

# SCRTA NEWS

## SUMMIT COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

THE SUMMIT COUNTY AFFILIATE OF OHIO RETIRED TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

June 2010

# ORTA



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** - While removing the beautiful pictures from the walls, colored and painted by this years' students, and packing away visual aids for summer vacation, gives us a time to reminisce about the past 180 days. As teachers challenge students, some students seem to enjoy returning the challenging process.

A special new student from a foreign country, enrolled in my school, and was assigned to me. The student would frequently arrive to my room just before the tardy bell. One day, his next move was to reach into his pocket and throw a fist full of pennies into the air. He enjoyed watching his friends scramble for the pennies. Did this cause a disruption?

Later in the year, another student with an artificial eye, decided to clean his eye during class. The eye slipped out of his hand and rolled across the floor. The lesson was stopped and all began crawling around looking for the eye.

I was on my way for my final evaluation conference when another home ec. teacher handed me a plastic bag of healthy snacks. When placing the bag upon the evaluating principals desk, the bag broke and treats flew all over the principal and his desk. Ah, for the nostalgic memories of teaching.

This June meeting is extremely important to all SCRТА members. There will be an issue of linking the SCRТА to ORТА. Please make an extra effort to attend this meeting and invite all your retired teacher friends. It would be a pleasure to have them with us.

Sue Frutcheу—SCRТА president



### GUY'S

#### OUR GENERAL LUNCHEON MEETING DOOR PRIZES TOO

On Monday, **June 7, 2010**, the SCRТА 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.)

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

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

Pres.- *Sue Frutcheу*—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 Frutcheу, Elaine Jarvis, Gordon Rice, Bob Dengler, Blin Scatterday, Eugene Thrall, Ruby Winter, Leroy Martin, and Rebecca Zurava*

**LEGISLATIVE NEWS**  
**APRIL, 2010**

**FEDERAL:** Legislation to completely repeal the GPO/WEP (Government Pension Offset / Windfall Elimination Provision) was reintroduced in the House and Senate (House 235 / Senate 484) . Contact your representative in Congress to get this legislation moving. — See [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org) for names of Senators / Representatives.

**STATE :** After November elections, legislators will probably complete a bill to address concerns of STRS and Healthcare Advocates regarding changes, ie., COLA etc. This activity could go on to the first of the new year.

Senior STRS retirees should be concerned about new legislation proposals and ORTA support. For example, those STRS members going into retirement now earn about 10% more for FAS (Final Average Salary) than those who retired 20—25 years ago in the same teaching position.. Obviously COLA downgrading, affects the Senior STRS retiree more in income received. Also, Senior STRS retirees have NOT received an Ad Hoc increase in 10 years and a 13th check in more years. At the last Ad Hoc adjustment (2000), Senior retirees had a benefit capped at 85%, while active STRS members received a 35 year benefit, which means after 35 years, the benefit would compute to 100% FAS. The first in the history of STRS.

Perhaps the STRS board might consider retirees at age 79—83 with a shorter life expectancy to receive more than a 3% COLA rather than a reduction. It seems there are three categories. There are active STRS, retired STRS, and senior STRS. The later are often the most forgotten and neglected in legislative change. They seem to be too old for reemployment, and the situation is compounded by the recent market downturn and investment losses. Age also means increased health care expense. There is no mention that the annual 3% COLA legislation is still in effect while ORTA and OEA discuss a reduction .

Kay W. Fluke, Ph.D.—Legislative Chair

**ATTENTION!!!!**

**LUNCHEON RESERVATION**

You are invited to this year's first general meeting of SCRТА. The meeting will be held **Monday, June 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, June 2, 2010**, to:

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

• NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRÉE SELECTION \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ SWISS STEAK

\_\_\_\_\_ BAKED CHICKEN

\_\_\_\_\_ BROILED SCROD

\_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN STIR FRY

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**June 7, 2010—General Luncheon meeting, Noon, Guy's Party Center.**

**July 20, 2010—SCRТА board meeting, 10:00 am AEA building**

**September 7, 2010—General Luncheon meeting, Noon, Guy's Party Center.**

**Have a wonderful summer.**

## **LINKING SCRТА TO ORТА**

A proposal was approved at the last SCRТА board meeting to have a membership vote concerning the linking of dues of SCRТА membership to the dues of ORТА membership.

Your SCRТА board is recommending that beginning July 1, 2010, we will only accept unified dues linking our local and state affiliation. This would mean that the annual combined dues would be \$25 and Life membership would be \$360. For current members for whom this would create a hardship, there will be a grandfather clause that would allow continuance at the present rate of \$5 for this year.

We will have a membership vote upon this recommendation at our June 7th meeting. We hope you will make every effort to attend this meeting in order to hear the proposal and the discussion before voting.

## **Here Come The “SAINTS”!**

You will be thrilled to hear the Saint Cecelia Choral Society’s musical presentation at our Monday, June 7, 2010 SCRТА meeting at Guy’s Party Center. This singing group has been in our community over 89 years. Some current members are past and present members of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, Akron Symphony Chorus, Blossom Festival Chorus, Summit Choral Society and SCRТА ... to name just a few of the most prestigious groups in our area. Some members you may recognize as past or present music teachers in our schools.

Mary Lou Swartz—Program Chair

## **High School Exit Exam**

**Come to the June 7th meeting to get the answers.**

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

**Learn More about SCRТА website.**

**[www.summitcountyrta.org](http://www.summitcountyrta.org)**

**From our webmaster**

**Mr. Leroy Martin**

**330.666.3984**

**[LMartin@infoteam.com](mailto:LMartin@infoteam.com).**

## **STAY ALERT WHEN USING YOUR CREDIT CARD**

A man used his gym locker to store his belongings. When he returned, he found the locker open. He checked his belongings and did not find anything missing. But, scam artists had opened his locker, stolen his active credit card, and replaced it with an expired similar credit card from the same bank. He did not discover the switch for quite awhile. In the meantime, the scammers were charging a lot of small amounts which did not trigger a warning bell. Since it was some time before he reported his card missing, he was responsible for the fraudulent charges.

The switching of your card for an expired card can be done easily when your server at a restaurant takes your card to the cashier. If you happen to notice that you did not get your own credit card back, the server will return to the cashier while secretly signaling him and the cashier will make the switch and return your correct credit card.

Be sure to check the name and expiration date of your credit card every time you pay for something or every time the credit card is taken somewhere out of your sight.

While you are paying for a fast food purchase with your credit card and waiting for your food to be ready, a dishonest employee swipes your card and puts it on the counter. Then he dials his cell phone and lays it on the counter. The phone is actually taking a picture of your credit card. Most cell phones now have cameras.

To protect yourself, be aware of your surroundings at all times when you are using your credit card. Never let your credit card out of your sight. Always check your credit card immediately after it is used and returned to you to be sure that you have received your own card.

Mary Annason—Information & Protective Services Committee

**I once had a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company,  
but I found the work too draining.**

## .2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM FOR SCRТА & ORТА

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR YOU RETIRED \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

SCRТА DUES ANNUAL: \$5 \_\_\_\_  
(& ASSOCS.)

LIFE: \$60 \_\_\_\_  
I am a SCRТА LIFE member \_\_\_\_\_

ORTA DUES: ANNUAL: \$20 \_\_\_\_  
(& ASSOCS.)

LIFE: \$300 \_\_\_\_  
I am an ORТА Life member \_\_\_\_\_  
I pay ORТА directly \_\_\_\_\_

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.

### IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NOTICE!

Our membership team, Elaine Jarvis and Gene Thrall have updated our membership list. Come and pick up a copy of "Summit County Retired Teachers Association, Membership Directory 2010 Addendum"

You as a member can be of great assistance. Invite your retired educator friends or inform newly retired teachers about Summit County Retired Teachers Association (SCRТА), Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA), and State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)

Also, pick up a copy of "Summit County Retired Teachers Association, Constitution and Standing Rules".

Sue Frutcheу—SCRТА President



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Next General Meeting—Noon—Guy’s Party Center

# June 7th

**You must register before Wednesday, June 2nd**

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