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NEXT BOARD MEETING
March 7, 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Susan Santoro, President

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

- Please **pay your dues** to **both LCRTA and ORTA**, unless you have already paid for 2023 or are Lifetime members of both.
- LCRTA **lifetime members**, please consider an annual donation of ANY amount, as we do not "earn money" from lifetime members.
- If you request a **printed/mailed Slate newsletter**, please consider a donation of ANY amount, to cover increased printing costs and postal rates. The cost is approximately **\$10 annually**.
- **Note:** Dues and donation checks should be **made out to LCRTA and mailed to:**
2125 Arlington Ave
Toledo OH 43609
or you can bring a check to the March 16th luncheon.

I read an article by Gloria Steinem in *Vanity Fair* magazine recently that really "spoke to me" and even though I recycled the rest of the magazine, I saved that one page. Did you know that the Toledo native is now 88 years of age? The column was entitled "**A Call to HOPE: Staying resilient for the battles ahead.**"

Ms. Steinem wrote about keeping hope even as we are still living through a global pandemic. We can make positive choices and rely on researchers and physicians' knowledge and advice. She shared that in some Native American cultures there is a spirit of laughter. "If you cannot laugh, you cannot pray." She urges

readers to not allow anyone to take away their hope or their laughter.

I find myself drawn to positive quotes, stories and news stories. It is not that "I bury my head in the sand." I am well aware that we live in some very tragic, violent, dark days, but I also know there is much good and capacity to care and love in people. I try to start every day with a positive affirmation and an acknowledgement of my blessings.

Our organization, LCRTA, focuses on helping our community partners and our members and sharing information and inspiring all of YOU to continue your life of service.

A HELPING HAND—Pauline LoCascio

One of my favorite books to read to my young students, as well as my children, was *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn. It's a story about a mother racoon that comforts her child's fears by kissing his hand to remind him of her love and support.

The story came to mind because Bethany House is our Community Partner for March. They provide the only long term transitional shelter and resources for the domestic violence victims in our area. Its goal is to reduce feelings of isolation and anxiety, and to empower them to control their own futures.

I'm sure, when our children were small and had a cut or scrape, we were there to clean it, cover it with a bandage, and then give a kiss to make it all better. Most likely, those "boo-boos" healed quickly. Our care gave emotional support as well as help to make the pain go away.

We know that children are the innocent victims of domestic abuse

and will need to feel the comfort of a home free of violence. That is when Bethany House comes to lend their helping hand to each family in need.

Bethany House's Step Up Program is not just a bandage, but a clear path through education to thrive.

A helping hand can come from our members as well, by buying raffle tickets and by providing donations at our March 16th luncheon. Deidra Lashley, Executive Director of Bethany House will share stories of her successes and ways in which we can help. They are in need of: **gift cards, cleaning supplies, HE laundry supplies, hygiene products, body wash, baby wipes, and household items.** Your generous donations will provide the healing that is needed. Thank you for all your support.



Thursday, March 16, 2023

LCRTA LUNCHEON (noon-2:00)

Toledo Country Club

3949 River Road, Toledo

PROGRAM: Robin Rayfield, ORTA

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

#1 **Tuscan Stuffed Chicken**—mozzarella, sun-dried tomatoes & spinach with garlic cream sauce; potatoes & seasonal vegetables

#2 **Scottish Salmon**—with lemon caper butter sauce; potatoes & seasonal vegetables

#3 **Curried Cauliflower Steak**—on bed of hummus

Entrée served with:

Orchard Salad (greens, candied walnuts, parmesan cheese, apples)

Dinner Rolls & Butter, Dessert

Coffee Bar, Hot/Iced Tea

COST — \$28.00

Reservations due: **MARCH 6**

- ◆ 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

MARCH 16, 2023 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

I will attend the luncheon at Toledo Country Club

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____

TOTAL: (\$28.00 X Number Attending) \$ _____

Reservations must be received by **March 6**

Please mail to:

Jeannine Petcoff
15139 Todd Road
Petersburg, MI 49270

Mail By MARCH 2

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LCRTA

Contact Jeannine at:

jcpetcoff@gmail.com or 734.854.7511

DIRECTIONS to TOLEDO COUNTRY CLUB

1. Anthony Wayne Trail through Maumee heading into Toledo
2. Turn right on Copland Boulevard—Copland will dead end into River Road
3. Turn left onto River Road; Club is ahead on right

MARCH PROGRAM

TRANSPARENCY & OUR RETIREMENT

Dr. Robin Rayfield, Executive Director of Ohio Retired Teacher's Association, will be the guest speaker at the March 16, 2023 luncheon. He will be providing up-to-date information about our pension and will be discussing what is new and what we hope will change with our retirement! Check out ORTA's advocacy at: ORTA.org



Welcome to LCRTA's new Public Relations Chairperson – **Nancy Dyer!** Thank you for stepping up to get the word out about our great organization!

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.

SPRING 2023 LUNCHEON & COMMUNITY PARTNER INFO—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DATE	LOCATION	PARTNER	NEEDS
MARCH 16	Toledo CC	Bethany House	See complete list on bottom page 2
April 13	Belmont CC	Leading Families Home	Gas cards; gift cards from Walmart, Kroger's, House of Meats; 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 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

Have you paid your 2022 dues???

CHANGE OF ADDRESS or EMAIL ADDRESS

Call Kathy Benya at: 419.843.2480

Email Kathy at: kathybenya@gmail.com

DECEMBER LUNCHEON EVALUATION—Doris Weis

Great way to begin the holidays!!!!!!! The LCRTA lunch-
eon and meeting was held at the Toledo Club Thursday,
December 1, with 109 members and guests present.
Many members brought gifts for Children Services. North-
view High School Harmony Road Show directed by Jere-
my Davis presented an outstanding selection of songs.
The food was delicious! Some of the comments were:

- Fun Festive December Celebration!
• Wonderful Choir! Amazing voices
• Loved Coffee Bar! Loved Venue. Loved whole event!
• Always enjoy Christmas meeting!
Seventy-four people loved everything, but thirty-five had
cool food or were unhappy with the pork choice. (This
was addressed at December Board Meeting)

LIFE IN LUCAS COUNTY—Kathy Benya

In December, Lucas County Retired Teachers Association
members were able to celebrate at the Toledo Club in
downtown Toledo. For many of us, it was such a treat to
step back in time and study the beauty of the
architecture of one of Toledo's landmarks. This
month we are dining at another iconic building,
the Toledo Country Club. Believe it or not, these
two buildings were constructed about the same
time. Both can trace their roots to the end of the
19th century. History buffs will remember this time as the
Gilded Age. It was a time of rapid economic growth, and
many of the Old West End and River Road mansions
were constructed during this time. In fact, as I was re-
searching my family's history, I found that my grand-
mother, a native of Port Clinton, became a maid (shades
of Downton Abbey) at one of these homes during this
era.



The venue for our March meeting, the Toledo County
Club's clubhouse, was built in 1897. Currently, its mem-
bers number around 420. Its illustrious history featured
club presidents from most of the area's Fortune 500 en-
terprises. Among these were Robert Stranahan and Wil-
liam Boeshenstein. Once upon a time the building fea-
tured a bowling alley and even had accommodations for

the employees. But the most amazing feature of the To-
ledo Country Club is that it regally perches over the
Maumee River. In fact, many couples have wed here,
using both the inside and beautifully landscaped
outdoors. The main dining room and adjoining River
Room can accommodate up to 250 guests, plus
there is a deck and patio with plenty of space for
outdoor dancing. And, of course, there are twenty-
four docks waiting for members to drop anchor in
the summer. Swimming, anyone? There is a six-lane
swimming pool available. Tennis, anyone? Not only are
there four tennis courts on site, but members have ac-
cess to Shadow Valley Tennis and Fitness.

Golfing at the Toledo Country Club has always been
special, thanks to that view of the Maumee River. Origi-
nally this was a nine-hole golf course. At the turn of the
century, a round of golf could be played for seventy-five
cents! Although the eighteen hole course was originally
designed by British Open Champion Willie Park, Jr., it has
been redesigned by Arthur Hill. It is still considered one
of the premier golf courses in the area.

So, once again, dear friends, we are dining in a venue
that is very much a treasured piece of Toledo's history.
Enjoy!

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- Find this picture in THIS Slate
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- Circle the picture



- Write your name on the page
- At the March 16th luncheon, place page in the contest box to enter to win one of two prizes

AEB'S NOT EFFECTIVE IN SERIOUS CRASHES — Jeannine Petcoff



AEB or Automatic Emergency Braking is now standard on most new car models. This newer technology uses forward-facing cameras and sensors to tell a vehicle to apply brakes when a crash is imminent. Over the years it has proven to stem rear-end collisions, injuries, and property damage, but AAA research discovered some disconcerting findings in AEB's ability to stop or even minimize the most serious of crashes.

Between 2016 and 2020, two types of crashes accounted for 40% of all fatalities. These crashes occurred at intersections, involved two vehicles, and were identified as T-bone and left turns in front of an oncoming vehicle. AAA Automatic Emergency Braking research found:

- At 30 miles per hour (mph), AEB prevented a rear-end collision 85% of the time and reduced impact speed by 86%
- But at 40 mph, AEB prevented a rear-end crash 30% of the time and reduced impact speed by 62%.

- In tests involving T-bone and left turn in front of an oncoming vehicle, crashes occurred 100% of the time. The AEB did not alert the driver, slow the vehicle, or avoid the crash. These findings did not support the touted life-saving aspect of AEB technology nor did it meet the consumer's expectation of a system designed to prevent serious crashes. Technology that offers effective crash and safety protection is still much needed. Automakers and regulatory agencies should be urged to continue to focus on system design and testing protocols to better address these issues. In the meantime, drivers need to recognize the limitations of AEB and other helpful technologies. They also need to remain focused and engaged when behind the wheel since speeding and bad driving behaviors are increasing.

Drive Safe!