

# 2016 WCRTA NEWSLETTER

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*Special points of interest:*

## SPRING "WILDLY" LUNCH MENU

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## Wednesday May 18 WCRTA Meeting @ Noon

What does Cleveland's Euclid Avenue, once lined with magnificent mansions and known as 'Millionaires Row' have to do with the wild rice on the luncheon menu for the May 18th spring meeting at noon? Let's just say that the program will offer some "wildly" fascinating connections between Ohio natural and social history, duck hunting, antiques and world-class research being done to understand and protect migratory flyways which exist over our very heads here in Wood County. The official guest speaker will be a wildlife research coordinator by the name of Brendan

Shirkey with the Winous Point Conservancy located near Port Clinton, Ohio. He arrives at our podium with educational credentials from both Ohio and Michigan State Universities, though his passion for this research began in his early youth....

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**Consider** inviting one or two of your member friends to come with you to the meeting. New, first time members, get their lunch free as guests of the association!

### Menu :

**-Mixed Relish Plate**

**-Rolls with Butter**

**-Turkey Strata**

**-Wild Rice Green Beans**

**-Candied Carrots**

**-Wildly Delicious**

**Orange Cream Cake**

**-Coffee, Hot tea, Ice tea, and ice water**

Don't forget your donations of food, cereals and soups for the Food Pantry Project!

## President Don's Message:

Two new items. As you know ORTA and Habitat for Humanity are joining hands in 2016. I have met with the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity for Wood county. He has several ideas of

what we can do for Wood county. More from him later.

We have received handmade thank-you cards from students at the University. They will be

on display at our May 18 meeting.

Come early to see them and the duck decoy display. Bring a friend along.

# MUD HENS ANNUAL OUTING WEDNESDAY JUNE 29 @ NOON

**Toledo Mudhens vs Norfolk Tides** Wednesday June 29, 2016 at noon in Fifth-Third Field in downtown Toledo. **\$9.00** Tickets can be purchased on the reservation form for the May 18 meeting. The TARTA Mudhens "Muddy Shuttle-Bus" departs one hour before game from Rossford "All Saints Church" and Waterville Krogers. Seniors, 65+ & persons with disabilities can ride each way for new low price of \$.60, normal is now \$1.25. Shuttles return 20 minutes after game, from prior 30 minutes. Please return a stamped self addressed envelope to speed tickets to you.  
"Seenager"

I am a Seenager ( Senior teenager)  
I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.  
I don't have to go to school or work.  
I get an allowance every month.  
I don't have a curfew.  
I have a drivers license and my own car.  
I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like wine store the best. Life is good!  
You will feel better after reading this !

**You are invited:** Our 3rd Annual Civil War Reenactment Day will be Saturday, May 14 on Sycamore Rd in Grand Rapids. The Otsego 8th Grade Social Studies Department and the Historical Society work together on this event. For several weeks prior to the event, students study various perspectives. These in-classroom studies are brought to life at the one day event that is open to the public from 9 a.m. to about 1 p.m. The day culminates in a Civil War Battle complete with bugle sounds, musket and cannon fire. Bernie Scott has made 400 wooden rifles, to date, for the students to use and keep. The students also create their own uniforms!

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| <b>WCRTA TREASURER REPORT</b>   |                  |
| <b>Checking Account Summary</b> |                  |
| <b>Beginning balance</b>        | <b>\$3480.47</b> |
| <b>Deposits</b>                 | <b>\$2131.01</b> |
| <b>interest</b>                 | <b>1.13</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>             | <b>\$2131.14</b> |
| <b>Expenditures</b>             |                  |
| <b>Catering</b>                 | <b>\$494.00</b>  |
| <b>newsletter</b>               | <b>\$481.60</b>  |
| <b>Room rental</b>              | <b>\$100.00</b>  |
| <b>ORTA</b>                     | <b>\$300.00</b>  |
| <b>Membership</b>               | <b>74.41</b>     |
| <b>Honorarium</b>               | <b>\$100.00</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDATURES</b>       | <b>\$1550.01</b> |
| <b>ENDING BALANCE</b>           | <b>\$4061.60</b> |

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| <b>Life Membership Summary</b> |                   |
| <b>Beginning balance</b>       | <b>\$8039.21</b>  |
| <b>Deposits</b>                | <b>320.00</b>     |
| <b>Interest</b>                | <b>.82</b>        |
| <b>Ending balance</b>          | <b>\$8360.03</b>  |
| <b>CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT</b>  | <b>\$12000.00</b> |
| <b>BOOK GRANT</b>              | <b>\$808.00</b>   |

**I love to travel!**  
I have been in many places, but never been in Kahoots. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in kahoot with someone.  
I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.  
I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.  
One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! I need the stimuli!

## 2016..... FUTURE Meeting Dates October 19, December 7\*\* !

[ \*\*75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor and start of World War II]

### More President Don Message

- Women of the FUMC Methodist Church will be serving us on May 18. We are glad to have them!
- We will be presenting \$500 book grants to two high school seniors. The money baskets will be out on the table for donations.
- **BGSU'S Adolescent Young Adult Assn. [AYAA]** We are a young group of aspiring future educators at BGSU. As an education organization, we come together bi-weekly for professional development, collaboration, and fun. This week, we decided we would give back to the educators who have come before us and paved the way for our future. We would like to present these handmade appreciation cards from us as a thank you and hopefully a pick-me-up for your day or week. Thank you for all you have done to service your students and communities. We hope to take your place as future teachers and do the same. Hope you sincerely enjoy these cards and enjoy these small tokens of our appreciation.

....in the marshes, fields and waters surrounding Port Clinton and Winous point Shooting Club. This brings us back to the question posed at the very beginning...the conservancy organization was formed in 1999 to further research and educational outreach programs which had long been a

tradition at the very private and historic Winous Point Shooting Club ( WPSC) . The club was founded in 1856 on the northern shore of Sandusky Bay which was seasonally inundated with migrating waterfowl attracted to the endless beds of *wild rice*.

More particulars on its his-

tory can be found later on page 4. Suffice it to say that the millionaire mansions were long ago razed, but the legacy of the wealth that formed Winous Point continues to grow. Starting with the thousands of acres of environmentally sensitive coastal marshes that the club protected from “ agricultural progress (aka draining and tiling) and now leading the way as a proving ground for wetlands management techniques, biology internship programs and educational .....[continued on page 4] .

**2015 MEMORIAL BOOK PROGRAM LIST OF 85 TEACHERS WHO DIED IN 2015, by Pat McGinnis and Pat Coale, [ Thank you Pat and Pat] [TWO PAGE INSERT] [This is one of the most important things we do all year!]**

Legislative/STRS News  
Dr. Roger Anderson

In December, 2015 the Ohio legislature passed and sent to the Governor, House Bill 340 which modified language in H.B. 2, having to do with teachers employed in community (charter) schools. The bill limits the community school operators from exempting teachers from participating in STRS to only those who have previously contributed to Social Security on or before February 1, 2016.

In February Representative Terry Johnson (R.) introduced House Joint Resolution HJR 6, which if passed by a three-fifth majority of both Houses, would let voters decide whether to end state agencies’ and pension funds’ investments in companies with specific business operations in Iran, Sudan, Syria, and Cuba. If HJR 6 passed both the House and Senate, then it would be placed on the ballot in November, 2016 as a proposed constitutional amendment. STRS Ohio strongly opposes HJR 6 primarily because in 2007 the retirement systems adopted voluntary divestment policies that made further legislation unnecessary. These policies have led to major reductions in investment holdings in companies with operations in Iran and Sudan. Also as fiduciaries acting in the interest of STRS contributors, the STRS Board is not authorized to pursue political or social agendas. HJR 6 has been assigned to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee chaired by Representative Tim Brown (R. Bowling Green). STRS members in Wood County are asked to contact Representative Brown and Senator Randy Gardner to express opinions on HJR 6.

In other news in March the STRS Board noted that the Health Care Fund for Retirees is solvent only until 2031. The Board singled out health care funding challenges as a key focus area for 2016. The Board has agreed to work with members and stakeholders to: determine the main components of a good value plan; evaluate the impact of health care

**May 18, 2016 Luncheon Reservations/Membership**

Number of luncheons\_\_\_\_@\$12.00=.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Mudhens Tickets\_\_\_\_@\$9.00=.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total

Make check payable to WCRTA and mail by May 8 to Nancy Buchanan, 20983 Hoytville Road, Deshler, OH 43516

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[ continued fro page 3] ....outreach programs like Mr. Shirkey's presentation to our group.

The luncheon's "unofficial" guest will be Wood County native Joyce ( Scott) Hay of Portage, Michigan. She and her husband Jeff ( from Bellevue), Ohio) recently presented research on several historic hunt clubs ( including WPSC) along Lake Erie's southern shore and will bring some hand-carved wooden hunting decoys that were used at Winous Point just before the outbreak of the Civil War . These decoys are regarded as a form of American folk art within the world of antiques.

Just like Mike and Frank from television's " American Pickers", Joyce and Jeff often time will travel the back roads of America trying to discover and preserve these great pieces of history.

Time permitting, Joyce will briefly use a 150-year old Canvasback duck hunting decoy to connect Wood County's network of drainage ditches with the digging of the Panama Canal, President Lincoln's assassination, Custer's family farm in Tontogany and the Winous Point Shooting Club.

Again, be sure to join us for this unusual program on Wednesday May 18th at the First United Methodist Church on East Wooster Street. Plan on arriving early at 11 AM to enjoy Ms. Scott's brief historic prologue to Mr. Shirkey's important research from Winous Point Marsh Conservancy. Lunch will be served promptly at Noon

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