

SCRTA NEWS

SUMMIT COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

THE SUMMIT COUNTY AFFILIATE OF OHIO RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2011

ORTA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hoo-Rah for fall! It is difficult to make a choice of what to enjoy. The October fests are exciting. I love to watch the dancers slapping their heels in step with the tubas oom-pas. Or we could drive down the road to the pumpkin/cider fest. Each year some enterprising cook comes up with a new use for pumpkins. The cider is so sweet. (there is a contest between the bees and you to determine who will taste the cider first.) A drive down any country road to see how beautiful the trees are in their fall colors. I must recommend this activity for all of you.

As Americans we all have a responsibility to go to the polls to vote. Your vote is meaningful and very important. Voting is also a part of the fall season. Oh yes; one of the best fall activities is our General Luncheon meeting, November 7, at Guy's. See ya there.

Sue Frutchet—President

GUY'S

OUR GENERAL LUNCHEON MEETING DOOR PRIZES TOO

On **Monday, November 7, 2011**, the SCRTA/ORTA membership will meet at Guy's Party Center located at 500 East Waterloo Road in Akron at noon.

PRICE - \$12.00

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 - mashed potato, green beans, salad, garlic bread,, sherbet, coffee, tea, or lemonade.. -all for only \$12.00. (Tax & tip incl.)

PROGRAM

A Celebration of Our Colleagues Lives

Christine Bean—Memorial Chair

Mary Lou Swartz VP & - Program Chair

HELPFUL INFORMATION

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

Pres.— *Sue Frutchet*—330 753 2474

Vice Pres. & Program - *Mary Lou Swartz*—330 644 2009

Legislative Chair — *Kay Fluke*— 330 773 2097

Treasurer — *Paul DiMascio*—330 882 4738

Secretary *Judy Mervine* — 330 745 7587

Membership —*Gene Thrall* 330 867 7208

Labels & Computer—*Elaine Jarvis*

Newsletter—*Bob Frutchet* 330 753 2474

Trustee—*Rebecca Ann Zurava* 330 923 5695

Post Master - *Hal Eckert* 330 - 659 - 4435

Public Relations—*Ruby Winter* 330 644 6886

Web Master—*Leroy Martin* 330 666 3984

Scholarship—*Carolyn Vogenitz* 330 645 9928

ORTA Past Presidents—*Blin Scatterday, Bob Dengler*

Members At Large—*Paul Green, Mary Anasson,*

Christine Bean, Gordon Rice

LEGISLATIVE NEWS
AS OF SEPTEMBER, 2011

FEDERAL: There are a number of legislation changes waiting for social security action. Without any changes, social security is solvent for only 35 years.

STRS: The August board meeting financial report indicates excellent investment returns. Because of international markets, stocks have shown volatility in the U. S.

STATE : I would recommend all SCRTA members to vote on November 8. Support all teacher groups; collective bargaining, working conditions, etc. by voting NO on S. B. 5—issue 2.

Kay W. Fluke, Ph.D.—Legislative Chair

SCRTA Treasurers Report

9/26/2011

ACCOUNT ACTIVITIES: Checking Acct. #9543

DATE	ACTIVITY	BALANCE
8/31/11	Balance Forward	\$2,076.02
8/31/11	Receipts	<u>\$2,135.00</u>
	Total	\$4,211.02
8/31/11	Expenses	<u>- \$2,569.75</u>
8/31/11	Ckng. Acct. Bal.	\$ 1,641.27

ACCOUNT SUMMARIES

<u>Acct.#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date Last Statement</u>
9534	Checking Acct.		\$1,641.27	8/31/11
6682	Savings Scholarship Fund.	0.02	\$ 789.09	8/31/11
6690	Savings Life Members	0.14	\$3589.11	8/31/11
28706-20	TCU-CD 12 month Mini Cert.	0.80	\$14,811.51	8/31/11
		Matures 9/12/12		
28706-21	TCU-CD 12 month Mini Cert.	4.00	\$12,444.09	8/31/11
		Matures 11/20/11		
	Vanguard		\$10,074.52	8/31/11

(TCU = Teacher's Credit Union)

Paul DiMascio, SCRTA Treasurer

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Remember - We are collecting "hotel" or "motel" sample size or larger toiletries for the Shelter for Battered Women.. Please bring them with you at our next General Meeting at Guy's, Tuesday, November 7, 2011

Christine Bean - Chair Community Service

2011 SCRTA DATES TO REMEMBER

November 7, Monday — General Luncheon Meeting, - Guy's Party Center—Noon

January 15, 2012 — ORTA Reports due

February 21, 2012, - Tuesday, — Next Board Meeting, 9:30 am, AEA building.

April 2, 2012, - Monday, - Next General Meeting, Noon — Guy's Party Center

.MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR SCRТА & ORТА UNIFIED DUES

NAME _____ YEAR YOU RETIRED _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip Phone (____) _____

ORTA/SCRТА UNIFIED ANNUAL DUES for 2011, \$35. _____ Other \$ _____ for _____

ORTA/SCRТА UNIFIED LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP, \$560. _____

I am a SCRТА LIFE member _____

I am an ORТА LIFE member _____

I pay ORТА directly _____

BRING THIS FORM, COMPLETED, WHEN PAYING DUES .
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.

WHAT TO TAKE CARE OF NOW, TO HELP YOUR HEIRS LATER

Source: Bottom Line Personal. August 15, 2011

1. Financial accounts: List your investment, bank, and credit card accounts. List the name of the institution, account number, contact phone number, password, PIN number (if applicable) for each account and where those statements and checkbooks are stored.
2. Financial Professionals: List the name of your professional planner, insurance agents, attorney, and tax preparer. List contact information, what each does for you , and how he could help your heirs.
3. Recurring Bills: List your utilities, insurance, and loan payments so that non-payment of these bills will not incur penalties, repossession, or policy cancellations should you became incapacitated or die. Don't forget to include bills that arrive in your e-mail box. List all automatic withdrawals taken directly from your bank accounts so that your heirs will not close or draw down balances before making these payments. This will help your heirs when cancelling any accounts not needed. This list can also be used by your heirs to cancel insurance policies no longer needed, to get a refund due you from a long term care insurance policy or premiums prepaid, and any refund due from utilities.
4. E-mail addresses: List your contacts and account passwords so that all can be notified of your incapacity or death.
5. Money Due You: This includes pensions, annuities, Social Security benefits, veterans benefits, payment on loans, life insurance benefits , and disability insurance benefits.
6. Minimum Annual Distributions: Note when you take these distributions to avoid penalties.
7. Locations Of Your Important Documents: This list should include your will, any powers of attorney, estate planning documents, recent tax returns, mortgage and other loan documents, deeds and titles to vehicles and other property, vehicle registrations, birth certificates, military discharge papers, marriage licenses and divorce decrees, and safe deposit boxes and their keys.

Mary Kostas Anasson, Chair
Informative and Protective Services Committee

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

You are invited to this year's fourth general meeting of SCRТА/ORTA. The meeting will be held , **Monday, November 7, 2011**, at noon at Guy's Party Center located at 500 E. Waterloo Road in Akron. The price of the luncheon is only **\$12.00** (tax & tip included). Make checks payable to SCRТА and check your choice of entrée. Your reservation must be received by **Wednesday, October 26, 2011**. Please send to:

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

NAME _____ ENTRÉE SELECTION _____

_____ SWISS STEAK
_____ BROILED SCROD

_____ BAKED CHICKEN
_____ VEGETARIAN STIR FRY

SCRТА Website

You don't have to be a nerd to keep up-to-date with the latest Happenings. Just visit our website at

www.summitcountyrta.org

Send email comments and requests to:

lmartin561@gmail.com

Leroy Martin, Webmaster

Summit County Retired Teachers' Association
751 Highland Park
Akron Ohio 44319

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U. S. POSTAGE PAID
AKRON, OHIO 44309
Permit No. 418

DATED MATERIAL—PLEASE
DELIVER BY 10-19-11

ATTENTION NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS: If your address label is RED LINED, this will be the last newsletter you will receive unless we receive payment for current dues.

Scholarship/ Memorial Fund

The Summit County Retired Teachers Association received a donation to the scholarship fund in memory of a long time member. The Board has made the decision to expand the Scholarship Fund to include memorials. In the future, family or friends may make a donation to the Scholarship/ Memorial Fund in memory of the deceased. These monies will then be used to support our scholarship program.

A reminder that collection cups are placed on each luncheon table for donations to the Scholarship/Memorial fund. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Vogenitz, Scholarship Chair at 330-645-9928.

Carolyn Vogenitz—Chair

Vote NO in November on Issue 2

The latest Quinnipiac University Poll shows that Ohio still supports public employees.

Ohio voters support the repeal of OH Senate Bill 5 in a November referendum by 51% to 38%. Senate Bill 5 limits collective bargaining for public employees. In July, the support for the repeal of Senate Bill 5 was 56% to 32%. The largest supporters of the Repeal of Senate Bill 5 are Democrats, women, and union households. The Ohio Retired Teachers Association ORTA supports the Repeal of Senate Bill 5.

We are entering a slippery slope. Our pensions are next for review under the guise of “pension reform”. As we approach the November referendum, it is very important that every SCRТА/ORTA member vote. If you would like an absentee ballot, contact your local board of elections or party headquarters. You are entitled to request an absentee ballot for any reason.

Encourage your friends and family to support teachers, firefighters, police, and all public employees by voting NO in November on Issue 2 to repeal Senate Bill 5.

Rebecca Ann Zurava, PhD
Summit County ORTA Trustee

Summit County RTA awards Two \$1000 Scholarships

Due to the diligence of the scholarship committee, chaired by **Carolyn Vogenitz**, two \$1000 scholarships have been awarded to two area young people. They are: **Anthony Tipton**, a 2007 graduate of Mogadore H.S., majoring in music education at Ohio State University and **David Mohn**, a 2010 H.S. graduate majoring in education at Ashland University.

Tony has a 3.99 GPA and was sponsored by his kindergarten teacher SCRТА member **Betty Percy** (is that neat or what!). **David** has a 4.00GPA and was sponsored by his grandmother SCRТА member **Ethel Mohn**. **CONGRATULATIONS winners and sponsors!**

SHERRI BEVAN WALSH
Prosecuting Attorney
County of Summit

ALERT!

I'VE HEARD FROM A FEW PEOPLE ABOUT SCAMMERS CLAIMING TO BE American Electric Power (AEP) employees in order to get into individuals' homes. Shelly Clark, a senior communications consultant for AEP Ohio, confirmed that the company is aware of this scam. She said AEP employees always call customers to schedule a time if they need to enter the home. Additionally all AEP employees wear company issued clothing with the AEP logo.

Although AEP is located in Columbus, this type of scam is a common one in Summit County. Criminals can easily make fake ID badges saying they are an employee of a local utility company.

If someone claiming to be from a utility company arrives unexpectedly, ask him to wait outside while you call the service provider to verify his identity. The company can tell you whether you are scheduled for service on a particular day.

Stay Safe,
Sherri Bevan Walsh
Summit County Prosecuting Attorney.

WE NEED HELP!!

Are you interested in becoming an officer in SCRТА? According to the SCRТА constitution, officers may serve for two—two year terms. At the end of this year, our SCRТА officers (except the treasurer and secretary) have completed their terms of office. We need help!

Our nominating chairperson, Paul Green, is open for suggestions for these offices. If you are interested or have a suggestion for a nomination please call Paul at 330-733-7311.

Office's needed are:

President, 1st Vice President- (program chair), 2nd Vice President, and Newsletter Editor

Grand Pals

Carol Voganitz also heads a program called 'Grand Pals'. This is a "pen pal" program that promotes intergenerational friendship. It is sponsored by "Mature Services. RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program.)". Carol has been coordinating the Green Intermediate school sixth grade program for the last couple of years. Last year they had 26 senior citizens who were paired with students in September. Each month seniors and students wrote to each other and in May they met for a pizza/picnic party where the "pals" finally met face to face. Students and seniors enjoyed the program and they are continuing the 'Grand Pals' this school year.