



TRTA Newsletter

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TRTA General Meeting Dates:

December 14

Every other month on the second
Tuesday, 12:00 Noon

Ciminero's Banquet Centre

123 N. Main St.

Niles, Ohio 44446

Program: Our December program will feature Eric Thompson, a local man, who has gained national and international recognition with his unique style of comedy, magic and illusions!

Hospitality: Mary Fuller, Chairperson

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." Calvin Coolidge
Our decorations will celebrate this blessed holiday.

Collected at all meetings: Cancelled & trimmed stamps, cell phones, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and yarn. No candle wax or pill bottles!

Foundation Financial Update:

See a list of donors on our webpage.

From our President, Sue Datish:

To lead people, walk behind them.

Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu believed that a good leader walks behind great people. As President of TRTA for the past three years, I have been blessed to walk behind

extraordinary people. We are so lucky to have a TRTA Board that is strong, opinionated, and dedicated. I have never had to micromanage anything. If people have a role or job to do, I am always confident that they will get it done. Most times they far exceed my expectations. I have enjoyed the brainstorming and collaboration that has taken place with the Board. They have pushed me to be more creative in problem solving and trying new ideas. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank the Board and all the committee chairpersons.

In the past several years we have tried to add new activities and streamlined our procedures. We have initiated the Teacher Grant Program and sponsored the A+ Teacher Awards. Both are highly successful and allow us to serve teachers in the classroom. Our organization can only grow if we add awareness to working teachers. The scholarship program has been revised to promote those majoring in education and include college students. We now have our money invested in the Community Foundation. This allows your contributions to be tax deductible and hopefully in the future fund scholarships in perpetuity.

I am in awe of our membership. You have always stepped up to the plate. Your donations and generosity have funded our grants and scholarships. Many of you have volunteered at charity events as well as for jobs within our organization. I have appreciated all your suggestions and compliments. Thank you for your support of not only TRTA but of me. I am truly humbled by your willingness to accept new

responsibilities.

This organization is successful because of the large number of members who are actively involved. I have "walked behind" a remarkable group of people. Marilyn Stanton will be an excellent new President with an amazing Board. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President. It has truly been an honor.



Treasurer's Report, November, 2021

Checking account balance \$ 3,891.97

Savings account balance \$ 8,556.40

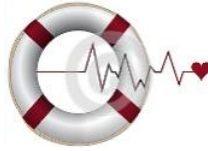
Community Foundation (Scholarship Fund) \$12,100.00

You may view the detailed treasurer's report on the TRTA website: <https://trumbullrta.wixsite.com/trta>



TRTA Lifelines

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Quick Tip

As a rule of thumb says physical therapist Julie Terry, apply heat to sore or tight muscles or those in spasm, and use ice for acute injuries. Use a heating pad for 20 to 30 minutes and then remove it and wait 30 to 40 minutes before applying again. Always let the tissue cool down. For icing, try a bag of frozen vegetables. (*Consumer Reports On Health*, November 2021: p. 10)

Something to Remember

A quote from Peter Palese, professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, on the importance of getting a flu shot: "We use seat belts and insure our houses against fire . . . Not every house burns down and not every car has an accident, but it is done as insurance against the actual event." (*The American Legion Magazine*, November 2020, p. 16)

Trivia

Chrysanthemums are members of the daisy family that bloom in the fall. Their name comes from Greek words meaning gold and flower. Mistletoe is a parasitic plant that grows on trees. It is still used as a Christmas decoration, sometimes in plastic form. Happy Holidays!!

Community Service, Jeannie Morello,

We will collect monetary donations for Second Harvest Food Bank. Every dollar donated buys \$11 worth of groceries.



The preretirement seminar was held on October 13, 2021, at St. Paul Lutheran Church. There were 24 STRS members and four guests in attendance. Speakers included Sue Datish, TRTA; Attorney Jack Alpern, wills and estate planning, and Hope Short, STRS "Retirement Planning".

The committee would like to thank the following people for helping make the seminar a huge success: Dr. Robert Marino, Assistant Superintendent, TCESC; the following TRTA members: Sue Datish, TRTA President, Garry Peacock, Barb Guliano, Dottie Fogel, Betty Jean Bahmer, Linda Cowin, and Donna Pate who helped with registration; Diana Bauman, Carolyn Price, Anna Mae Cuchna, Cindy Harris, Carol Senne, and Angela Smith who worked in the kitchen to prepare the refreshments, and a sincere thank you is also extended to the staff of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

We would also like to thank the TRTA members who brought desserts to the last meeting for the seminar. Your contributions were very much appreciated.

Luncheon Reservation Tuesday, December 14, 2021 12:00 Noon at Ciminero's Banquet Centre

Please make reservations by December 1, 2021.

Member Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

_____ Lunch(es) @ \$12.00 = _____

Scholarship Donation: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, regretfully there can be no refunds or carry overs for the next meeting as TRTA has to pay Ciminero's for the lunches ordered.

A RESERVATION IS REQUIRED; NO WALK INS. Thank you for your understanding.
Social distancing rules will follow state guidelines.

Make one check payable to TRTA.

Send this form to:

Dave Ambrose
2740 Atlantic St. NE
Warren, OH 44483-4426
330-647-3666

Membership Dues

(Please check the appropriate box)

Name _____ As you want it to appear on your luncheon name tag.

Email _____ Phone Number _____

_____ \$20 TRTA Annual Membership

_____ \$150 TRTA Life Membership

Please return this application form and check payable to TRTA in the amount of \$_____ to:

Mr. Dave Ambrose, Financial Secretary
2740 Atlantic St. NE, Warren OH 44483-4426

Questions? Contact Dave Ambrose

Email: dambrose1@neo.rr.com Phone: 330.647.3366

- () Please create a TRTA membership card for me
() Receive at the next membership luncheon
() Mail to my current address.

"Bake It or Make It" Sale *Diana Bauman and Cindy Harris, Teacher Grant*

Our "Bake It or Make it" sale at the October meeting was very successful. The sale netted \$875.00 for the TRTA Teacher Grant program. A sincere thank you to members for their baked goods, crafts, and monetary donations. We are currently accepting grant applications from Trumbull County K-12 teachers.

Scholarship *Vickie Janik*

Our 2022 online scholarship information will be posted on the Community Foundation's website. If any member knows a Trumbull County high school senior or a Kent State Junior or Senior majoring in Education, have them apply for the TRTA scholarship at cfmv.org beginning the third week of January 2022. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2022. Please spread the word.

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Membership, Luanne Hite, Gretchen LaLiberte, Co-Chairs

Dave Ambrose, Dues Coordinator

Currently we have 384 TRTA members. I am happy to announce we had four members upgrade their TRTA status to Life Membership: Alberta R. Bloom, Jean Y. Morningstar, Garry W. Peacock, and Diane L. Spano. There are 50 members who still pay their dues annually; out of the 50, only 2 have paid for 2022.

Membership Dues for 2022 Dues for 2022 need to be renewed by December 31, 2021, unless you are a life member. Remember, if you have paid \$20 for 2021 dues, you can upgrade to life membership, for only \$130. The deadline is December 31; afterwards, life member dues return to \$150. If you are not sure of your membership status, check the address label on your newsletter. Dave Ambrose will begin collecting dues at the December luncheon.

Temporary, Permanent and Snowbirds Whether you are changing your address temporarily, permanently or you are a Snowbird, please contact Dave with your new address. Those with temporary addresses should tell Dave which **months** you want him to use the temporary address. Fill out the form in the newsletter and mail it to Dave Ambrose at 2740 Atlantic Street NE, Warren, OH 44483-4426, by email at dambrose1@neo.rr.com or phone 330.647.3666.

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