"The more Ohioans learn about Issue 2, the more they understand it didn’t have to be this way," said Melissa Fazekas, spokeswoman for We Are Ohio. Politicians didn’t have to attack Ohio workers like firefighters, police officers, teachers and nurses, they could have chosen a different path. At the same time they were asking hardworking Ohioans to make ‘shared sacrifices’ they were literally giving out huge pay raises and bonuses to their staff members. Their hypocrisy is appalling. Once again these politicians are playing by one set of rules, while expecting the rest of us to play by another. Politicians shouldn’t be allowed to hide behind loopholes in the bill which exempt them from playing by the same rules they are trying to enforce on others. Ohioans deserve to be treated fairly and won’t put up with double standards.”

Again, I urge you to vote NO on Issue 2.

UPCOMING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Stella Hull

November 9, 2011
Gary DiVito is the featured speaker at the November meeting. He is the District Manager for AMBA (Association Member Benefits Advisors). This organization handles the endorsed benefits (including vision and dental) for The Ohio Retired Teachers Association. In addition, AMBA provides benefits for active and retired school teachers. He is fulfilling a commitment to introduce AMBA to chapters around the state so members are familiar with what they have available to them. He looks forward to informing the GCC/ORTA membership about new benefits, as well as refreshing us on the old standbys.

December 14, 2011
Join us for our annual holiday program. In addition, Dave Gynn, ORTA President-Elect, is planning to visit our Chapter.
Stella Hull, President

Stella Hull retired from high school teaching July 1, 2007. She worked in the Cleveland Municipal School district for five years. After a year as a permanent substitute, she joined the faculty of Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, where she spent another five years then ended her career at Cleveland Heights High School.

Stella holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Comprehensive Business Education from Cleveland State University and a Master of Education in Instructional Computing from Kent State. As a business teacher, Stella taught everything from Accounting to Web Design and was an advisor for Business Professionals of America and other extracurricular activities. She also served on Advisory boards and as a Tech Prep Liaison. She is an adjunct instructor at Cuyahoga Community College’s Metro campus in the Information Technology Department and remains involved in local, state, and national business education organizations.

Stella served as GCC Vice-President in 2010 and 2011 and is completing her first year as ORTA District X Director. She is the mother of two, and though she enjoys her work, she reserves one day a week for watching her grandson.

Juanita Flinner, Vice President

Juanita Flinner was born and raised in the Cleveland area, attended Cleveland Public Schools, graduated from Parma Senior High, and then attended Ohio University for her B.A.Ed and Cleveland State for the M.Ed. She took many post-Masters courses through Kent State.

Juanita retired after 30 years with the Cleveland Public Schools, having taught the elementary grades and serving as an Intern, Assistant Principal, and Principal. After retiring, Juanita was an Assistant Director of a non-profit organization for nine years. She has been a volunteer at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo for 20 years, working with the classes that come to the zoo, working with the public and helping in the volunteer office. She is very active in the Western Reserve Kennel Club holding various chairmanships, was corresponding secretary for several years and president of the club.

Juanita said, “If voted in, I will do my best for the Greater Cleveland Chapter of ORTA.”

Judy Brown Dickinson, Recording Secretary

Judy Brown Dickinson earned a Bachelors Degree in Education from Ohio University and a Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Cleveland State University. She taught in the Cleveland Municipal School District for 32 years before retiring. She is a member of St. Timothy Missionary Baptist Church. She is President of the Board of Directors for Bartlett Pointe Estates. She is a past Recording Secretary for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and a member of Eta Phi Beta Sorority. Judy has served as GCC/ORTA Recording Secretary since 2008.

Barbara Mazzone, Corresponding Secretary

Barbara Mazzone received a B.S. in Education degree from St. John College of Cleveland and an M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction from Cleveland State University. She spent all but two years of her 38 year career in the Cleveland Municipal School District, teaching math to regular and special education classes in grades 1-8. She retired in 2006. An active member of St. Rocco Church, Barb serves as President of the Holy Family Sodality and Chairperson of the Pastoral Team. She is secretary of her condo association. Barb works at PlayhouseSquare as a House Manager and is also a Redcoat. She has served as Corresponding Secretary of GCC/ORTA since 2007 and is the Newsletter Editor.

Richard Gore, Treasurer

Richard Gore received a BS degree in Business Education from Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC and his MSBA in Business and Computer Studies from the University of Montana, Missoula, MT.

He started his teaching career at East High School in Cleveland in 1964. He also served as Coordinator of Education Data Processing, supervised Information Processing and Marketing Education and retired as Director of Career and Technical Education. In addition, he has taught accounting and marketing courses as a visiting instructor at Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio. He has been a consultant for the Ohio Committee of Practitioners for Vocational and Adult Education, Ohio’s Future at Work Beyond 2000, Solon City Schools, and East Cleveland Public Schools. He has been written up in the Harvard Business Review.

Business experience includes service as President of the Board of Directors for the Ohio Educational Credit Union in Cleveland, and service as computer and software analyst for Computer Center at Agency Rental Car Agency.

Richard has been a member of GGC/ORTA since September, 2001.
☐ Mr.  ☐ Mrs.  ☐ Ms.  ☐ Miss  ☐ Dr.

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GREATER CLEVELAND CHAPTER
Annual Dues (Retired Educators) 15.00 ☐
Life Membership (one-time payment) 140.00 ☐
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Optional Ohio Retired Teachers Association
ORTA Annual Dues 30.00 ☐

TOTAL Enclosed $___________

Note: The dues year runs from January – December of any year.
☐ Do not include my contact information in a GCC Directory published for members only.

GREATER CLEVELAND CHAPTER OF ORTA
VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Use this form to report your service hours. Clip and bring this form to the meeting or mail to:
GCC/ORTA, P.O. Box 5191, Cleveland, OH 44101 Attention: Diane Douglas

Check the areas where you volunteer and estimate your total volunteer hours.

☐ Animal Welfare ☐ Environmental Projects ☐ Professional Organizations
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☐ Crusades & Drives ☐ Patriotic Organizations ☐ Other (list)

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Make check payable to GCC/ORTA.
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Richard M. Gore, Treasurer
6555 Clearwater Ct.
Solon, OH 44139-3850
General Comments
As I write this legislative report, Congress has received a plan from President Obama to reduce the $14.3 billion deficit and increase jobs. The plan has no bill number as yet. I will report on the plan and some bills that may have some interest.

FEDERAL UPDATES
The Plan Called “American Jobs Act.”
This plan is broken down into four (4) parts. They are:
- Tax cuts to help America’s Small Businesses hire and grow.
- Putting workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America.
- Pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs.
- More money in the pockets of every American worker and family.
Each part has a specific dollar assigned. The total asked for is $447 billion. The President, will in the coming days, release a detailed plan the will show how he intends to pay for the plan and stabilizing the debt.

H.R. 1249 (Reps. Leahy-Smith – America Invents Act): Would speed up the patent laws and outlines how inventors file for a patent. NOTE: Bill passed in the Senate and sent back to the House.

H.R. 2587 (Rep. Scott – Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act): Would amend the National Labor Relations Act to deny the National Labor Relations board (NLRB) any power to: order an employer to restore or reinstate any work, product, production line, or equipment; (2) rescind any location, transfer, subcontracting, outsourcing, or other change regarding the location, entity, or employer who shall be engaged in production or other business operations; (3) require an employer to make an initial or additional investment at a particular plant, facility, or location. NOTE: This bill was introduced to limit the power of the NLRB.

H.R. 1351 (Rep. Lynch – United States Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011): Would prescribe the “average pay” and the appropriate percentage thereof to be used in determining annuities for civilian employment in the USPS.

STATE ISSUES
H.B. 69 (Wachtmann – Ohio Retirement Pension Plans): While there is a Senate Bill 3 concerning the same information, H.B. 69 will most likely be the bill that will be passed. H.B. 69 was introduced on 02/01/2011 and contains procedures and changes for all five pension systems in Ohio. NOTE: Action on pension bills will probably not take place until after the Nov. 8 election.

H.B. 318 (Reps. Blessing, O’Brien – Changes the Primary Date): Would eliminate March primary elections in presidential elections year by requiring all primary elections to be conducted on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May. NOTE: The House passed this bill and sent it to the Senate on Sept. 15, 2011.

H.B. 319 (Rep. Huffman – Congressional Redistricting-2010 Decennial Census): Would establish Congressional district boundaries for the state based on 2010 decennial census of Ohio. Ohio, based on population, must give up two representatives to the U.S. Congress, NOTE: The House passed the creation of the new map on 09/15/2011 and sent it to the Senate for approval.


H.B. 194 (Reps. Mecklenborg & Blessing – Election Law – Revise): This bill was passed and signed by Governor Kasich 07/01/2011 and became effective on 09/30/2011. Bill would establish a May primary date and involves a major overhaul of the elections system. NOTE: Former Democratic Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner is gathering signatures to put it up for referendum in November 2012 and has until Sept. 29 to turn in signatures from 231,147 registered voters. If opponents succeed in getting the referendum on the ballot, the law will be on hold until November 2012 election. If they fail to come up with enough signatures by Sept. 29, the law would take effect, including the May primary date.
STRS NEWS

- Committee hearings on H.B. 69 and S.B. 3, which were introduced earlier this year to carry pension legislation, will not be resumed until after ORSC study is done. This will take place after the Nov. 8 election.
- All STRS members are encouraged to talk to their legislators on preserving the defined benefit pensions for future retirees versus moving public educators into defined contribution plans.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Diane Douglas

GCC members generously contribute to the betterment of their communities in many different ways. Each year beginning in October members begin giving to our Hunger Task Force and those funds are donated to local hunger centers or shelters at Christmas to help with their programs.

Last year, Shoes and Clothes for Kids benefited from the kindness of our members. This year we are collecting funds for the West Side Ecumenical Ministry, one of Cuyahoga County’s largest food centers. It also provides counseling and other supportive services to families and children. Let us come together again to help make the holiday season better for those in need.

Whether you volunteer by helping a neighbor or a worthy organization, your efforts make a difference and you deserve recognition. Please let us know the number of volunteer hours you served in 2011 by December 31.

Your holiday contributions and volunteer hours may be submitted at our luncheons or mailed to: GCC/ORTA, PO Box 5391, Cleveland OH 44101, Attention: Community Service Committee

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE
Mayethel White

Thinking of you cards were sent to Pauline Diamond and Dorothy Wilson. Please continue to keep these long-time GCC members in your prayers. Get well wishes are extended to Juanita Jennings as she recuperates from knee replacement surgery.

Condolences were extended to the families of Ernestine Smith, Doris Toth, Anthony Eterovich, and Alvin Stapf. Expressions of sympathy were also sent to Louis Jurkiewicz on the loss of his brother, Dan Oswieciński on the loss of his father, Joseph Vadini on the loss of his wife, and Marcia Price on the loss of her aunt.

As we enter the holiday season let us give thanks for all the blessings we have received and continue to be a blessing to others. Let us enjoy the fabulous flush of fall hues and the whimsical wonder of winter.

I am at your service to send cards congratulatory, get well and sympathy cards to our GCC members.

SEASONS GREETINGS!

TREASURER’S REPORT
Richard Gore

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Newsletter Deadline for the March/April Issue Is January 11, 2012
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Address:
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Give this form to Martha Colbert at a luncheon meeting or

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Cleveland, Ohio 44101
ATTN: Martha Colbert

SCHOLARSHIP FUND
50-50 RAFFLE WINNERS

September
Mazzie Taylor  Rosemary Gulick

Beatrice Susskind Frank celebrates her 90th birthday on November 22nd. Happy Birthday, Beatrice!

Annual Membership Winners
Pamela Adamson  Patricia Hines
Joanne Bonder  Cynthia Stallworth
Deborah Chambers  Deborah Stewart
Margie Dunlevy

DONATION TO GCC/ORTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Yes, I would like to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund. I am enclosing a check made payable to GCC/ORTA Scholarship Fund.

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MEETINGS
Greater Cleveland Chapter of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association

November 9, 2011
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
5300 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio

Luncheon Served at 12 Noon
Cost of meal $17.50 (Includes 20% service charge)
  Roast Turkey with Homestyle Stuffing
  Mashed Potatoes
  Cranberry Sauce
  Soup
  Pumpkin Pie
  Rolls & Butter
  Coffee, Tea, Decaf, or Iced Tea

Alternative: Chef’s Choice Fish Option $18.50
Alternative: Vegetarian Option $18.50

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: Gary DiVito
Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA)

Reservation(s) due by November 1, 2011

Name(s) _________________________
Address _________________________
Telephone # ______________________

Number of reservations @ 17.50 _____

Number of reservations:
  FISH @ 18.50 ___
  VEGETARIAN @ 18.50 ___

Check if this month is your birthday ___

Guest Name _________________________

Check made out to GCC/ORTA
Mail to: GCC/ORTA Lunch
        P.O. Box 5191
        Cleveland, OH 44101
        ATTN: Martha Mason

December 14, 2011
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
5300 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio

Luncheon Served at 12 Noon
Cost of meal $17.50 (Includes 20% service charge)
  Sliced Roast Beef Jardinière
  Buttered Egg Noodles
  Green Beans
  Soup
  Red Velvet Cake
  Rolls & Butter
  Coffee, Tea, Decaf, or Iced Tea

Alternative: Chef’s Choice Fish Option $18.50
Alternative: Vegetarian Option $18.50

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: Holiday Program

Reservation(s) due by December 5, 2011

Name(s) _________________________
Address _________________________
Telephone # ______________________

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SAVE THE DATES!
GCC/ORTA Meetings

November 9, 2011
December 14, 2011
March 14, 2012
April 11, 2012
May 9, 2012
June 13, 2012

MEMBER RECOGNITION

September: Educator Appreciation (All GCC members and newly retired teachers)
October: English, History, Science, Math, Special Education
November: Foreign Language, Fine Arts, Social Services, Auxiliary Services, Business and Vocational Education, GCC/ORTA Associate and Life Members
March: Elementary School (Pre-school – Grade 5)
April: Middle School (Grades 6-8)
May: High School (Grades 9-12)
June: Beyond High School (Vocational School, Junior College, College, University)

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