



ALLEN COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

# NEWS AND MUSE

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## DECEMBER MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 2nd at 11:30 AM

Where : Immanuel United Methodist Church

699 Sunnydale Street, Elida

Lunch: Appetizer,

Program: Sally Windle from ART SPACE will be our guest speaker.

Raffle Item will be a wreath made by the Apollo Floral Class. Proceeds support our teacher grant for next year. Tickets are \$2 for one ticket or \$5 for three tickets.



RSVP by Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup> to Norma Penn at 419-303-8431 or [nleigh27catz@aol.com](mailto:nleigh27catz@aol.com)

Cost for the lunch is \$15 to be paid to Norma at the meeting. Please DO NOT send your RSVP in the mail as it may not get to her in time.

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

## ACRTA and ORTA

You should have received a letter from us as a reminder that it is time to send in your membership for 2022. We have started receiving them back and THANK YOU for supporting ACRTA AND ORTA. We want to be a strong organization showing that Ohio's retired teachers still care about our profession and support our active teachers.

\*The following sites on Facebook give information that you will find interesting. Search these and join to be kept up-to-date.



Ohio STRS Member Only Forum

STRS Ohio Watchdogs

# ORTA (Ohio Retired Teachers Association)



## ACRTA TEACHER GRANTS

**The project will be a book:** *Memories from the Schoolhouse!*

**Authors:** Any retired teacher from Allen County/Lima City/Delphos City schools. Teachers will provide brief bio: Include School building, district, years there, other info you would like to include up to 100 words total.

**Editor:** David Reedy, PhD (Assistant Editors, English/Writing Volunteer retirees).

**Purpose:** *Allen County Retired Teachers Association Fund Raiser* for Dr. Jon Rockhold Teacher grants – The book will be available in both paperback and electronic through Amazon. Paperback may also be available through the ACRTA and local book sellers.

### **Specifics:**

Stories of 150 words or more, multiple submissions from authors will be considered.

Memories of classroom/building/district events, and specific students/parents.

Student/Parent names will require the use of pseudonyms.

*Pictures can be submitted with a minimum 50-word description.*

**Topics?** It's up to you. The stories can be touching, funny, serious, outlandish, simple, etc.

*Consider the following prompts:*

I remember the day when...

Years after completing my class, I was walking in the mall and Janice came running up and said...

An outbreak of chicken pox caused my class to...

You wouldn't believe the amount of snow we had to walk through to...

One crazy weather day, I helped Franklin to master his multiplication tables by ...

The funniest response I ever got from a student was when I asked them...

The class pet got loose and finally we found it... We had looked high and low...

We had a scare in the building when...

Our first-time principal released students by mistake when...

My first student teacher learned the hard way when she asked the students to...

The holiday pageant highlight was when...

An example of a one liner: When practicing for Quiz Team, the question was What was called the Black Death, it killed millions of Europeans during the Middle Ages? Rather than saying the Bubonic Plague, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student innocently responded **The Pubic Plague**. The coaches had to majorly stifle their chuckles. (46 words... simple right?).

**Please submit yours by December 15th or any questions to [davidreedy99@gmail.com](mailto:davidreedy99@gmail.com)**

**Quote to ponder -Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards. Soren Kierkegaard**

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2021 ACRTA **Meeting** Dates

December 2<sup>nd</sup> - General Meeting

We hope that you will plan to join us for our General Meeting.



~Message from the President ~



We will be electing a vice-president and treasurer at our December meeting. If you have an interest in being active in either of these positions, please notify Barb at 419-303-5667 (call or text) or email [bhochstetler001@woh.rr.com](mailto:bhochstetler001@woh.rr.com)

Thank you for being a part of ACRTA and supporting our organization! - Barb

Legislative News Bruce Hodges – Legislative Chair

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## DECEMBER

Kathleen Kennedy - 3rd

David Smith - 6<sup>th</sup>

Deb Bohn - 7<sup>th</sup>

John Bos - 10<sup>th</sup>

Bonnie Snyder - 10<sup>th</sup>

Linda Pugh - 12<sup>th</sup>

Brenda Frazier - 15<sup>th</sup>

Marian Berry - 17<sup>th</sup>

Norma Penn - 27<sup>th</sup>

Sue Cramer - 30<sup>th</sup>

Doug Kent - 2nd

Donald Smith - 6<sup>th</sup>

Jane Backus - 10<sup>th</sup>

William Snow - 10<sup>th</sup>

Shirley Wolf - 10<sup>th</sup>

Kathy Gatchell - 14<sup>th</sup>

Teresa Savidge - 15<sup>th</sup>

Maxine Smith - 21<sup>st</sup>

William Peebles - 28<sup>th</sup>

## JANUARY

Brian Rockhold - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Debra Mullins - 6<sup>th</sup>

Patty Lewis - 15<sup>th</sup>

Karl Blass - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Ruth Mowery - 26<sup>th</sup>

John Byrne - 29<sup>th</sup>

Nancy Riegle - 4<sup>th</sup>

Norma Johnson - 10<sup>th</sup>

Joyce Busch - 22<sup>nd</sup>

Marilyn Martz - 25<sup>th</sup>

Sharon Carr - 27<sup>th</sup>

Debra Nelson - 29<sup>th</sup>



\*\*If we have missed you or have incorrect information, please contact us so that we can update our records.

