**ACRTA**

**NEWS AND MUSE**

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**October Teacher Grant Raffle**

***October***

***Hawaiian Gift Basket***

***Proceeds benefit***

***Teacher Grant Program***

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

**2018 ACRTA Membership Drive**

**October through December**

**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

**October 5, 2017**

**11:30 am** at

Westside UMC

604 Gloria Ave.

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Menu: Ham Loaf

Potato Casserole

California blend veget.

Salad

Dinner Rolls

Apple or Peach Crisp

/with ice cream

Beverages

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

**809 Brandonwood Drive**

**Lima, Ohio 45801**

*\*postmarked by Sept 29*

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VOLUNTEER NEEDED

ACRTA needs a member to take over composing and editing the bi-monthly News and Muse newsletter.

If interested Please contact

Jim Schwabero

**NEWS FROM**

**THE PRESIDENT**

Jim Schwabero

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As I write this message I am reflecting on the damage done by Hurricane Harvey to Texas and the pending damage to Florida by Hurricane Irma. We can do very little to help the victims. But, let us do what we can to help.

We can all say extra prayers for our fellow Americans. We can also contribute to charities of our choice.

At our next meeting in October we will be taking a collection to send to the Texas Retired Teachers Assc and Florida Retired Teachers ASSC to aid teachers and schools who were victimized by the hurricanes.

Also, keep the teachers and students in your thoughts and prayers as they begin this school year. Some are in their first year, others their last and most somewhere in between. They all need our prayers for a safe and successful year.

Jim Schwabero

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***TRAVEL***

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I am writing this letter on September 8 as we are leaving in the morning for two weeks in Tennessee, one week in the Smoky Mountain area, and the second week in our favorite place on earth; other than Lima, Fairfield Glade. It will be a most restful time. No interruptions of news and other bad things.

There are many exciting travel opportunities available. Still this year their trips to see shows, performers, and especially Christmas decorations and lights; also, very exciting New Year’s trips both one or multi night trips. Many trips are already planned for 2018.

My favorite is February 14,2018 at Romer's in Celina. It is called a tribute to Patsy Cline and it includes a very good lunch buffet and show for $35 plus $5 for a bus from Wapakoneta.

Jim Schwabero

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

419-585-3144

October 5,

**Westside UMC**

*Election of Officers*

*AMBA*

December 7,

**Immanuel UMC**

Installation of Officers

*Mad River Dulcimers*

On The Road

Jim Schwabero

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Lima, Ohio 45805

Fall is a very busy time for motor coach trips. There are trips to

baseball games, football games, plays, casinos, special

performances by celebrities. As we approach the end of the year there are great trips to view Christmas decorations and see

Christmas shows from the comfort of a bus without worrying about driving whatever the weather. There are also many New Year’s trips both one day and overnight so you don't need to think about driving after celebrating. Get out and enjoy.



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**

Bruce Hodges

ACRTA Legislative Chairperson

SCHOOL VOUCHERS TO GROW BY MILLIONS

Ohio’s school voucher “expansion” program for low-income families will grow by millions of dollars each of the next two years, but a key Republican education leader says the program may be a bad idea.

The point of vouchers was to give students from under-performing public schools the opportunity to attend a private school – bad or good.

“One of the problems I have with this program is that it doesn’t look at the quality of either the private or the public school” said State Senator Peggy Lehner, Rep-Kettering. “It just says, if you’re low-income, we pay to send you to a school of your choice.”

Vouchers erode public school funding. That eliminates public school teacher jobs. That erodes your retirement and health care plans. This could be bad for all of us.

News from the Ohio Retired Teachers Association

The Ohio Retired Teachers Association welcomes our new Executive Director Dr. Robin Rayfield who has assumed this position on September 1, 2017. Dr. Rayfield will bring new ideas and leadership to ORTA.

ORTA welcomes a new staff member, Alissa Burton, who has assumed the duties of publication. She will be working on the ORTA website, Facebook, and all ORTA publications. Alissa will also be able to assist local county associations with their website and Facebook concerns.

The ORTA Strategic Planning Committee is working on developing a new governance structure to better provide services to all county associations. This is a major make-over for ORTA.

The ORTA Membership Committee is working to create a “Membership Growth Handbook” to make new growth ideas available to all county associations.

Bruce Hodges

ORTA District 2 Director

<<<<SCAM WARNING>>>>

To all who may have received an invitation to join an organization called POP-5. This organization claims to defend public employee retirement plans for all public employees. There are already 5 associations doing this work. Asking you for dues to do the work that your professional retirement associations are already doing for you constitutes a scam. WARNING! If you do join, you will not be able to get your money refunded.

 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

Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day, saying, “I will try again tomorrow”

Mary Anne Radmacher

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

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|  | *OCTOBER* |
| 6 | Gloria Miller-Byerly |
| 7 | Deb Bohn |
| 10 | Jane Backus |
| 10 | John Bos |
| 12 | Linda Pugh |
| 15 | Brenda Fraizer |
| 17 | Dave Smith |
|  |  |
| 27 | Norma Penn |
| 28 | Willliam Peebles |

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

Contact Barb Hochstetler.

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY***

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|  | *NOVEMBER* |
| ***2*** | Brian Rochold |
| ***3*** | Linda Fanger |
| ***4*** | Dixie Coffman |
| ***10*** | Norma Johnson |
| ***15*** | Patty Lewis |
| ***22*** | Joyce Busch |
| ***23*** | Karl Blass |
| ***25*** | Nancy Junkins |
| ***25*** | Marilyn Martz |
| ***28*** | Loren Myers |
| ***29*** | Debra Nelson |
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* Birthdates are compiled from the current 2017 membership list

TEACHER STORIES

A teacher reprimanded the teenager in the hall, “Jill, do you mind telling me whose class you’re cutting this time?”

The teenager replied, “Like, uh, see, okay, like it’s like, I really don’t like, think like, that’s really important, y’know, like because I’m, y’know, like I don’t get anything out of it.”

“It’s Mrs. Duff’s English class, isn’t it?” replied the smiling teacher.



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