

# The Slate

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**NEXT BOARD MEETING**  
April 4, 2023



## WE NEED YOU!

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON** to answer questions about membership & work with Public Relations Chair to recruit new members. Contact Susan if interested or have questions.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS/REQUESTS from the Budget Committee

- 1) Reminder to please **pay your 2023 dues to both** LCRTA and ORTA, unless you have already paid for 2023 or are Lifetime member of both.
- 2) LCRTA **lifetime members**, please consider an annual donation of ANY amount, as we do not "earn money" from lifetime members.
- 3) If you receive a **printed/mailed Slate newsletter**, please consider a donation of ANY amount, to cover increased printing costs and the recent increase in postal rates. **The cost is approximately \$10 annually.**

**Note:** Dues and donation checks should be **made out to LCRTA & mailed to: 2155 Arlington Ave, Toledo OH 43609** or you can bring your check to the April 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Susan Santoro, President

**"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness"**  
— Desmond Tutu

I am writing this just days after the Academy Awards. Perhaps you did not view the "Oscars" but I want to share the story of one of the winners. Ke Huy Quan, 51, was born in Vietnam of Chinese descent. When he was 4 years old, his family of 11 fled Vietnam on a boat and were separated. He spent 4 years in a refugee camp in Hong Kong. Then his entire family was admitted to the US and he went on to graduate from USC. He had a role in "Indiana Jones and the

Temple of Doom" when he was 12 and "The Goonies" one year later. Then his acting career pretty much stalled.

His wife of 20 years kept encouraging him. He recently was cast in the movie "Everything Everywhere All at Once" and won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor. If you have not seen his lovely and emotional acceptance speech, I would encourage you to search it on YouTube. With his 84-year-old Mother watching at home, he thanked her and said "Stories like this only happen in the movies." His message to all watching was, "Keep your dreams alive."

## PUZZLE SOLVERS—Pauline LoCascio

We all can relate to how it feels when we put that last piece in a 1,000 piece puzzle. We see the whole picture we worked so hard to complete. Just as any puzzle we attempt, homelessness is a major challenge for society. Luckily, Leading Families Home, our April Community Partner, sees the whole picture of this challenge.

In comparison, before 1921, homeless women in Toledo were offered shelter in the Lagrange Street jail! We have come a long way since then. Leading Families Home provides individuals and whole families everything they need from emergency shelter to permanent housing, no matter the cause. They do this through education, employment assistance, goal setting, and fostering positive changes to make the family unit whole again. A special rapid housing program for any family with a disability mem-

ber is unique to Leading Families Home.

Once the whole puzzle is put together, families can feel ready to take the steps necessary to insure a successful re-entry into independent living. We can be part of that whole picture by providing support—donating items such as gift cards, socks (any size), towels, laundry baskets, pillows, silverware, buying raffle tickets at the luncheon and filling our caring cups on the tables, again at the luncheon. We will hear from Lisa Banks, Executive Director of Leading Families Home about their service to our community.

Thank you again for all you do to be part of the whole picture to fight homelessness.



### Thursday, April 13, 2023

LCRTA LUNCHEON (noon-2:00)

### Belmont Country Club

29601 Bates Road, Perrysburg

PROGRAM: Stephanie Kadel Taras

#### ENTRÉE CHOICES:

#1 **Scallopini of Chicken breast** with a Tuscan Cream Sauce

#2 **Beef Burgundy** served on Noodles

#3 **Mushroom Risotto** with Grilled Fresh Vegetables

#### Entrée served with:

Duchess Potato, Bundled Fresh Haricot Vertes Spring Salad (Mixed greens with dried cherries, mandarin oranges, pine nuts, crumbled blue cheese, & red onion with raspberry vinaigrette) Rolls & Butter, Dessert Hot/Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

**COST — \$29.00**

Reservations due: **APRIL 5**

- ◆ Cash bar available
- ◆ Ample parking & handicapped accessible
- ◆ Please complete reservation form at right & include with **check payable to LCRTA**
- ◆ We're Sorry, **NO SUBSTITUTIONS, NO REFUNDS. DO NOT CALL VENUE, PLEASE**

*We are trusting that all attendees are free of COVID symptoms on day of event*

LCRTA's research shows that it averages **7** days for the Post Office to deliver mail from Toledo to our Reservation Chairman's home in Petersburg, MI  
Therefore, **MAIL EARLY!!!!**

### APRIL 13, 2023 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

I will attend the luncheon at Belmont Country Club

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Choice # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Choice # \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: (\$29.00 X Number Attending) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations must be received by **April 5**

Please mail to:

Jeannine Petcoff  
15139 Todd Road  
Petersburg, MI 49270

**Mail Before APRIL 1**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LCRTA

Contact Jeannine at:

[jcpetcoff@gmail.com](mailto:jcpetcoff@gmail.com) or 734.854.7511

### DIRECTIONS to BELMONT COUNTRY CLUB

- Interstate 75 exit 197 – Buck Road
- At the traffic circle; continue straight on Buck Rd.
- 2nd traffic circle, take 1<sup>st</sup> exit & stay on Buck Rd.
- Turn left on Bates Rd.
- Turn right to enter Belmont CC on Carnoustie Rd.

### APRIL PROGRAM

Stephanie Kadel Taras will be the guest speaker at the April 13, 2023 luncheon. She is the owner of **TimePieces Personal Biographies**, an Ann Arbor company that helps people write and publish their life stories. Stephanie will be giving practical advice and inspiration to make it easy for all of us to save our memories.



<https://timepiecesbios.com/>

### SPRING 2023 LUNCHEON & COMMUNITY PARTNER INFO—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DATE	LOCATION	PARTNER	NEEDS
April 13	Belmont CC	Leading Families Home	Gift cards from Walmart, Kroger's, House of Meats; gas cards; socks (all sizes); towels, laundry baskets, pillows & silverware
May 16	Highland Meadows	E. Toledo Family Center	Outdoor toys for summer programs (chalk, bubbles, hula hoops, balls, outdoor games); small paper cups, paper towels, tissues, wipes

2023 LCRTA and/or ORTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Retired: \_\_\_\_\_ School served: \_\_\_\_\_

LCRTA DUES: \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly \_\_\_\_\_ Life
LCRTA (\$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

DON'T MISS ANY OF OUR
2023 EVENTS!
DON'T DELAY!!!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS or EMAIL ADDRESS
Call Kathy Benya at: 419.843.2480
Email Kathy at: kathybenya@gmail.com

MARCH LUNCHEON EVALUATION—Doris Weis

A five star event! Well organized, great food, and fellowship! On Thursday, March 16, 2023 the LCRTA luncheon and meeting was attended by 103 members and guests at Toledo Country Club. Dr. Robin Rayfield, Executive Director of ORTA, was our guest speaker. Bethany House was our Community Partner. Some of the comments were:

- Excellent food! & Beautiful room!
• Service was great! & Best lunch ever for LCRTA
• Salad was outstanding! & Lovely scene on the river.
• Centerpieces were festive!
• Robin was excellent, providing very important information to all of us!

LIFE IN LUCAS COUNTY—Kathy Benya



I hope you are as excited as I am about dining at Belmont Country Club. The last time Lucas County Retired Teachers Association dined here was in 2011. So, for many of us, this is a new venue!

Belmont, just as our other clubs, has quite an interesting back story. This one starts with a notable Toledo citizen. The property was once owned by William Windus Knight, Sr. He was a local businessman, philanthropist, and nature enthusiast. The land was originally a place where grain was grown, pigs raised, and it was even a dairy farm long ago. Knight's original vision was to have the property be an exclusive place for his family and friends to gather. Today, though, over 500 members call Belmont Country Club home. It all began in 1967, when Belmont Country Club began to evolve from the farm into the U.S Golf Open qualifying course that it is today. The problems of changing flat Ohio farmland into terrain, suitable for golf, were immense. Issues involving the sewer system and drainage, coupled with an extremely bitter cold winter and labor strikes all had to be overcome. By 1968, miraculously, the course was ready! The design is unique not only for featur-

ing five lakes but also for having unexpected six-tee placements per hole. Jack Nicklaus, Chi-Chi Rodriquez and, believe it or not, Bob Hope have all played this course.

Belmont has a topnotch tennis program. There are four outside courts, three indoor courts and three pickleball courts. It has a structured golf program that meets the needs of all skill levels. Especially popular in the summer is the heated 25 meter, six-lane swimming pool with diving board.

I would love to be invited to Belmont for the annual Fourth of July celebration. Over 800 attended last year's patriotic extravaganza. Guests gather for an all-American buffet, a DJ and a photobooth for documenting fun times. Activities, such as a bounce house, and lots of ice cream and cotton candy make this truly a family friendly Independence Day party with the highlight being spectacular fireworks at the end of the event.

For now, though, I am just pleased that on April 13<sup>th</sup>, I can enjoy a fantastic luncheon, surrounded by my friends at Belmont Country Club. Happy Spring!

MARCH 50/50 WINNERS:

Denise Frazier—\$96; Anita Mauter—\$96; Joanne Henningsen—Basket

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## HOW CAREFULLY DO YOU READ? CONTEST

- Find this picture in This Slate
- Print that page
- Circle the picture



- Write your name on the page
- At the April 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon, place page in the contest box to enter to win one of two prizes

## PHRASES THAT DON'T MEAN WHAT THEY SAY—Jeannine Petcoff

English, the language we speak so easily and fluently, but not always correctly, is spoken around the world. It is known as one of the more difficult languages to learn due to its large vocabulary, tricky grammar, challenging and differing pronunciations, synonyms, antonyms, idioms, slang, and phrases that do not mean what the words imply.

For example:

- Spill the beans (give away a secret)
- Shoot the breeze (talk about unimportant things)
- Under the weather (ill or not feeling well)
- Hang in there (don't give up)
- Break a leg (good luck)
- Hit the sack (go to bed)
- Kick the bucket (die)
- Blow your socks off (an astonishingly good thing)

- Rush hour traffic (slow moving traffic)
  - Piece of cake (something very easy to do)
- And don't forget those contradictory phrases of:
- To sweat like a pig (perspire heavily—pigs actually sweat very little)
  - Eat like a bird (eat very little—birds eat relative to their body weight. If you were a bird weighing 150 pounds, you would need to consume 18 pounds of food; if you were a Cooper's hawk, 52.5 pounds of food; if you were a chickadee or a humming bird you'd eat 100% of your weight)

Here's to English! A more challenging language for non-natives to learn and one that makes perfect sense to native speakers with all its irregularities and quirky phrases that have totally different meanings than their wordings imply.