

COUNCIL MESSAGES

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs

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March-April, 2018

Issue 4

March 21st HCC General Meeting

Program: TBD

10 a.m. at the HCESC

HCC Evening Dessert Program

April 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Hosted by

Finneytown Local School District & PTAs

School site: Finneytown Secondary Campus

8916 Fontainebleau Terrace Cincinnati, 45231

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

(There is a registration form at the end of this newsletter.)

MEMBERSHIP: *And the award goes to...*

Has your unit increased its membership this school year? Has your unit done something special/unusual for your membership drive? If you have answered yes to either of these questions your unit is eligible to be considered for the "Outstanding Unit Membership Award." This award will be presented at the Evening Dessert Meeting/Program on April 18, 2018. It could definitely be your unit so keep recruiting members and send in to Ohio PTA by March 1, 2018.

Also, if your unit did something special to promote membership, we at the Council would love to know about it. We would like to print those ideas in Council Messages. This will help all our units when planning for next year's campaign and show how your unit was successful. Please email me if you have something to add for our next newsletter.

Online dues collections are available on the Ohio PTA website at ohipta.org. This tool may be very helpful for your unit so check it out 😊.

*****Congratulations to Finneytown Elementary PTA for reaching 100% Teacher Membership*****

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

******COUNCIL'S 2017 OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR, Mrs. Sara Pollitt******

3rd grade math and science teacher at Oakdale Elementary in the Oak Hills Local School District is Council's nominee for the OPTA District 6 2018 Educator of the Year. If she is selected, she will be honored at the OPTA Convention Awards Luncheon. We will find out in April.

MARCH 17.....

If you were thinking the only thing to celebrate this month was St. Patrick's Day, oh how wrong you would be. The month of March is filled with many special days but before I get to that let me tell you about a few events that happened on March 17th itself.

Of course we must start with St. Patrick's Day, named after the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Christian missionary, bishop, and apostle of Ireland who died on this date in 461 A.D. For 40 years he lived in poverty, teaching and traveling tirelessly. He is said to have baptized hundreds of people on a single day and to have used a three-leaf clover – the famous shamrock – to describe the Holy Trinity. For thousands of years the Irish observed the day of his death as a religious holiday, attending church in the morning and celebrating with food and drink in the afternoon. The first St. Patrick's Day parade; however, took place in 1762 in New York City not Ireland. Today, March 17 is a day of international celebration as millions of people around the world put on their best green clothing, watch parades, drink green beer, and toast the luck of the Irish.

Also on this day in 1776, British forces were forced to evacuate Boston after Gen. George Washington's successful placement of fortifications and cannons to protect the city. With this victory, he was presented with the first medal ever awarded by the Continental Congress. In 1901, the paintings of the late Dutch painter, Vincent van Gogh, were shown in a Paris gallery. The 71 paintings caused a sensation across the art world. Unfortunately, 11 years before van Gogh committed suicide never knowing that his work was destined to win acclaim beyond his wildest dreams. During his lifetime he had sold only one painting but in 1987, at a Christie's auction, a painting sold for just under \$40 million!

On this day in 1902, Robert Tyre Jones Jr. goes on to become the first great American golfer. With that he becomes part of America's "Golden Age of Sports" along with Babe Ruth (baseball), Jack Dempsey (boxer), Bill Tilden (tennis), and Red Grange (football). In 1958, written on the spot and recorded as an afterthought near the end of a session at Gold Star Studios in Los Angeles, the song "Tequila" hit #1 on the *Billboard* pop chart. Over a half of century later, the sound of this accidental, one-word classic is still irresistible. It was the Champs' only hit. And when the movie, *Erin Brockovich*, was released on this day in 2000, Julia Roberts became the first actress ever to command \$20 million per movie. By that time, \$20 million was already the standard paycheck for A-list male actors including Mel Gibson, Tom Hanks, Tom Cruise, and Sylvester Stallone.

As I mentioned though, these are not the only celebrations happening in March. Let's talk animals: we could attend the **Festival of the Owls Weekend**, celebrate **Termite Awareness Week** or **Adopt a Guinea Pig**. Domesticated guinea pigs, known as cavies, are gentle animals and make good family pets. They do live as long as 10 years so be prepared to have them around for a while. And since we have all these animals we must not forget **National Pet Sitters Week**. The job of pet sitter was started in 1983 by Patti Moran after being laid off from her corporate job. It was such a success that she wrote *Pet Sitting for Profit*, established an international association and spearheaded an entirely new industry.

Not to be outdone by the animals, here are just a few of the food celebrations going on in March. This is **National Noodle Month**. With roughly 100 calories per ½ cup serving, little sodium or fat and no cholesterol, pasta fits into your healthy lifestyle and busy days. Also to help on those busy days is the National Frozen and Refrigerated Foods council which says "that one should savor the taste of real food, just frozen" so enjoy **National Frozen Food Month**. The invention of cereal was founded on the fact that the American diet of the 1800's was a poor one packed with protein, booze and caffeine. Cereal was considered a remedy, a sort of 19th century wonder food for the ailing masses. So if you are enjoying a spoonful of oats, bran or wheat today give a little nod to **National Cereal Day, 3/7**. But of course all celebrations can't be for healthy foods – how about **National Potato Chip Day 3/14**, **Oreo Cookie Day 3/6**, **National Pie Day 3/14** (the aroma of a pie in the oven recalls the sense of home for many Americans), and **National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day 3/24**. We all know that chocolate deserves more than a day so how about **American Chocolate Week (3rd full week)** – "Buy Chocolate, Eat Chocolate, Be Happy." Now we're talking. And with all that food we must have something to drink so let's not forget **National Gallo Wine Day 3/21**.

While we are enjoying fine chocolates and a glass of wine, we can partake in **Read an E-Book Week** – with eBooks you are able to access your favorite book whenever and wherever. If you do still borrow from the library, then you probably want to celebrate **Return Borrowed Books Week**. However you enjoy your reading you might think about celebrating **Sherlock Holmes Weekend**, **Shakespeare Week**, **National Ghostwriters Week** and **World Folktales and Fables Week**. And don't forget the art of oral storytelling celebrated on **World Storytelling Day** on the March equinox.

If reading isn't your thing, how about **National Kite Flying Month**, **National Craft Month**, **World Irish Dancing Week**, or **American Crossword Puzzle Week**. During **National Button Week (3rd full week)** you are asked to post a photo of your favorite button on Facebook or Twitter about your button activities and how you plan to celebrate.

If all of this is just too much work then just sit back and do nothing for **National Procrastination Week, 3/4-3/10**.



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:

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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

Don't forget to select your district's Educator of the Year due to Council at the March 14th 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.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

There is still time to submit scholarship applications. Scholarships are awarded to one student from each of our member high schools, three educators and two vocational readiness recipients. Applications were sent electronically in January 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

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 be invited to attend the Hamilton County Council of PTAs Evening Dessert Program, on April 18, 2018, to celebrate their achievement.

Remember, any unit that does not contribute to the HCC Scholarship Fund will be ineligible for any scholarships.

MARCH COUNCIL MESSAGES GAME

Read the article "March 17..." then answer the questions below. Bring your answers to the March Meeting and enter for a chance to win a prize.

1. St. Patrick's is the patron saint of _____.
2. Where and when was the first St. Patrick's Day parade celebrated? _____
3. Name two common things people do to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. _____
4. Gen. George Washington protected what city? _____
5. A painting of Dutch painter, Vincent van Gogh sold for _____ at an auction.
6. In 2000, Julia Roberts became the first actress ever to command _____ per movie.
7. What new job was created in 1983 by Patti Moran after she was laid off from her corporate job? _____
8. What is the saying from the National Frozen and Refrigerated Foods council about frozen foods? _____

9. What was the basic American diet of the 1800's? _____
10. What is the slogan for American Chocolate Week? _____
11. Name two activities that are celebrated this month. _____
12. If all of this is just too much work, then what is the best 'event' for you to 'celebrate' this month? _____

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!!!!

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

**Wednesday April 18, 2018
Desserts @ 7:00 PM Program starts @ 7:30 PM**

**FINNEYTOWN SECONDARY CAMPUS
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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 13th
You can mail this form or e-mail requested information to address below**

PTA unit Presidents should coordinate RSVPs for their unit including:

PTA President, Principal, Reflection chair, any other school staff or PTA Board Member, and if you have any of the following: 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 _____

