

COUNCIL MESSAGES

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs
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March-April, 2011

Issue 4

March 16 HCC General Mtg/Program
10 a.m.. at the HCESC

Guest Speaker: Phillip J. Nuxhall

Historian and Docent Trainer for the Heritage Foundation of Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum

Enjoy an interesting and informative presentation about Spring Grove Cemetery
Mr. Nuxhall has written a book, **“Beauty in the Grove”** and will have copies for sale.

The cost is \$50.00 (cash, check or credit card)

ALL proceeds benefit One Way Farm, a residential facility for abused children and young adults.
(Remember it was a previous Council Founders’ Day Service Project)

April 13, HCC Evening Dessert Program 7:00 p.m.

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

Three Rivers School District & PTAs at

Three Rivers Middle School

8575 Bridgetown Rd. 45052

(registration form at the end of this newsletter)



COUNCIL SLATE OF OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 2011-2012

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 st Vice President:	Janine Schneider, Three Rivers
2 nd Vice President:	Rosiland King, Northwest
Recording Secretary:	Lori Kleiman, Finneytown
Corresponding Secretary:	Elaine Efke, Southwest
Treasurer:	Lori Mueller, Southwest

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hopefully as you read this message the snow may actually be over until next year. Even for a snow lover like me, I've had enough. The year sure is going quickly as we start to gear up for our spring traditions. Work is underway for our annual Evening Dessert which is always a nice celebration of our students and educators. Mark your calendars and plan to join us at Three Rivers Middle School on April 13th.

Your units' nominating committees should be at work now finding their recommendations for your units' future leadership. The new officers and any others should take advantage of the HCC training that will be presented at the HCC School of Information on May 18th.

Congratulations to the students whose Reflections entries have gone on to Ohio PTA for judging. How exciting that there were over 3000 entries in the Reflections program this year from all of our units. Next year's theme is "Diversity Means". It's not too early to start promoting the program for next year!

Hopefully you took the opportunity to celebrate Founder's Day in February. Make sure to take the time to pat yourselves on the back for all of the hard work your PTA does. Think about what wouldn't happen at your school or beyond if your PTA was not there.

Consider attending Ohio PTA Convention which is April 9-10, in Columbus. There are always excellent workshops and it is a super way to experience the energy of PTA.

Check our website: www.HCCPTAs.org or the HCC Yearbook for HCC information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elise Fessler, President bfsing@cinci.rr.com



SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

A sincere THANK YOU goes out to all schools in our Hamilton County Council of PTAs who sent in scholarship contributions this year. Hamilton County Council of PTAs will award a \$400 scholarship to one student from each of our member high schools, three educators and two vocational readiness recipients. These scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the Hamilton County Council of PTAs Evening Dessert Meeting to celebrate their achievement. This year's Evening Dessert Meeting will be hosted by the Three Rivers School District and PTAs at Three Rivers Middle School on Wednesday, April 13th at 7 p.m. The following is a list of the PTAs and others who have made a contribution to the HCC Scholarship Fund:

Dr. Ralph Sinks

Finneytown School District: Finneytown Elementary and Finneytown Secondary.

Hamilton County DDS: Bobbie Fairfax and Margaret Rost.

Northwest School District: Bevis Elementary, Colerain Elementary, Colerain High School, Colerain Middle School, Monfort Heights Elementary, Pleasant Run Elementary, Pleasant Run Middle School, Weigel Elementary, White Oak Middle School.

Oak Hills School District: CO Harrison Elementary, Delhi Middle School, Delshire Elementary, Dulles Elementary, Oakdale Elementary, Rapid Run Middle School, Springmyer Elementary.

Southwest School District: Crosby Elementary, Miamitown Elementary, Harrison JR/SR High School, Whitewater Valley Elementary.

Three Rivers School District: Three Rivers Elementary and Taylor High School

Donna Elbe, Scholarship Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE REMINDER

Ohio PTA is trying to help with your Membership Goals this year. They are offering "MEMBER BUCKS" for each new member of your PTA submitted through March 1, 2011. They are also offering "Bonus Bucks" (2 Member Bucks) for every new male member that joins your unit, doubling your opportunity for earning.

On March 1 they will begin collecting your Member Bucks which will be placed in a drawing to win a Membership Cash Award. **THESE AWARDS CAN BE USED FOR PTA PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE NOT FOR PERSONAL USE. PLEASE USE THEM FOR YOUR PTA PROGRAMS OR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGNS.** The drawing will be held at the Ohio PTA Convention in April.

The Bucks will be awarded as follows:

NUMBER OF MEMBER BUCKS	MEMBER BUCK DRAWING
1 to 25	\$25 Award
26 to 75	\$75 Award
76 and Above	\$100 Award

One Member Buck is given for each new membership, unless that person is male. Then you will receive 2 Member Bucks. The more Member Bucks your PTA earns, the more prize drawings your PTA is eligible to participate in; however, you can win only one of the prizes

Member Bucks must be received no later than March 31, 2011. Please include the PTA name, PTA contact information, and a list of new members. Include the new member name on the reproduced buck; if it is a male, put his name on 2 bucks. Please contact Ohio PTA if you have any questions: 614-781-6344.

GOOD LUCK AND KEEP YOUR DRIVE GOING TO EARN ONE OF THE ABOVE AWARDS.

Carol Kiradjieff, Membership Chair

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL REFLECTIONS RESULTS

All winners listed have moved on to the State competition

MUSIC

Grade 9-12

Victoria Lekson – winner – Colerain High School
John Neumeier – winner – Colerain High School
Brittani Mapes – winner – Colerain High School

Grade 6-8

Tori Dawson – winner – Harrison elementary
Andrew Walker – winner Colerain Middle

VISUAL ARTS

Grade 9-12

Emily Buck – winner- Harrison Jr/Sr High
Becky Hershey – winner – Finneytown
Sydnie Reatherford – winner – Taylor High School
Kelly Weyler – honorable mention – Northwest HS

Grade 6-8

Corinne Saul – winner – Finneytown
Megan Muthiani – winner – Pleasant Run Middle School
Angel Ehrenschwender – winner – White Oak Middle
Jessica Olthaus – honorable mention – Delhi Middle

FILM/VIDEO

Grade 6-8

Alexander Hrydziusko – winner – Finneytown
Will Haussler – winner – White Oak Middle

PHOTOGRAPHY

Grade 9-12

Catherine Benz – winner – Northwest High School
Taylor Mutter – winner – Taylor High School
Shelley Heck – winner – Colerain High School
Kelly Bemmes-honorable mention-Harrison Jr/Sr HS

Grade 6-8

Margaret Schwoeppe-winner-Rapid Run Middle School
Mitchell Lindeman – winner – Colerain Middle School
Libbey Ryland – winner – Rapid Run Middle School
Gregory Rhoads-honorable mention-Harrison Jr/Sr HS

LITERATURE

Grade 9-12

Madeleine Fessler – winner – Finneytown
Brooke Cordray – winner – Harrison Jr/Sr High
Rachel Williams – winner – Colerain High School

Grade 6-8

Kaitlyn Bigner – winner – White Oak Middle School
Amenan Anthony-Hunter – winner – White Oak Middle
Jake Riga – winner – 3 Rivers
Rasheedah Beatty-honorable mention-White Oak Middle

Grade 3-5

Layne Rippy – winner – Co Harrison
Ben Bracken – winner – 3 rivers
Christopher Foster – winner – Ann Weigel

Grade 3-5

Megan Taylor – winner- Springmyer
David Unthank – winner -Southwest Corner
Madeline Schwoeppe – winner – J F Dulles
Sydnie Kilgour-honorable mention-Delshire

Grade k-2

Isabelle Schwoeppe – winner – J F Dulles
Sophie Palmer – winner – Finneytown
Katie Olson – winner – Delshire
Katelyn Evans-honorable mention-Springmyer

Grade 3-5

Sydney Neckel –winner – Crosby Elementary
Madeline Schwoeppe – winner – J F Dulles
Lily Hursh – winner – Finneytown

Grade k-2

Ella Hursh – winner – Finneytown
Nick Flanigan-winner –COHarrison-2 entries
Help Little Kids and Jump both winners
Lucas Campbell-honorable mention-Monfort Heights

Grade 3-5

Kaia Armstrong – winner – Monfort Heights
Hallie Menkhaus – winner – 3 Rivers
Ziaire Sherman – winner – Struble
Julia Brueggemyer-honorable mention-Finneytown

Grade k-2

Carter Petry – winner – Monfort Heights
Jackson Black – winner – Weigel
Brooke Hunstad – winner – Monfort Heights
Shiloh Walz-honorable mention-C.O. Harrison

COUNCIL GAME

The final game for this year is about what needs to be done to wrap up the PTA year (yes it's time to think about that.) Bring your answers (don't forget to write your name on the paper) to the March 16 General Meeting to be entered for a chance to win a nice basket of prizes.

1. Where is the first place of authority governing your PTA one should refer to if they have a question about the operation of your local unit?
2. Every unit should have up to date _____ and _____?
3. The President must serve on all committees except the Nominating Committee. (True or false)
4. The Nominating Committee elects the officers for the next school year. (True or false)
5. What general activities are usually conducted at your unit's Annual Meeting?
6. What is the responsibility of the Disbursement/Gift Committee?
7. Who has final say on the Disbursement/Gift Committee's report?
8. What is the responsibility of the Budget Committee?
9. Who has the final say on your unit's budget?
10. When does the Audit Committee generally meet?
11. What is a Procedure Book and what should be included in it?
12. Why should each board member comprise an Annual Report for their position?
13. Why is the Volunteer Hours Form from OPTA important?
14. When does the unit's new board take over the responsibilities of the unit?
15. Which PTA officer has a specific date when they assume the responsibilities of their position.
16. What training opportunity does Council provide at the end of the year to assist next year's officers.
17. What training opportunities do OPTA/District 6 Advisor and NPTA offer to assist next year's officers.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL GAME WINNERS

October – **Dimity Orlet**, Oakdale Elementary Alternate Delegate

November – **Laura Miller**, Dulles Elementary, Delegate

January – **Valerie Beimesche**, Northwest High School, Delegate

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



DON'T FORGET TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 2-6

Why not surprise your school's great teachers with a lovely pin. Hamilton County Council of PTAs 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 Valerie Perry, Ways & Means Chairman for information at: vsperry14@aol.com or 521-7999

Ohio PTA's
104th Annual Convention
April 9-10, 2011
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Columbus

Unit Presidents will receive information reference workshops/activities being offered and how to register. Having your unit represented not only gives you a voice at the state level but helps give one a greater understanding on the value of belonging to PTA. There is a lot to learn and fun things to do at convention.

This is a legitimate PTA expense.

National PTA® is pleased to announce U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius as the 2011 **National PTA Legislative Conference** keynote speaker. **The keynote address** will be given on **Wednesday, March 9, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. EST**. Secretary Sebelius is slated to speak about how effective family engagement, beginning with Head Start and continuing during a child's early years, lays a positive foundation for success during transitions and throughout their lifetime.

CHANGE IS HAPPENING IN OHIO'S SCHOOLS.

The Ohio Department of Education is implementing the Common Core State Standards and as we change to the new standards, Ohio PTA is taking an active role. Ohio PTA wants to educate parents and families about this initiative and assist with the implementation.

What are the Common Core State Standards? They are a set of consistent, clear K-12 academic standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics designed to be robust and relevant to the real world. These standards will help ensure that our children have the knowledge and skills needed to be successful in college and careers.

Who is involved in the Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI)? As of January 2011, 44 states, including Ohio and the District of Columbia have adopted the standards. The Ohio Department of Education plans to implement the Standards in the 2014-15 school year.

How can you learn more? Ohio PTA will continue to send emails, write articles, and conduct workshops on the CCSS. In addition, the Ohio PTA CCSSI Committee has created a website for parents and community members to use as a resource for information on the history of the CCSSI, articles and reports, workshops, and links to lead organizations.

Visit www.ptacommoncore.org and learn more about changes in the standards and assessments that will affect your children.

Rebecka Adams, Ohio PTA District 6 Advisor

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR
HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTAs
EVENING DESSERT MEETING

Beginning with desserts @ 7:00PM
Wednesday April 13th 2011

THREE RIVERS MIDDLE SCHOOL
8575 BRIDGETOWN RD, 45002

WE WILL BE HONORING:

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

RSVP Due to HCC (Janine Schneider) by April 6th
You can mail this form or e-mail requested information to addresses below

PTA unit Presidents should coordinate RSVP's for their unit including:
Principals, Reflection chairs and winners, scholarship winners, District
Educators of the Year and accompanying guests

Return to: Janine Schneider 7867 Foxtrot Dr, North Bend, Ohio 45052
E Mail : TSchne@fuse.net

RESERVATIONS

Print names of those attending below

PTA Unit & School District _____

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