

# The PTA Link

HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF PTAS  
"LOCAL UNITS EMPOWERED FOR SERVICE"

March 2016

Hamilton County Council

**PTA**

*everychild.one voice.*

3074 Hickory Valley Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37412  
www.hcptacouncil.org

## Message from the Council President

**Sherrie Ford**

**March 2 Council Meeting.** Need some help with board elections, nominations, and audits? Attend the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting at 11:00 AM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Hamilton County Schools, 3074 Hickory Valley Road.

**Volunteer Hours. Count hours through March 11. Submit no later than March 18.** Please send in your volunteer hours no later than March 18, 2016 to Sherrie Ford at [hccptas@hcde.org](mailto:hccptas@hcde.org). If you can turn in before March 18 – it would be appreciated.

**April 11. Chattanooga Choo Choo Ballroom. PTA & Principal Dinner.** It's our annual dinner on Monday, April 11. Meal-ticket per person is \$20 in advance (paid) or pay \$25 per person at the door. Save \$5 per person and pay in advance before April 4th! Whether paying in advance or at the door, RSVPs are needed by April 4th. **See your invitation** on page five.

**Table decorations will continue!** Sign up your PTA for a table in the theme of our heroes. The theme this year is 'Chattanooga Strong'. So bring out your patriotic colors and sign up for table decorations with Sonja at [smillard@realtycen.com](mailto:smillard@realtycen.com). The Mildred Shipley Spirit of PTA Award will be presented to the winner.

**Tennessee PTA Annual Convention, April 22-24, at the Knoxville Hilton Hotel. Early Bird registration ends March 7<sup>th</sup>.** Make plans to attend!

**Sherrie Ford**  
President Hamilton County Council of PTAs  
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## Upcoming Events

**March 2:**  
Monthly Meeting  
Nominations, Elections, and  
Audits  
HCDE Board Room  
11:00 am-12:00 pm

**March 5:**  
TNPTA Leadership  
Academy  
State Office  
10:00-3:00

**March-April**  
Student Awards Ceremony  
Location TBA

**April 11:**  
Principals/PTAs  
Appreciation Dinner  
Chattanooga Choo Choo

**April 22-24:**  
Tennessee PTA Convention  
Knoxville, Tennessee

**Always do your best. What you plant  
now, you will harvest later.**

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## Founders Day 2016

We had a great time at Founders Day remembering those who came before us and started this wonderful advocacy organization. Gail Phillips, Tennessee PTA President, spoke on the original work which was started by Alice McLellan Birney, Phoebe Apperson Hearst, and Selena Sloan Butler.

The celebration was set in a Mardi Gras theme and a great time was had by all. Superintendent Rick Smith, Mayor Andy Berke, and HCEA President spoke on the importance of community support for public education.

Dana Price was presented the National PTA Life Achievement Award and Wayne Brown (who was unable to attend) was presented the Tennessee PTA Life Achievement Award for their dedication and commitment to PTA and supporting every child with one voice.



### **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.

The PTA Link is a newsletter published by the Hamilton County Council of PTAs. This newsletter letter will contain vital information to the PTA local units in Hamilton County.

Your articles and editorials are welcome.

## **We Need You!!!**

The Council Board of Managers has some chair position vacancies. Please consider joining us and being part of the PTA leadership for Hamilton County.

### **Vacant Positions**

**Chairs:** Resource Development, and Student/Council Awards

Any current PTA member within Hamilton County can apply.

If you are interested, please email Sherrie Ford at [hccptas@hcde.org](mailto:hccptas@hcde.org)

### **Hamilton County Council of PTAs Executive Committee for the 2015-2017 Term**

President: Sherrie Ford ([hccptas@hccde.org](mailto:hccptas@hccde.org))

President-elect: Lee Ann Hammer

1st Vice President: Wayne Brown

2nd Vice President: Donna Aslinger

3rd Vice President: Katherine Smith

4th Vice President: Dana Price

Secretary: Jeanette Richards

Treasurer: Karen Jenkins

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## Help the Council by Donating to the Scholarship Fund

The Hamilton County Council of PTAs will award a \$300 Sandra A. Black Scholarship.

A PTA local unit scholarship donation allows the Council to award this scholarship each year. A donation of \$25.00 from your PTA to the student scholarship fund will help young people entering the field of education. Donations may be mailed to the Hamilton County Council of PTAs at any time. Please make checks payable to the Hamilton County Council of PTAs. Send donations to the Council at 3074 Hickory Valley Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421

## Volunteer Hours

**Please turn in your volunteer hours by March 11<sup>th</sup>. Hours should be emailed to Sherrie Ford at [HCCPTAS@hcde.org](mailto:HCCPTAS@hcde.org)**

## IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE!!!

**Remember to complete the award forms to nominate a teacher, principal or your local unit for a Council award. You can find the forms online at [hcptacouncil.org](http://hcptacouncil.org)**

**Forms must be completed and postmarked to the Council office by March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## Tennessee PTA Annual Convention

Tennessee  
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103<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

Hilton Hotel in Knoxville

501 West Church Avenue  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

April 22–24, 2016

\*PTA—CARRYING THE TORCH FOR CHILDREN\*

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 7TH**

Please join us at the

## Hamilton County Council of PTAs

### Principals and PTAs Appreciation Dinner

**Where Principals and PTAs will be spotlighted!**

Monday, April 11, 2016 6:30 p.m.

(Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Chattanooga Choo Choo Imperial Ball Room

**\$20.00 per person in advance / \$25.00 per person at the door**

**Or reserve a table for eight for \$150.00**

It is customary for each Local PTA to Pay for their Principal's Dinner

Each PTA is responsible for bringing a door prize (Value \$20.00)

**Please R.S.V.P. and send payments by April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Contact: Sonja Millard, HCCPTA Chairperson, Principals Dinner**

**(423)364-7285 or email [smillard@realtycenter.com](mailto:smillard@realtycenter.com)**

**Please mail checks to: Hamilton County Council of PTAs, Attn: Principals and PTAs Dinner, 3074 Hickory Valley Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421**

## Join the Movement – Support Chattanooga 2.0

Earlier this year, [Chattanooga 2.0](#) released a report about the current state of public education in Hamilton County. After the report was released, Chattanooga 2.0 called for 100 days of conversation, with the goal of getting everyone on the same page, ready to charge forward to transform education in our county.

As part of the 100 days, [Causeway](#) asked a handful of Chattanoogaans to host small gatherings of their friends and acquaintances to start a discussion about education. Causeway pulled out stats and topics from the report to make a toolkit of conversation starters. From homes in Highland Park and Hixson, to churches on MLK Boulevard and coffee shops downtown, a diverse group of community members led these discussion groups around Chattanooga. A conversation led by a millennial might look totally different than one led by parents and educators, and that is the beauty of it.

Causeway invites all Chattanoogaans to [download the toolkit](#) and host their own gathering, their way. We know that an issue this huge can seem impossible to tackle. There are lots of people working towards long-term, systemic changes in our education system, but what can we, as individual community members, do to help in the mean-time? The toolkit has lots of ideas for hosting a gathering, providing feedback to inform the Chattanooga 2.0 project and for rolling up your sleeves and getting involved. (Here is the link to the toolkit itself <http://www.causeway.org/toolkits/>)

Here's the information on the first Education+ Innovation Forum:

**What: Most Likely to Succeed Film Screening and Panel Discussion**

**Where: The Camp House**

**When: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm – 7:30pm**