

COUNCIL MESSAGES

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL of PTAs

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January 16th
HCC General Meeting

Program: ***Summer Programs for
Children & Teenagers
at the Public Libraries of
Cincinnati and Hamilton County***

Presenter: Shannon Eck
Sr. Children's Librarian

10:00 a.m. at the HCESC
Auditorium

February 20th
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 20th
Reflections Open House

at the HCESC
6:30 –8:30 p.m.

Theme: "Heroes Around Me"

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 30th. These units are now in good standing with Ohio PTA and eligible to participate in Reflections, Scholarships, etc.

Congratulations to all the schools that reached 100% Teacher Membership and the various Ohio PTA Membership 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.

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 6th 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 Donations

Council wishes to thank those units who have donated to the Scholarship Fund thus far. If your unit has not made a donation, please consider doing so. It's not too late, the deadline is February 20, 2019.

Who Else Should We Say Happy Birthday To?

So we in PTA all know the most important 'birthday party' happening on February 17 is the National PTA's. It was on this date in 1897 that some 2000 concerned people gathered together in Washington, DC to speak on behalf of the needs of children. Out of this meeting came the National Congress of Mothers, led by [Alice Mclellan Birney](#) and [Phoebe Apperson Hearst](#), which later became the National PTA. We also remember the woman, who in 1926 founded the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, which united with the National PTA in 1970. Her name was Selena Sloan Butler. The National PTA has a great history accomplishing many important and worthy tasks throughout the years and is still doing so today.

As we celebrate NPTA's birthday, I thought we would recognize a few other newsworthy people as their 'beginning' on this date coincides with important PTA events. Before PTA was even thought about, René Laennec, a French physician born in 1781, was busy inventing the stethoscope. Jozef Murgáš, born in 1864, was a Slovak inventor, painter, and priest who contributed greatly towards the development of wireless communications. Just think were we might be today without him.

In 1901 Ohio became the 5th state (congress) to join the NPTA, this occurred on May 21 and while Arthur Honegger's "Pastorale D'ete" was premiering on Feb. 17, 1921 your Hamilton Council was also being formed. We started with 9 school districts and today Finneytown, Northwest, Oak Hills, and Southwest Local School Districts along with HCDDS are members.

But getting back to birthdays of Feb, 17 – In 1925 Hal Holbrook, Emmy and Tony winning actor, director and writer is born; *The New Yorker* Magazine is published for the first time and the NPTA begins a nationwide project called Summer Round-up of Children, to identify and correct health problems. In 1936 one of the best football players of all time, Jim Brown, was born. While he was busy starring for the Cleveland Browns, leading the NFL in rushing 8 times, and being a 9-time Pro Bowl Selection your NPTA was being a star too by launching a Traffic Safety Education project. In 1941 boxer Joe Louis wasn't born but he was busy KOing Gus Dorazio in 2 rounds for the heavyweight boxing title. NPTA was busy also trying to KO child hunger by inaugurating a nationwide school lunch program. Model and actress Rene Russo, who made her film debut in 'Major League, was born in 1954 and NBC aired its 1st broadcast in Albany-Troy, NY. What was PTA doing? It was helping to field test the Salk polio vaccine. The historic Suez Canal reopens in 1957 and NPTA is honored for outstanding volunteer leadership for helping to win acceptance of the polio vaccine use.

The 60's brought us the birth of actor and director Lou Diamond Phillips and Larry the Cable Guy, stand-up comedian. It also gave us Michael Jordan "Air Jordan" (1963), considered by many to be the best basketball player of all time with his 6-time NBA champion, 6-time NBA Finals MVP, and 5-time NBA MVP. It also brought us 'hippies', flower power and the psychedelic era. With all that creativity no wonder the NPTA created the very first Reflections Program which is still going strong celebrating 50 years this school year.

1970 brought the birth of Dominic Purcell, English-Australian actor best known as Lincoln Burrows in the TV show "Prison Break." NPTA was busy celebrating too with the joining of the NPTA and the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers. The 80's brought us the birth of Jason Ritter, Emmy nominated TV actor well known for his roles on Parenthood and Joan of Arcadia and son to famous TV actor John Ritter and Paris Hilton, reality star, known mostly for her behavior. Also 'born' in the 80's was National Teacher Appreciation Week (1984), giving us a way of showing our teachers we appreciate them and letting them know that they are an important part of the PTA unit. In 1985: A Rating System for Records, Tapes & Cassettes (You know those things that played music before we had Smartphones.) Anyway...National PTA passed a resolution in 1985 and worked with both legislators and the music companies to put labels identifying the type of music contained inside. Closing out the 80's while Howard Stern's radio show returns to NYC morning radio in 1986, NPTA is busy instituting an AIDS Education Project and thus begins a multi-year AIDS education project in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control.

In 1991 pop singer Ed Sheeran is born in Hebden Bridge, England. Not only does he have success with his own singing but co-writes the song "Moments" which is made famous by One Direction. Council gets a little notoriety of its own when from a grassroots effort starting right here at the local level in Hamilton County a "Nutrition in Schools" campaign is started. A resolution is written and presented to at the Ohio PTA Convention where it is passed and then sent on to National PTA convention and passed there.

Since the turn of the century and the continuing growth of technology where and how we get our 'idols' has changed, many coming from YouTube -- Celebrities such as Christopher Sails, Jr. born in 2015, known for his appearances alongside his parents, on the pranking YouTube channel [Chris and Queen](#) and Evelyn born in 2011, one-half of the duo [TwoSistersToyStyle](#) alongside her older sister [Emily](#). They have accumulated more than 1 million subscribers through toy reviews of Minecraft, Skylanders, and Littlest Pet Shop, amongst numerous other brands. PTA has changed too in how we reach our membership but what hasn't changed is the continued concern for our youth. In 2005 the

Adopt-A-PTA program, which delivered needed school supplies to disaster-stricken areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, was initiated. NPTA also launched an effort to get more men involved in PTA and joined Internet Keep Safe Coalition to teach children rules for staying safe online. In February 2008 PTAs across the country held the first PTA Take Your Family to School week. National PTA also distributed the first PTA Back to School kit to all units and entered the world of social media with the launch of its Facebook page.

In 2012, NPTA went digital with *Our Children* magazine and brought more than 150 PTA leaders to the White House for a day-long briefing with top administration officials to discuss challenges facing our nation's schools and communities. In 2013 Danica Patrick becomes the first woman at the Daytona 500 and the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series to win pole position. PTA is a winner too when it teams with Amazon Kindle to support family reading with the PTA Family Reading Experience, Powered by Kindle program, which helps children become better readers and fosters the love of reading through a set of free literacy games and activities that are fun for the whole family. The National Football League and National PTA also partnered that year to launch the Back to Sports initiative for youth health and fitness. In 2014 The Tonight Show, starring Jimmy Fallon, premieres on NBC and NPTA does its own premiering of the NPTA and PTA Events mobile apps. It also partners with LifeLock, Inc. to raise awareness about the long-term impact of online activity and encourage students to be good digital citizens.

So if anyone thinks that PTA isn't as relevant today as when it began in 1897 they only have to look at the many tough issues still being tackled and addressed each year by the largest parent/teacher organization in the world.

Linda Day, Council Messages Editor & Past President of Council



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

These applications must be received by March 6, 2019. 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.

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 20, 2019 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

COUNCIL MESSAGE'S GAME: CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

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 important PTA events tied in to some famous people's birthdays. Bring your answers to the February General Meeting and enter in the prize drawing! Good Luck!

1. Even before PTA was 'born' René Laennec, a French physician, invented the _____.
2. Who were the founders of the National PTA? Who founded the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers?
3. When and where did that very important and historic first meeting take place?
4. What was the most important event occurring in 1901 even though it wasn't on Feb. 17?
5. What event, just as important, followed it in 1921?
6. In 1925 Hal Holbrook, is born and *The New Yorker* Magazine is published for the first time and the NPTA begins _____.
7. While NBC was airing its first broadcast in 1954 what very important task was the NPTA participating in?
8. Who during his career was NBA champion 6 times, NBA Finals MVP 6 times and 5 times NBA MVP?
9. What extremely successful National PTA program is celebrating 50 years with this school year's program?
10. 1970 was a big year of celebrating for the NPTA and the future star of 'Prison Break' _____ birth was celebrated in his family too.
11. Name two of the biggest NPTA events of 80's _____ and _____.
12. The first PTA Take Your Family to School week was in February of what year?
13. In 2012 NPTA went digital with its' Our Children magazine and _____.
14. Christopher Sails, Jr. and Evelyn, one-half of the duo TwoSistersToyStyle become famous on _____.
15. While Jimmy Fallon was premiering on The Tonight Show in 2014 the NPTA was premiering something of its own, what was it?

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