedicated work.

Welcome, Helena!



Welcome to **Helena Parry** who will be our new Membership Chair for 2011-2012. We all need to work with her to increase our chapter membership.

The future of satisfactory retirement is in the hands of our Ohio legislature. PCRTA and ORTA membership have always been an important influence on retirement legislation. A recent change in our bylaws provides that only dual membership in ORTA and PCRTA are available to new members. Current PCRTA memberships will be grandfathered.

If you are a PCRTA/ORTA Life Member, thank you for your continued support.

If you are a PCRTA-only Life Member, you may continue to renew your annual ORTA membership or join ORTA as a life member.

If you are an annual ORTA and PCRTA Member, you may continue to renew your memberships annually for as long as you like.

If you are an annual PCRTA-only Member, you may continue to renew your membership annually before December for the following year. You are encouraged to add ORTA to your membership as we are a stronger organization when we are united.

If you are an Associate Member, you may continue to renew your membership by paying annual dues. Spouses or non-educators may attend luncheons as guests and do not need to become associate members or they may join PCRTA/ORTA.

Say Hello to Our Newest Members:

Beverly Cole	Tallmadge City Schools	Bonnie Shimmel	Plain Local Schools
Patricia Farley	Akron Schools	Janet Snowberger	Kent City Schools
Carol Flexer	University of Akron	Carol Stokes	Kent State University
Donna Hajek	Kent City Schools	Robert Stokes	Kent State University
Helen Holbrook	Garfield Schools	Jacquelyn Swanda	Garfield Schools
Carolyn Mischler	Field Schools	Harvey Warner	Ravenna City Schools
Jeanna Pisegna	Kent City Schools	Dolores Winkler	Rootstown Schools
Jean Porter	Kent State University	Richard Worthing	Kent State University
Marcena Rogers	Southeast Schools	Janet Zimmerman	Crestwood Schools



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 is 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— November 11, 2010

- President **Dave Gynn** recognized Veterans Day and showed appreciation for our veterans.
- Hal Dubois** from Kent State Theater and **John Yoho** who represents Empower Portage made presentations. Their requests are detailed on our website.
- Darlene Fetterhoff** reported a treasury balance of \$23,857.05 (\$17,611.24 scholarship and \$6,245.81 working balance).
- Dave reminded committee chairs to complete the ORTA reports and asked members to serve another year.
- ORTA Trustee **Dan McCombs** reported the new state leadership seems to not be interested in our pensions. Also the health care in the state will be broke by 2021.
- Barbara Cribbs** will manage the Notify Now program, a telephone calling system.
- Norm Park** took 85 pounds of PCRTA records to the Portage County Historical Society to be available to anyone who wishes to look at them.
- Dan McCombs** scheduled a lunch with newly elected representative **Kathleen Clyde**. Dave announced that Dan will be the 2011 ORTA Legislative Chair.
- Art Fesemyer** reported an increase in dual memberships and urged members to renew before the dues increase.
- Jan Fencil** announced officer candidates to be presented to the membership.
- Helena Parry** reported that 37 people attended the Pre-Retirement Workshop sponsored by PCRTA which was held at Kent Methodist Church. It was decided to have it every other year unless there is a request from active teachers.



--**Sandy Kerstetter** said that the

Beckwith Orchard tour was a lot of fun. She said she would work on the Hamlet reading and study groups.

--It was agreed to continue to have our meetings at the Kent Methodist Church. The 2011 calendar was approved.

LUNCHEON MEETING November 18, 2010

- NEUCOM pharmacy students performed osteoporosis and blood pressure screenings.
- Our service project was donating food and money donations to purchase turkeys for the Center of Hope.
- John and Sandy Kerstetter** announced that Paskey Tours has three trips available for the holidays.
- Hal Dubois** is promoting the play Hamlet at KSU Theater next April and asked PCRTA members to participate in study groups.
- Dan McCombs** reported that the Legislative Service committee is writing the pension reform bill. He said the state has difficult and contentious budget decisions due to a 4 to 8 million dollar deficit. STRS wants our pensions to continue as Defined Benefit and not change to Defined Contribution (401K).
- Pat Gynn** requested that members supply their Email address in order to receive their Desktop by Email.
- Les Bennett** led the music accompanied by **MaryAlice Seaholts** on the piano. **Ken Granville** led the pledge of allegiance. **Nancy Granville** gave the invocation. Dave asked members to give their volunteer hours to **Judy Morgan** for community service.
- Chris Baughman**, President of Tree City Toastmasters, presented a program and asked volunteers to present short impromptu speeches. The purpose is to persuade and to motivate people to speak up and to practice speaking skills.
- Proposed changes in the PCRTA bylaws were approved by the membership. 2011 officers were elected.

LUNCHEON MEETING December 16, 2010

- Dave Gynn** introduced the 2010 board members and thanked them for their service with small gifts, **Les Bennett** and **MaryAlice Seaholts** led group singing, and **Dottie Emerick** presented a meditation.
- Patrick Pinney**, ORTA District XI Director, installed the officers for 2011: **Darlene Fetterhoff**, Treasurer; **Ria Mastromatteo**, Assistant Treasurer; **Barb Cribbs**, Corresponding Secretary; **Ruth Weigand**, Recording Secretary; **Ken and Nancy Granville**, Vice Presidents; and **Ron Snowberger**, President.

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LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

--Retired band directors **Ken Granville, Ray Harcar, and Sam Mayes** entertained with a brass trio.

--**Laura Ecklar**, STRS Director of Communications, gave an update and answered questions on the status of the upcoming pension legislation.

--The gavel was turned over to President **Ron Snowberger** who challenged us to bring in more members and stay active.

--Children's hats and gloves were donated to the County Clothing Center. Ruth

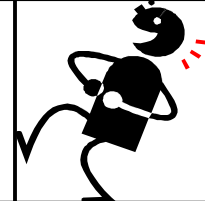
ON THE LIGHTER SIDE OF GROWING OLDER

An older couple is lying in bed one morning. They had just awakened from a good night's sleep. He takes her hand, and she responds..."Don't touch me." "Why not," he asks. She answered, "Because I'm dead!" The husband asked, "What are you talking about? We're both lying here talking to one another!" She said, "Nope! I'm definitely dead." He insisted, "You are not dead. What in the world makes you think you're dead?" She looked at him and said, "Because I woke up this morning and nothing hurts!!!"

Grandma was in the bathroom putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But, Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never blot my lipstick again without thinking about 'kissing the toilet paper good-bye'..."



I didn't know if my grandson had learned his colors yet, so I decided to test him. I pointed at things and asked what color they were. Pretty soon, he headed for the door, and said, "Grandpa, I think you need to try to figure out some of these colors by yourself."



When my grandson asked me how old I was I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Just look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised. "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."



My young granddaughter called the other day to wish me a Happy Birthday. She asked me how old I was, and I told her, 67. She was quiet for a few moments and then she asked, "Did you start at 1?"



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 10—Executive Board Meeting
March 17—Luncheon Meeting—
Abraham Lincoln Presenter

March 25—FEA Ohio State Conference at KSU
PCRTA Judges Needed

May 12—Executive Board Meeting
May 19—Luncheon Meeting—Memorial

June 9—Maplewood Career Center GED
Graduation

July 14—Executive Board Meeting
July 21—Luncheon Meeting—Scholarship
Recipients

September 8—Executive Board Meeting

September 11—NRTA National Day of Service

September 15—Luncheon Meeting—
New Retirees

October 22—National Make a Difference Day

November 10—Executive Board Meeting
November 17—Luncheon Meeting—Elections
and Installation of Officers

December 15—Luncheon—
Christmas Party



The Executive Committee 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.



FUTURE EDUCATOR CONFERENCE NEEDS JUDGES

Teaching is the Gateway to the World!
 This is the theme for the 2011 Future Educators' Ohio Annual State Conference to be held at Kent State University on Friday, March 25.

You can and should be a part of this conference. High school students who plan to enter the field of education have prepared for competition. Their contests will be judged by retired teachers.

Judges will be needed from 8:30 to about 11:30. There will be a meeting with the judges to answer questions, discuss expectations, and distribute materials.

You can choose to participate in judging speech, display, lesson plans, scrapbook, or poster competitions. The rules, guidelines, and scoring rubrics for events are available on the Ohio Department of Education website. A team of judges works together on each event. You will be amazed at what these young future teachers can do already!

Call **Judy Morgan**, our PCRTA Community Service Chair, to volunteer. Home (330) 653-8174 or Cell (330) 614-309-4893). For more information, contact **Julie Wilcox** at Kent State University (330) 672-0556.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL



Pat Gynn,
 Newsletter
 Editor

Thanks to all the members who signed up for a trial run at receiving your newsletter through an email announcement. You will receive a paper newsletter and an email announcement for this January-March issue.

Please respond to the email announcement note to make your wishes known.

*If you want to continue receiving a paper copy, please reply and let me know that you still want the paper copy.

*If you are willing to switch to receiving an email notice that the newsletter is online, please let me know that, also.

Hopefully, many of you will opt for the paperless newsletter. This will save PCRTA money and spare a tree or two also. But, if you are not comfortable with the email announcement, you may continue to receive the newsletter by mail.

It is important that we communicate with our members one way or another as a way to keep everyone up-to-date on our activities and legislative activities.

If you would like to help with the newsletter by taking digital photos, writing articles, or proofreading, please send a note to patgynn@aol.com. I'd love to have your help.

Pat

"When you cannot make up your mind which of two evenly balanced courses of action you should take - choose the bolder."

William Joseph Slim

Go ahead...try the email newsletter. Be bold.

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

2011 PCRTA and ORTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Retirement School/Year _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____

Last 4 digits of Social Security Number _____

Gift Membership from _____

2011 DUES PAYMENT	
PCRTA & ORTA ANNUAL DUES:	
(PCRTA \$10 +ORTA \$30) = \$40	_____
PCRTA Life Membership	\$150 _____
ORTA Life Membership	\$500 _____
Scholarship Fund Donation	_____
TOTAL	_____

Make one check payable to PCRTA.
Mail the completed form and check to:



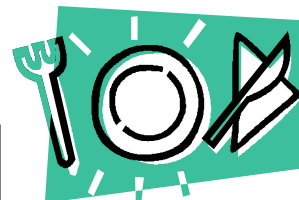
Darlene J. Fetterhoff, Treasurer, 2417 Duck Pond Dr., Ravenna, OH 44266

Luncheon Reservation for Thursday, March 17 12 noon

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

Luncheon Menu: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, and Pie

Vegetarian Entree: Bow Tie Vegetable Medley



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

Number of **vegetarian** lunch reservations _____ and names.

Your name and phone number _____

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY **March 11**. Mail your reservation and check made to PCRTA to:
Les Bennett, 6222 Lakeview Drive, Ravenna, OH 44266 330-673-4115

BRING TO THE MEETING: Items for Freedom House (see page 12)



PCRTA—Portage
County Retired
Teachers Association

Address Service Requested

Darlene Fetterhoff, Treasurer
2417 Duck Pond Drive
Ravenna, OH 44266-8221

Please notify PCRTA of any address changes.

ADDRESS CODES

SL= Life Member of ORTA—Ohio Retired Teachers Association

PL= Life Member of PCRTA—Portage County Retired Teachers Assn.

A= Associate member of PCRTA

S2011 or P2011= Annual Member paid through year indicated

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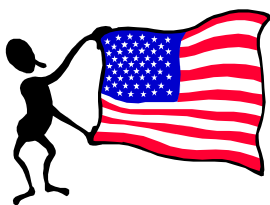


Connie Evans,
Webmaster

ITEMS NEEDED BY FREEDOM HOUSE

Freedom House reports that they are currently in need of the following items:

- Canned fruit
- Pancake or Waffle Mix
- Pillowcases (available at Dollar Tree)
- Plastic containers with lids—shoebox size and smaller individual ones
- Money donations to buy meat



Bring or send your donation to the luncheon.

Show our vets that we appreciate their service, and invest in a better future life for them.

PCRTA MEMBERS KEEP KIDS WARM AND COMFY



At our December meeting, we collected hats, caps, and mittens to go to the County Clothing Center.

Here JoAnn Stikes and Judy Morgan, chair of the Community Service Committee, are collecting the more than 200 pairs of gloves, mittens, and caps that were donated by our generous PCRTA members.

Thanks for keeping Portage County kids toasty warm!