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NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 3
10:00

BRING A FRIEND CONTEST

Bring a friend—or two—to the March 26th luncheon at Toledo Country Club. Your friend's name will be entered for a chance to win a one-year membership to LCRTA.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE IMPORTANT!!!

• The Presidential Primary in Ohio is Tuesday, March 17, 2020. In addition to presidential candidates, there are county and state elected offices on the ballot. There are four issues in Lucas County (page 3). This is a partisan primary, so you must ask for a Democratic, Libertarian, Republican ballot or you can choose to not declare a party affiliation and vote "issues only."

In person early voting runs through March 16th at the Early Voting Center at 1301 Monroe Street. You may also apply for an absentee ballot. Continued Page 3

50/50 RAFFLE DECEMBER WINNERS

Pat Price—\$122.50
Marion Boyer—\$122.50
Kathy Brunt—Basket
Pauline LoCasio—Wine Basket

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Susan Santoro

"A teacher affects eternity; he/she can never tell where his/her influence stops." – Henry Brooks Adams

I am honored to be your 2020 LCRTA president! LCRTA was founded in 1947 with a current membership of over 500. We have a dedicated 15 member executive board who plan the six luncheons and speakers, communicate with and assist community non-profit organizations, prepare the budget, update membership records, communicate with members through the website and The Slate newsletter, grant scholarships to university students, coordinate raffles and door prizes, and many other duties and responsibilities. We are here for you! You are always invited to our monthly board meetings (for schedule see website: <https://lcrta.weebly.com/>). I am instituting something new this year. There will be a brief board update in the Slate newsletter, starting this month. (See page 2)

I extend great thanks to Rhea Haloran, immediate past President of LCRTA for her dedication to the organization and assistance to me as I transition to the presidency. I also recognize and thank Marion Boyer

for her service as secretary for many years. Marion will remain on the executive board. I so admire her strength and courage and ask for continued prayers and good thoughts for Marion and her husband Jim, as she battles ALS.

You are commended for your membership and involvement in LCRTA. I have a few challenges for you in 2020. Please invite former colleagues and retired educator friends to join LCRTA. \$20 per year dues – what a bargain! We are encouraging members to bring a friend to luncheons again this year, with the chance for a membership for your friend. I challenge you to invite a friend to each luncheon you attend. My last challenge: if you are not currently an ORTA member, please join! If you are an ORTA member, you should have received "ORTA's 2020 Vision" newsletter recently. Please read through to see how ORTA advocates for and provides benefits to their members.

Our first luncheon for 2020 is March 26th (Noon) at Toledo Country Club on River Road with a speaker from STRS addressing the "Future of our COLA." The charity is Mom's House.

PLEASE BRING FOOD ITEMS FOR MOM'S HOUSE

Members are asked to bring specific food items to the March 26th luncheon at Toledo Country Club to help feed the little ones who pass through the doors of Mom's House. This Toledo safe haven offers child care and support in exchange for a young mother's commitment to finish school. The ultimate goal of Mom's House is "to empower young parents to become confident, self-sufficient members in our community." Feeding the children of these families is a great help.

Because of their food program and licensing, the wish list of Mom's House is specific: graham crackers, Goldfish,

pretzels, vanilla wafers, and any kind of Cheerios--little fingers love these bites!

One of the purposes of LCRTA as stated in our BY-LAWS is "to respond to community needs," and because we don't want Mom's cupboard to get bare, please have fun shopping and bring several of these food items to the March 26th meeting.

Christina Rodriguez, the Executive Director of Mom's House would like you to know that their "success and the growth of our young moms could not be achieved without the loyal support of individuals like you."



Thursday, March 26, 2020

LCRTA LUNCHEON (noon-2:00)
Toledo Country Club (3949 River Road)

PROGRAM—Future of our COLA

CHOICES OF ENTRÉE ARE:

- #1 Chicken Cordon Bleu with redskin mashed potatoes
- #2 Herb Crusted Pork Loin with mustard apricot glaze with redskin mashed potatoes
- #3 Curried Cauliflower Steak served on a bed of hummus topped with roasted diced vegetables

Entrée served with:

Betty Salad—bacon on side
Chef's Choice of Vegetable, Rolls & Butter
Dessert, Coffee Bar & Cash Bar

→ COST — \$24.00 ←

Reservations due Friday, March 20

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

Please. We're Sorry But...

NO SUBSTITUTIONS can be honored

Please do not call the venue

MARCH 26, 2020 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

I will attend the luncheon at The Toledo Country Club

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____

TOTAL: (\$24.00 X Number Attending) \$ _____

Reservations are due by **March 20**. Please mail to:

Jeannine Petcoff
15139 Todd Road
Petersburg, MI 49270

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LCRTA

DIRECTIONS to Toledo Country Club

Off Anthony Wayne Trail to 3949 River Rd, Toledo, OH 43614

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Investigating applying for 501c3 status
- Revising our 2015 Bylaws
- Elected Paul Raczkowski as Secretary
- Elected Nancy Wiegand to serve another year as Treasurer

LUNCHEON PROGRAM—STRS and the Future of our COLA

Tamla Cole, STRS assistant director of group member education, will be updating us about our COLA. She will be discussing the history of our COLA, the stability of our retirement funds, the 13th check, the COLA lawsuit, and lobbyist funding of \$6,000 a month for the past 4 years. Since the stock market has made such

gains, we ask why there is no increase in our funding. There will be a question and answer time at the end of the presentation. Plan to attend the March 26th luncheon at Toledo Country Club. Bring your teacher friends to enjoy a delicious meal and find out about the future of our COLA!

DECEMBER LUNCHEON EVALUATION—Doris Weiss

Absolutely beautiful with Christmas trees and children's toys! The LCRTA luncheon & meeting was held at The Toledo Club Thursday, December 5, 2019 with 131 members & guests present. Our program was the Woodward Choraliers. Some of the comments were:

- What a gorgeous place!
- Woodward choir was outstanding!
- Always look forward to coming to The Toledo Club!
- Chicken was tender and delicious!
- Fun group—Best program ever!!

2020 LUNCHEONS & DONATION LIST—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

DATE	LOCATION	CHARITY	WISH LIST
March 26	Toledo C C	Mom's House	Graham crackers, Goldfish, pretzels, vanilla wafers, Cheerios, raisins
April 21 (Tuesday)	Brandywine CC	Family House of Toledo	Paper products (toilet, towels, plates, cups, bowls, tissues), plastic silverware, cleaning supplies, all baby products
May 21	Radisson	Right to Read	Children's books
September 24	Stone Oak CC	Bethany House	Women's deodorant, razors, combs, brushes, body wash, toilet bowl/brush cleaner, 13 & 33 gallon trash bags, baby wipes, size 3, 4, 5 diapers
October 29	Inverness CC	Leading Families Home	Cleaning products, pillows, paper products, new towels/wash cloths
December 10	The Toledo Club	Children Services	Stuffed animals, dolls, trucks/cars

Bring A Friend

2020 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 checks payable to LCRTA (one check handles both LCRTA & ORTA)

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

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DON'T MISS ANY OF OUR 2020 EVENTS!

Memberships in ORTA and LCRTA EXPIRED DECEMBER 31, 2019

RENEW now for 2020 by completing the above Membership Form

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS *
 Phone Kathy Benya at: 419.843.2480
 Email her at: kathybenya@gmail.com

***Please update Kathy with new information**

THANK YOU TO LCRTA

- "Thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo to purchase school supplies. Your support of the Clubs make it possible for us to touch the lives of nearly 5,600 youngsters. Thank you for helping kids discover their path to a *Great Future*." Sincerely, David Wehrmeister, Executive Director
- "We are grateful for your support that helps Leading Families Home! With your generous contribution of Household items, you fulfill our mission of safe permanent housing. Because of you, Janel and her daughter have the opportunity to rebuild their lives!" Kind Regards, Tammy L. Holder, CEO

IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE UPDATE continued from page 1—Susan Santoro

lot. See the [Board of Elections website](http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/74/Board-of-Elections) for detailed information (www.co.lucas.oh.us/74/Board-of-Elections).

• The Springfield Local Schools provided the following information. (edited due to space limitations)

Coalition of Advocates for PK-16 Education NW Ohio (CAPE) membership includes public school district leadership throughout NW Ohio. CAPE members have concerns with the **Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship legislation** and its impact on the providers of traditional public education.

The state **EdChoice program gives money** in the form of scholarships to students in select school attendance areas so they may instead attend private schools in the area. By 2020, 426 of Ohio's 610 school districts will have at least one affected school on the list. That means students in more than 1,200 individual schools could leave their public schools next fall. In grades K-8, students would be eligible for a **scholarship of \$4,650** and in grades 9-12; students would be eligible for a **scholarship of \$6,000**.

Funds for EdChoice Scholarships are deducted from the local school district's state aid. Students already enrolled in private schools would become instantly eligible to receive a scholarship if the school attendance area where they reside becomes an *EdChoice* school.

The Ohio General Assembly postponed discussion regarding the *EdChoice* Scholarship eligibility list and changes to the *EdChoice* Program in the biennial budget bill (Am. Sub. HB 166) until April. It is expected that the Senate will **include an EdChoice amendment in a House bill** that has already passed in the House and is pending in the Senate.

You are asked to contact your elected State officials in opposition to Am. Sub. HB 6

- LUCAS COUNTY ISSUES ON MARCH 17TH BALLOT**
- Issue 1** – City of Toledo, Municipal Income Tax Levy
 - Issue 2** – Village of Swanton Parks and Recreation Levy
 - Issue 3** – TARTA Transit Authority Tax Renewal
 - Issue 4** – Oregon City School District Levy

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HOW TO GET “REAL”—Jeannine Petcoff

Beginning October 1, 2020, federal law will require every US air traveler 18 years and older or person wishing to gain access to certain federal facilities or military bases and nuclear power plants to have a **REAL-ID compliant driver's license, a REAL-ID compliant state photo ID, or other acceptable ID such as a US passport.** If you cannot provide one of these forms of identification, you will not be allowed to fly commercially or enter certain federal facilities or military bases and nuclear power plants. These rules were drafted in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and were passed into law on the recommendation of the 9/11 Commission in 2005. Since that time, they have gradually been implemented.

Not sure if you are REAL-ID compliant? Check the upper portion of your driver's license or photo ID for a star. If you find one, you have a compliant REAL ID and are TSA approved for travel. If you do not find a star, you will need to take proper documentation to the **Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles** or the **Michigan Secretary of State's**.

The following is a list of the requirements and the suggested documents needed to provide proof.

Requirement 1 – Full Legal Name

Requirement 2 – Date of Birth

Requirement 3 – Legal Presence in the US

These three requirements can be met by providing the



original or certified copy of your birth certificate, a valid and unexpired passport with your photo, a certificate of naturalization or citizenship, or a permanent resident card.

Requirement 4 – Social Security Number

This requirement can be met by providing your social security card, a W-2 wage and tax statement, or a 1099 with your social security number (that is not hand written) from the current or previous year.

Requirement 5 – Proof of Address

Two documents from different sources are required. Acceptable documents include utility bills, pay check stub, mortgage statement, federal or state income tax return, or credit card statement all dated within the last 12 months.

Requirement 6 – Proof of Name Change (if your current legal name does not match your birth certificate)

You will need to provide the original or certified copy of your marriage certificate or marriage license, a certified copy of a decree of divorce, dissolution, or annulment of marriage, or a certified copy of a court ordered name change. (Multiple documents may be needed if your name has changed more than once.)

For more detailed information connect to:

- bmv.ohio.gov
- michigan.gov/REALID
- tsa.gov/real-id

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March 26th
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