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NEXT BOARD MEETING December 6, 2022

OCTOBER EVALUATION

Great as usual! The LCRTA luncheon and meeting was held at Inverness Country Club Thursday, October 20, 2022 with 75 guests and members present. Raul Ascunce, freelance writer, presented "Conversations with Charles Ralph" the extremely intelligent talking dog. Also, four amazing University of Toledo education students each received a \$1000 scholarship. Our October charity, East Toledo Family Center, was very appreciative of the many generous gifts.

Some of the comments were:

- Inverness is beautiful & staff is so helpful!
- Lovely table decorations!
- Sauce on chicken--very good!
- Cupcakes tasty!
- Fantastic job with our scholarship recipients, Paul!
- Students were great!
- Raul was fun! Love his blogs! It was wonderful-such humor and wit!

LUCKY WINNERS OCTOBER

Robert Shaffner—\$58.00
Joette Boyd-Randall—\$58.00
Nancy Dyer—Basket

FIND THE PICTURE
Doris Weiss
Pat Price

even more meaningful.

Our LCRTA members have demonstrated their generosity in many ways each month by designating a partner in need and helping raise \$2,504.50 for our partners to give back to their clients. This has and will continue to make a huge difference in the lives of our community. You have also shown your "giving heart" each month by buying raffle tickets and donating everything from books to bedroom sheets.

Be proud, be inspired, be happy and know how

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Susan Santoro, President



"After all, it is our attitude toward life that brings us joy in living."

— May Rowland

WOW! What an absolutely gorgeous Fall we have had in our area. I cannot remember so many days of sunshine and warm weather in October. Do you notice how people's moods are better, even in the midst of an acrimonious campaign season? Let's hope that our fellow human beings can put differences aside as we transition into Thanksgiving and the holiday season. I know that I am grateful for so many things and people and when I reflect upon my blessings each morning, it makes my day much brighter.

I am so thankful for the very hard-working and dedicated Executive Board of LCRTA. I am thankful that more of our members are returning to our luncheons. Your board spends much time and preparation finding speakers/entertainment, partnering with our community groups, communicating with members, managing the website, receiving luncheon reservations, handling our finances and budget and planning with the venues. Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 1st** for our holiday luncheon at The Toledo Club. Note that the **reservation deadline is NOVEMBER 21!**

I wish you all a healthy holiday season making new memories with family and friends. I choose an attitude of joy! Won't you join me?

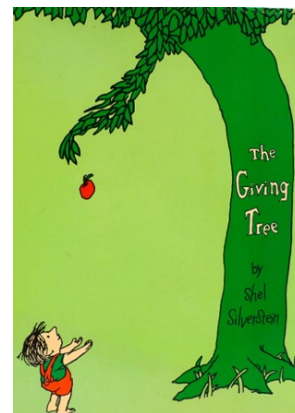
THE GIVING HEART—Pauline LoCascio

One of my favorite books is *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. As you know, it tells a sweet story about a young boy who befriends a tree. He and the tree share their lives. As the boy grows up though, he asks the tree for many things that he needs. The tree gives whatever she can to make the boy happy.

As we reflect on this past year, especially with our Community Partner relationships, the true meaning of the book becomes

grateful our partners are for your help in 2022.

Our 2022 Partners: Aurora Project, Bethany House, Boys & Girls Club, East Toledo Family Center, Family House, Good Grief, Leading Families Home, Lucas County Children's Services, Mom's House, and Read for Literacy.



Thursday, December 1, 2022

LCRTA LUNCHEON (noon-2:00)

Toledo Club

235 14th Street, Toledo

PROGRAM: Northview High School Chorus

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

- #1 **Slow Baked Almond Chicken**—Breaded with almond meal, panko & parsley with golden raisin basil crema
- #2 **Roasted Pork Loin**—Slices of slow roasted pork loin finished with cranberry glaze
- #3 **Mushroom Ravioli**—Portabella filled ravioli with spinach cremini mushrooms, leeks, garlic & butter

Entrée served with:

Asiago Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad
Rolls & Butter, Dessert
Coffee Bar, Hot/Iced Tea, Lemonade

COST — \$27.00

Reservations due: **NOVEMBER 21**

- ◆ Please complete reservation form at right & include with **check payable to LCRTA**
- ◆ We're Sorry, **NO SUBSTITUTIONS, NO REFUNDS**

In order to ensure the safety of our guests, we ask that, if you have chosen not to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you respectfully decline our invitation to attend



DECEMBER 1, 2022 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

I will attend the luncheon at Toledo Club

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____

TOTAL: (\$27.00 X Number Attending) \$ _____

Reservations must be received by **November 21**

Please mail to:

Jeannine Petcoff
15139 Todd Road
Petersburg, MI 49270

Mail By NOVEMBER 17

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LCRTA

Contact Jeannine at: petcoff@cass.net or 734.854.7511

DIRECTIONS to THE TOLEDO CLUB
Downtown on 14th Street
between Jefferson & Madison

DECEMBER PROGRAM—A Musical Treat

Music is a wonderful part of our Holiday Celebrations. We are really in for a Christmas treat at our luncheon on December 1st. The Northview High School will bring their talented voices and ring in the season with Seasonal Songs.



Mr. Jeremy Davis and his chorus promote the highest possible standards of excellence in performance, pride and professionalism in our Community. Get ready to enjoy this Christmas wish come true.

A CHRISTMAS DREAM...Come True—Pauline LoCascio

'Twas the day before Christmas, and all through the club
Lots of people were stirring, not a corner did they snub.
The trees were all lit, to sparkle anew,
In hopes they'd bring cheer to all of you.
The chef had prepared a delicious menu,
While others set tables to enhance the venue.
Then our members brought toys for the children in town,
So their Christmas joys would surely abound.
Next, the Northview Choir began to sing,
We enjoyed each song as their voices did ring.
So come and attend the December 1st lunch.
You'll be sure to enjoy it, ever so much.
...Your LCRTA Board Members

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 checks 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!

RENEW now for 2023

CHANGE OF ADDRESS or EMAIL ADDRESS

Call Kathy Benya at: 419.843.2480

Email Kathy at: kathybenya@gmail.com

LIFE IN THE TIME OF COVID

Every December I feel so fortunate to be a member of the Lucas County Retired Teachers Association. Usually this is the month when our luncheon is at the Toledo Club, a private club with "big city elegance and old-world charm," according to its membership brochure. The spectacular architecture, beautiful artwork, plus the parade of trees make me believe, just for a moment, that I am in a Charles Dickens' novel. With a little research and a short tour of the Toledo Club, I bring you a few interesting tidbits.

The Toledo Club was originally called the Draconian Club. It was incorporated in 1872. The founders (names should be familiar) were David Ross Locke, publisher of the Toledo Blade, Edward Drummond Libby, John North Willys, Joseph Owens, and Morrison White, seventh justice of the US Supreme Court. If you get a chance, make certain you see the Portrait Gallery. Each of the founding members has his image in oil for us to enjoy.

In 1889, the name changed to the Toledo Club and a permanent city club was built on the corner of Madison and Huron. There were 350 members. Today we are dining at the clubhouse built in 1915 on the corner of Madison Avenue and 14th St. Currently there are about 750 members. The Toledo Club was designed by architect Lawrence

Bellman in the style of late Georgian Revival The walls are made of Harvard brick and the stonework is Indiana limestone. It's all about symmetry and balance!

Many of the paintings were given to the Toledo Club by generous donors. It's amazing how many paintings are by renowned local artists. What's the most controversial acquisition? Well, as you look at the trees on the second floor, find "Lady with the Red Rose" by Rondel.

My favorite painting is on the first floor in the Red Room. It is called "When Sylvia Walks" by Betts. Audubon prints and displays of Libby glass can be found in many rooms.

The Toledo Club has been known for its athletic facilities since 1925. Squash, anyone? You have come to the right place. Through the years the Toledo Club has hosted several international squash tournaments. Today the athletic center features a swimming pool, track, squash courts and so much more. And lastly check out the Madison Room. There's a secret panel for hiding alcohol during prohibition.

For more information check out the Toledo Club's website plus the online articles written by Toledo historians about this iconic building. Have a safe and healthy December!



2022 LUNCHEON & COMMUNITY PARTNER DATES

DATE	LOCATION	PARTNER	NEEDS
DECEMBER 1	Toledo Club	Children's Services	Stuffed Animals, Cars, Legos, Board Games

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 December 1 luncheon, place page in the contest box to enter to win one of two prizes

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lucas County Chapter of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association is committed to **furthering** the cause of education by **providing** meaningful contact opportunities with fellow educators, **sharing** current valuable information, **inspiring** members to continue their life of service, and **promoting** the benefits of membership in both Lucas County Retired Teachers Association (LCRTA) and Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA).



MOST HOUSE FIRES START WHERE? — Jeannine Petcoff



In the kitchen! According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), most house fires occur in the kitchen and the peak day for a kitchen fire is Thanksgiving. It seems we become more easily distracted by family, friends, and even pets while multi-tasking like crazy to put our feast on the table.

To ensure your kitchen stays a fire-free zone everyday of the year, please take note of the following:

- Make sure your smoke detectors are working. To check them, push the test button.
- If possible, keep a class K (animal or vegetable oils and fats) fire extinguisher in our kitchen. It should be easily accessible and you should know how to use it.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking on the stovetop. If you must leave the kitchen, turn off the stove.
- When using the oven, check it regularly, set a timer, and remain at home.
- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, towels, wooden spoons, food packaging, etc.—away from hot surfaces.
- Turn pot and pan handles toward the center or back of the stove when you are not using them. This prevents

people from knocking or bumping into them spilling scalding food.

- Dress appropriately! Wear a shirt with short sleeves or close-fitting sleeves.
- Create a personal safe zone that is 3 feet away from the stove and where hot food is being prepared. It should be free of tripping hazards, kids, and pets.

In case of a fire...

Small fires on the stovetop can be smothered by carefully sliding a lid over the pot or pan, turning off the heat, and keeping the pot or pan covered until cooled.

For an oven fire, turn off heat and keep the door closed.

If your clothes catch fire, remember the Safety City Motto of "STOP, DROP, and ROLL!"

In 30 seconds a manageable fire can turn into something dangerous and fast moving. If you have **any** doubt about fighting a small fire, **GET OUT!** Close doors as you exit to help contain the fire, and from OUTSIDE, call 9-1-1.

Don't be a hero! Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!
Short Quiz: What are the three things needed for a fire to occur?

Answer: Oxygen, Fuel, and Heat

Sources: Consumer Reports, NFPA, and OSHA