

NEXT BOARD MEETING May 3 at 11:00 (new time)

WEBSITE REMINDER S. Santoro

Our Webmaster, Jane Nawrocki, spends countless hours keeping our website up-to-date. **Please remember to check it regularly** for updates such as ORTA Executive Director **Dr. Robin Rayfield's presentation on COLA and STRS information.** There is an **In Memoriam** section, past **Slate newsletters**, a **membership form** and much more. Go to <https://lcrta.weebly.com/>

LUCKY WINNERS APRIL

Sharon Eick—\$70.00
Marsha Marck-Konwinski—\$70.00
Alicia Stevens—Basket

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Susan Santoro, President

Do you function best making “to do” lists? I **must!** I would forget what I intend to accomplish each day if I didn't draft a list on a piece of paper. I also note things in my iPhone but it doesn't seem to work as well as writing it down and then, with great satisfaction, crossing things off! ;)

For the summer months, I have created a list. I will focus on physical, mental and brain health and include local treasures along the way. This list could very well end up like New Year's resolutions of past years but I am going to make an effort to stay focused on my goals.

I am sharing these with all of you hoping to make myself accountable and also perhaps providing a few ideas to all of you.



- Visit each of the 19 Toledo Area **Metroparks** (Did you know that there is one just minutes away from anywhere in Lucas County?)
- Start doing Wordle or maybe Quordle or some **brain activity**
- Take advantage of our wonderful **library** system. (They also have wonderful films, exhibits, etc.)

- Visit the **National Museum of the Great Lakes** more often
 - Visit **The Lathrop House**
 - Visit weekly **farmer's markets**
 - Spend more time at the **Toledo Museum of Art**
 - Develop a home **exercise program** and DO IT
 - **Meditate** daily
 - Take a short **walk** daily
 - **Journal** at least once a week
- I will save decluttering and going through years of boxes of photos for the winter months.

Now that I shared my summer goals and To Do List with all LCRTA members, I feel motivated to get going on this list so that I can provide you with a progress report in the fall. If you have ideas for other local treasures, feel free to share.

It makes my heart genuinely happy to see more of you returning to our luncheons. I hope to see many of you at our **May 18th (note Wednesday date)** luncheon at **Highland Meadows Golf Club**. And if you are not quite yet ready to venture out to luncheons, mark your calendars for September 22, 2022 at Stone Oak Country Club. Happy Summer! ☺

JUST AN OPEN BOOK—Pauline LoCascio

We've often heard, “They are just like an open book.” It really is, when we learn about the mission of **Read for Literacy**, our Community Partner for May.

Read for Literacy was founded in 1986, by combining various tutoring groups to increase the literacy skills in Wood, Lucas, Henry, Defiance and Fulton counties. They provide tutors, initially from Junior League of Toledo, and now have added more trained educators to provide basic literacy skills to adults and children alike.

Using the Diagnostic Reading Model to increase early literacy skills, such as



rhyiming, alliteration and vocabulary expansion, Read for Literacy continues to change the lives of their clients through reading opportunities. They also, assist in building the at-home libraries for students by sending home several books with their clients each year.

The **new and gently “loved” books** you will donate at our May 18th luncheon will be part of their “Open Book” effort to increase literacy in our community. Their yearly programs are Claire's Day, Creating Young Readers and Real Men READY. This year Read for Literacy is **asking for CHAPTER BOOKS and CHILDREN'S BOOKS.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

LCRTA LUNCHEON (noon-2:00)

Highland Meadows Golf Club
(7455 Erie Street, Sylvania)

PROGRAM: Mary Helen Darah,
Sylvania Advantage

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

- #1 **Apple cranberry chicken**—chicken with apple cranberry stuffing sauced with apple brandy cream
- #2 **Roasted pork loin**
- #3 **Vegetable Wellington**—puff pastry crust filled with roasted vegetables

Entrée served with:

Betty salad, Glazed carrots
Au gratin potatoes, Rolls & Butter
Lemonade, Iced tea, Coffee, Dessert

COST — \$25.00

Reservations due: **Tuesday, MAY 10**

- ♦ Please complete reservation form at right & include with **check payable to LCRTA**
- ♦ We're Sorry, But **NO SUBSTITUTIONS**
- ♦ Take out boxes available upon request

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

MAY 18, 2022 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

I will attend the luncheon at Highland Meadows Golf Club

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____

TOTAL: (\$25.00 X Number Attending) \$ _____

Reservations are due **by MAY 10**. Please mail to:

Jeannine Petcoff
15139 Todd Road
Petersburg, MI 49270

Mail EARLY!!!

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LCRTA

DIRECTIONS to HIGHLAND MEADOWS—

- West on **Monroe Street into Sylvania**
- Continue on Monroe Street past Main Street to **left merge onto ERIE STREET**
- Highland Meadows is on **Left (South) side of Erie Street**

MAY PROGRAM—Mary Helen Darah



The work of freelance writer, columnist, and editor, Mary Helen Darah, has appeared in numerous publications including the Toledo Blade, Toledo City Paper, Bedford Press, Sylvania Advantage (Managing Editor), Boomers and Beyond, and Toledo Area Parent. She was awarded "Runner-Up, Best of Toledo" by readers of the Toledo City Paper in the "print journalist" category in 2011 and 2013 and won "Toledo's Best Print Journalist" in 2012. Please help us welcome such a vibrant journalist to our May Luncheon.

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Read for Literacy has earned many awards. Some are Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence Award, Small Agency Excellence Award and NAACP Award for Outstanding Service to the Community.

In May, we will hear **Diana Bush, CPO and Executive Director**, tell us more about their program and how we can help. Through your generosity, Read for Literacy will be able to continue their "Open Book" success with the families in our community. All of this

will make learning to read a magical journey.

If you are not able to attend the May 18th luncheon, you can still **donate** or if you would like to be an "Open Book" **volunteer**, call or write to: 325 North Michigan Street; Toledo, OH 43604 (419.242.7323).

Places that have reasonable **new books to purchase**: Menards, Big Lots, Ollie's , T.J Max, and Dollar Stores. Bookmarks will be available to slip inside the books you bring to donate.



DID YOU KNOW??—from AARP Bulletin, April 2022

Medicare beneficiaries may be billed much more than expected if: **1)** patient is admitted to hospital, but **not classified as "inpatient"** or **2)** patient requires nursing facility care after a hospital visit and patient was **not a hospital "inpatient" for at least three days.**

2022 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 2022 EVENTS!
 RENEW now for 2022**

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



FROM POLICE LOG OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males entering her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, screaming at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun and I know how to use it! GET OUT OF THE CAR!"

The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They jumped out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then loaded her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried, and then she realized why. It was for the same reason she had won-

dered why a football, a Frisbee, and two 12-packs of beer were in the front seat. Wrong car.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces away. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her experience. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter where four frazzled men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun. —> No charges were filed.

truthbook.com/stories/funny-stories/funny-senior-citizens

APRIL LUNCHEON EVALUATION—Doris Weis

Great presentation about our local history! The LCRTA luncheon and meeting was held at Brandywine Country Club in Maumee Thursday, March 21, 2022 with seventy-nine members and guests attending. Many evaluations were positive about the facility, food, and guest speaker. Some of the comments were:

- Dr. Janet Rozick who discussed the Underground Railroad in Northwest Ohio was interesting!
- Positive comments about Mom's House
- This was a good venue!
- Luncheon food was good! Chicken was very moist.
- Thank you...great luncheon!

2022 LUNCHEON & COMMUNITY PARTNER DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY 18	Highland Meadows Golf Club	Read for Literacy	Books—see article page 1
SEPTEMBER 22	Stone Oak Country Club	Leading Families Home	Gift cards from: House of Meats, Kroger's, Meijer, Walmart, towels, sheets, pillows, personal hygiene items, diapers (2-5), cleaning products
OCTOBER 20	Inverness Country Club	East Toledo Family Center	TBA
DECEMBER 1	Toledo Club	Children's Services	Stuffed Animals, Cars

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

WHAT? HOW MUCH?—Jeannine Petcoff

At the grocery... \$1.99? Last week a head of iceberg lettuce was \$1.59!

At a restaurant/food carry out... Due to some food item shortages, supply chain difficulties, and a shortage of help, we may not be able to honor all the items listed on our menu. Please Note! Our hours of operation have changed.

When out and about shopping, and even pausing for a bite to eat, it is hard not to notice increased food costs, increased gas prices, quantity limits on certain items, items missing altogether, and help wanted signs promising higher wages and flexible hours.

Please know, and keep in mind, your LCRTA Board members are very much aware of all these and other uncertainties that influence higher costs, limited re-



sources, and safety guidelines as we talk with each venue about possible luncheon choices.

If you review past luncheon costs, you will note we have been able to keep costs close to those of pre-COVID 2019. Think about what is included in your reservation. You receive a sit down meal with salad, choice of dressing, roll, butter, meat/protein, vegetable, pasta/potato, dessert, coffee/tea, water, waiter/waitress service, paid gratuity, and no dishes to wash! You also get to enjoy a safe and welcoming environment in which to visit with friends and colleagues, interesting entertainment, and the opportunity of helping children in our area. How good can it get!

As we continue gathering together in 2022, we, at LCRTA, invite you to spend precious time with your colleagues and friends at our delightful luncheons.

FIGHT BACK AGAINST SCAMS & FRAUD

- Purge your social media accounts of personal info; e.g. home/email addresses, photos of vacations & birthday celebrations
- Review your credit report every year. Free reports from [TransUnion](#), [Experian](#) & [Equifax®](#)