

# COUNCIL MESSAGES

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs  
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March-April, 2010

Issue 3

March 17, HCC General Mtg/Program  
*Diversity*  
**7:00 p.m.** at the HCESC  
Council's slate of officers for 2010-2011  
will be presented and nominations will be  
accepted from the floor

April 21, HCC Evening Dessert  
Program  
Honorees will be our:  
State Reflections Winners and  
Honorable Mentions,  
Student, Teacher, Administrator  
Scholarship and  
Vocational Readiness Recipients  
District Educators of the Year  
Service to Children Recipient (s)  
Hosted by Hamilton County  
Developmental Disabilities Services  
7:00 p.m. at  
Margaret B. Rost School  
5858 Bridgetown Rd. 45248  
(registration form at the end of this  
newsletter)

## HCC CELEBRATED FOUNDERS' DAY

If you missed HCC's Founders' Day Program you missed a great time. There were delicious muffins (made by our very own Elaine Efke), fruit and coffee and juice. The program was a PTA Fable which consisted of a story about the history of PTA using the names of candy bars to tie the story together. Each time a candy bar was mentioned the audience received that candy bar. Each of the delegates and alternate delegates left with a 'bag' full of candy, sort of like Halloween for adults.

We also had the drawing for the Council Scramble game. And the winner was **Carol Turner**, Delegate from Delhi Middle School and Alt. Delegate from Delshire Elementary School. She went home with a basket containing restaurant gift cards, lotion and soothing gloves, photo calendar, note pads, candles, and more. The runner up was **Debbie Blandford**, Delegate from Anderson High School and she received a Wendy's gift certificate.

**Up Coming Dates to Remember:**  
**Scholarship applications due March 5**  
**District Educator of the Year due at the Council Board Meeting, March 10**  
**OPTA Convention April 17-18 in Columbus**

**IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP STILL GROWING?**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our two new 100% Teacher Membership Award winners. They are **WHITE OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL AND FINNEYTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**. You can still send new members to the Ohio PTA Office and any you send before March 31 will be a part of this year's total.

It is now an important time for you and Council to help us in our selection of this year's Council Membership Award Winner/Winners. How do we make this choice? We most often check the schools that have increased membership over the past year. Some schools have increased a lot and some schools just a little. But that is not the whole criteria. Did you do something special to promote membership in your Unit? Did you push membership at each of your meetings? We would like to know what special ways you used to get more members to join your Unit.

You do so many great things for your schools during the year and we on Council, would enjoy hearing your success stories. You always have wonderful fundraisers and programs so I know you find unique ways to increase your membership.

We would love to hear your ideas, especially those concerning your membership drive, and then we would like to print those ideas in our next "Council Messages" issue. We will, of course, credit your Unit. This will help all our Units to think about and plan for next year's membership campaign. And this is one way to let others know how truly successful your Unit has been.

Please e-mail me at [carolchili@fuse.net](mailto:carolchili@fuse.net) with your special campaign ideas. In this way you will help us to select our Membership Award Winner for this year.

Carol Kiradjieff  
HCC Membership Chair



***DON'T FORGET TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 2-8***

Why not surprise your school's great teachers with a lovely pin. Hamilton County Council of PTA's has a variety of pins, earrings, and key chains available which are great for saying "thanks." PTA board position pins to thank the outgoing or incoming officers are also available. Prices vary from \$2 to \$5.

Contact Lori Mueller, Ways & Means Chairman for information at: [lmuller@fuse.net](mailto:lmuller@fuse.net) or 367-1069

**COUNCIL SLATE OF OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 2010-2011**

The following slate was presented at the February General Meeting and will be presented again at the March General Meeting where nominations from the floor will be accepted. The vote will follow. Make sure your delegate/alt. delegate is there so your unit's voice is heard.

President: Elise Fessler, Finneytown  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Janine Schneider, Three Rivers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Rosiland King, Northwest  
Recording Secretary: Carol Kiradjieff, Oak Hills  
Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Efke, Southwest  
Treasurer: Lori Mueller, Southwest

***FRIEND OF CHILDREN AWARD***

Acknowledge that special someone at your school, in your community or on your PTA board with a beautiful Friend of Children pin and certificate. If you don't have a form, please contact Sheri Knapp at 347-0772 or [sixknapps83@yahoo.com](mailto:sixknapps83@yahoo.com)

## Advocacy Update!

Here is a short summary of some legislative and advocacy activities right now.

**From an Ohio PTA Email:**

**NATIONAL PTA ACTION ALERT**

### PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION BUDGET ELIMINATES SOLE FEDERAL PARENT ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Obama Administration released its FY 2011 Budget Request, which included a \$3 billion increase for education. While PTA applauds the historic investment in education, we are greatly concerned about the consolidation and proposed elimination of the Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRCs). Under this consolidation, the sole funding stream for family engagement would be redirected to charter schools. Placing PIRC's under this fund means that there is no longer a dedicated funding stream for family engagement and PIRC's will not be able to reach all families with children in public schools. Annually, PIRC's served over 16.4 million parents. Please urge the Obama Administration, both of your Senators and Representative not to eliminate PIRC's:

Send Alert NOW with just a few clicks!!

GO TO: <http://capwiz.com/npta2/home/> or CAPWIZ on Advocacy Page at [www.ohiopta.org](http://www.ohiopta.org)

### The following are from the February "Ohio PTA News":

- **HB19 Dating Violence (Tina Croucher Act) Signed Into Law**

Requires boards of education to adopt a policy to prevent and address incidents of dating violence at school, provide staff training on dating violence prevention, and include lessons on dating violence in health education curricula in grades 7-12.

**Ohio PTA** advocated for this bill in 2009.

- **HB290 Junior ROTC and Other Education Issues Signed Into Law**

Calls to include Junior ROTC as an elective within Ohio Core Curriculum and allow participants credit for physical education requirements. It also includes language related to Race to the Top (RTTP) funds by providing for the state superintendent of public instruction and Ohio Board of Regents chancellor to develop a system for collecting longitudinal data on student performance. It also extends for six months the deadline for certain school districts that have been allocated a share of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act interest-free school construction bonds; clarifies the conditions under which a community school must close for poor academic performance; and makes the operations of the Harmon Commission (created in HB 1) contingent upon the decision of the superintendent of Public Instruction and the availability of funds.

- **HB 318 Delaying Tax Reduction to Avoid Another School funding Cut Signed Into Law**

Postpones the final year of income tax reduction by two years. Permits districts to request and receive a waiver regarding All-Day Kindergarten until 2012. It stopped a 4.2% funding cut for schools.

**Ohio PTA** advocated for this bill.

- **National PTA 2010 Public Policy Agenda Released**

Outlines policy priorities and recommendations (see [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) "Take Action Center"). The agenda focuses on three key priorities:

1. Family Engagement in Education
2. Opportunity and Equity for All Children; involves Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI), reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP), and federal appropriations to support student achievement and family engagement
3. Child Nutrition Act

Please contact me (Elise Fessler @ [bfsing@cinci.rr.com](mailto:bfsing@cinci.rr.com), HCC & Finneytown PTAs' Advocacy Chair) to get on a distribution list for monthly Advocacy Reports (this report can be used as is for meetings and newsletters or edit it as desired but please keep the references mentioned)

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Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services (formerly

HCBMR/DD) host

**THE ANNUAL EVENING DESSERT**

7:00pm

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

at Margaret B. Rost School

5858 Bridgetown Road, 45248



**HONORING**

- PTA Reflections State Winners
- Student Scholarship Winners
- Educator Scholarship Winners
- District Educators of the Year
- Service to Children Award Recipients

**RSVPs due to HCC (Elise Fessler) By Wed., April 14th**

(mail this form or e-mail requested information, see addresses below)

PTA unit Presidents to coordinate all RSVPs for their unit  
(Principals, Reflection chairs and winners, scholarship winners, District Educators of the Year,  
and all accompanying guests)

Return to: Elise Fessler 9086 Millcliff Dr. Cincinnati, Oh. 45231

931-4234

[bfsing@cinci.rr.com](mailto:bfsing@cinci.rr.com)

RESERVATIONS

Print names of those attending below or on back:

Name \_\_\_\_\_



Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

PTA Unit \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

