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BEST OF THE BEST RECEIVE PCRTA FUTURE TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Seven future teachers, recent high school graduates from Portage County, will be introduced at our July 21 luncheon. It is exciting to see the best and the brightest students enter the field of education. The scholarship committee reviewed 23 applicants from ten schools: Aurora, Crestwood, Field, Garfield, Kent Roosevelt, Ravenna, Rootstown, Southeast, Streetsboro, and Waterloo. All winners were at the top of their classes.

Four valedictorians have decided to teach! With high test scores and grades, exceptional teacher recommendations and an amazing array of leadership and service activities, these students are truly the best of the best.

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Rootstown's valedictorian, **Nathan Dreger**, is excited to major in bio-chemistry and play soccer at the University of Mount Union. He plans to earn a doctorate and eventually teach at the high school or college level. Nathan participated in home schooling as a freshman and sophomore. He has been involved in sports, Buckeye Boys State as a resident and a counselor, and a church lector. The staff at Rootstown has found Nathan to be an organized, self-motivated, and intelligent person that also possesses great moral character and is mature well beyond his age. He is a very hard working, respectful, and responsible young man.

Joshua Foerst, Streetsboro's valedictorian, will receive the Myers scholarship in memory and honor of **Carole J. Myers**. He plans to participate in a five-year engineering program where he will earn a BA degree in physics at the College of Wooster and a BA in mechanical engineering at Case Western Reserve University. He will minor in education at Wooster. He has participated in scouting (Eagle Scout), band, tutoring, club officer, numerous service projects, and is the promotions director of 88.9 FM WSTB The AlterNation. His science teacher relays that Josh's moral compass keeps him true; he stands out as a young man with an open heart and open mind.



The two-year Career Paths for the Teaching Profession program at Kent Roosevelt has provided seven internship opportunities for **Lauren Stevens** to jump start her career. She will major in early childhood education at Kent State University and is interested in working at an inner-city school. She has experience in incorporating technology (SmartBoard, Noodle, video cameras) through her field experiences where she designed and taught lessons. She has been a volunteer at Safety School and Special Olympics and is a class instructor at Akron's Imaginarium. Her teacher praises her flexibility and cooperative nature; she is hardworking, dedicated, and kind.

MORE 2011 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kayla Titko, Field valedictorian, will major in music education at Kent State University. Whether it is a show choir, general choir, or concert choir, she is excited to teach kids about the wonders of music. She has been choir officer and has participated in drama productions. She was a captain and letter winner in three sports, class officer, and a member of student council and National Honor Society. Active in her church, Kayla is president of the youth group and has participated in many service projects. Her teacher calls her the best of the best; she works hard, achieves at a high level, and leads by example.



Brittany Woodard is the epitome of a scholar-athlete. A four-year letter winner in volleyball at Southeast, she has received league, district, and state volleyball academic awards. She hopes to continue playing volleyball at the University of Mount Union where she will major in education. She plans to teach kindergarten, first or second grade and wants to make a difference in someone's life. She has been a crew leader in a freshman transition program. Her coach predicts she will be a good teacher because of her dedication and hard work. Her counselor mentions she is intelligent, compassionate, responsible, and dedicated which are the qualities we need in future educators.

The University of Akron will find Ravenna valedictorian, **Jasmine Wriston**, enrolled in the college of education. She plans to earn a BA in middle childhood education math and science and then work toward an MA and gain different licenses in the teaching field that will make her more marketable and a better teacher. She participated in track and cross country and has held several leadership roles. She was selected for a nine-week internship program at Cleveland Clinic. Her counselor calls her self-disciplined, self-motivated, extremely mature, possessing a strong sense of values and ethical standards. She has a delightful sense of humor and an air of gracefulness.



Melissa Mellinger graduated from Field in 2010 and has completed one year at the University of Akron. She was selected for a PCRTA Future Teacher Scholarship last year; but after thoughtful consideration, she decided to enter college as an undecided major and forgo the scholarship which is intended for future teachers. It is refreshing to know that her character and her honesty outranked her desire to accept our scholarship at that time. While attending college, she realized that her true passion is children, and she enrolled in the college of education. She is majoring in early childhood education; and she is determined to change the world through her teaching, one child at a time. Melissa was the editor of the Field newspaper and participated in athletics and music. Through her church she has taken part in several mission trips. Her journalism advisor calls her self-motivated and independent.

Congratulations to these seven scholarship recipients for 2011!

Come to the luncheon and meet these extraordinary future teachers.

PREZ SEZ – REFLECTIONS

Alert!! Do you remember the challenge I gave you earlier? July is the month to bring your guests as they join PCRTA. Remind them when they join in July their dues are paid through the 2012 year. Since we have maintained our membership at a high level, we will retain our trustee position in Columbus. Help us keep up the good work.

As we welcome our seven scholarship winners this month, perhaps it is appropriate to reflect on PCRTA teachers' achievements in our teaching past. As these future teachers reflect on their school years, I am certain that we represent some of the teachers who meant the most to them in their school life. It may not be necessarily those who knew the most; but those who gave out the fullness of themselves; who confronted them face to face, with a humanhood that awoke their senses and called them to take hold of their own existence. We trust that these students' teaching future will be as bright as our careers were.

During the past month I have received many positive comments reflecting on our May memorial program. As I was reading some older Rowe Company 1967 booklets, a poem caught my attention. I hope it has some special meaning for you also.

Take Time Today



Take time today to say a word of praise,
Recall the day a kindly word helped you—
A word that brought a glow like sunny rays
And made your little world seem bright and new.

Take time today to give someone a lift—
Someone you know who finds the going tough.
A lift in time can be the finest gift—
Some simple word or act can be enough.

Take time today to write or call your friends.
Don't ever say, "Not now; some other day."
It well may be you cannot make amends
Because those friends of yours are called away.

Take time today to strengthen every link
That binds your heart and soul to those you know.
It may indeed be later than you think,
Take time today to make your friendships grow.

Closing with this poem, we will see you at the
July luncheon meeting. **Ron**



Ron Snowberger,
President of
PCRTA

BOOKS IN JULY By Nancy Granville

Bring books in July, to the luncheon, oh my,
Bring books to the luncheon to trade.
Bring books to trade, for the ladies and gents
Bring books that bring joy and escape.

Bring books to the luncheon in July, oh do,
Bring books for I love them, don't you?
Bring books for a child, you know one of course!
Bring books for all ages, please do.



BRING BOOKS TO TRADE!

We will have our annual book exchange at our July luncheon meeting. Bring a few books, CD's, or puzzles you have recently enjoyed, and take home a few that look good to you.

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 April 8, 2011 to May 26, 2011:

Beginning Checking Acct. Balance: \$ 9,998.62

Expenses: \$ 1,171.04
 ORTA dues 150.00
 U M Church-luncheon 760.00
 MJ Brannon-memorial expenses 103.76
 Safer Futures 127.00
 AARP Class Refreshments—Kay Wise 30.28

Income: \$ 1,301.00
 Dues, luncheon, 50-50, donations

Ending Balance: \$ 10,128.58

Scholarship Funds in Checking \$ 6,205.09

Checking Working Balance \$ 3,923.49

DUES REMINDER:

Please check your newsletter address label to determine if you have not paid your 2011 dues. If S2010, P2010, or A2010 is listed, then please submit your dues as soon as possible. Your continued support is needed and much appreciated.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY:

Scholarship Donations of \$50 or more donated at one time:

Terrie Sargi and Dick Wilson

Thanks to everyone who donated supplies and money to **Safer Futures**. Besides the many bags of donations, we were able to give Safer Futures \$237 in cash donations!!



SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND FORMED

Our Future Teacher Scholarship Program has grown from a single \$300 scholarship to \$7,000 in awards this year. The Board has taken steps to ensure the program will continue to grow by creating an endowment account. Funds earmarked for scholarships have been deposited in long-term investments with a higher yield than savings or CDs.

You can contribute to the endowment in a number of ways. Members often send additional money when they make luncheon reservations or contribute if they are unable to attend a PCRTA meeting. Memorials to deceased members provide scholarship funds. When the memorials equal the amount of a scholarship, the scholarship is presented in the name of the deceased. Leaving a portion of an estate through a will or naming PCRTA as a life insurance beneficiary can provide long-lasting memorial scholarships.



PCRTA members should share their thoughts and wishes with their family and consider including the PCRTA scholarship endowment in their plans.

"All of your scholarship, all your study of Shakespeare and Wordsworth would be vain if at the same time you did not build your character and attain mastery over your thoughts and your actions."
Mahatma Gandhi

ORTA TRUSTEE NEEDED by Dave Gynn, ORTA President Elect

We did it! PCRTA increased our membership and qualifies for an ORTA trustee position. Thanks to the efforts of the membership committee, the executive board members, and all members who promoted and increased membership!

We have had a trustee on the ORTA board for about 20 years. A change in the ORTA bylaws reduces the number of trustees to ten—from the ten chapters with the highest ORTA membership. We moved from the 11th highest to the 8th position.

Congratulations, everyone!



Dan McCombs, our current trustee who has served exceptionally well for 2 two-year terms, is term limited and is not eligible to serve again. If you are interested in a two-year appointment for 2012-2013, contact **Jan Fencil**, chair of the nominating committee (330-678-1758). The selection will be made by the PCRTA Board in September.

The trustee has responsibilities to the ORTA Board and to PCRTA. The trustee will serve on the ORTA Board participating in decision-making and policy-making functions, attend two meetings in Columbus, and serve on an ORTA committee. He or she will participate on the PCRTA Board, serve as a resource person, and report activities and decisions of the ORTA Board. Go to our website (pcrta.net) to review *The Responsibilities of the Chapter Trustee*. **Dave**



Our Corresponding Secretary, **Barb Cribbs**, has sent out letters to past scholarship recipients to find out what they have been doing since they received their scholarships. As of this printing, we have none; but watch our website where **Connie Evans** will post their pictures and their comments as they come in so we can see the wonderful things they have been doing.

OUT WITH THE FOOD PYRAMID—IN WITH THE PLATE by Kay Wise

Many of us as we get older, need to watch what we are eating more carefully since we may not be exercising as much as we did before. While looking through the 2011 Spring/Summer issue of *Strive for a Healthy Living*, I read that people who use an online program can improve their weight just as much as people who work with a nutrition expert.

Here are some websites you can visit to slim down with the government experts. Go to www.choosemyplate.gov to find out about making a your own daily food or exercise plan, print out activity or food tracking pages, learn about the different food groups, or use an interactive graph to enter your foods for the day and compare them to your personal eating plan.



Losing even a little weight can help you lower your blood sugar and blood pressure. Here are some aids to dieting found at the AARP Website www.aarphealthcare.com/tools. This site offers several tools, including the *Healthy Weight Calculator*, a *Fitness Assessment*, and a *Calories Burned Calculator*. Check them out!

Kay





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

IN NUMBERS, THERE IS STRENGTH! LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Thanks to all of you that took the time to contact our legislators regarding both SB5 and the budget bill.

At the current time, the 12% employee and 12% employer split has been removed from the senate version of the budget bill. How long it will stay out is anyone's guess. We need to keep the pressure on them until the bill finally passes.

Hopefully you have had a chance to sign the SB5 referendum petition. Remember, this only means that the issue will be placed on the ballot this fall for us to vote it up or down.

This attempt to restrict collective bargaining for the public sector has far-reaching consequences for

current and future retirees.

The 129th General Assembly has been moving bills at a very fast pace. You can track them at www.legislative.state.oh.us or www.lsc.state.oh.us.

Remember that Teach for America educator licensure has already been passed and signed by the governor. This permits inner-city and rural districts to hire non-certified teachers at the expense of certified ones.

Finally, we want to keep a close eye on SB3 and HB69 known as the pension reform bills. Keep up the good work and get others involved in our membership campaign.



Remember...in numbers, there is strength!

KNOW YOUR REPRESENTATIVES—Let them know what you think.



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Helena Parry,
Membership Chair



HELP US FIND THE NEW 2011 RETIREES

As always we need everyone helping us to recruit new members. There is nothing more powerful and inviting than to receive from a friend or acquaintance a personal invitation to join a group.

To date our committee has sent out or has delivered 45 invitations to those we know of who are retiring from the Portage County Schools this year.

The envelope the retirees received included:

- a letter of congratulations and information about the PCRTA,
- one free lunch ticket to a PCRTA luncheon,
- our local PCRTA brochure, and
- an ORTA brochure.

Ten additional PCRTA brochures were sent out at the suggestion of **Kathleen Eldridge**, a committee representative from Rootstown, to teachers who had retired from Rootstown Schools at an earlier time.

Many thanks to **Adele Fussner**, who calls all new members to welcome them; **Marge Conroy** (Field contact); **Kathleen Eldridge** and **Betty Davis** (Rootstown contacts); **Mike Hardy** (Kent contact); **Kay Wise** (Ravenna contact); **Carol Rudlosky** (Southeast contact); **Earl Kilchenman** (Waterloo contact); **Saroj Sutaria** (KSU contact); and **Jan Zimmerman** (Crestwood contact).

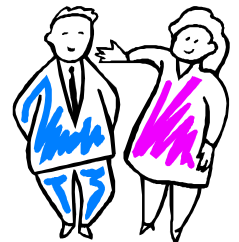
I delivered packets to Streetsboro, Maplewood, and to the Portage County Educational Service Center courier for Windham and Aurora. We have had no response as yet from Garfield.

One of the problems we are having this year is that some of the schools were very cooperative and asked for a certain number of packets to distribute to their retirees; however, they did not supply us a list of names of the retirees. We do have a list of names of retirees for Ravenna, Field, Rootstown, and Crestwood. If you can help get a list of names of retirees from other county schools not mentioned above, please email me at hmparry@att.net or call me at 330-673-0577.

Helena

Say Hello to Our Newest Members:

Bonnie Harper	Retired from Field	2009
Patricia Pownall	Retired from Crestwood	1995



WELCOME

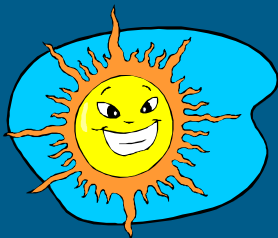
HEY! BRING SOME SUNSHINE TO OUR SUNSHINE GAL!

Mary Jane Brannon is our Sunshine and Memorial chair. She did a terrific job of remembering our deceased members at our last meeting, and then the next week, she had knee surgery.



How about sending some sunshine *her* way??? Send her a card or give her a cheery call at 330-673-3138. When she feels better, she'll be back sending out sunshine to other members. You just have to let her know who needs some sunshine in *their* lives.

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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 12, 2011

—Nineteen members of the Executive Committee were present at the meeting. **President Ron Snowberger** called the meeting to order and asked **Secretary Ruth Weigand** to read the minutes of the March meetings.

—**Darlene Fetterhoff** reported a treasury balance of \$10,148.58 (\$3,991.09 scholarship and \$6,007.53 working balance). There was income from dues, donations, and luncheons. Expenses included the newsletter, audit/990 form fees, labels and postage, and ORTA dues.

—Darlene said she sent out 35 postcard reminders for members to pay their dues by June 15.

—Vice-President **Nancy Granville** said that **Jane Bissler** will be the speaker at our memorial luncheon. **Mary Jane Brannon** and **Joanne Cardinal** will set up displays for the 16 deceased members, and Mary Jane will read a short synopsis of each person’s life. **Georgia Darrah** will deliver the meditation.

—ORTA Trustee **Dan McCombs** said that he had received official notice from **Ann Hanning** stating that our chapter qualified to have a Trustee because we were one of the ten largest chapters in the state. Dan is finishing his term, so we need to get a new Trustee.

Past President **Dave Gynn** was attending another chapter meeting, but he sent a message encouraging PCRTA members to use the ORTA and PCRTA websites and go into the *Members Only* area for up-to-date information.

—**Dan McCombs** asked members to sign the petition to put the repeal of SB5 on the ballot. He and **Dave Gynn** would both have petitions at the luncheon meeting.

—Community Service Chair **Judy Morgan** said there were many items donated, plus \$94 and Acme cards donated for Freedom House at the March meeting. We will collect items for Safer Futures at the next luncheon.

—**Judy Morgan, JoAnn Stikes, and Ruth Weigand** were judges at the Future Educators Association conference at KSU on March 25.

—PCRTA members will help serve refreshments at the GED Graduation at Maplewood on June 9. Let Judy know if you can bake some cookies or help (614-309-4893 cell).

—Legislative Chair **Dan McCombs** gave a synopsis of the many bills now pending: US HB 1332 for the GPO/WEP has 62 sponsors; HB 153 budget bill passed the house and may be placed in the pension bill, reducing funding for K-12 and higher education; HB 21, Teach for America for education licensure passed; HB 36 restores two calamity days; HB 136 for state vouchers allows money left over to be put into a college account. He said that the ORTA Executive committee and ORTA legislative committee both support placing SB5 on the ballot for referendum.

—**Helena Parry**, Membership Chair, reported she sent out 34 packets for prospective members, which is about half of the teachers retiring this year.

—**Pat Gynn** reported that the number of newsletters emailed has nearly doubled. 387 stamped newsletters were mailed.

—**Jan Fencil**, Nominations Chair, said the offices up for election this year are Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee.

—**Kay Wise** reported that the AARP Safe Driving Program will be May 17 at Ravenna HS. Dr. Schneider from NEOMED will bring students to check blood pressures at the July meeting.

—**Georgia Darrah**, PR Chair, said she is trying to get our notices on the Portage County list of activities online.

—**Jim Montaquila**, Scholarships Chair, said there were 22 applicants from ten schools who applied for this year’s scholarships. Seven \$1000 scholarships will be awarded.

—**John Kerstetter**, Travel co-chair, said he is working on planning tours at the Ravenna Arsenal, a return tour of Beckwith Orchard, and a Cuyahoga Valley National Railroad trip.

—Webmaster **Connie Evans** reported that there are now downloadable membership and luncheon reservation forms available on our website at www.pcrta.net.



LUNCHEON MEETING—May 19, 2010

—Ann Spence and Ken and Nancy Granville were the greeters.

—New attendees at the luncheon were **Phyllis Spangler** and **Michael Bridge**.

—**Georgia Darrah** read a meditation entitled “Seashells,” and **Les Bennett** led the group in singing.

—**Judy Morgan** announced she needs volunteers to bake cookies and to help serve cake and punch at the GED graduation party on June 9 at Maplewood. Call her at 330-653-8174 if you can help.

—**Dan McCombs** thanked the Membership Committee for recruiting enough new members to move PCRTA from 11th place to 8th place for ORTA membership, thus qualifying our chapter to have a Trustee.

—Several members had petitions for people to sign to put SB 5 referendum on the ballot.

—**Mary Jane Brannon**, Memorial and Sunshine Chair, led the group in honoring the 16 deceased members: **Robert Dunn; Victoria Germaine Gunther; J. Arthur and Martha Herrick; Arthur L. Kaltenborn, Jr.; Mary Lou Kosar; Craig Lucas; Carole Joyce Meyers; John James Michaels; Frank Mills; Jane C. Osborne; Judith Richards; Glen C. Ruttan; Alfred Saupe; Eloise Seacrest; and Anthony A. Silvidi.**

—Two guests were in attendance to help honor their loved ones—**Eunice Michaels**, wife of John James Michaels, and **Lowell Meyers**, husband of Carole Joyce Meyers.

—**Georgia Darrah** introduced the speaker, **Jane Bissler**, the founder and clinical director for wellness in Kent and who also does grief counseling. She spoke about remembering and forgetting—using a special memory to help bring joy to life.

—A brass trio of **Ken Granville, Sam Mayes, and Ray Harcar** entertained us with special music.

—The winner of the 50/50 drawing received \$73 out of the \$147 collected. **Dan McCombs** was the winner and he donated it to the Scholarship Fund. **Georgia Darrah** also won in the drawing—two tickets for “Chicago” at the Porthouse Theater.

—**Edith Scott**, NEOMED Proctoring Coordinator, asked proctors to sign up for tests before the end of the meeting.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

July 14—Executive Board Meeting
July 21—Luncheon Meeting—
 Scholarship Recipients; Book Trade; Free Blood Pressure and Osteoporosis Screenings at 11:30

September 8—Executive Board Meeting

September 10—NRTA Day of Service

September 15—Luncheon Meeting—
 New Retirees; Speaker, **Ralph Pflingsten**—The Ravenna Arsenal; **Stacey Schneider** from NEOMED with info on shingles at 11:30

October 22—National Make a Difference Day

November 10—Executive Board Meeting
November 17—Luncheon Meeting—
 Science Program; Election and Installation of Officers

December 15—Luncheon—
 Christmas Party

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



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.

LOOKING BACK AT SCHOLARSHIP MEMORIES by Norm Park,



Every year at scholarship time my thoughts go to **Teresa Bica**, the woman who made PCRTA's scholarship history grow. Save for the president and treasurer, the director of the scholarship program is by far one of the toughest jobs in the PCRTA.



Teresa took to the job of scholarship chair with vigor and efficiency, and I remember meeting in her lovely home three or four times to struggle with student applications. She always had a fine array of refreshments to make our difficult task more bearable. I say more bearable because passing judgment on twenty bright, enthusiastic teens, knowing that only five or six will be chosen is tough!

How does one judge? Did the applicant use a double negative? Was *there* used instead of *they're* or *their*? And, believe it or not, some applications were once submitted in *handwriting*! But we always came out with the correct number of winners and hoped for the best.

Teresa Bica

So back to Teresa. She and I taught next door to one another in the same building at Crestwood. Quite often I'd peek in at her at the end of the day and she would be hard at work with stacks of papers cluttering her desk, although she was actually a very neat person. I think many a night she was the last to leave.

She left Crestwood and became principal of an elementary school in Akron. She asked if I would speak to one of the fifth grade classes. Upon arriving there, she said "Let's go out to lunch." So, I had a nice lunch in a nice restaurant with a nice lady. It all brings back nice memories especially at scholarship time.

But when she left us, who on earth could take her place? Who could do the difficult job of organizing the many facets needed for a successful drive? Behold...along came Jim Montaquila! Jim has stepped up and has done a wonderful job of coordinating the scholarship program. He is as organized as Teresa was and brought some of his new ideas to the job. Like Teresa, he doesn't take the job lightly.

As an aside, when I was a youngster growing up in rural Summit County on a small farm we often bought things from a feed and supply store nearby. The place was known as "Terry's" and run by Terry Montaquila. I mentioned to Jim what a coincidence, being somewhat an unusual name. Jim told me that Terry was his uncle.



Jim Montaquila



And so at scholarship time, like now, memories are brought together: Teresa, Jim, and even Terry's store where the poignant, unforgettable odors met you at the door.

Norm

INTERESTED IN AN UNUSUAL SCHOLARSHIP???

How about the scholarship for left-handed students attending Juniata College in Pennsylvania.

Or...if you are 4'10" or shorter... the Little People of America scholarship.

Then again...if you are 6'2" or taller, you may qualify for the Tall Clubs International scholarship.

Are you an average student with a creative mind? Apply for the David Letterman Telecommunications Scholarship at Ball State University.

Have you invented something that is in practice and patentable? You could qualify for the Collegiate Inventor competition to win one of their scholarships.

If you are an "oddball genius" in the field of creative writing, then the J.D. Salinger Award at Ursinus College may be just the one for you.

An average student with a 2.5 or higher GPA who likes to skateboard? Go for the Patrick Kerr Skateboard Scholarship.

For a vegetarian who supported vegetarianism in high school, there is the Vegetarian Resource Group scholarship.

If all else fails, if you can call ducks, you may win a Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling scholarship.



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 completed form and check to:
 Darlene J. Fetterhoff, Treasurer, 2417 Duck Pond Dr., Ravenna, OH 44266

Luncheon Reservation for Thursday, July 21 12 noon

The United Methodist Church of Kent— 1435 E. Main Street, Kent



Luncheon Menu: Marinated Chicken, Italian Vegetables, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Beverages, and Cake

Vegetarian Entree:
Vegetarian Rigatoni

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.

Note:
Free Blood Pressure Screenings and Osteoporosis Checks will begin at 11:30.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY July 15. 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 to read.





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

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

Visit our website



Connie Evans,
Webmaster

AARP DRIVING SCHOOL WAS A SUCCESS!



Thanks to Kay Wise, standing, who made the arrangements for the course with **Kathy Lusk**, AARP Instructor, seated on the left. **Dottie Emerick** is hard at work... **Tom**, not quite so much.

Just look at these PCRTA Members hard at work learning how to be better drivers at the AARP Driver Safety Program offered recently at the new Ravenna High School.

Starting right off with a quiz...some of us quickly found out we didn't know as much as we thought about some of the signs and laws regarding the skill of operating our cars safely. Do you know what the 3-second rule is about road safety?

The course cost \$12 for AARP Members and \$14 for non-members. **Dave and Pat Gynn** reported that they contacted their car insurance company and learned they could save **\$91** a year for the next three years because they took the class. Pretty good return for a \$24 investment!

Kay Wise offered this class as a part of the PCRTA Informative and Protective Committee of which she is the chair. Other members who took the class were pictured left, **Evelyn Park, Terrie Sargi, Mary Jane Brannon, Nancy Granville, and Ron Snowberger**. Not pictured were **Edie Scott, Peg and Ed Hall, and Pat and Sam Mazzer**. If you see any of these educated drivers acting up on the roads, let Kay know!