

SCRTA NEWS

SUMMIT COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

THE SUMMIT COUNTY AFFILIATE OF OHIO RETIRED TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

September, 2010

ORTA

LINKING SCRTA TO ORTA

At the June 7, 2010, SCRTA General Luncheon meeting, the issue of linkage of the Summit County RTA chapter to the Ohio RTA was voted upon by the SCRTA members in attendance and passed, by a vote of 67 for, and 37 against. This means that ORTA members must also be Summit County RTA members and vice-versa.

The Ohio Retired Teachers Association executive board, on May 12, 2010, raised their membership dues structure: After December 15, 2010, Annual dues will go from \$20.00 to \$30.00. Lifetime dues if initiated and accepted in the ORTA office, will go from \$300.00 to \$500.00 on September 1, 2010.

If you wish to be a lifetime member, you must submit your application form before September 1, 2010 in order to save \$200.00

HELPFUL INFORMATION

If you need to get in touch with your SCRTA officers, the following information will help you:

- Pres.— *Sue Frutche*y—330-753-2474
- Vice Pres. - *Mary Lou Swartz*—330-644-2009
- Vice Pres. - *Kay Fluke*— 330-773-2097
- Treas. - *Paul DiMascio*—330-882-4738
- Sec. - *Judy Mervine* — 330-745-7587

Board Members: *Mary Anasson*, *Paul Green*, *Christine Bean*, *Carolyn Vogenitz*, *Hal Eckart*, *Bob Frutche*y, *Elaine Jarvis*, *Gordon Rice*, *Bob Dengler*, *Blin Scatterday*, *Eugene Thrall*, *Ruby Winter*, *Leroy Martin*, and *Rebecca Zurava*

GUY'S

OUR GENERAL LUNCHEON MEETING DOOR PRIZES TOO

On Tuesday, September 7, 2010, the SCRTA/ORTA will meet at Guy's Party Center located at 500 East Waterloo Road in Akron at noon.

When you make your reservation, you will need to indicate your entrée (Swiss Steak, Broiled Scrod, Baked Chicken or Vegetarian Stir Fry) . Included with your entrée is - baked potato, green beans, salad, garlic bread,, sherbet, coffee, tea, or lemonade...all for only \$11.00. (Tax & tip incl.)

LEGISLATIVE NEWS
JULY, 2010

FEDERAL: The legislators are still considering offset changes to Social Security. Many legislators have expressed their desire to eliminate offset, etc. When the voting occurs, the voting may not be in favor. ALSO, there is support to mandate all to pay into Social Security. This will be negative to STRS and our investment monies.

STATE : Legislators are returning from vacation. Legislation for STRS pension changes may not take form until November. COLA changes have been proposed by the Ohio Retirement Study Council (ORSC). and STRS. This raises the question—"What about the past 2002 House Bill that states that a +3% COLA adjustment annually for all five Ohio retirement systems?" Reduction in COLAs affects senior STRS retirees proportionately greater. Three states are now in litigation about reducing their COLAs and have retained council. Further, former Attorney General Salazar, under President Obama, issued an opinion that COLAs may not be reduced since this was a promise. The Ohio legislative 2002 passed 3% COLA may not be reduced since this is a "promise" **Now is the time for all educational organizations representing Ohio STRS retirees to take a position on this and address the issue to Ohio Legislators and if necessary, obtain legal counsel to resolve the matter.** It seems ironic that our teacher organizations would support a COLA proposal less than 3% when it is recognized that we do have inflation. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) which is a determinate of inflation, does not consider rising health care costs which are certainly of concern to STRS retirees and all seniors!

Kay W. Fluke, Ph.D.—Legislative Chair
Summit County Teachers Association

ATTENTION!!!!

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

You are invited to this year's third general meeting of SCRТА the first meeting of SCRТА/ORTA. The meeting will be held , **Tuesday, September 7, 2010**, at noon at Guy's Party Center located at 500 E. Waterloo Road in Akron. The price of the luncheon is only \$11.00 (tax & tip included). Make checks payable to SCRТА and check your choice of entrée. Your reservation please must be mailed by **Wednesday, September 1, 2010**, to:

RUBY WINTER, 3873 ROLLER AVENUE, AKRON, OHIO, 44319 (330-644-6886)

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| • NAME _____ | ENTRÉE SELECTION |
| _____ SWISS STEAK | _____ BAKED CHICKEN |
| _____ BROILED SCROD | _____ VEGETARIAN STIR FRY |

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7, 2010—General Luncheon meeting, Noon, Guy's Party Center.
September 28, 2010—SCRТА board meeting, 9:30 am AEA building
November 1, 2010—General Luncheon meeting, Noon, Guy's Party Center.
Have a wonderful summer.

ORTA Report - Bob Dengler, ORTA President

We wish to express our thanks to Bob Stein and Jim McGreevy, our new STRS Retired Teachers Board members, for speaking at our four regional meetings in Ohio. They were able to present their views and answer many questions from members who attended the meetings. They brought out the importance of getting legislation passed to get the STRS unfunded liabilities under control. They both mentioned the importance of preserving our defined benefit pension plan. The Defined Benefit Plan offers greater retirement security for educators. ORTA encourages members to write letters to their local newspapers and talk to their legislators about keeping the Defined Benefit Plan strong and viable.

Our State Teachers Retirement System and the other four retirement systems are still waiting for the Legislative Service Commission to finish drafting legislation to keep the retirement systems financially strong for all current and future public employees. The pension legislation supposedly will be bipartisan. Hopefully it will not be difficult to get legislation passed, but we may need help from ORTA members to lobby

Bob Dengler, SCRТА board member and ORТА president.

SUMMIT COUNTY RTA - Treasurer's Report

7/13/10

Submitted by: Paul DiMascio, SCRТА Treasurer

ACCOUNT ACTIVITIES: Checking Acct. #9543

DATE	ACTIVITY	BALANCE
10/31/09	Balance Forward	\$6782.13
6/30/10	Receipts	<u>\$7399.53</u>
	Total	\$14 181.66
6/30/10	Expenses	<u>-\$9052.85</u>
6/30/10	Ckng. Acct. Bal.	\$5128.81

ACCOUNT SUMMARIES

<u>Acct.#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date Last Statement</u>
9543	Checking	3.77	\$6187.01	6/30/10
1904	Checking	1.65	\$2450.93	6/14/10
	Community Serv.			
5183	Checking	2.05	\$3085.07	6/22/10
	Life Members			
28706-20	TCU-CD	2.01	\$14390.92	9/30/09
	12 month Mini Cert.	Matures 9/12/10		
28706-21	TCU-CD	4.00	\$12086.25	9/30/09
	12 month Mini Cert.	Matures 11/20/09		
	Vanguard		\$8888.94	6/30/10

High School Exit Exam

The answers. (from last issue)

1. How long did the Hundred Years' War last? - 116 years
2. Which country makes Panama hats? - Ecuador
3. From which animal do we get cat gut? - Sheep and Horses
4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October revolution? - November
5. What is a camel's hair brush made of? - Squirrel fur
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal? - Dogs
7. What was King George VI's first name? - Albert
8. What color is a purple finch? - Crimson
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from? - New Zealand
10. What color is the black box in a commercial airplane? - Orange

Learn More about SCRТА

Check out our website
www.summitcountyrta.org

Direct questions and comments about the website to:

Leroy Martin, webmaster
lmartin@infoteam.com

THE PRIZE

Imagine that you had won the following prize in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit **\$86,400.00** in your private account for your exclusive use. However, this prize had rules, just as any game has certain rules.

The first set of rules would be:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account. You may only spend it.
3. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400.00 for that day.

The second set of rules:

1. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, It's over, the game is over! It can close the account and you will receive a new one.

What would you personally do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love, right? Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every cent, and use it all, right?

ACTUALLY, this GAME is REALITY!

Each of us is in possession of such a magical bank. We just can't seem to see it.

The magical bank is **TIME!**

Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life, and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is **NOT** credited to us. What we haven't lived up that day is forever lost. Yesterday is forever gone.

Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time....**WITHOUT WARNING.** SO, what will you do with your allocated 86,400 seconds today? Aren't they worth so much more than the same amount in dollars?

Think about that, and always think of this:

1. Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.
2. Take care of yourself, pray, be good to others, enjoy life, the banker is your Father in Heaven!

Here's wishing you a wonderful, beautiful, happy day!!!

Mary Annason—Information & Protective Services Committee

.2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM FOR SCRТА & ORТА

NAME _____ YEAR YOU RETIRED _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (____) _____

Email address _____

ORTA/SCRТА UNIFIED ANNUAL DUES for 2010, \$25. _____ (will raise to \$35.00 after Dec, 15, 2010)

ORTA/SCRТА UNIFIED LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP, \$ 360. before 9/1/10' \$560. after 9/1/10 _____

BRING THIS FORM, COMPLETED, WHEN PAYING DUES AT OUR GENERAL MEETING.
Make all checks payable to SCRТА for both SCRТА and ORТА membership.

By mail send to:

C. Eugene Thrall, 194 Castle Blvd., Akron, OH 44313-6533

PHONE: (330-867-7208. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of membership card.

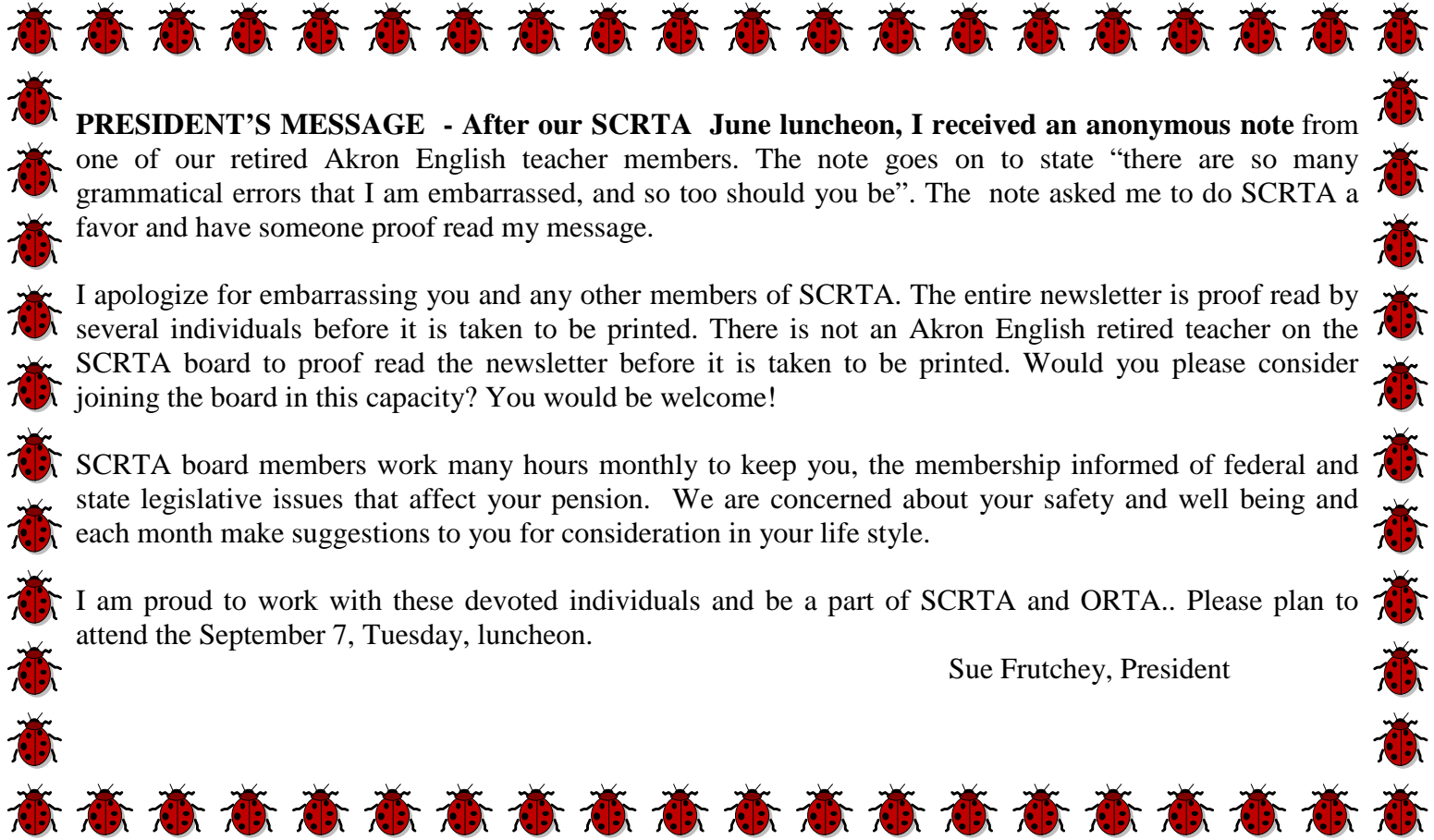
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The 2010 scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 has been awarded to **Rachel Elizabeth Feather** of Fairlawn. Rachel is a graduate of Copley High School with a GPA of 4.04. She is currently a student majoring in Education at Indiana Wesleyan University. Her GPA is 3.91 and she expects to graduate in 2013.

Rachel's leadership and work experience include, band president, student ministries at her church, 3 years as a volunteer at Beulah Beach Camp and Retreat in Vermillion, Ohio, an active member of Copley Key Club. A volunteer at Salvation Army and Ronald McDonald House.

Rachel gives credit to her first grade teacher, Mrs. Kase, for inspiring her to become an elementary school teacher. SCRТА member Marne Wheaton sponsored Rachel and encouraged her to apply for this scholarship. Rachel has been invited to attend the SCRТА luncheon meeting September 7th, but, she will be back on campus in Indiana taking classes by that time.

Carolyn Vogenitz - Scholarship Chair
SCRТА/ORTA



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE - After our SCRTA June luncheon, I received an anonymous note from one of our retired Akron English teacher members. The note goes on to state “there are so many grammatical errors that I am embarrassed, and so too should you be”. The note asked me to do SCRTA a favor and have someone proof read my message.

I apologize for embarrassing you and any other members of SCRTA. The entire newsletter is proof read by several individuals before it is taken to be printed. There is not an Akron English retired teacher on the SCRTA board to proof read the newsletter before it is taken to be printed. Would you please consider joining the board in this capacity? You would be welcome!

SCRTA board members work many hours monthly to keep you, the membership informed of federal and state legislative issues that affect your pension. We are concerned about your safety and well being and each month make suggestions to you for consideration in your life style.

I am proud to work with these devoted individuals and be a part of SCRTA and ORTA.. Please plan to attend the September 7, Tuesday, luncheon.

Sue Frutchey, President

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

Seniors always want a good deal.....so, we are hoping we can achieve that goal. Our main speaker at our September 7th general meeting will be James McGreevy, Vice Chair of the STRS board and also Retired Teacher Representative. Karen Butt, the President-Elect of Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA) will also speak to share some thoughts and answer questions regarding the value of our newly combined SCRTA/ORTA membership.

A word from President-Elect, Karen Butt,...If you are interested in Lifetime membership with ORTA ,please know your \$300.00 fee must be paid by September 1st. The combined ORTA/SCRTA membership will be \$360.00. The lifetime ORTA membership will jump to \$500.00 on September 2nd. The combined ORTA/SCRTA membership fee will be \$560.00.

For your annual yearly ORTA dues,... it is \$20.00 if paid before December 15th. The linked ORTA/ SCRTA dues will be \$25.00. On December 16th the dues will increase to \$30.00 + \$5.00 or \$35.00 for the linked ORTA/SCRTA dues.

Did you know that you do not have to be retired to join ORTA or ORTA/SCRTA? If active teachers join now , it will be a savings

Mary Lou Swartz—Program Chair

SCRТА

Next General Meeting—Noon—Guy's Party Center

Tuesday

September 7th

You must register before Wednesday, September 1st

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