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NEXT BOARD MEETING
Virtually
February 2 at 10:00am

2021 ZOOM MEETINGS
All begin at 10:00am

FEBRUARY 11—Trivia Contest
MARCH 18—STRS Update
APRIL 22—Program TBA
MAY 20—Program TBA

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
For These Fun &
Informative Zoom
Get Togethers

Susan has offered her assistance to any member needing help to participate
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IN MEMORIAM— 2020

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- * Gail Peery
- * Dr. Joseph Sommerville
- * Hortence Ward
- * Barb Weinkley

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE—Susan Santoro, President

Happy New Year! Hoping 2021 finds you healthy and hopeful. Your LCRTA board has some diverse and interesting Zoom programs planned for you this winter and spring. If you recall, the **Zoom gathering time was moved to 10:00am** in hopes that it would work better for everyone's schedule. Our goal is to meet together and, even if it is virtually, **have some laughs and learn some new skills and information.**

As indicated when the February program was announced, we will challenge you to a **Trivia Contest.** This will be a team effort and part of the fun and learning will be using features on Zoom—**Breakout Rooms and Chat.** Even if we encounter technical glitches (highly unlikely), we must be able to laugh at ourselves. We encourage you to **invite friends**

to join the Zoom Trivia Meeting on **Thursday, February 11th at 10:00am.** There will be a drawing for a **Panera Gift Card** for anyone who has invited guests participating on February 11th.

REMINDER: WE MUST HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IN ORDER FOR YOU TO RECEIVE THE ZOOM INVITATION FOR THE VIRTUAL PROGRAMS. If you are not receiving emails from LCRTA, please send your current email address to Jane Nawrocki at: jnawrock@bex.net

The entire LCRTA board is hopeful that we can reunite in-person in September 2021 for a celebratory luncheon!! Stay safe and well. I hope to see you all on Zoom!



IMPORTANT INFO FOR FEBRUARY 11TH MEETING

- **IMPORTANT: LOG IN TO ZOOM BY 9:50am using link provided in email invitation.** ([Click here](#) for instructions) Wait in the Waiting Room for Susan to open meeting.
- You will be **randomly assigned to a team**
- **Fun & Easy** to play—we will teach you how to participate like a pro
- Fun Trivia questions for **all skill levels**—beginners to advanced
- Join the fun and **meet old and new friends** with Zoom Trivia
- We need to **“SEE”** each other
- Learn **Zoom skills to share** with your friends and family—perhaps you can host a family Trivia Night
- **Fun prizes** for members of winning team

FUN, FUN, FUN & FREE

Thank goodness for Zoom!

STRS FORENSIC AUDIT – PLEASE DONATE TO THE CAUSE!—Susan Santoro, President

I have shared information in previous Slate issues about the proposed forensic audit of the STRS Pension System. As ORTA is close to meeting the goal of \$75,000 (\$59,862 as of 1/11/21—846 donations), I urge you to consider donating to fund the audit, if you have not already done so.

We are all upset that our COLA was discontinued. It has been determined that the only way to **uncover the truth**

and **apply pressure to STRS** is to complete this audit. Please consider a **donation of any amount.** You can write a **check to ORTA**, memo – “Forensic Audit Account” and mail to 250 E. Wilson Bridge Rd. Suite 150; Worthington, OH 43085 or **use PayPal** on ORTA’s website at www.orta.org where you can also read more information about the audit. Thank you for your consideration.

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USEFUL TIPS AND TRICKS FOR MAKING EVERYDAY LIFE EASIER—Jeannine Petcoff

With everyone limiting shopping trips, still finding empty spaces on grocery shelves, and having to be more creative with things we already have, a search began to find little things that just might place a smile on our faces or add a perk to an everyday chore. Please see below the tips and tricks for making life in 2021 a bit easier.

1. Before going to the grocery store, take a **picture of your fridge** to help you remember what you need to buy.
2. Turn on your **car's seat warmer** to keep your carry out pizza hot on the drive home.
3. When heating leftovers, space out a **circle in the middle of the food**. Your food will heat up more evenly and in less time.
4. Need to add or remove something from a key ring? Use a **staple remover** to hold the ring open.
5. To make a toasted sandwich, place **two slices of bread in a single toaster slot**. The bread gets warm and toasty on the outside, but the inside stays soft

QUICK TIPS

and chewy.

6. Use a **can opener** to open a blister pack and avoid slicing a finger or damaging a pair of scissors.
 7. Store **extra trash bags and liners in the bottom of your trash containers** so you will always have a fresh one handy and ready to use.
 8. Attach a plastic **bread tab to the end of a roll of tape** making it easier to use next time.
 9. Use a **microfiber cloth when dusting**. The cloth attracts the dust instead of spreading the dust around like rags and feather dusters.*
 10. Cleaning windows? Try **using a microfiber cloth** with your favorite window cleaner. Windows clean in shorter time and with fewer streaks and smears.*
- * Most microfiber cloths are machine washable and can be used over and over. Just remember to let them **air dry** and **do not use bleach or fabric softener** when you launder or dry them.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

January Board Meeting News—Approved donation of \$1,000 to ORTA for STRS Forensic Audit