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THE HISTORY OF THE RAVENNA ARSENAL

Located between Ravenna and Newton Falls along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks, the Ravenna Arsenal was created in 1940 to produce munitions for WW II.

Can you imagine being a farmer and being given thirty days to vacate your farm? Would you believe that within ten months of the first land purchases, the plant was producing munitions?

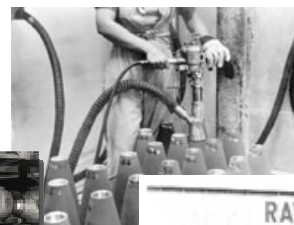
Ralph Pfingsten, the author of The History of the Ravenna Arsenal, will be our speaker at the luncheon in September. Ralph is a retired science teacher from the Cleveland Public Schools. He became interested in the arsenal's past while doing biological surveys for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Pfingsten will share pictures and the history of this area that has been "shrouded in secrecy." His talk gives you the "chance to peer inside the arsenal's security fences and see what secrets these formerly classified military facilities possessed."



Ralph Pfingsten

Bring your curiosity about the arsenal then and now and get your questions answered.



**Welcome to Retirement
Retired Educators
Class of 2011 !!**

WELCOME TO THE RETIREMENT CLASS OF 2011!



Thank you to the schools who provided the names of the retirees. It is becoming more difficult to have the schools give us the names of their retirees. In several cases, they sent our PCRTA welcoming packets, but we don't know who they went to. If you know any retirees from these schools, please call and invite them to join us at one of our luncheons. The packet included a ticket for a free luncheon meal—all you have to do is ask them and include them in your reservation or give them the reservation information so they can make their own reservations.

AURORA CITY SCHOOLS— 4 Packets sent out by the school; No List

CRESTWOOD SCHOOLS— Roxann Gottardi, Judy Guegold, Michelle Hartman, Lynn Harvey, Susan Marmacek, Betty Miner, and Dave Scott

FIELD SCHOOLS— Vincent Cizmar, Deborah Clason-Grinder, Barbara Courtright, Kathleen Detzel, Gerald Evans, Timothy Flaherty, Linda Jones, Jeffrey Kidd, and Margaret Miller

GARFIELD SCHOOLS— Barbara Sembach and Sue Widener (May not be complete list.)

KENT CITY SCHOOLS— Sandy Benschhof, Karen Carmany, Deb Daffy, Linda Ferlito, Kim Franston, Sandy Goodrich, Kay Hansford, Karl Martin, Vicky Nichols, Roger Sidoti, Ginger Sims, Gretchen Suess, and William (Bo) Young

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER— School took the information; No list

RAVENNA CITY SCHOOLS— Mary Jane Bliss, Nancy Breznai, Diana Kentner, Linda Little, Cindy Miller, Judy Paydock, Gary Shields, Vicki Sorber, Guy Tontimonia, and Marilyn Wester

ROOTSTOWN SCHOOLS— Mark Knopick

SOUTHEAST SCHOOLS— Nancy Marsh (May not be complete list.)

STREETSBORO SCHOOLS— David Beahn, Barb Canthra, Sue Casanova, Karen Merritt, Gary Motz, and Paula Stoner

WATERLOO SCHOOLS— Brenda Appleman, Jack Henry, Lynn Jones, and Debbie Thompson

WINDHAM CITY SCHOOLS— 5 packets sent out by the school; No List

Say Hello to Our Newest Members:

Gene Easter—Streetsboro

Margie Miller—Field Schools Retired 2011



WELCOME

If you know of someone who should be on this list of 2011 Retirees, please call Membership Chair, Helena Parry at 330-673-0577 or send her an email at hmparry@att.net.

Helena

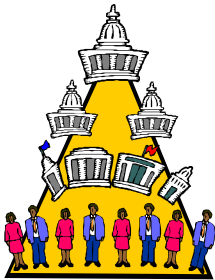


Personal contact is the best way to invite new members. If you know one or two of these retirees, give them a call and invite them to come to the next luncheon. If they say yes, pick them up and bring them along. Remember...everyone is on the Membership Committee, including YOU. So...pick up your phone and give someone a call right now!

PREZ SEZ — REFLECTIONS ON PCRTA AND ORTA ACTIVITIES

What a wonderful program we had in July! Many thanks and congratulations to scholarship chair **Jim Montaquila** and his committee. Meeting the seven awardees and listening to their comments should make us feel good for public education in the future as these students enter our profession.

A new school year is quickly approaching, and as many principals have said, "It is time to forget last year and how the students performed last year; this year is a new beginning and we should take every opportunity to move on to even higher achievements." I believe that this year is also an opportunity that each of us cannot let slip by. With all the changes occurring nationally and within our state, please remember to keep in contact with our state representatives and senators. Check the July issue of *The Desktop* if you need phone numbers and addresses.



Many items are being placed on the "back burner" in Columbus. We need to keep the burners burning with our concerns, comments, and suggestions. They will listen, but only if we speak—as individuals as well as a group!

I like the quote of the new Ohio State football coach as he said "Change is inevitable. Growth is optional." This is our opportunity to make sure

that growth is successful and in the best interest of all—retired teachers, soon-to-be retired teachers, current teachers, and students striving to be teachers.

We hope to see all of you at the September meeting. School supplies are needed, and this is our community service project for the month. September is also a good time for us to welcome new members.



The ORTA Fall *Quarterly* is planning to feature member volunteerism and community service. Please call PCRTA Community Services Chair **Judy Morgan** (330-653-8174) with

any service hours you would like her to report to ORTA. ORTA is also planning to send a list to each chapter that would contain the names of new retirees. Wouldn't it be great to have these new retirees as our members before their names are published. You can help do this; invite a new retiree to a meeting as your guest. Thanks in advance for all your support.

As a side note, we will no longer be able to have the cash 50/50 drawing at the church. If you have some ideas how we can supplement these donations, please share your thoughts with any board member. Enjoy the summer days, and we hope to see you in September.

Ron

"I like the quote of the new Ohio State football coach as he said, 'Change is inevitable. Growth is optional.'"



Ron Snowberger,
President of
PCRTA

**School Time =
Dues Time**



It's that time of year again! When we see the school busses start to roll for a new year, it's our reminder to pay our annual dues to ORTA and PCRTA for another year. Of course if you are a lifetime member, you don't have to worry—you are all paid up!

Anyone who joins now will be a member through December of 2012. If you are a life member, please give the form on page 11 to a new retiree.

Need a ride
to the luncheon?



Call **Saroj Sutaria**
at 330-678-9045 and she
will see you get there!



TREASURER'S REPORT by Darlene Fetterhoff



DUES REMINDER:

Please check your newsletter address label. If 2011 is listed, then now is the time to renew for 2012, If 2010 is listed, your membership will end in December. Remember, your support of the local and state organizations is greatly appreciated and needed in these changing times. Please call me if you have any question— 330-673-8164. Also, your dues payments for 2012 are welcome at anytime now.

Treasurer's Report August 2, 2011:

Beginning Checking Acct. Balance:	\$ 6,207.85
Expenses:	\$ 1140.54
ORTA dues	120.00
U M Church-luncheon	860.00
J. Montaquila—scholarship expenses	160.54
Income:	\$ 957.00
Dues, luncheon, 50-50, donations	
Ending Balance:	\$ 6,024.31
Scholarship Funds in Checking	\$ 485.00
Working Amount in Checking	\$ 5,539.31

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY:
Scholarship Donations of \$50 or more donated at one time:
Jane Hostler



In Memoriam:

Doris Kathleen Shutler, a life member since 1991, retired in 1981 from Kent Schools. She died on June 6, 2011 and will be sadly missed.



- Everyone knows someone who needs PARTA. PARTA (Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority) offers fixed route and door-to-door services to county residents.
- PARTA moves the people who need it most. They make sure seniors have rides to the bank and grocery store or for medical appointments (doctor, dentist, dialysis, etc.)
- They help disabled people meet their full potential and assist working families break the cycle of poverty by getting riders where they need to go.
- PARTA buses can be seen at Kent State, traveling between Kent and Ravenna, and throughout Portage County. Many retired teachers have never ridden a PARTA bus and may not be aware of the services. We have invited PARTA to bring a bus to the September luncheon - get on the bus, try it out, and be aware of how PARTA can help you and your family. The bus will be here at 11:30, before the luncheon.
- Let PARTA teach you how to ride the bus.
- Call 330-678-1287 x119 or 330-678-7745 X108 and learn how to plan a trip, read a bus schedule, make transfers, reach a specific destination, and much more.

PCRTA MEMBERS CELEBRATE THE GED GRADUATION

For several years, PCRTA members have been attending the GED Graduation at Maplewood Career Center to serve refreshments after the ceremony. Our members bake hundreds of homemade cookies; cake and punch are provided by Maplewood. Our members serve the refreshments so the people associated with the GED program have time to talk to the students and their families.

At our May luncheon, PCRTA members wrote notes to the students congratulating them on their GED accomplishment. These were presented to graduates as they were waiting for the ceremony. We told them that we represent their own teachers who would have been so happy to know that they had finally finished their program and graduated.

This is one of the many community service programs that PCRTA members participate in during the year. **Judy Morgan** is the chair of this committee and does a terrific job organizing and carrying out the various activities. She reports we sent \$257 to Safer Futures along with many bags of requested items in May.



Above, a GED grad and Adele Fussner, PCRTA volunteer, chat before the graduation ceremony starts. She is holding one of the cards written by our PCRTA members.



L to r: Adele Fussner, Dottie Emerick, Saroj Sutaria, Judy Morgan, Kathy Latimer, Pat Gynn, and Joann Stikes are ready to serve cake, punch, and cookies to the graduates and their proud families.



SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERING...Interested in being a volunteer proctor at NEOMED???

Proctors watch over test takers helping the staff at NEOMED administer class tests and State Board Examinations...and they earn money for our scholarship program.

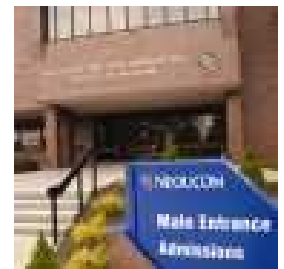


New Proctor Orientation Meeting

9:30 to 11:30 Tuesday, August 16

NEOMED Office of Academic Affairs

Please call Edith Scott to register 330-297-1812



PENSION LEGISLATION PUT ON HOLD



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

The Ohio Retirement Study Council Chairman, **Senator Keith Faber** (Rep-Celina) has put any pension legislation on hold until next year. He had stated that he would hold public hearings this August, September and October around the state to get public input on proposals to strengthen the financial condition of the five pension systems.

If these ORSC meetings take place, we need to be present to voice our support for the STRS position to insure the long term solvency of our pension system. Our concern stems from the distinct possibility that persons will be there that will push for the Defined **Contribution** Plan that is in opposition to our current Defined **Benefit** Plan that most of us support. We need to be alert to what is happening even if the legislation is put off until next year.

On a positive note, I am really pleased to announce that the referendum vote on SB5 will in fact be placed on the ballot where a “yes” vote will mean that you approve of keeping it, and a “no” vote will be a rejection of SB5. **Jon Husted**, the Secretary of State for Ohio has listened to the public and has agreed to the verbiage that we believed was the clearest way to present it on the ballot. Don’t hesitate to thank him for this very important move.

Write to him at 180 E. Broad St. #16, Columbus, OH 43215 or www.sos.state.oh.us. **Dan**

KNOW YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVES—Let them know what you think.



President Barack Obama

The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20500
Comments: 202-456-1111 Switchboard: 202-456-1414 Fax: 202-456-2461



US Senator Sherrod Brown

1301 East Ninth St., Suite 1710, Cleveland, OH 44114, Phone: 216-522-7272
Fax: 216-522-2239 Toll Free: 1-888-896-OHIO (6446)
713 Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC 20510 Phone: 202-224-2315
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US Senator Rob Portman

1240 East 9th Street, Room 3061, Cleveland, OH 44199, Phone: 216-522-7095
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US Representative Tim Ryan

197 West Market Street, Warren, OH 44481 Phone: 330-373-0074
US House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515 Phone: 202-224-3121

TIPS FOR CONTACTING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:

1. Keep the message short, legible and unemotional.
2. Mention a bill or issue by name or number. State your purpose in the first paragraph.
3. Be clear and factual in stating your concerns.
4. Make it personal—how does the issue affect you, your home, your workplace, your children.
5. Ask for a response. Include your name and street address, even if you email, because some offices only reply through the post office.

CROOKS CRAM PHONE BILLS WITH BOGUS CHARGES



Kay Wise, Chair of Informative & Protective Committee

When Ruth Weigand and I sat together at the Executive Board meeting, we discussed a scam we had seen on the Today Show: *Crooks Cram Phone Bills with Bogus Charges*. What was the scammer’s modus operandi? Steal a little money from a lot of people.

There are two ways a con artist can get rich: Steal a lot of money from a few people or steal a little money from a lot of people. Crammers work on volume.

They bill telephone customers for small unauthorized amounts, sometimes as little as \$2 or \$3. “These charges don’t leap off the page,” says Lois Greisman, head of the Division of Marketing Practices at the Federal Trade Commission.

“They’re banking on the fact that people are not scrupulous in reading their phone bills and if the amount is low enough, you’ll miss it.”

Cramming started in the 1990’s when the local phone companies began billing for independent content providers businesses—everything from daily horoscopes to adult chat. That made it possible for crammers to charge for services that were not requested or authorized.

“Crammers have all sorts of ‘devious ways’ to ring up a charge on your bill for a service you didn’t want or didn’t realize you were signing up for.”

Don’t get crammed!

- * Block your account.
- * Tell your phone company to put a cramming block on your account to stop third-party charges. You should not have to pay a fee for the block.
- * Scrutinize your bills.
- * Check your past year’s phone bills for unnoticed charges.
- * Demand a refund.
- * If you find a problem, dispute the charge with your wireless service.
- * Complain: Contact the FCC, the FTC, and your state attorney general.



The moral of the story: Read your telephone bill carefully!

FIELD TRIP TO BECKWITH’S ORCHARD

People enjoyed the trip to Beckwith’s Orchard last year for a trolley ride through the orchard, a behind-the-scenes look at the action, apple tasting, and of course the yummy apple pie and ice cream and coffee so much that...we’re doing it again this year!



Thursday, October 27 2-3:30 pm All for \$5

No Reservation Needed—Just Show Up for the Fun!!!



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 - July 14, 2011

—Eighteen 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 July meetings.

—Ron welcomed **Mary Ann Brockett** and announced that she and her husband, **Richard**, will be the new chairs of the Preretirement Committee.

—Treasurer **Darlene Fetterhoff** gave the treasurer’s report and the Investment Summary of all PCRTA funds. She also gave updates to the membership directory.

—VPs **Nancy** and **Ken Granville** reported that NEOMED will furnish a cake honoring the scholarship recipients for the July 21 meeting. Nancy said **Dr. Schneider** will bring some students to do BP checks. She also reminded the board to bring books to trade at the luncheon meeting.

—ORTA Trustee **Dan McCombs** thanked everyone who had worked on increasing our membership because it guaranteed that PCRTA would continue to have a Trustee.

—Dan announced that ORTA will conduct free half-day leadership workshops on September 19 and 20. Two members can attend with one free member for the webmasters workshop from each local chapter.

—Past President **Dave Gynn** reported that President **Ron Snowberger** had attended the Henry County chapter with him. Wood County has a medical college and is trying to set up proctoring exams for scholarship money like we do.

—Dave is also ORTA President-Elect and is looking for ways to celebrate ORTA’s 65th anniversary. He was considering a statewide recipe book, but he would be interested in any other ideas from our members.

—Webmaster **Connie Evans** said we have had 2500 hits on our website. It was suggested that a private section

could be added for board members using a password.

—In **John Kerstetter’s** absence, Ron announced that **John** and **Sandy Kerstetter**, Social/Travel chairs, are still working on a tour of the Ravenna Arsenal. They will also be scheduling a date for a pie and coffee tour of Beckwith Orchard.

—Public Relations Chair **Georgia Darrah** said she is still trying to get our information on the Portage County website. It was suggested that whenever she puts any information in the paper that she include our website.

—Informative and Protective Chair **Kay Wise** said that the osteoporosis machine is under repair so it will not be at the meeting. **Dr. Stacy Schneider** will discuss flu shots/shingle shots with interested members.

—Nominations Chair **Jan Fencel** announced that **Michael Bridge** has volunteered to be our new ORTA Trustee.

—Newsletter Editor **Pat Gynn** reported that there are now 62 people who have opted to go paperless, receiving their newsletter by email each issue. Each printed copy costs almost 50 cents, not including the mailing costs.

—Proctor Scheduler **Edith Scott** reported she now has 40 proctors. **Sue Hricko** of NEOMED will attend our July luncheon and provide a cake for dessert.

—Memorial and Sunshine Chair **Mary Jane Brannon** announced that **Kathleen Shutler** died on June 6, 2011. **Ria Mastromatteo** had back surgery. **Darlene Fetterhoff** asked Mary Jane to inform her of any member deaths so she can keep our membership lists up to date.

—Membership Chair **Helena Parry** said we have had 4 new members since January. She sent out 75 membership packets to the new 2011 retirees in the county.

—Legislative Chair **Dan McCombs** thanked everyone for signing the petition to get SB5 on the referendum this November. He said there were 19,000 signatures from Portage County and 1.2 million for the whole state.

—Dan said this fall SB3 and HB69, the retiree bills, will be discussed. He encouraged everyone to write to their legislators to ask them to keep the **Defined Benefit Plan** we now have.

—Scholarship Chair **Jim Montaquila** reviewed plans for the Scholarship Luncheon. The students will answer some questions to help us know more about each of them. It was noted that their pictures appeared in the ORTA Summer Quarterly.



–Jim said that he presented the awards at the honors assemblies at Kent, Rootstown, and Southeast Schools. **Kay Wise** presented the award at Ravenna.

–**Ron Snowberger** distributed the annual report forms to the six committee members who are required to have them ready at the end of 2011.

LUNCHEON MEETING—July 21, 2011

–President **Ron Snowberger** thanked **Kay Wise** and **Jan Fencil** for acting as greeters. **Ken Granville** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Les Bennett** led the music, with piano accompaniment by **Adele Fussner**. **Nancy Granville** gave the meditation.

–Ron announced that Representatives **Kathleen Clyde** and **Todd McKenney** were unable to attend today. **Kathleen Clyde** sent congratulation letters to each of the scholarship recipients.

–There were three first-time attendees: **Margie Miller** from Field Schools and **Bev Cole** from Tallmadge Schools and her husband, **Larry Cole**.

–Community Service Chair **Judy Morgan** asked members to record their volunteer hours on the sheet she passed around. She reminded everyone to remember to bring school supplies to the September luncheon meeting.



–**Kay Wise** thanked **Dr. Stacy Schneider** from NEOMED for doing blood pressure checks. She reminded members to select books from the book exchange, and told them the remainder of books would go to the Ravenna Library.

–**Mary Jane Brannon**, Sunshine Chair, placed sheets on the tables for members to write the names of people needing a get well, sympathy, congratulations, or thinking of you card.

–**Dan McCombs**, ORTA Trustee, said that ORTA now only has 10 trustees. We all need to work to keep our membership numbers high to keep having a trustee.

–**Ron Snowberger** thanked **Edith Scott** for acting as the scheduler for the NEOMED Proctor Project. She thanked **Sue Hrico** and **Lisa Morris** of NEOMED who attended the luncheon and supplied the Thank You Cake. Edith also gave a short history of the Proctor Project and how it has grown.

–**Dan McCombs** won the 50/50 raffle of \$61, his share of the \$122 collected and returned it to PCRTA. **Kay Wise** won the autographed **David Baldacci** novel, *Fear No Evil*, and **Mary Ann Brockett** won the Entertainment Book.

–**Lowell Myers** awarded the Lowell Myers Scholarship in honor of his deceased wife **Carol** to **Joshua Foerst**. **Jim Montaquila** awarded the remaining scholarships to **Nathan Dreger**, **Melissa Mellinger**, **Lauren Stevens**, **Kayla Titko**, **Brittany Woodard**, and **Jasmine Wriston**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

September 8—Executive Board Meeting

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

October 27—Beckwith Orchard Apple Pie Tour 2-3:30 pm

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 MISSED OPPORTUNITIES by Norm Park



Have you ever thought back to an opportunity you should have taken, but didn't?

One missed opportunity recently occurred to me, and I could kick my behind for not taking up on it. Although, I wouldn't really advise the kicking part. First, it's quite impossible to do; but if you should succeed, something will become disjointed.

Though the regret part occurred to me recently, the missed opportunity happened many years ago. I had a summer job, which was a necessity for many young teachers.

We, the shop teacher and I, were doing some work reconstructing on an old house in Hiram. For some reason, I had to go through a trap door to get to the attic. Being somewhat a snoop, I couldn't help notice a box containing letters and postcards.

Upon looking at several of the cards, I discovered they were written by a young man who had taken a teaching position in Carpenter, South Dakota. The letters were written to his mother and were dated 1915. I couldn't help but read some of them.



Can you imagine South Dakota in 1915? I suspect you can imagine what he wrote about: the flimsy clapboard school; the pot bellied stove that fought bravely against the Dakota winds; the janitorial work done by him in the school and horse shed; and the plea for clothing left behind in "mild" Hiram. He wrote, "I have a negative of my school, and if you'd send the developer and the proper printing stock, I'll be able to make a photo."

I brought several cards down from the attic and asked if I could have them. I was told yes; they were of no use to the owner. This is where the regret comes in. Why didn't I ask if I could have the whole box? A young man's life as a teacher in a somewhat untamed prairie state would make terrific reading.

I would have loved to know about his students, where he boarded, the people of Carpenter, water for the school, his food and transportation. That box would cover these and much, much more. I'm fearful they might have ended up in the fireplace, for paper to start the fire might have been more important than a bunch of letters from a young teacher out west.

Also in my own collection of odds and ends I have several documents showing the results of teacher examinations issued by the Portage County Board of School Examiners. The one before me now shows that **Miss Keyes** is of good moral character and is authorized to teach in Portage County for a period of six months starting March 24, 1866.

In the subjects she was tested on, 7 1/2 was her highest score out of a possible 10. Her lowest was 5 1/2 and that was in arithmetic. Let's not judge her too severely for I've seen a few of these tests, and they can be real doozies!

Mr. Picket and **Mr. Dudley** were her examiners, both names ringing a distant bell in my head. **Mr. Dudley** attached a five cent revenue stamp to the certificate and then initialized it.

What about sitting down and chatting for several hours with **Miss Keyes**? What a treat! I wonder if she left any letters behind...

Norm

THOUGHTS ON RETIREMENT...

"Retirement has been a discovery of beauty for me. I never had the time before to notice the beauty of my grandkids, my wife, the tree outside my very own front door...And the beauty of time itself." Hartman Jule

"When one door closes, another one opens, but we often look so long and regretfully at the closed door that we fail to see the one that has opened for us." Alexander Graham Bell

"Retirement, a time to enjoy life! A time to do what you want to do, when you want to do it, how you want to do it." Catherine Pulsifer

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

2012 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 _____

2012 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, September 16 12 noon

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



Luncheon Menu: Pork, Hash Brown Casserole, Green Beans,
 Salad, Rolls, Beverages, and Cheesecake

Vegetarian Entree:
 Vegetable Lasagna

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 the pork.)

Your name and phone number _____

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

I have enclosed \$_____ for the scholarship fund.

Note: Stacey Schneider from NEOMED will be here at 11:30 with information on shingles.

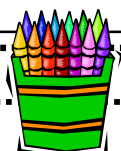


The PARTA Bus will be on hand for you to view before the luncheon also.



PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY September 9. Mail your reservation and check made to PCRTA to:

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



BRING TO THE MEETING: School supplies for Portage County children





PCRTA—Portage
County Retired
Teachers Association

Address Service Requested

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

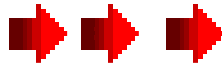
Please notify PCRTA of any address changes.

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



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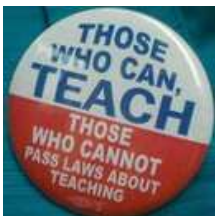
THANKS FROM “WE ARE OHIO”

On behalf of We Are Ohio - the bipartisan, citizen-driven, community-based effort to repeal SB5, I would like to thank PCRTA for your help in circulating petitions against this unfair attack on Ohio teachers, and ask for your help in continuing the fight.

Together we gathered nearly 1.3 million signatures statewide - more than five times the number needed to reach the ballot. The numbers in Portage County are even more impressive. With over 14,000 signatures gathered, we surpassed our goal nearly ten times over—and an unheard of 85% of those signatures were valid!



Still, much work remains to educate voters about the bill and the need to repeal it. By just talking to your neighbors in person or on the phone, writing a letter to the editor, or putting a sign in your yard, you can do a lot to help make sure this bad law never goes into effect. We'll have phone banks and "walk and talk" events every week, so there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.



Thanks again, and we look forward to sending a message by defending Ohio's teachers with you this November!

If you can help, please contact We Are Ohio Field Organizer **Brad Cromes** at 330-501-9960 or bcromes@weareohio.com.

Brad Cromes

Editor's Note: The November election will have three state issues. Issue 2 is to repeal SB5. Secretary of State Jon Husted announced that voters will vote "Yes" to retain SB5 as passed or vote "No" to repeal SB5.