

The PTA Link

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Hamilton County Council

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Upcoming Events

February 15. Membership report deadline to the Council.

March 8. Council Annual Meeting – **Elect** officers. General meeting at 11 and board meeting at 10.

March 15. Council forms for awards due into council office and volunteer hours.

April 10. Principal and PTA Appreciation Dinner at Chester Frost Park.

April 21-23. Tennessee PTA Annual Convention, Nashville.

May 3. May General Meeting. Information from State Convention.

Message from the Council President Lee Ann Hammer



Check out the information in this newsletter! Make plans to attend the March 8th council meeting.

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Founder's Day 2017! Fun with local units and past council presidents! Make plans to attend next year! Congratulations to **Katherine Smith** for receiving the Tennessee PTA Life Achievement Award!

Past Council presidents pictured are (l-r) (front) Sonja Millard, Mary Jo Clark, Gail Phillips (back) Dwight Hunter, Lee Ann Hammer, Sammy Sedman, Cindy Dearing, Debbie Colburn, and Sherrie Ford.

Awards / Volunteer Hours: Council award forms may be found on the [council website](#). Count your volunteer hours through February 28th and email the number of total hours to hccptas@hcde.org by March 15th. Turn in council award forms by March 15th to the council office.

If you wish to submit to the Tennessee PTA awards, those forms are on the [state website](#) and are due by March 1st to the state office.

March 8th Annual Meeting: The council's annual meeting is March 8th and this year is the election of council officers for the 2017-2019 term. The slate of nominees was announced at the Founder's Day meeting. The nominees are: Yashika Ward, president elect; Dana Price, 1st vice president; Jo Minor, 2nd vice president; Nikki Blanchard, 3rd vice president; Cheryl Cambron, secretary; Karen Jenkins, treasurer.

The program for the March 8th meeting will be on Navigating Technology with Sherrie Ford and Dwight Hunter and a special guest.

April 10, Principal and PTA Appreciation Dinner: The Principal and PTA Appreciation Dinner will be at Chester Frost Park. **Stay tuned for email** about the dinner ticket prices and dinner ticket processing. The council will present the principal of the year, teacher of the year, and the PTA of the year awards. Installation of the 2017-2019 council officers will also be a part of the dinner program.

PTA units, if you are entering the table top decoration, the theme will be Our PTA. Highlight your PTA accomplishments! Units can incorporate this year's dinner Western theme, if you wish but not required. For more information, contact Sonja Millard.

Treasurer's Corner

As of December 2016, the Council had a checking account balance, including Teacher Supply Depot balance, of \$7533.51. Karen Jenkins, Council Treasurer

Tennessee PTA Annual Convention

In each local unit bylaws, there is an article defining representation of each local unit at the Annual Convention. Workshops, training, PTA networking, and business voting are the essential parts of Annual Convention. Sending a representative from your local unit to attend Annual Convention is a legitimate budget line item expense.

Annual Convention will be April 21-23 at the Sheraton Music City hotel in Nashville.

Early Bird Pre-registration is the best deal for convention registration! The deadline for Early Bird is March 6th into the State Office. Plan to send representation from your unit to the 2017 Annual Convention!

Web Links

Council Website: hcptacouncil.org

Tennessee PTA: tnpta.org

National PTA: pta.org

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Your article and editorials are welcome. Please send them to:

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PTA Purposes

To Promote the welfare of children and youth in places of home, school, community and the place of worship.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.