

# My Turn

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Last night's School Board meeting had a very different feel to it. The agenda was normal, the discussion and staff updates were typical, but what made this meeting special was a donation from the family of Corlee Sue Jarvis.

Corlee Sue (*in photo at bottom*) was a junior in our electrical trades program, who was tragically taken from us in June due to injuries suffered in an automobile accident as she drove home from a summer internship.



Touching Donation - Members of the Jarvis family with Scott Brohard (*far left*) and Kirk Hewitt (*far right*) at last night's School Board meeting.



I also want to thank Kirk Hewitt and Scott Brohard for their part in the Jarvis family donation last night. I know the family appreciated all your efforts.

As for the rest of us, take a moment today to reflect on someone you've lost, and celebrate their lives and what they mean to you.

For me, I will reflect on those that have a special meaning to me, like April and Ray. I will remember the good times we've had, and I'll remember them as talented, fun-loving co-workers, devoted to their families and friends.

We miss you all!

The loss affected many of us, especially those that knew and loved Corlee Sue. It also reminded me of the others that have left the PRCTC family too soon, either by some dreaded disease or from a tragic accident.

They include the recent passing of long-time employee, friend and co-worker, George Clark, the untimely accidental death of my close friend and co-worker Ray Evans, and the loss of April Hamman to cancer. Seeing April's photograph on the cancer Memory Wall in our Commons, and the photo of Ray in the Adult Ed wing always triggers strong emotions.

Looking at the Wall this week, I am reminded of all those lives that will be impacted by cancer in one form or another. In fact, today is Breast Cancer Awareness Day at Pickaway-Ross. This annual event, which is part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, always motivates many of our students and co-workers to wear something with the color pink to show solidarity in beating cancer. Donations will be collected for the Adena Regional Cancer Center through special drawings and activities.

I want to thank Mindy Frejkowski and Jennifer Payne for spearheading this effort each year. I understand their efforts are a labor of love, but I know it's truly appreciated by everyone here.

