  **ACRTA**

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 **RAFFEL FOR**

 **“TEACHERS GRANT PROGRAM”**

 **“Basket of Spring Flowers “**

**TICKETS $2.00 EACH OR 3 FOR $5.00**

Congratulations!  Through the generosity of our members we were able to award the following Teacher Grants: Allen East: Cecilia Koh; Bath Elementary: Amanda Williams, Elida Elementary: Angie Siefker, Lima City Schools: Katherine Wiltsie, Tracey Tone, and Pat Richardson, Shawnee Middle School: Kelly Adlesh, Spencerville Schools: Rachael Munshower, Jennifer Pugh, Cindy Rammel, Kevin Sensabaugh and Tom Wegesin.  Thank you for making possible incredible educational opportunities for our Allen County Public School Students.

 **Mary Wilkins**

 

We will take donations of can goods, non-perishable items and/or personal care items. Bring them to the meeting and we will deliver them for you.

 **Luncheon Menu**

**Immanuel United Methodist Church**

 **April 4, 2019 11:30 $15**

**We are able to offer 2 types of lunches: Regular and Vegetarian.**

 **REGULAR VEGETARIAN**

**Appetizer – cucumber on rye Appetizer – cucumber on rye**

**Chicken Pot Pie Baked Potato with Vegetable Medley**

**Sunshine Salad Sunshine Salad**

**Cinnamon Roll Cinnamon Roll**

**Ice Cream Sundae Bar Ice Cream Sundae Bar**

**Beverage Beverage**

**RSVP: Norma Penn (****nleigh27catz@aol.com** **or call 419-303-8431) by March 29th on your choice of meal.**

**If you just want to join us and not eat you are welcome to come and have conversations with fellow educators at your table. We enjoy your company!**

**Message from the President:**

 ACRTA asked the graphic arts classes at Apollo and Lima Senior High to enter a contest to design a logo for our organization. We had many wonderful entries and the board narrowed the choices to 5. At our April meeting we will ask that the membership vote on the logo that they would like to represent our organization from these 5. The ACRTA Grant committee met March 7 to read the teacher grants that were submitted for this year. We were able to award grants to teachers from the following schools: Allen East (1), Bath (1), Elida (1), Lima (2), Shawnee (1), and Spencerville (3). We would like to be able to fund more $200 grants, but each year it depends on what amount we are able to raise. Our funding comes from membership yearly dues with $2.00 going to the grant fund, raffles for a door prize at our meetings, individual donations from members, and local business donations. All of the monies collected go to fund the grants. If you would like to make a donation or know of any organizations that would like to support our current teachers in the classroom please contact Barb Hochstetler 419-303-5667 or send to Mary Wilkins, grant chairperson, at 115 W. Seriff Dr., Lima, OH 45807. Our treasurer, Marybeth Corbett, and two others that have volunteered will do an audit of the books before we have to do an official audit when we elect a new treasurer for next year. This should make sure for a smooth transition. 

**Welcome to our new members this year!** Sam Bassett, Sue Chivington, Elizabeth Eley, Dan Evans, Donna Greenland, Jennifer Hoehn, Art Holman, Linda Holman, Teresa Savidge, Joyce Tracy, Charles Wolfe, and Cathy Woodward. We are glad that they joined to help us be a strong unit to support our efforts and keep involved after retirement. We are currently at 163 members and would like to reach a goal of 200. If you aren’t sure if you have joined yet this year, please check with Norma Penn at 419-303-8431. Please encourage your educator friends to be a part of our group. We need to stay strong so that we can have a voice for the teachers from Allen County in our community and state. $12 for our local ACRTA and $30 for ORTA. Send memberships to our new membership chairperson: Norma Penn 809 Brendenwood Drive Lima, OH 45801. FORMS INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING

I hope this finds you well and looking forward to some warmer weather so that we all may enjoy being out and about and not have to worry about snow, ice, and cold winds. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 419-303-5667 or bhochstetler001@woh.rr.com.

 **Happy Spring - Barb**

** BIRTHDAYS** 

 **FOR APRIL & MAY**

 **APRIL MAY**

**Owen Moore 1 Carol Gibson 19 Kin Pisel 1**

**Clarence Shulaw 2 Joyce Buetner 21 Rosa Workman 1**

**Jackson Burklo 4 Katherine Fell 21 Russell Holly 2**

**Lynda Evans 4 Lou Ann Elliot 26 Mary Anne Spurk 3**

**Sharon Rees 5 Sharon Frymyer 28 Bertha Perry 4**

**Mary Talley 6 Cheryl Lieurance 30 Dorothy Reynolds 4**

**Chuck Schierloh 8 Linda Garling 10**

**Adrienne (Andi) Bowlus 10 Carolyn Conner 15**

**Gail Eckler 10 James Bode 16**

**David Sandy 10 George Doyle 18**

**Mary J. Wilkins 12 Becky Foust 20**

**Sue Bennett 13 Mary Jane Miller 20**

**Ed Hearne 13 Mary Howell 21**

**Bob Loescher 13 Florestine Marshall 24**

**Basilda Rockhold 15 Pat Komarek 24**

**Miriam Warrington 15 Patricia Freeman 26**

**Darwin Boertje 16 Joanne Haidet 28**

**Deborah Johnson 18 Sally Windle 28**



 **Legislative News**

 **WASHINGTON** — **Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Thursday pitched a $5 billion**

**federal tax credit that would fund scholarships to private schools and other educational**

**programs, throwing her weight behind what will be a difficult legislative undertaking to**

**fund the Trump administration’s signature education initiative.**

**JoAnn Bartoletti, the executive director of the National Association of Secondary School**

**Principals, called the proposal “particularly tone deaf” as school leaders across the**

**country struggle to retain teachers who are fed up with low pay and declining work**

**conditions.**

**“Mobilizing behind a scheme to further starve public schools and nine in 10 American**

**students of the resources they need is not only unresponsive but insulting, and it reflects**

**this administration’s persistent disdain for public education,” she said.**

**The proposal also worried conservatives and Ms. DeVos’s school choice allies, who**

**believed it amounted to federal overreach.**

**The Heritage Foundation, which has advocated several voucher policy initiatives, said the**

**program could invite further regulations, impede further tax overhauls and was out of the**

**federal government’s jurisdiction.**

 **Bruce Hodges**

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 **Have a wonderfully**

 **warm and safe Spring!**

**Bruce Hodges**

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