

COUNCIL MESSAGES

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs

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March-April, 2016

Issue 4

March 16 HCC General Meeting
Program: Evolution of the HCESC and Its Present Role
10 a.m. at the HCESC
Guest Speaker: Bill Sears

Find out how the role of the Educational Service Center has evolved over the years and how they assist our individual school districts

HCC Evening Dessert Program

April 20, 6:45 p.m.

Hosted by

Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services & PTAs at
Bobbie Fairfax School

Honorees will be our:

State Reflections Winners and Honorable Mentions
Student, Teacher, Administrator Scholarship and Vocational Readiness Recipients
District Educators of the Year
Unit Membership Award Recipient

PLEASE NOTE THE STARTING TIME CHANGE
(There is a registration form at the end of this newsletter.)

UPCOMING TRAINING FOR OUR UNIT MEMBERS

In the past Council has provided training/workshops for our members through our annual School of Information but this year we are trying something new. **This is Council's year of PTA TWOs!!** There will be ***two opportunities*** for training for your PTA on ***two different dates*** at ***two different times*** of the day held in ***two different school districts***. A President and a Treasurer Workshop will be offered at both sessions.

April 14, 2016 5pm-7pm (registration opens at 4:30pm)
Oak Hills District Office 6325 Rapid Run Rd. 42533

and

May 2, 2016 11am-1pm (registration opens at 10:30am)
Houston Early Learning Center (Northwest School District)
3310 Compton Rd 45251

Pizza, pop and dessert will be offered at both sessions. **All this and the cost is only \$5.00.**

Look for a registration letter to be arriving soon. And don't let the workshop 'titles' of President and Treasurer mislead you into thinking they are the only ones who should attend. There will be information provided that will be beneficial to **ALL** board members. **Any** PTA member is welcome (and encouraged) to attend. Please contact Lori Mueller, HCC 2nd VP with questions/reservations: 367-1069 or lmueller@fuse.net



COUNCIL SLATE OF OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 2016-2017

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 and voting will follow. Make sure your delegate or alt. delegate is there so your unit's voice is heard.

President:	Janine Schneider, Three Rivers
1 st Vice President:	Jan Hunter, Oak Hills
2 nd Vice President:	Lori Mueller, Southwest
Secretary:	Meg Ringel, Southwest
Treasurer:	open



SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

A sincere THANK YOU goes out to all the unit PTAs in our Council who sent in scholarship contributions this year. Scholarships are awarded 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. The following is a list of the PTAs and others who have made a contribution to the HCC Scholarship Fund as of February 10:

Finneytown School District: Finneytown Elementary and Finneytown Secondary.
Hamilton County DDS: Bobbie Fairfax and Margaret Rost.
Northwest School District: Colerain Elementary, Colerain High School, Colerain Middle School, Northwest High School, Pleasant Run Elementary, Pleasant Run Middle School, Struble Elementary, Weigel Elementary, and White Oak Middle School.
Oak Hills School District: Bridgetown Middle School, Delhi Middle School, Dulles Elementary, Oak Hills High School, Oakdale Elementary, Rapid Run Middle School, and Springmyer Elementary.
Southwest School District: Crosby Elementary, Miamitown Elementary, Harrison Elementary, Harrison JR/SR School, and Whitewater Valley Elementary.
Carol Kiradjieff (previous Council President)
Karen Nichols (previous Council President)
Memorial Contributions from Council (on behalf of two Past Council Presidents who passed away this school year – Sue Hummer and Marilee Broscheid)

Linus Ryland, HCC Treasurer

NEWEST UNITS EARNING THE 100% TEACHER MEMBERSHIP MARK:

Dulles Elementary (OH), Colerain Middle School (NW) and Finneytown Elementary (FT)

THE EASTER BUNNY

Most children are curious about the Easter Bunny. I mean we know a lot about Santa like he lives at the North Pole and his elves make the toys but what about the Easter Bunny? Where does he live? How does he hide all those eggs? Well, if you're looking for the answers to these questions and more look no further, I am here to help.

The Easter Bunny like most bunnies lives in an underground burrow. The exact location of this burrow is a mystery. The Easter Bunny's real name is classified however he is believed to have the initials E.B.

The Easter Bunny is very busy throughout the year making Easter baskets and stuffing Easter eggs with his team of bunnies. Some people believe that the Easter Bunny disguises himself to look like all the other bunnies hopping around fields, meadows and parks until that special time of year. Did you know that the Easter Bunny's team of bunnies looks like every other bunny too? They might even be the bunny you see in your backyard!

The night before Easter the Easter Bunny comes out of his burrow and uses magic to grow into a big rabbit to deliver the eggs and baskets. How big does he grow, you ask. The Easter Bunny is believed to grow to be around 5ft tall. No one has actually seen the Easter Bunny but large rabbit footprints have been spotted all around town on Easter morning. Those footprints were examined by animal scientists who made the calculation that the Easter Bunny is around 5ft tall.

How does the Easter Bunny fit all those Easter eggs into his basket to deliver? His Easter basket is a magical basket. It is actually bottomless. He just sticks his hand in and pulls out the eggs. They are always there. As he takes them out new ones appear to take their place until he has enough eggs for all the children.

So, how old is the Easter Bunny? That's a good question. He is hundreds of years old! How has the Easter Bunny managed to live so long? Well, he eats a healthy diet of lettuce, vegetables and of course carrots. The Easter Bunny loves when kids leave him carrots the night before Easter.

So what kind of magic does the Easter Bunny have? It's the magic of the children that the Easter Bunny carries in his heart. As long as there are children who believe in him his heart will never stop and he will live on forever.

COUNCIL'S 2015 OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR, Mrs. Angela Jones

Title 1 Tutor at Struble Elementary in the Northwest Local School District is Council's nominee for the OPTA District 6 2016 Educator of the Year . If she is selected, she will be honored at the OPTA Convention Awards Luncheon. We will find out in April.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF YOUR COUNCIL'S BOARD? We have many jobs -big and small. You don't have to be a delegate or president- any unit board member is welcome. We meet two times a month at the HCESC: Board Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday and General Membership Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, 10:00 - noon. Please give it some thought!!!!



Friend of Children Award

The ***Friend of Children Award*** was designed by the Hamilton County Council of PTAs. It can be purchased by a unit or individual and presented to someone who has shown a special interest in helping children. The effort made by the recipient need not be PTA related. Possible recipients might be tutors, PTA volunteers, scout leaders, teachers, administrators, newspaper writers, corporate executives, a business volunteer group, and so on. Council would like to provide you with a way to show your appreciation for that individual's or group's efforts on behalf of children.

The cost of each award is \$20. The award includes a special cloisonné *Friend of Children* lapel pin and a certificate suitable for framing for you to present to the individual you are honoring. In addition, a donation will be made in the name of the recipient to the Hamilton County Council of PTAs Scholarship Fund.

For more information contact:

Jan Hunter
#922-1946 (H)
jch8387@hotmail.com

Order an award by completing the order form below and sending form along with \$20 payment to:

Jan Hunter
2573 Countrylake Dr.
Cincinnati 45233

Friend of Children ORDER FORM

Recipient Name _____

Presented by _____

Date for Certificate _____

Short Description of Recipient/Reason for Award _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____

Mail certificate and pin to: Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Make \$20 check payable to: Hamilton County Council of PTAs

MARCH COUNCIL GAME

This will be the last Council game for the 2015-2016 school year. This one is testing your knowledge about Easter, so have some fun and maybe learn a new fact or two. Answer the questions below, then bring your answers to the March 16th General Meeting and enter for a chance to win a prize. You can take the time to look it up or just guess – just have fun with it. Congratulations to the February Game winner - Joanna Joseph, Delegate from Dulles Elementary.

- Jellybeans were first made in: England Germany America Italy
- The original reason for exchanging eggs was because they:
are healthy were expensive/showed you cared are a symbol of rebirth were plentiful
- What snack food was originally associated with Easter: peanuts chips pretzels popcorn
- Italy made the tallest chocolate Easter egg ever at _____ meters: 10.39 8.27 11 9.1
- The Easter Bunny tradition made its way to the US in the _____ century: 17th 18th 16th 20th
- Good Friday is an official holiday in _____ US states: 50 12 20 35
- The Easter Lily symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus because it:
Blooms in the spring Comes from a shell buried in the earth & emerges Is white and pure
- The most expensive jeweled eggs in the world are made by:
Cadbury Carl Faberge Harry Winston Neil Lane
- What color of eggs doesn't "Sam I am" like in the Dr. Seuss book? Red Blue Green Yellow
- If you do what to an egg, it is said to protect you against lightening, hail and beehives.
Bury in your garden or yard Carry the shell in your pocket Eat three times a week
- How long will a boiled egg keep in the refrigerator?'
24 hours 3 days 1 week They don't need refrigeration once cooked.
- During Easter Americans buy more than _____ million marshmallow peeps: 400 500 600 700
- This tradition of the White House hosting an Easter Egg Roll on the front lawn was started by President:
Harry Truman Teddy Roosevelt Rutherford B. Hayes Dwight Eisenhower
- More than half of the world's population of rabbits live in:
Europe Japan North America South America
- 76% of people eat the _____ on chocolate bunnies first. Head feet ears tail
- On which holiday do we consume the most candy: Christmas Easter Halloween Valentines
- Purple is a common color for Easter. In the ancient world the purple dye came from where:
Violets Grapes Shellfish Crushed amethyst rocks
- When a female rabbit gives birth to her babies they are called: Bunnies Kits Kids Youngins
- Originally Easter baskets were made out of:
Ribbon & paper Sticks & Leaves Plastic & twine Metal & wire
- All rabbits live in underground burrows? True or False
- The term Hares is another name for Rabbits. True or False
- Who co-starred with Judy Garland in "Easter Parade?"
Bing Crosby Gene Kelly Fred Astaire Bob Hope
- Which came first? The Chicken The Egg Neither

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

The National PTA started the Reflections Program in 1969 and it is still going strong today. This year's theme was "Let Your Imagination Fly." At the local unit level there were thousands of entries in the six arts areas. After judging within the individual schools, entries were sent to the school district level where they were judged again. The winning entries from our four districts then come to HCC and are judged at the Council level. With so many great entries it is always very difficult for our judges to choose the winners. All entries submitted to HCC were on display at the HCC February 17th Founders' Day Program and the Reflections Open House that evening. As a Council we are allowed to send 60 entries to the State competition. Council will be notified sometime in April of any winners or honorable mentions at the state level. They will be honored at the Evening Dessert Meeting on April 20th.

Kathie Smith, Reflections Coordinator

HCC PTA Reflections 2015-2016 Let Your Imagination Fly

Congratulations to all our HCC PTA Reflections winners this year.

For privacy reasons, student names and schools have been removed from the on-line version of the newsletter.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs EVENING DESSERT MEETING

Wednesday April 20, 2016
Desserts @ 6:45PM Program starts @ 7:30 PM

BOBBIE FAIRFAX SCHOOL
4999 Kingsley Dr. Cincinnati, 45227



WE WILL BE HONORING:

*PTA Reflections State Winners & Honorable Mentions
Student Scholarship & Vocational Readiness Recipients
Educator Scholarship Recipients
District Educators of the Year
Unit Membership Award Recipient*

RSVP Due to HCC (Jan Hunter) by April 15th
You can mail this form or e-mail requested information to address below

**PTA unit Presidents should coordinate RSVPs for their unit including:
Principal, Reflection chair, Reflection winners, Scholarship recipients,
District Educator of the Year and any winner/recipients' accompanying guests**

Return to: Jan Hunter, 2573 Countrylake Dr., Cincinnati, 45233
E-Mail : jch8387@hotmail.com

RESERVATIONS

Print names of those attending below (& on back if needed)

PTA Unit & School District _____

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