

TRTA Newsletter

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TRTA General Meeting Dates:

Apr. 9, June 11, Aug. 13, Oct. 8, Dec. 10, 2019 Every other month on the second Tuesday, 12:00 Noon Ciminero's Banquet Centre 123 N. Main St.

Niles, Ohio 44446

Program: In April, we will welcome Becky Miller, Resource Development Director for Second Harvest Food Bank.

Hospitality: Mary Fuller, Chairperson "Every April God rewrites the book of Genesis", says an author unknown. We are surely looking forward to the arrival of spring, new beginnings and the promise of Easter. Our decorations will celebrate all these things.

Collected at all meetings: Cancelled stamps, cell phones, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and yarn. No Candle Wax! At our April meeting we will accept donations for the Spelling Bee. Mailing Meetings: Won't you consider dropping by to help assemble our newsletter. The mailing work sessions are at 9 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Market St.:

May 21, July 16, Sept. 17, Nov. 19.

From our President:

"Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck." Author Unknown

As we enjoy March, we can reflect on how very fortunate TRTA is that we have a great leadership team always willing to depend on hard work rather than luck and always willing to iron out any wrinkles as we move forward with some new ideas and projects.



The Board is diligently studying making a few changes. We will continue our Scholarship Program and review ways to adapt it so that it supports education. There are **no** plans to eliminate it. We have learned from meetings and correspondence with the other Retired Teachers' organizations that they disburse their scholarships in many different ways. Our Scholarship Committee is exploring some changes for 2020.

Many RTA's are moving towards a Teacher Grant Program. Diana Bauman and Cindy Harris are chairing this initiative. The concept is to publicize our organization among currently working public school teachers in the Fall. We want working teachers to know about TRTA. Applications will be reviewed and a rubric utilized to select the winners. The money will be disbursed to the school district for the teacher to use. Grant recipients will share their projects at a TRTA meeting.

We are very proud of our Scholarship Program and excited to begin the Teacher Grants in 2019.

We sincerely want to promote education as well as our organization and look forward to these changes that build on the core principles of TRTA.

Sue Datish, President

Heartfelt Sympathy

Sincerest condolences to Carol and Laura Pinney on the passing of their beloved husband and father, Patrick C. Pinney, after a brief

illness. Patrick has been an integral and vital part of TRTA, holding many offices including President and Treasurer. He will be dearly missed. You may choose to honor Patrick by making a donation to our scholarship fund. Please make your check payable to TRTA and either bring it to the April 9 meeting or send it with your reservation, noting its designation.



TRTA Lifelines

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Healthy Aging: the Good News

Getting older has its perks. For one, you're good at using what you've learned. This is called crystalized intelligence, and it keeps getting better, even when you're 65 or 70. You're also likely to be happier. You may be less inclined to get angry. There's a good chance you'll become the morning person you always wanted to be because as we age, our sleep patterns change and we tend to get tired earlier, and then get up earlier in the morning. Once you hit your 70s, if you've had migraines, they may go away. One study showed that many folks over the age of 65 have a fear of falling—and those with such a fear might be the ones prone to falling. So we must not let that fear overwhelm us. Those 60 and over tend to cast ballots more than any other age group, which gives us voting power!



(https://www.webmd.com)

Shoulder and Arm Stretches

Start with your feet shoulder width apart. Hold one end of a towel in your right hand. Reach back and grasp the other end with your left. You should have the towel in your right hand behind your neck, and in your left hand behind your lower back. Gently pull the towel down with your left hand, feeling a stretch. Stop if you feel pain. Do this three to five times, then switch the hand positions and repeat. I think you could also do this exercise sitting in a chair. (https://www.silversneakers.com)

Make-Ahead Oatmeal Cups

1 ½ cup old-fashioned oats

½ t cinnamon

Pinch of salt

1 t baking powder

¼ cup sunflower seeds or chopped nuts

1/3 cup raisins or other dried fruit

1 large egg

2 T nut butter

34 cup milk



Stir first six ingredients together. Mix egg and nut butter until smooth and add milk. Pour liquid into dry ingredients, mixing well. Divide and spoon into 6 greased muffin cups and bake 25 min at 350 degrees. These will keep for five days on the counter. Almost a week's worth of quick breakfast! (https://www.thekitchn.com)

Spelling Bee 2019

Denise Deltondo, Chairperson

It is once again time to begin thinking of the TRTA Spelling Bee at the Trumbull County Fair in July. Your monetary donations will be cheerfully accepted at the April meeting so that we can take advantage of the sales! If you would prefer to purchase something, please make sure to include 50 of that particular item as 50 bags are prepared. Thanks for your generosity!

Community Service

Jean Morello, Chairperson

Second Harvest Volunteer Form

May Service Day Project

Complete this form by putting an "X" under the time you are able to help.

Mon., May 13	Tues., May14	Wed., May 15	Fri., May 17
10am-12pm	2pm-4pm	10am-12pm	10am-12pm

Bring this form to the April meeting or send it to:

Jean Morello

290 Dakota Ave. McDonald, OH 44437

Email:

more290@zoominternet.net

Name	Phone number:
You will receive a phone call reminding you of this event.	

Luncheon Reservation Tuesday, April 9, 20 Please make reservations by April 1, 2019.	19–12:00 Noon at Ciminero's Banquet Centre
Member Name:	Guest Name:
Phone number:	Email:
Lunch(es) @ \$11.75 =	Make one check payable to TRTA.
Scholarship Donation:	Send this form to:
Total Enclosed:	Dee Sullivan — 1125 Townsend Ave.
If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, regretfull refunds or carry overs for the next meeting as TRTA has to palunches ordered. A RESERVATION IS REQUIRED; NO WALK INS. Thank you for	y Ciminero's for the 330-360-2243

New Officers

According to our By-Laws, the President can appoint officers if there is a vacancy. Our new officers are Linda Cowin, Treasurer, and Carol Senne, Secretary. Thanks, ladies! We appreciate your stepping into these positions.



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Necrology Committee

Denise Deltondo, Chairperson

At the February meeting the following members we lost in 2018 were lovingly memorialized: Susan M. Berndt, Carol E. Farthing, Gloria M. Hatfield, Leona H. Baran, Thelma V. Thornton, Carl D. Macali, Anthony B. Maiorana, Katherine B. Sefcik, Diana Plecker, Theresa A. Khoury, Carl G. Kokor, Elizabeth L. Ries, Patrick R. Merrick, Beatrice A. Baer, Phyllis M. Hare, Neil Gioiello, Robert W. Durst, Nanna E. Patterson, Irene E. Dillon, C. Althea Ellis, Dorothy Joanne Johnson, Lorin J. Hopkins, and Alfred C. Carrino. Obituaries can be found on the TRTA website under the *More* tab, *Necrology*. Sincerest thanks to Linda Cowin and Dave Ambrose for their assistance.

Membership

Luanne Hite, Gretchen LaLiberte, Chairpersons; Dave Ambrose, Dues Coordinator
If you know individuals who might be interested in joining TRTA/ORTA, please extend a personal invitation to them. Bring them to one of our luncheons. This is a great way to increase our membership.

Welcome New Members:

Janice M. Boazzo and Ruth McMcCleary

Temporary or Permanent Address Changes Whether you are changing your address temporarily or permanently, please contact Dave Ambrose with your new address. Email: dambrose1@neo.rr.com Phone: 330-647-3666. Address: 2740 Atlantic Street NE, Warren, OH 44483

Membership Cards Dave Ambrose will continue to print TRTA membership cards upon request. If you are a 2019 member or a TRTA LIFE member and would like a TRTA membership card, please contact Dave at dambrose1@neo.rr.com or 330-647-3666. You will be able to pick up your membership card at the nametags table at the February TRTA luncheon meeting.

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