



# FCRTA

Franklin County Retired Teachers Association  
NRTA "With Our Youth" National Award Recipient

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## Luncheons/Dinners & Board Meetings

### September

**When:** 12:00, September 8, 2010

**Where:** Arlington Banquets (Café)

1967 W. Henderson Rd.

Columbus, OH

Dr. Bob Potts, as show director  
in the 50's,

will share his personal experiences with  
Fred Rogers, star of the renowned TV  
show,

"Mr. Roger's Neighborhood".

**Sept. 8, 2010**

**Luncheon Reservation**

**(clip this form and mail)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: September 1, 2010**

**Cost per person: \$15.00**

**Make checks payable to FCRTA and  
mail to:**

**Mildred Becker**

**311 E. Walnut St.**

**Westerville, OH 43081-2339**

### October

**When:** 12:00, October 13, 2010

**Where:** Villa Milano

1630 Shrock Rd.

Columbus, OH

Candice Lee, anchor, reporter of  
NBC 4, since 2007, will tell her  
amazing stories not only as a TV re-  
porter, but as a journalist in Wash-  
ington, DC, for U.S. Navy, etc.

Laura Ecklar, Dir. of  
Communications

Services, will give an STRS update.

**October 13, 2010**

**Luncheon Reservation**

**(clip this form and mail)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: October 6, 2010**

**Cost per person: \$15.00**

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### Reminder to all Franklin County Retired Teachers

**When talking  
about STRS, we  
want to use the  
term 'earned pen-  
sions'. The pen-  
sion we each are  
now receiving is  
money we earned!**





## Window of Opportunity

Are you a member of both Franklin County Retired Teachers Association and the Ohio Retired Teachers Association? If you are a life member of both, **GREAT!!!** If you pay dues to both annually, that's great also since dollars continue to flow in for operating expenses.

*The question here is have you paid your dues for 2011? Annual membership is from January 1 to December 31, but promptness in paying ORTA dues will save you money.*

**Why is there a Window of Opportunity?** In May, the ORTA board voted to increase life membership from \$300 to \$500 and annual dues from \$20 to \$30. The increase in life membership can be avoided if your \$300 is in the ORTA office prior to September 1. If time after you receive this newsletter, life membership dues of \$300 can be mailed directly to ORTA, 8050 N. High Street,

Columbus OH 43235. Mention FCRTA.

*You have a bit longer to procrastinate to avoid the annual dues increase, but why wait?* Annual ORTA dues of \$20 will be accepted if received in the ORTA office by December 15, 2010. To give our membership chair Martha Kinkead forwarding time, your check should be to her no later than December 1. Thereafter ORTA annual dues will be \$30. Either amount is a bargain.

**A special  
welcome to our  
newest  
member,  
Jane R.  
Hubbard**

### Reasons You Should Belong to Both FCRTA and ORTA

- Both are actively interested in protecting our pensions and health benefits.
- Both represent members at STRS meetings and advocate fiscal responsibility.
- Both argue in favor of cost of living increases for retirees.
- Both follow legislation that would affect our pensions or health benefits.
- Both make suggestions related to contacting legislators on a timely basis.
- Legislators and STRS board members pay attention to membership numbers.

### More members means more clout.

- ORTA represents Ohio retired educators at STRS health care and pension advocate meetings and at Ohio Retired Study Commission and legislative committee meetings.
- ORTA represents us at the federal level and actively opposes mandatory Social Security coverage for Ohio teachers and supports repeal of the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision.
- ORTA publishes a quarterly newsletter with timely information about STRS, legislation, and services it offers.
- Both have websites with information for members: <http://www.fcrtac.com> and <http://www.orta.org>
- FCRTA schedules six luncheons a year which often feature speakers who give updated information on our pension and health care benefits, legislation, or topics that affect seniors' lifestyles.
- FCRTA encourages community service and offers recognition awards to legislators and community leaders.
- FCRTA needs to continue to have a trustee on the ORTA board. The number of ORTA trustees is being decreased as a cost savings measure and only the ten chapters with the largest ORTA membership will be eligible for a trustee. Eileen Young is our current trustee on the ORTA board.
- FCRTA provides a time and a place to visit with long time friends and to make new ones.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Year Retired \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ FCRTA Life ..... \$100      \_\_\_ ORTA Life ..... \$300 before September 1, 2010, \$500 thereafter

\_\_\_ FCRTA Annual ..... \$10      \_\_\_ ORTA Annual ..... \$20 before December 1, 2010, \$30 thereafter

Except for ORTA life memberships before September 1, make check payable to FCRTA.

Mail to Martha Kinkead; 5810 Pinewild Drive; Westerville OH 43082-7753

(Enclose a stamped envelope if a dues card is desired.)



## *A Message From Our President*

Location, location, location...these three words are the prerequisite for success in real estate and the business world in general.

Our retired teacher's organization also has a trio of all important words...Membership, membership, membership. Numbers are of high value to the legislators who control our pensions and health benefits. More members mean more clout.

Current members are our most important and only valued recruiters. So, please, make a few phone calls, twist a few arms or "twitter" a retired educator and perhaps we can increase our membership numbers.

An added benefit of FCRTA membership is the social aspect. Our active members seem to enjoy the camaraderie provided by our luncheons.

Phil Courtad, Co- President

## **FCRTA Scholarships Awarded**

The F.C.R.T.A. awarded two \$1,000 Peggy Grate / Dorothy Scrivener Memorial Scholarships during the June 16, 2010 dinner meeting.



The Recipients for 2010 are:

Christopher Blados from Granview Heights : Robert Lewis Stevenson Elm. School

Jennifer Staton from Southwestern City: Franklin High school

Special thanks to these members who are actively involved in service to make our world a better place.



We thank....

- The member who organized both a neighborhood yard sale and a golf Outing to benefit Crohn's Disease Research
- The member who plays an instrument in the Westerville Community Orchestra
- The member who manages costuming and performs for Vaud-Villities
- The members who actively participate in Charity Newsies projects
- The members who serve in the Lutheran Social services Food Pantry
  - The member who significantly assists with Honor Flight (WWII Veterans to Washington D.C.)
- The members who have leadership positions in various veterans organizations
  - The members who regularly visit residents in retirement/nursing homes



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Return Service Requested



## FCRTA Members – *Your money is safe with us.*

**MidState Educators Credit Union** has been offering financial products and services to educators and school employees since 1936. All members of FCRTA are eligible to open an account at MidState Educators Credit Union. As a member of MidState Educators Credit Union, you are also an owner of the credit union. In addition, once you join the credit union, your immediate family members are also eligible to open an account. Many of our members take great satisfaction in bringing the benefits of credit union membership to their family members.

**MidState Educators Credit Union** remains a safe financial institution for your savings. **Members' shares are insured up to \$500,000.** The first \$250,000 in deposits is insured by the National Credit Union Administration, a federal agency. The NCUA is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. The additional \$250,000 in deposits are insured by ESI, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of American Share Insurance (ASI), the nation's largest private deposit insurer, and insures only credit unions meeting its high standards.

**We are financially strong and we have plenty of money to lend!** We continue to offer very competitive rates on our loans and savings products – Mortgages, Auto Loans, Credit Cards, Certificate Accounts and Money Management Savings. Visit us today and see for yourself. We look forward to meeting all your savings and lending needs today and for many years to come.

Members of FCRTA may contact Angie directly at **614-340-1518** during regular business hours or via email at [afreeman@educu.org](mailto:afreeman@educu.org). When speaking with Angie or whenever you contact her please identify yourself as being a member of FCRTA.

**Members: Please  
visit the  
webpage at its new  
address:  
<http://www.fcrt.com>**

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Missy Rush, Editor  
by Nov. 6, 2010.  
[mrush52995@aol.com](mailto:mrush52995@aol.com)**