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Washington County Retired Teachers Association

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"It's Halloween! It's Halloween! / The moon is full and bright,
And we shall see what can't be seen / On any other night."

---Jack Prelutsky

Hello, Teachers,

My favorite time of year is here—autumn. It's time for apples, pumpkins, hot cocoa, warm soup and football games. It's also just about time for our October meeting at the Lafayette Hotel on Wednesday, October 9, at 12 noon. I'm already planning my Halloween getup and have started buying candy for Trick or Treat night. I about always have over 200 at my door that night, so I have to start early. I also have to buy quite a bit extra because it seems to disappear. One year I hid some of it and didn't find it till I was hiding Easter eggs for the little kids at our house.

Speaking of treats, the menu this time calls for a parmesan encrusted pork chop, with loaded mashed potatoes, homemade stuffing, and the usual salad, bread, and beverage, plus pumpkin pie for dessert. Sounds yummy to me. If you have some Halloween finery, dig it out and wear it. Invite a friend you've been meaning to call for lunch, and come on down. We have good participation from Marietta and Warren retirees and would like to have more from the other districts in the county. The price remains \$13.00, but beginning in August, we had to start asking members who attend to leave a modest gratuity for the servers. Make a reservation by calling Joyce Ross at 373-2359. You can also make a reservation by e-mail at: joycer1007@gmail.com. The deadline is Sunday, October 6, by 8 P.M.

At the October meeting, we will pay tribute to WCRTA members and friends who have passed away this year. Eldon Young, who plays the piano at Rockland United Methodist Church (sometimes) is going to provide music for the memorial service. The complete list of names for the memorial service appears on the final page of the newsletter.

The charity for October is once again the Humane Society of the Mid-Ohio Valley. Please plan to bring one of the several items they always need: newspapers, towels and blankets, paper towels, cleaning supplies (bleach), and pet foods, or \$ CASH \$.

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WCRTA

Needs

You!

In the July newsletter, I shared news of my re-employment at Warren Elementary. Even though we have had a couple of weeks of really hot weather, I am enjoying the work.

As I mentioned last time, Jo Ann Ingram has kindly agreed to take over some of my duties for the rest of this year, but I think we need to hold an election to fill the office of vice president for 2014. The organization deserves to have full-time officers, and even though I will continue to help with the newsletter and other things, I think it is in the best interest of WCRTA for Jo Ann to take over as president and for there to be a new vice president for the coming year. The vice president's primary responsibility is to plan a program for the bi-monthly lunch meeting. If you are interested in the job, please contact Jo Ann or me.

J. Williams

This and That

At the August meeting, Dr. David Lowe, a veterinarian from the Bevery / Waterford area, gave a very entertaining talk about his travels. Dr. Lowe loves history, so when he got a book about the Declaration of Independence as a gift, he decided to visit the grave of every signer—and he did! He is also interested in the history of education in this part of the state and has been working on locating one-room schools in Southeast Ohio. At one time, there were well of 200 separate schools in Washington County alone. Thanks to Jo Ann for arranging for Dr. Lowe to entertain us.

Don Ullman, who taught in Noble County, and is currently serving as Eastern Area Vice President of ORTA, attended our August meeting and spoke to the group about the benefits of membership, which is an ORTA theme this year. Not long after that meeting, ORTA's president-elect was forced to resign for health reasons, and Don has been chosen to replace her. He will serve as president of the organization for calendar year 2014.

Don't forget to keep track of your weekly volunteer hours. Bob Bumgarner chairs our Volunteers Committee and prepares the report of total hours to send to the state. Even though hours given to help a church directly don't count, time spent at a church doing community service certainly would. If your church provides a meal to the public, that counts. Bob needs the annual hours numbers by the end of December.

Membership

Included in this month's newsletter is the 2014 membership form. This is the only copy you will receive because we have found that sending the form more than once creates confusion. If you are part of a two-member household, we have tried to make sure you have two forms, but I'm sure we missed some people. Feel free to duplicate the form; or if you are a continuing member, you can send your dues with a note of explanation to Becky Nolt, 107 Iroquois Drive D3, Marietta, OH 45750. Do it today while you're thinking about it.

In Memoriam

Robert Warren, who taught agriculture classes at Bartlett and Vincent in the 1930's, passed away in early July. Sally Hale tells us that her uncles were students in his class. Mr. Warren was nicknamed the "Gentle Giant" because he was 6' 6" tall and wore a size 16 shoe! He had later worked as a soil scientist for the USDA.

Buddy Ciccantell was a supervisor for the county office before the transition to the Educational Service Centers. Mr. Ciccantell worked particularly with curriculum issues and always had a smile to share. Buddy loved the out of doors, especially the mountains of his native West Virginia.

Paul Hickerson served as principal at Waterford Elementary. He was well-liked in that position and in retirement took over his family business which was called the Never, Never Fruit Farm. I've bought lots of apples from Mr. Hickerson at the Farmers' Market. Mr. Hickerson died in early August.

Edee Starcher taught language arts (among other subjects) at Newport and later at Frontier High School. After her retirement, she continued to teach in the Adult Basic Education program and helped many of her students earn the GED. She was an accomplished, award-winning artist; one of her original ornaments was selected to represent Ohio on the White House Christmas tree. Edee also designed and made our chapter's quilt square for ORTA's 60th Anniversary Celebration.

Shortly before time to finish the newsletter, we learned of the passing of Doris Pease at age 97. Mrs. Pease had taught in the Akron area and in New York State before coming to Marietta, where she finished her career in education. We also learned of the death of Jerry Reeder, who had taught music in the Warren Local Schools from 1963-69. He had also taught at Sandy Valley, where he was choir director and produced several musicals.

As always, we extend our sympathy to the families and friends of these colleagues and apologize for any errors or omissions. It is not an exaggeration to say that the world was made a better place by the work of these educators and is diminished by their loss.

*The truth as I know it.... Karen Burton
(with editorial assistance from Jim Williams)*

Washington County Retired Teachers Association
Memorial Service
October 9, 2013

Ruth Coffman Garrett	11/8/12
Ethel May Noland	11/8/12
Bernard "Red" Spence	11/9/12
Susan Bailey	11/14/12
Laura Bolinger	11/28/12
Robert "Bob" Poling	12/5/12
Eileen Hutcheson	12/20/12
Martha Jane Collins Cline	1/2/13
Doris Davitian	1/3/13
Ruth Warren	1/11/13
Christine Miner	1/31/13
Joyce Gaffney Barlow	2/6/13
Denny Easterling	3/3/13
Barry Warden	3/15/13
Rosemary Campbell	4/5/13
Carole Craig	4/22/13
Edgar Dennis Morris	4/27/13
Joseph "JR" Toller	6/8/13
Teddy "Ted" Dyer	6/26/13
Dewey Stollar	7/4/13
Robert Lee Warren	7/7/13
Buddy Jack Ciccantell	7/10/13
Paul Hickerson	8/5/13
Edee Starcher	8/26/13
Doris Irene Pease	9/13/13
Jerry Clinton Reeder	9/14/13