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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — Rhea Halloran

Hark! Is that spring I see peeking around the corner? We have had a hint of it recently with a couple of warmer days.

A good friend sent me the following article. It is titled "Lost words from our childhood" (I do not know where this article came from originally, but it is worth repeating.) For those of you who are a bit younger these terms may not be as familiar, but I hope you can appreciate how we "age matured" used to speak.

MERGATROYD! Do you remember that word? Would you believe the spellchecker did not recognize that word. "Heavens to Murgatroyd!"

The other day a not so elderly (around 75) lady said something to her grandson about driving a "Jalopy" and he looked at her quizzically as he had never heard that word.

Well, I hope you are "Hunky Dory" after you read this and hopefully chuckle.

Here are some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of time. There phrases include:

"Don't touch that dial, Carbon

copy, You sound like a broken record, and Hung out to dry."

Back in the olden days we had a lot of "moxie." We'd put on our best "bib and tucker" to "straighten up and fly right." Others include "Heavens to Betsy! Gee Whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moley!

We were "in like Flynn" and "living the life of Riley" and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a "knuckle head, a nincompoop or a pill." "Not for all the tea in China!"

Back in the olden days, life used to be "swell" but when was the last time that anything was "swell?" Swell has gone the way of bee hives, pageboys, and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

"Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore."

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" or "This is a fine kettle of fish!" we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a no-

tice from our tongues, our pens, and our keyboards.

POOF, go the words of our youth, the words we left behind. Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone. Pshaw. Hey, it's your nickel. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels.

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist. There were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. That is one of the greatest advantages of aging! Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth. See ya later, Alligator! Okidoki!

Many of us are the children of the 50's. No one will ever have that opportunity again. We were given one of our most precious gifts: living in peaceful and comfortable times, created for us by

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50/50 RAFFLE

MARCH WINNERS

Will be announced in May Slate

Please bring \$1, \$5 or \$10 bills to purchase tickets & you must be PRESENT to win

NEXT BOARD MEETING

April 2, 2019

10:00am

FAMILY HOUSE OF TOLEDO Needs Our Partnership

On Thursday, **April 25th**, LCRTA members will be welcoming a representative of **Family House of Toledo** to our lunch at **Brandywine Country Club**. "Family House is a non-profit agency dedicated to keeping families together in time of crisis....Annually, the emergency family shelter provides shelter, meals, and services to approximately 800 individuals, 70% of whom are children." Because their "programs and services are family-centered" our partnership will give us the ability to help families in Lucas County who are trying to re-

build their lives.

Family House's need is great, so please plan on bringing paper products (toilet, towels, plates, cups, bowls, tissues); plastic silverware; cleaning supplies; and all baby products to the April 25th luncheon. If you cannot attend the luncheon, you may send your contribution directly to: Family House, 669 Indiana Ave, Toledo, OH 43604



This is a great opportunity for us to help Family House give "A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT."

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

LCRTA LUNCHEON (noon-2:00)

Brandywine Country Club

(6904 Salisbury Road, Maumee)

PROGRAM: Manor House—Behind the Scenes

CHOICES OF ENTRÉE ARE:

#1 Brandywine Stuffed Chicken—baked chicken stuffed with ham & provolone cheese & mixed vegetables: broccoli, carrots, cauliflower

#2 Brandywine Meatloaf—chef’s homemade meatloaf served with brown gravy & mixed vegetables: broccoli, carrots, cauliflower

#3 Cavatapi Fresco—cavatappi pasta, fresh spinach, sun dried tomatoes, scallions & mushrooms in lemon butter sauce

ENTRÉE SERVED WITH:

House Salad & Rolls

Bite-sized Brownie & Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee or Tea—Hot or Iced

COST — \$19.50

Reservations due **THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

Please complete the reservation form at right and include with your check payable to LCRTA

Bring a friend!

We’re Sorry, But NO SUBSTITUTIONS

APRIL 25, 2019 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

I will attend the luncheon at Brandywine Country Club

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____

TOTAL: (**\$19.50 X Number Attending**) \$ _____

Reservations are due **by APRIL 18**. Please mail to:

Jeannine Petcoff
15139 Todd Road
Petersburg, MI 49270

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LCRTA

DIRECTIONS—

- Take **475/23 to the Salisbury Road exit**
- **West on Salisbury Road past Briarfield Boulevard** (on South—Left side)
- **Brandywine Entrance is on North side** (Right)
- If you get to **Holloway Road**, you’ve missed the Entrance to Brandywine Country Club

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the “Greatest Generation!”

OK, if crawling under school desks for nuclear attack drills and the Cold War are peaceful and comfortable, but the cars and music were KEEN!

I am looking forward to the upcoming luncheon on March 28th. First we will be having a delicious lunch at the Toledo Country Club. Secondly, our speaker will be Dr. Robin Rayfield from ORTA. He will update us of the

recent developments with our pensions and let us know of any changes— especially regarding our COLA. Please let me or any of the Board members know if you have any additional questions for Dr. Rayfield.

Join us at our luncheon and help us launch our 2019 LCRTA year’s activities.

Remember: “The secret to happiness is a good sense of humor and a bad memory”

2019 LUNCHEONS & DONATION LIST—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

DATE	LOCATION	CHARITY	WISH LIST
APRIL 25	BRANDYWINE C. C.	THE TOLEDO HOUSE	Paper products (toilet, towel, plates, cups, bowls, tissues), plastic silverware cleaning supplies, all baby products
MAY 23	RADISSON UTMC	RIGHT TO READ	Children’s books
SEPTEMBER 26	STONE OAK C. C.	EAST TOLEDO FAMILY CENTER	Arts and crafts supplies, tissues, wipes, paper towels
OCTOBER 24	INVERNESS C. C.	LEADING FAMILIES HOME	Cleaning products, new towels, paper products, pillows
DECEMBER 5	THE TOLEDO CLUB	CHILDREN SERVICES	Stuffed animals, dolls, trucks/cars

2019 LCRTA and/or ORTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Year Retired: _____ School served: _____

LCRTA DUES: _____ Yearly _____ Life
 \$20 per year, \$175 Life Membership)

ORTA DUES: _____ Yearly
 ORTA (\$30 per year)

DATE (today's) _____ CHECK # _____

Make check payable to LCRTA (one check handles both LCRTA & ORTA) ←

Send this form & check to: **LCRTA Treasurer; 2155 Arlington Avenue; Toledo, OH 43609**



HAVE YOU MISSED THE DEADLINE?

Memberships in ORTA and LCRTA
EXPIRED DECEMBER 31, 2018.

So, if you haven't already...
RENEW NOW for 2019
 by completing the above Membership Form.

Program: MANOR HOUSE—BEHIND THE SCENES

We are pleased to welcome two dedicated Toledo Manor House volunteers as speakers for our April meeting:

This from Deanne Douglas:

I am a Toledo native and University of Toledo graduate. I began volunteering as a docent at the Manor House 10 years ago. Giving tours led to writing the Manor House volunteer newsletter, conducting special behind the scenes tours and working at the Manor House teas. I am passionate about researching the inner workings of Manor House.

I am currently the chair of the Interior Restoration Committee which is responsible for maintaining and preserving the historical areas of the 32,000 square foot Manor House, also known as Stranleigh. I am pleased to say that my job is part treasure hunt and part puzzle.



This from Sandra Shutt:

Seven years ago, I retired after 40+ years in health care. I knew I wanted to give back to my community through volunteer work. I did not want those volunteer hours to have anything to do with health care. I made the decision to take the Master Gardener course and to be trained as a docent at the Manor House.

As a docent, I lead the free tours, Behind the Scenes tours, and, on occasion, the private tour. I also sit on the Interior Restoration Committee and maintain the Accession Log. I am especially interested in the Stranahan family and the contributions they made to Toledo. It is important to remember their history and pass it forward to the next generation.

When I am not giving tours at the Manor House, you can find me at Toledo Botanical Gardens working in the OSU extension office or serving as an Ambassador in the gardens.

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Is It Safe to Drink the Water?—Jeannine Petcoff

On August 2, 2014, the city of Toledo issued a "Do NOT Drink or Boil" water advisory in response to reported high levels of microcystin detected in the city's public drinking water supply. A combination of current, heavy rains, high winds, and turbulent waves had pinned a small but intense algal bloom at the city's water intake. The advisory was lifted two days later on August 4th. Water treatment adjustments of added activated charcoal, alum, and chlorine had reduced the microcystin levels to safe or undetectable.

Debate still continues as to whether the advisory was even necessary. Toledo reported microcystin levels of 3.19 parts per billion (ppb) while the Ohio EPA reported levels of 2.5 ppb. The differences were attributed to differing testing methods and the lack of any national or state standards. The only existing standard at the time was that of the World Health Organization's 1998 Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality. Their safe standard for microcystins was 1.0 ppb.

Today, the World Health Organization still maintains its microcystin high risk threshold of 1.0 ppb. The US EPA has yet to establish a microcystin standard but they did establish an advisory or recommendation in May of 2015. The US EPA's recommendations were adopted by the Ohio EPA as Ohio's standard in May of 2017. The established standards are as follows:

- Do NOT drink the water if you are between the ages of 0

to 6 years for microcystin levels of 0.3 ppb or above.

- For ages of 6 years to adult, do not drink the water if microcystin levels are 1.6 ppb or above.
- No one should use the water if the microcystin levels are 20 ppb or higher.

Since its microcystin scare of 2014, Toledo's water treatment facility daily posts microcystin levels of both raw and tap level treated water and posts a Drinking Water Quality Dashboard to help monitor water quality. As part of a ten year water treatment facility upgrade, buoys and sensors now monitor water at the in-take crib, feed and storage systems have been upgraded, disinfection facilities and equipment improved, and by 2020 ozone technology will provide another option to eliminate microcystin toxins from the drinking water. By 2023, the Toledo Collins Treatment Plant will be a state-of-the-art facility able to meet and exceed any government drinking water standards. Today, Toledo's zero detectable tap water microcystin level already exceeds federal recommendations, Ohio standards, and World Health Organization guidelines while supplying 80 million gallons of safe drinking water to some 500,000 people each day.

For more information go to: <http://toledo.oh.gov/services/public-utilities/water-treatment/water-quality/>

