

LEGISLATIVE NEWS
AS OF FEBRUARY, 2011

FEDERAL: There is no legislative action affecting Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Debate to vote on Health Care legislation continues.

STATE : At this February writing, Senate Bill 5 is introduced affecting rights of binding arbitration and collective bargaining for public employees and teachers. The Collective bargaining bill was passed in 1983. House Bill 69 ups the age for retirement for teachers, STRS retirement costs, and higher Health Care Payments.

OBSERVATION: STRS serves 470,000 members and they are all Ohio tax payers. At this writing, ORTA has not taken a position on SB 5 or HB 69. Before our April luncheon, hopefully, the above legislation issues will be resolved in not only Ohio, but in Wisconsin and other affected states. I will report findings at the luncheon.

Kay W. Fluke, Ph.D.—Legislative Chair

Treasurers Report

2/22/11

ACCOUNT ACTIVITIES: Checking Acct. #9543

DATE	ACTIVITY	BALANCE
9/9/10	Balance Forward	\$3786.98
1/31/11	Receipts	<u>\$1814.28</u>
	Total	\$5601.26
1/31/11	Expenses	<u>- \$29882.47</u>
1/31/11	Ckng. Acct. Bal.	\$2618.79

ACCOUNT SUMMARIES

Acct.#	Title	%	Balance	Date Last Statement
4052	Checking Acct.		\$2618.79	1/31/11
6682	Savings	.12	\$3062.48	1/31/11
6690	Community Serv			
	Savings	.14	\$3588.84	1/31/11
	Life Members			
28706-20	TCU-CD	2.01	\$14708.96	12/31/10
	12 month Mini Cert.	Matures 9/12/11		
28706-21	TCU-CD	4.00	\$12378.62	12/31/10
	12 month Mini Cert.	Matures 11/20/11		
	Vanguard		\$9736.86	12/31/10

Paul DiMascio, SCRTA Treasurer

2011 DATES TO REMEMBER

March 13, Daylight Savings Time Begins, Spring forward

March 17, St. Patricks Day

April 4, Monday—General Luncheon meeting, Noon, Guy’s Party Center.

April 27, SCRTA Board Meeting— Barberton First Presbyterian Church 9:30 am

.MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR UNIFIED CHAPTER SCRТА & ORТА

NAME _____ YEAR YOU RETIRED _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip Phone (____)_____

Email address _____

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

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

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.

Learn More about SCRТА

webb site. www.summitcountytga.org

From our webmaster, Mr. Leroy Martin, 330.666.3984

LMartin@infoteam.com.

SOME OVERLOOKED DEDUCTIONS FOR TAX SEASON

1. The new Healthcare Act of 2010 does not change the amount to be deducted for medical expenses until 2017 for those 65 and older and 2013 for those under 65 years of age. Right now, medical expenses still must exceed 7.5% of AGI. (Adjusted Gross Income). This will increase to 10% eventually. The medical expenses permitted are quite expensive, such as out-of-pocket health care, prescription drugs, health insurance premiums, some elective medical procedures like Lasik eye surgery, eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, premiums paid for Medicare part B or D, and some LTC insurance premiums. Please read IRS Publication 502, Medical and Dental Expenses.
2. If you purchases energy-efficient home improvements in 2010, check to see if you used all your maximum credit of \$1500 for the 2009 tax season. The \$1500 maximum applies to both 2009 and 2010 combined . Check your 2009 return to see if box C, line 52 of form 1040, is checked. Perhaps you still have some credit left from the \$1500.
3. A rule was reinstated by Congress that provides an option to deduct state and local sales taxes rather than state and local income taxes. In Ohio, this might be to your advantage only if you made major purchases in 2010, such as cars. See form 1040.
4. Job-search expense can be grouped in with "Reimbursed Employee Expenses." See form 1040. Schedule A, line 21. These job-search expenses are not deductible if you are looking for a job in a different field or if you have been out of the workplace for a while.
6. There are new rules for the 2010 tax season for taxes involved with conversions from IRA's to Roth IRA's . Check IRS form 8606 for details.

Source: Bottom Line Personal, Feb. 15, 2011

Mary Kostas Anasson, Chair
Informative and Protective Services Committee

**SUMMIT COUNTY
RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
\$1000.00 Scholarship
Application Guidelines**

1. Must be typed.
2. Must be double spaced.
3. All sections of application must be complete.

Date of application _____

Applicant's full name _____

Street address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

Phone _____ email _____

High School _____ Graduation year _____

GPA _____ (enclose transcript)

College/University to attend _____ Year _____

Post-graduate College/University _____ GPA _____
(enclose transcript)

SCRТА Sponsor _____

Please complete this section in a typed document totaling 500-1000 words for the four prompts.

- A. *Why are you pursuing a career in the field of education?*
- B. *Describe how your favorite teacher, or mentor, inspired you.*
- C. *Describe specific leadership experiences you have had.*
- D. *Explain any work experiences or community service activities in which you have participated.*

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

You are invited to this year's forth general meeting of SCRТА the second meeting of SCRТА/ORTA. The meeting will be held ,
Monday, April 4, 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, March 30, 2011**. Please send to:

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

NAME _____ ENTRÉE SELECTION _____

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| _____ SWISS STEAK | _____ BAKED CHICKEN |
| _____ BROILED SCROD | _____ VEGETARIAN STIR FRY |

Please note - Guy's Party Center has raised the luncheon price to \$12.00. This is the first time the price has been raised since we moved from Tangier. This is a good price for the quality of the meal and the service.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Contributions - Donations to the scholarship fund are welcome. Special memorial contributions assist us in supporting scholarship individuals pursuing a career in education.

Carolyn Vogenitz, 330 - 645 - 9928, or email - wtsdpub@aol.com

Grand Pals - This is a “pen pal” program that promotes intergenerational friendship. Please consider being a Grand Pal to an intermediate student for this school year. Sponsored by “Mature Services”. It involves writing to a student once a month (and of course the student writes back.) You may send me a hard copy, or e-mail your letter to me. I will collect all letters and deliver them to the school at the same time. At the end of the school year, you will have the opportunity to meet your pen pal with a picnic or lunch at school.

Green Intermediate school 6th graders are anxious to begin and will be writing their letters to a Grand Pal. We need 20 - 30 seniors, so please consider! It will only take a few minutes of your time each month, and it is for a very worthy cause. If you are interested, please call me or send me an email.

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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, Monday, November 1, 2010

Christine Bean - Chair Community Service

Summit County Retired Teachers' Association
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Akron Ohio 44319

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