**ACRTA**

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**April Teacher Grant Raffle**

***You will love this lovely gift to celebrate SPRING***



***Proceeds benefit***

***Teacher Grant Program***

**Tickets: $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00**

**Be sure you have renewed your membership for the 2018 year.**

**ACRTA $12 & ORTA $30 Total $42**

**United we stand strong!**

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**JOIN – JOIN – JOIN**



The next luncheon meeting

will be held on

**April 5, 2018**

**11:30 am** at

Immanuel UMC

699 Sunnydale Drive, Elida



Ham

IUM Potatoes

Baked Beans

Oriental Salad

Deviled Eggs

Angel Food Cake Roll

Beverages

 

Send RSVP\* and $10 check to: **Norma Penn**

 **809 Brendonwood Drive**

**Lima, Ohio 45801**

*\*postmarked by March 29th*



Everyone is invited to attend our meetings, whether you order a meal or not.

Come, sit with your friends and join the fellowship of retired educators. We are all special people

**News From Our President:**

As we approach Spring: time change is March 11th and first day of Spring is March 20th let us look forward to new beginnings.

As of March 1st our membership has grown to 146: with 23 new members. At our board meeting on March 1st we awarded 10 teacher grants totaling $1786.67. Thank you all for your generous support.

 When preparing for the next meeting some things to consider. If you would like to order an extra meal or two to take home with, please do. Also consider paying more for our meals. It is very difficult to prepare a wonderful nutritious meal like we have been receiving for $10.

 Please remember to record and turn in your volunteer hours. We have increased our hours each year, with a total of 11423.5 hours last year.

 THINK SPRING Jim Schwabero

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***TRAVEL***

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 With the approach of Spring and Summer I am sure we are all eager to get out and about more. If you are looking for a trip let me know what you want and I will find something for you. There are trips out there from

1 day to overnight to week long or even longer. Ranging in price from less than $100 to several thousand dollars. Anything you want.

*HAPPY TRAVELS TO ALL!*

Jim Schwabero

[www.TravelWithChoice.com](http://www.travelwithchoice.com/)

419-585-3144



June 7, 2018

**Immanuel UMC**

Veterans Food Pantry

Bring Canned goods and paper products

 

Many of our Board of Directors are serving on more than one Committee. New fresh ideas are needed. ACRTA could use your help. Can you please volunteer to assist on a committee? Contact: Jim Schwabero ASAP.

Thank You!

**LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS**

Legislative Report

March 12, 2018

The Ohio Supreme Court justices began weighing arguments in a hot-button case over how Ohio calculated funding for the nation’s largest online charter schools after grilling both sides’ attorneys for nearly an hour.

The case’s outcome will determine the survival of the now-closed Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, and it also could have a broader impact on the oversight and funding of other virtual schools whose accountability has been drawn into the fray.

Marion Little, an attorney for ECOT, argued that the Ohio Department of Education overstepped its authority when it decided to use student learning time, rather than enrollment, for it calculation.

The revised criteria showed ECOT inflated its attendance for the 2015-2016 school year and owed the state a $60 million refund. An additional $19 million had been ordered repaid for the 2016-2017 year.

Little told justices the state should have used enrollment exclusively to calculate how much ECOT was paid, as is the case with brick-and-mortar schools.

Little said “In a traditional school, there is no measurement of (Learning time) duration whatsoever. Funding is premised solely on enrollment,” he said. “It doesn’t matter whether the student is sick, delinquent, engaged whatsoever. There is no consequence to a brick-and-mortar school.”

Justices appeared skeptical, repeatedly questioning ECOT’s insistence that it was wronged.

In the 2017 – 2018 school year, the Lima City Schools will lose $9,732,217.40 of our public tax dollars to private schools in the Lima area. This public-school loss to private schools has a direct negative influence on the financial stability of our STRS retirement funding. That effects all

 Bruce Hodges

ACRTA Legislative Chairperson

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ORTA Northwest Region Liaison

 We are on FACEBOOK: ALLEN COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS, just log on to view the page. To post a picture or comment you must join the page.

Words of Wisdom

Great Minds Discuss Ideas …. Average Minds Discuss Events ….. Small Minds Discuss People….

 CONGRATULATIONS! Through your generosity we were able to award 10 Teacher Grants, Totaling $1,786.67, for 2018. Since the inception of the Teacher Grant Program in 2013, our grant total is now $9,737.17 invested in enhance learning for Allen County’s students. Our grants were given to:

 Alyson Egbert --- Allen East

 Hannah Klingaman ---- Bath Local

 Kristin Gable and Kate Wiltsie ---- Delphos Jefferson

 Tina Roberts and Bradly Brock ---- Lima City

 Tiffany Looney ---- Shawnee Elmwood

 Rachel Munshower, Cindy Rammel and Sara Hemker ---- Spencerville Local

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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|  |  *APRIL* |
| 1 | Owen Moore |
| 2 | Clarence Shulaw |
| 4 | Lynda Evans |
| 6 | Mary Talley |
| 8 | Chuck Schierloh |
| 10 | Gail Eckler |
| 10 | David Sandy |
| 12 | Mary Wilkins |
| 13 | Bob Loescher |
| 15 | Basilda Rockhold |
| 15 | Miriam Warrington |
| 16 | Darwin Boertje |
| 18  | Deborah J. Johnson |
| 19 | Carol Gibson |
| 21 | Joyce Buetner |
| 26 | Lou Ann Elliott |
| 30 | Cheryl Lieurance |
|  |  *MAY*  |
| **1** | Kim Pisel |
| **3** | Mary Anne Spurk |
| **4** | Bertha Perry |
| **4** | Dorothy Reynolds |
| **7** | Pat Sheidler |
| **10** | Linda Garling |
| **15** | Carolyn Conner |
| **20** | Becky Foust |
| **20** | Mary Jane Miller |
| **21** | Mary Howell |
| **24** | Florestine Marshall |

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| **25** | Pat Komarek |
| **28** | Joanne Haidet |

* Members who have reached the golden age of 90, receive free membership. Contact Barb Hochstetler.

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