

# COUNCIL MESSAGES

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs

*every child. one voice*

January-February, 2018

Issue 4

January 10<sup>th</sup>  
HCC General Meeting

**Program: *Sleep Deprivation and Adolescent Mental Health***

Presenter: Emily Meyer  
Children's Hospital Medical Center  
Mental Health Therapist

10:00 a.m. at the HCESC  
Auditorium

**NOTE: The General Meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday this month**

February 21st  
HCC General Meeting

**HCC Program"  
*Founders Day Celebration & Reflections Display***

Reflections will be displayed before the meeting/program which begins at 10:00 a.m. at the HCESC

This will be your first opportunity to see the entries that won at the Council level



February 21<sup>st</sup>  
***Reflections Open House***  
at the HCESC  
6:30 –8:30 p.m.  
Theme: "Within Reach"

If you were unable to attend the morning Founders' Day Program, here is another chance to view the Council winning entries and to find out which ones went on to State.

## *Time Flies When You Are Having Fun*

Can you believe it we are almost at the halfway mark for our school year!!! Congratulation to all the units who sent in their membership lists by November 30<sup>th</sup>. These units are now in good standing with Ohio PTA and eligible to participate in Reflections, Member Perks, Scholarships, etc. The Member Perks reference guide is available on the PTA website under membership. Take a look at it and start earning your points

Congratulations to all the schools that reached 100% Teacher Membership, Ohio PTA Membership Super Star Awards and the Cardinal Early Bird Awards. You are all doing an amazing job keep up the good work. Don't forget there is still time to continue adding members to your membership. You can do this through your school functions, family, friends, local businesses and school newsletters. Continue to have a membership table at all of your school functions.

Does your school have a cool membership theme that you would like to share with others? If so, send in your theme along with pictures to the Ohio PTA website and they will showcase your school.

If your school reaches 100% teacher membership, please email me and I will have your certificate at the next General Meeting. Please look for those units receiving Membership Awards thus far elsewhere in this newsletter.

Ericia Perkins, HCC Membership Chairman, eperkins0323@gmail.com

**Don't forget to select your district's Educator of the Year due to Council at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Any questions specific to how your district selects their nominee and/or the due date within your district, please check with your Area Advisor.**



## Council Scholarships

Council is proud to award scholarships to one graduating senior from each of our high schools. Council also awards three (3) individual scholarships to a teacher or administrator from our unit schools. For each applicant to be considered their PTA units must be in good standing and have paid dues. Also an educator must be a member of a HCC PTA unit.

Applications will be sent electronically in January by Area Advisors to the counselors, principals, and unit presidents. Please contact them to receive an application. Applications can also be found on our website at [www.HCCPTAs.org](http://www.HCCPTAs.org)

**These applications must be received by March 2, 2018.** They can be sent by mail or emailed to the scholarship chairperson listed on the application form. The winners will be notified and scholarships will be awarded at the Council Evening Dessert Program on April 18, 2018.

All Council PTA units are encouraged to make an annual contribution to any or all of the scholarship funds. Please send contributions early so that scholarship amounts may be determined. Any donations received on or before February 15, 2018 will be applied to this year's scholarships. Remember, any unit that does not contribute to the HCC Scholarship Fund will be ineligible for any scholarships.

Please make checks payable to: Hamilton County Council of PTAs Scholarship Fund.  
Send to: Lori Mueller, Council Treasurer  
309 Country View Dr.  
Cincinnati, OH 45030

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## *MEMBERSHIP AWARDS*

### **100% Teacher Membership**

Bobbie B. Fairfax  
Bridgewater Middle School  
C.O. Harrison  
Colerain Elementary  
Colerain High School  
Delhi Middle School

Delshire Elementary School  
John Foster Dulles Elementary  
Monfort Heights Elementary  
Oakdale Elementary School  
Oak Hills High School

Rapid Run Middle School  
Springmyer Elementary  
Welch Elementary  
White Oak Middle School  
Whitewater Valley Elem.

### **OPTA Early Bird Awards**

Bobbie B. Fairfax  
Bridgetown Middle School  
C.O. Harrison  
Colerain Elementary School  
Colerain Middle School  
Delhi Middle School  
Delshire Elementary

Finneytown Elementary  
Finneytown Secondary  
Harrison Elementary  
John Foster Dulles  
Monfort Heights Elementary  
Northwest High School

Oak Hills High School  
Oakdale Elementary  
Rapid Run Middle  
Struble Elementary  
Weigel Elementary  
Whitewater Valley Elem.

### **OPTA September's Membership Super Stars**

Bobbie B. Fairfax  
Monfort Heights  
Struble Elementary  
Welch Elementary

# Sue Hummer 2017-2018 Founder's Day Service Project

(formerly called the Hamilton County Council of PTAs Founder's Day Service Project)

## Feast of Love Ministries

feastofloveministries.org

Feast of Love Ministries is a non-profit organization located at 5742 Hamilton Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

**Our Mission:** is to provide basic necessities for individuals and families. In addition, our mission is to offer opportunities and experiences that encourage children to become productive adults.

We provide meals, furniture, school supplies, and life changing experiences to children and adults in the Cincinnati area.

**Sleeping Sound Program:** Is a program through Feast of Love which has partnered with the Cincinnati Police

Department to deliver beds to children in poverty who are sleeping on the floor. Also principals and school staff will identify a child/children in need of beds. Hotel quality beds are purchased to ensure long lasting wear.

### WAYS TO DONATE

Monetary donations are welcome in the form of checks and/or gift cards to purchase needed items such as: sheets, bed bug protectors, and blankets.

“Go Fund Me” account for monetary donations to the Sleeping Sound Program

[www.gofundme.com/sleepingsound](http://www.gofundme.com/sleepingsound)

Children love the hand-tied/no sew blankets – possibly an individual school service project

Donate formula and/or diapers.

Donate items for “Tools for Schools” – crayons, folders, notebooks, pencils

Donate gently used furniture – contact 513-541-5676 x1137

**Donations may be brought to the HCC Founders Day Program on Feb. 21, 2018**

Questions: Contact Janine Schneider, [tschne@fuse.net](mailto:tschne@fuse.net) 513-675-5671



## COUNCIL'S TIME IN HISTORY

At the same time that American Soccer Leagues were being formed, Babe Ruth became the all-time homerun champ and two doctors in Toronto announced the discovery of insulin your Hamilton County Council began its long run working for children and youth. The year was 1921.

And just as J Edgar Hoover was named Assistant Director of the FBI and the first Miss America, Margaret Gorman, was crowned; Council named its first President, Mrs. J.L. McArthur. By the way it wasn't until 1971 that the presidents stopped being referred to as Mrs. and their husband's first name and are now listed with their own first name. Interesting sign of the times. Another interesting sign of that long ago time, 1921, the police in Sunbury, Penn. issued an order requiring all women to wear skirts at least 4 inches below the knee. Can you imagine what they must have thought when the mini skirt hit in the 60's.

Did you know that at one time Council was made up of 9 schools districts: Finneytown, Forest Hills, Lincoln Heights, Loveland, Mt. Healthy, Northwest, Oak Hills, Southwest and Three Rivers. Lincoln Heights, Loveland, and Mt. Healthy went to Valley Area Council many years ago and Forest Hills formed their own council a few years ago. We gained the Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services and with 4 local school districts we now number 5.

Initially Council met at the Red Cross/Hamilton County Education Building downtown before moving to the its current location at the Hamilton County Educational Service Center.

Before NPTA initiated their theme of Everychild.Onevoice each newly elected Council President was responsible for coming up with a theme for their term and picture depicting it to go on the cover of the Council Handbook. Some of the themes over the years have been: Progress Through Action -The Time is Now; Where Children Come First; Linked Together for Children; and Children Are the Keys to Our Future.

Council has had two former Presidents become Presidents of OPTA and many more Past Presidents, as well as other Council board members, have served on the state board.

### **A FEW FUN FACTS ABOUT SOME OF OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENTS:**

Just as the Coneheads were making their debut on "Saturday Night Live" and Jay Leno made his first appearance on the Tonight Show, **Gay Guethlein** made her debut as President from 1977-1979. Gay's biggest challenge was being able to have a meeting. These were the years of the subzero temps and freezing river. Gay did make history as she worked against the violent trend television was taking and trying to measure the effects of such programming on our children.

As Ronald Reagan was being inaugurated as President of the United States and Walter Cronkite was signing off as anchorman of "CBS Evening News", **Marilee Broscheid** was busy signing on as Council's President from 1981-1983. Marilee had a passion for membership and she carried this enthusiasm for membership into her term as president finding it to be an excellent way to meet new people from districts you probably otherwise would have never met. Communication was also a key point for Marilee. At each month's general meeting Council would spotlight some special area or service provided by one of the districts. Marilee served on the Ohio PTA Board of Managers as the Membership Chairman of course, and she also did a turn as the Legislation Chairman.

As VH1 was making its broadcasting debut and Coke debut New Coke with its new formula, Council debuts its newest president, **JoAnn Rice**. The New Coke only as lasted a few months before going back to its old formula that it had had for 99 years. Fortunately for Council JoAnn wasn't as short lived. Council didn't ask JoAnn to serve for 99 years but she did serve from 1985-1987. In 1985 the first United States mandatory seat belt law went into effect. JoAnn made history at HCC by receiving a grant from the NPTA and working with Channel 9 TV to make a Seat Belt Safety tape for our units. Council's "Service to Children" Award was developed during her term. Joann served on the Ohio PTA Board of Managers as Secretary.

Americans are captivated by the rescue of "Baby Jessica" from a well after being trapped for 59 hours. Lt. Col. Oliver North is convicted of Obstruction of Justice and Destruction of Documents in the Iran-Contra Affair. The convictions are later overturned, but **Karen Nichols'** convictions are strong, as she is elected President for 1987-89. Karen made PTA history when a community- wide PTA Day was held on Fountain Square.

An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale strikes San Francisco and disrupts the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the World Series. The Berlin Wall falls and East and West Germany are formally reunited. And Council continues to be united as **Linda Martin** is elected President, 1989-1991. Linda made National PTA history when she and members of Council researched, wrote and submitted a resolution on nutrition that was adopted by both the Ohio and National PTA delegates. The *Friend of Children* Award was also developed during her term.

Pete Rose was officially banned from being elected into the Hall of Fame and minimum wage was only \$4.25 an hour; but Donald Trump gave Marla Maples a 7 ½ caret engagement ring and we gave Council, **Carol Kiradjieff** as our next president, 1991-1993. That was of course without the 7 ½ caret ring or the minimum wage as an incentive. Carol made history at HCC by tackling tough issues like - AIDS education and awareness and Inhalant Abuse. Carol joined the OPTA Board as the Gifted Education Commissioner. She also served as the Bylaws Commissioner which meant she had to review all unit Bylaws word by word. And you thought it was hard getting a committee together to review just one set of Bylaws.

The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City is destroyed by a truck bomb, shocking the American people with the then worst terrorist attack on US soil. The Channel Tunnel linking England to France officially opens and is hailed as one on the century's greatest feats. Council has its own great feat when it elects **Karen Rolke** as President, 1993-95. Karen made Council history by taking us on the road, so to speak. The Council board went to the districts to present the Basic Keys Workshop. Council also won the Ohio PTA President's Gold Membership Award.

The summer Olympics, being held in Atlanta, are marred by a bombing. Scottish scientists clone an adult sheep's DNA and produce a healthy sheep they named Dolly. March '97 Cincinnati had their worse flood in 33 yrs. The river crested at 64.2' The National PTA celebrates 100 years of working on behalf of children and **Lana VanMetre** realizes that she will have 100 things to do now that she has been elected President, 1995-97. Lana made history at HCC by focusing on parent involvement, starting with a new chairman position and featuring parent involvement tips at each general meeting. Lana enjoyed being president so much she returned for a repeat engagement in 2001-02.

As Bryant Gumbel was co-hosting his final "Today" show and "Entertainment Tonight" was airing their 4000 episode, Council was installing their 44<sup>th</sup> President, **Linda Day**, 1997-1999. "Bright Ideas" was started with delegates sharing what has worked/not worked in their units. The Vocational Readiness Scholarship was developed and Founders Day was very special because we celebrated NPTA's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a big birthday party. And not to be out done by "All My Children's", Susan Lucci who finally won a Daytime Emmy after 19 nominations; Council, on their very first time being nominated, won the 1998-1999 OPTA Outstanding Council Award. Linda served on the Ohio PTA Board of Managers as the Health, Welfare, & Safety Coordinator. In 1998 the HWS Commission produced the "Keeping Kids Safe" kit which was mailed to all unit presidents as a reference for programs, assemblies and articles. And even though this was the year Western Union discontinued use of its telegram service, Council never discontinues use of someone as shown in the fact that they brought **Linda Day** back to serve another term as President, 2004-2006. Linda was one of only three Council Presidents to serve more than one term. And just like people are brought back to serve, sometimes great ideas from the past are brought back. And so Marilee's great idea of spotlighting our individual districts at the general meetings and the great things that go on in them, was brought back. It was just as successful in 2004 as it was in 1981.

Unfortunately the time had come when the United States felt it necessary to have a Department of Homeland Security but not all was depressing in the world because it was also a time when the Spirit Rover was launched which officially began NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Mission. Maybe someday Mars will become our newest PTA Congress. And it definitely wasn't a depressing time for Council because we elected **Sue Hummer** as our next president, 2003-2004. Sue initiated the Founders' Day Service Project with the first one being Gifts for Fernside, followed by Books for Children's Hospital and Adopt a Katrina PTA. Sue also came up with the idea of the HCC Chicken, given to a board member at each meeting acknowledging something special or above/beyond their job that they did the previous month. The idea is that "We all have something to **CROW** about." Sue served on the OPTA Board of Directors as the By-Laws Director.

**Hope Sweeney** was President, 2006-2008 and continued the Service Project program with gifts to St. Aloysius and St Joseph Orphanages and One Way Farm. Council held their first "bingo" as part of the Founders' Day celebration. Delegates played bingo using fun facts about PTA as their cards and markers.

Even though Malta and Cyprus were in the process of officially adopting the Euro currency and Fidel Castro was retiring as President of Cuba, after nearly 50 years, our own **Jan Hunter** was just beginning her term as Council's President, 2008-2010. And just as Danica Patrick, the first woman to win an Indy race (she won the Indy Japan 300), changed the 'old ways' in the business of racing; Jan and her board made a change in the old way of doing Council Meetings. Council, adapting to our members busy schedules, moved the School of Information's General Meeting and Workshops to an evening meeting. OPTA re-instated recognizing district educators so we started submitting our Council Outstanding Educator as our OPTA District 6 nominee and several have been honored so far.

Unfortunately North and South Korea tensions were on the rise but the world saw what the human race was really about when, after 69 days of being trapped below ground, 33 Chilean Miners were rescued. And Council had good news to when **Elise Fessler** was plucked from the board to serve as President, 2010-2012. Elise continued to promote Advocacy within our units and we started the Council Messages Game both for fun and as a way of passing along information/knowledge to our units.

In 2012 Facebook goes public, Encyclopedia Britannica stops its print editions and Queen Elizabeth celebrates her Diamond Jubilee. Not to be outdone by the English, Council has its own diamond in **Elaine Efkeman** as its newest president. In her first year as President, Council debuts its new multipurpose book, "Life Made Simple" and, again going with our delegates wishes, moved us to back to daytime General Meetings for our informational programs.

In 2014 there were several alarming events such as the Ebola Epidemic and the rise of ISIS but there were also things to celebrate such as the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, a robot makes a first every landing on a comet, and the US move toward restoring diplomatic relations with Cuba. And Council celebrates by electing **Janine Schneider** as our next president. There were also other changes in store for Council during Janine's term. A Bylaws change gave our president a chance to serve for 3 terms so Janine served from 2014-2017. We also took School of Information on road presenting two opportunities for training and moved the May General Meeting to August to help our units get the school year off to a good start.

Council's president for 2017-2018 is **Meg Ringel** and we hope you will join us for another year of great things.

Linda Day, Messages Editor & Past President of Council

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## *Scholarship Donations*

Council wishes to thank those units who have donated to the Scholarship Fund as of December 12, 2017. They are: Finneytown Elementary, Finneytown Secondary, Bobbie Fairfax, Margaret Rost, Colerain High, Colerain Middle, Northwest High, Struble Elem., Weigel Elem., Welch Elem., White Oak Middle, Bridgetown Middle, Delhi Middle, Rapid Run Middle, Crosby Elem., Harrison Elem. and Whitewater Valley Elementary.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

If your unit has not made a donation, please consider doing so. It's not too late, the deadline is February 15, 2018.

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The Rapid Run Middle School PTA (Oak Hills School District) will be presenting a program on

"BULLY-PROOFING YOUTH"

January 11, 2018, 7pm in the Rapid Run Auditorium

For additional information please visit <http://bullyproofingyouth.com/> or your Area Advisor

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National PTA 2018 Legislative Conference

March 13-15, 2018

Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA

For additional information go the National PTA website [pta.org](http://pta.org)

## *COUNCIL MESSAGE'S GAME: COUNCIL'S TIME IN HISTORY*

**The game will be part of the Founder's Day Program in February.** I hope you will take the time to read the article about your Council's history. I know it is a little long but I think you will find it interesting reading about all the things your Council has accomplished over the years. Bring your answers to the February General Meeting and enter in the prize drawing! Good Luck!

1. Does Council have 9, 7, or 5 school districts?
2. How many Council Presidents have also been president of OPTA?
3. What is the name of Council's multi-purpose book developed during Elaine's term ?
4. Which president initiated the spotlighting of our districts?
5. In what year was Hamilton County Council organized?
6. Who was the first president of Council?
7. During Karen Nichols' term, what was the big PTA history making event?
8. In what year did Council win the OPTA Outstanding Council Award?
9. What new Council project was started during Sue Hummer's term?
10. How many Council Presidents have served more than one two-year term?
11. What was the biggest challenge of President Gay Guethlein's term?
12. On what topic did President JoAnn Rice work with Channel 9 TV?
13. Where did Council initially meet?
14. Which two presidents were also Bylaws Chairmen for OPTA?
15. The Resolution that Council wrote and was adopted by both the OPTA and NPTA was on what topic?

