

COUNCIL MESSAGES

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SUE HUMMER FOUNDERS' DAY SERVICE PROJECT 2018

A big thank you to all the PTAs and individuals that participated in the Service Project, "Feast of Love Ministries." Our Service Project was introduced in 2004 by then President Sue Hummer. The first organization we donated to was Fernside and we donated craft supplies, batteries, etc. Each year we pick a different organization/place that benefits children. Without the generous support of our PTA units and members over the years we would not have been able to continue this very worthwhile project so we say a **BIG THANK YOU!!!!**

Janine Schneider, Immediate HCC Past President and Service Project Chairman

PREVIOUS SERVICE PROJECTS:

- 2005 Children's Hosp. 1562 Books
- 2006 Pineview Middle School PTA (Katrina Victim, Covington, LA) – Helped with a Math/Reading Night supplies/decorations; \$500 in gift cards, 8 boxes of school supplies
- 2007 St. Joseph & St. Aloysius Orphanages – clothing; \$600 checks and gift cards
- 2008 One Way Farm- clothing; personal care items; food products
- 2009 Abrey Rose Foundation – gift cards
- 2010 Ronald McDonald House – gift cards and gas cards for the families staying there
- 2011 Lake High School (Milbury, OH school library was destroyed in a tornado) - \$1890 in gift cards to help rebuild
- 2012 Freestore Food Bank-11 boxes canned/dry food and \$1337.96 monetary
- 2013 Lighthouse on Highland – 6 boxes of food and \$35 gift cards
- 2014 May We Help – (they find solutions for those with special needs like building ramps etc.) - \$1613.29
- 2015 Comfort Quilts for Kids - \$3210.11 in cash/cards to purchase fabric for quilts for hospitalized children. Our reach was so far even a Vacation Bible School heard about our project and donated.
- 2016 Kenzie's Closet – prom attire – 18 dresses, accessories and \$1881 in cash and cards.
- 2017 Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank - over \$1200.00 and many diapers to help diaper the children in the Tri-State area.

KEEP WATCH FOR A FUTURE EMAIL

from your Area Advisor with the

HCC GENERAL MEETING CALENDAR and TRAINING DATES

for 2018-2019



PLEASE DON'T TURN THE PAGE until you think about joining HCC 2018-2019 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 perspective. Won't you think about joining us. Call/email next year's Council President Meg Ringel, 367-2318, megringel73@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP WRAP-UP

Time flies when you are having fun. Can you believe we are nearing the end of this school year already? This has been a **great year** of membership for our units. I would like to say thank you to all the Membership Chairs, Presidents, Officers, Delegates and Committees for an awesome job on Membership this year. Our Council units received a lot of awards this year. We had seventeen (17) schools receive 100% Teacher Membership, eighteen (18) schools receive OPTA Early Bird Awards, and four (4) schools receive Super Star awards in September. What an amazing job!

As we look to next year remember to update your membership books. Make sure to attend Kindergarten, Middle school, or High school orientations to recruit new members. If your unit is interested in paying dues online, there is information on ohiopta.org called “Cheddar Up” that you can look into to get your unit started for the upcoming year. Attending workshops will help you with your PTA duties, but also talking to previous chairmen and to other school’s chairman might give you a new idea on how to help your membership grow. And if this is your last year, please remember to turn over all your records to your successor.

If you have any cool membership themes that you would like to share with others send it to the Ohio PTA website so they can showcase your school. Have a great summer.

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



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.



EVENING DESSERT PROGRAM



If you missed it then you missed a great evening. Finneytown Local School District was our host and the event took place at Finneytown High School. There was music to enjoy, delicious refreshments provided by the PTAs and numerous very deserving people honored with awards. The following students and teachers were honored:

Reflections 2017-2018 Theme: “Within Reach”

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

Brennan Moore	Award of Excellence	Visual Arts	Northwest High School
Cas Detzel	Award of Outstanding Achievement	Dance Choreography	White Oak Middle School
Lenora Wallace	Award of Outstanding Achievement	Literature	Crosby Elementary
Alyssa Rose	Award of Outstanding Achievement	Literature	White Oak Middle School
Sydney Hall	Award of Outstanding Achievement	Music Composition	Crosby Elementary
Lilianna Pisegna	Award of Merit	Visual Arts	C.O. Harrison Elementary
Kayla Morris	Award of Merit	Visual Arts	Whitewater Valley Elementary
Robert-Thomas Denike	Award of Merit	Special Artists/ Visual Arts	Finneytown Secondary
Evan Wildenmann	Honorable Mention	Literature	Rapid Run Middle School
Emma Waywood	Honorable Mention	Literature	Northwest High School
Kaia Armstrong	Honorable Mention	Visual Arts	Colerain High School
Robert-Thomas Denike	Honorable Mention	Special Artists/ Visual Arts	Finneytown Secondary

****Brennan Moore's entry in Visual Arts has moved on to the National PTA level of competition****

HCC of PTAs Vocational Readiness Scholarships

Bobbie B. Fairfax School	Tyler Phillips
Margaret B. Rost School	Sam Hofmeyer

HCC of PTAs College Scholarships

Colerain High School	Tatum Wilmes
Finneytown High School	Carissa Ruffin
Northwest High School	Madeline DeSelms
Oak Hills High School	Allison Auel

HCC of PTAs Educator Scholarships

Dr. Ralph W. Sinks Educational Administration Scholarship	Megan Spetrino, Springmyer Elem., OH
Theresa K. Kirby Memorial Scholarship.....	Nicole Deutsch, Welch Elementary, NW
Margaret B. Rost Special Education Scholarship	Patricia Nelson, Bobbie B Fairfax, DDS

HCC of PTAs Educators of the Year

Finneytown	Angie Creutzinger, Brent Elementary School
HCDDS.....	Kathleen Spiller, Margaret B. Rost School
Northwest	Dawn Backus, White Oak Middle School
Oak Hills	Kristen Listerman, Oak Hills High School
Southwest	Sue Huber, Harrison Elementary School

Ohio PTA District 6 Outstanding Educator and State Outstanding Educator

Sara Pollitt, 3rd grade math & science teacher at Oakdale Elementary in the Oak Hills Local School District

HCC of PTAs Marilee Broscheid Outstanding Unit Membership Award

Clarence A. Struble Elementary PTA, Northwest School District
Everett J. Welch Elementary PTA , Northwest School District

Important Dates in May

May 1	May Day	May 2	National Teacher Day
May 1-7	Children's Book Week	May 7-11	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 10	School Nurse Day	May 25	International Missing Children Day
Physical Fitness and Sports Month			

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.



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 PTA