

COUNCIL MESSAGES

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs

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SUE HUMMER FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE PROJECT 2016

Thanks to all of the units that supported this year's Founder's Day Service Project. Once again our PTA units were very giving with items and/or monetary donations making it a great success. We collected twenty (20) dresses and lots of accessories such as: necklaces, earrings, purses and wraps for Kenzie's Closet. Our donations amounted to \$1881 in cash, checks and gift cards.

The contributors were: Bridgetown Middle School, Colerain Elementary, Colerain High School, Colerain Middle School, Oakdale Elementary, Springmyer Elementary, William Henry Harrison High School, and Hamilton County Council. I took the items and monetary donations to them and they were so appreciative of our efforts. Thank you so much.

Visit www.kenziescloset.org to see how our donations helped young ladies attend prom.

Elaine Efke, Immediate HCC Past President and Service Project Chairman

MARCH COUNCIL MESSAGES GAME WINNER:

Ericka Betts

Delegate, Colerain Elementary

The games will return next year – Hope you had fun playing (& learned a little something 😊)



REMINDER TO THE INCOMING/RETURNING PRESIDENTS

Don't forget to fill out the HCC Mailing List/Yearbook Information Sheet with the names of your officers and some of the chairman for next year. Please return it by the due date even if you don't have all the positions filled (you can update it as you fill positions.) Council uses this information for our Handbook, Council Messages, event mailings and for other information distributed throughout the school year. You will be receiving it within the next few weeks via email or hard copy from your Area Advisor.

AND DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR NAME INTO OPTA EVEN IF YOU ARE A RETURNING PRESIDENT so you can be put on their mailing list for the Summer President's Packet and other mailings.



PLEASE DON'T TURN THE PAGE until you think about joining HCC 2016-2017 Board.

There are many different jobs to be done; some big, some small but all VERY important. You'll meet interesting people from other districts and learn more about PTA from a larger prospective. Won't you think about joining us. Call/email next year's Council President Janine Schneider, 513-941-6851, tschne@fuse.net

2016-2017 HCC GENERAL MEETING and TRAINING DATES

Please note that the first General Meeting for Council Delegates/Alternate Delegates will be August 31st. This was a change in our Bylaws, voted on by the membership, changing our General Membership Meeting in May to an August Meeting.

Also please note that the Executive Luncheon on September 28th will be at a new location -- Receptions on the west side of town. An invite letter will be sent closer to the date.

August 31	10:00am General Meeting	Auditorium
September 28 th	11:30am Executive Luncheon	Receptions
October 19 th	10:00am General Meeting	Auditorium
November 9 th	10:00am General Meeting	Auditorium
	Note: second Wednesday	
January 18 th 2017	10:00am General Meeting	Auditorium
February 15 th	9:00-10:00 AM Reflections Display	Conference Room
	10:00AM Founders Day Program	
	6:30-8:30 PM Reflections Open House	
March 15 th	10:00am General Meeting	Auditorium
April 20 th	HCC Training Session 5pm-7pm	Location TBA
April 26 th	7:00pm Evening Dessert	Host: Northwest School District
	Note: fourth Wednesday	
May 1 st	HCC Training Session 11am-1pm	Location TBA
May 10 th	10:00am Board Meeting	Auditorium

OHIO PTA DUES ALERT

At the 2016 OPTA Convention the delegates voted to raise the portion of the PTA dues sent to Ohio to \$2.50. The portion that is currently sent to NPTA is \$2.25 (I do not know at this time if they have on their agenda for convention to raise their portion. Presidents will receive information about the NPTA convention and it should state it in there if there is to be any change.)

If there is no change to the National PTA portion, then next year the amount being sent to both OPTA and NPTA will be \$4.75. PTA is a worthwhile organization and membership to join is still much cheaper than most other organizations.



EVENING DESSERT PROGRAM



If you missed it then you missed a great evening. Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services was our host and the event took place at Bobbie B. Fairfax School. There was an excellent display from the staff and students at the two schools and the PTAs provided delicious refreshments for the recipients and their guests. The following students and teachers were honored:

Reflections 2015-2016 Theme: "Let your imagination fly..."

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts competition in the areas of Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, Dance Choreography, Video/Film Production, and Visual Arts. Students compete within four age levels – primary, intermediate, junior/middle, and senior -- and a Special Artist category. Council honored the council level winners in February during Council's Founders Day events. Tonight we are recognizing the Council winners who went on to win Ohio PTA awards. Ohio PTA presents the *Award of Excellence* (1st place), *Award of Outstanding Achievement* (2nd place), *Award of Merit* (3rd place), and two *Honorable Mentions* for each arts category in each age division. Winners of the Ohio PTA Award of Excellence are forwarded to compete in the National PTA Reflections contest.

Ohio PTA Reflections Awards

Alexander Ederhardt	Award of Outstanding Achievement	Music Composition	Finneytown Secondary
Elijah Thacker	Award of Merit	Music Composition	White Oak Middle School
Ava Weaver	Award of Merit	Literature	Finneytown Elementary
Robert-Thomas Denike	Award of Merit	Visual Arts	Finneytown Elementary
Clayton Oelerich	Honorable Mention	Literature	Whitewater Valley Elementary
Max Revelle	Honorable Mention	Literature	Finneytown Elementary
Louie Schoepf	Honorable Mention	Photography	Colerain Middle School
John Wiesner	Honorable Mention	Video/Film Production	Colerain High School

Theme for the 2016-2017 school year is "What is your story?"

HCC of PTAs Vocational Readiness Scholarships

Bobbie B. Fairfax School	Robby Fessler
Margaret B. Rost School	Elimane Seck

HCC of PTAs College Scholarships

Colerain High School	Mackenzie Smith
Finneytown High School	Corry Young
Oak Hills High School	Morgan Inskeep
William Henry Harrison High School	Isabella Smith

HCC of PTAs Educator Scholarships

Theresa K. Kirby Memorial Scholarship.....	Katherine Burlew, Whitaker Elementary/Finneytown
Margaret B. Rost Special Education Scholarship.....	Chad Hale, Bobbie B. Fairfax & Margaret B. Rost Schools/HCCDDs
Dr. Ralph W. Sinks Educational Administration Scholarship	Michele Huber, Whitaker Elem./Finneytown

HCC of PTAs Educators of the Year

Finneytown	Doug Dirr, Whitaker Elementary School
HCCDDs.....	Cyndie Imfeld, Margaret B. Rost School
Northwest	Melissa Griley, White Oak Middle School
Oak Hills	Mary Rose Lierman, Oak Hills High School
Southwest	Mark Koenig, Whitewater Valley Elementary School

HCC of PTAs Outstanding Membership Award	Oak Hills High School PTA
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WRAPPING UP THE YEAR

(Linda Day, Council Messages Editor)

Can you believe it, we're coming to the end of another school year. I don't know about you but to me it sure seems like we just got started on this year. And just like we do when we are planning for the beginning of a PTA year, there is also planning in ending the year. I've listed below some of the things the current President and board should be thinking about in order to help the incoming President and board get off to a good start.

Installation of the new officers:

You should always plan some type of installation ceremony preferably in front of the general membership because it makes it seem more official and shows the importance of holding a PTA office. If you don't have an Association/General Meeting at the end of the year or near the time of your elections, then you can install the new officers at a board meeting. If you need ideas or someone to perform the installation ceremony, Council is here to help you. Also asking a Past president of your unit is a nice touch.

Disbursements:

After you have completed most everything in your Budget that you planned, you can now look to buying gifts for your school with the money you have left. It is best to set up a Disbursement Committee consisting of both parents and teachers, ask for suggestions of items to buy and then as a committee decide on the items to recommend buying. The Disbursement Committee makes a recommendation to the board and then the board votes on it. The board then makes a motion to the General membership and the membership votes on it.

Procedure Books:

Each chairman should prepare a Procedure Book that includes all the information regarding their committee that occurred throughout the year. It should include (but not limited to) a year end report detailing what you did and how you did it, an explanation of expenses and information from anyone else involved. The books are turned into the president and then they are updated with or made sure to have: current Bylaws, Standing Rules, Budget, Board Member List and job description for that committee.

Budget Committee:

Refer to your Bylaws and previous agendas to determine when to form this committee and who should be on it. The incoming and outgoing president and treasurers are usually on it. Also you may want your ways & means person (s). The Committee presents the budget to the unit board for their input and vote. Then the Board recommends the budget to general membership in the form of a motion. The general membership **must** approve the budget **before** any money can be spent.

Audit Committee (refer to the article on doing the audit, in this Messages)

Evaluating the Year:

Ask parents/teachers/principal/students to evaluate the PTA on the year's programs/events. Self-evaluate and then discuss your successes and your failures at a unit meeting in order to plan for next year. *Toot Your Own Horn* – announce in your last newsletter or packet of information going home all the good things your PTA did for the school. This is a good way to show everyone in school (not just members) what your unit provided.

Making the Transition Smooth:

Presidents be sure to complete a Procedure Book which should include (but not limited to) –Agendas, Master Copy of Bylaws & Standing Rules, copies of your correspondence/articles written, the Annual Reports from the board, any NPTA or OPTA resources, and any mailings you receive as the year was ending

Preparing for the next year:

Filling next year's board is not only the President's job everyone should help in suggesting names. The new board takes over according to your Bylaws. The new Treasurer takes over after the books have closed on June 30. Be sure the officers/committee chairs attend any training provided by Council and usually sometime in August OPTA offers Leadership Training. A properly trained officer/chairman makes the whole unit run much more smoothly.

