

NEXT BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2023



WE NEED YOU!
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

- 1) To promote and publicize LCRTA and implement strategies to increase membership.
- 2) To field questions concerning memberships.
- 3) To be available at the registration table at all luncheons to answer membership questions.

Contact Susan if interested or have questions

IMPORTANT
REMINDERS/REQUESTS from the Budget Committee

- 1) Reminder to please pay your LCRTA 2023 dues which were to be paid by January 1, 2023. Life members, ignore, but please consider joining LCRTA. Pay through LCRTA and dues are good for one year from the date you join.
- 2) LCRTA lifetime members, please consider an annual donation of ANY amount, as we do not “earn money” from lifetime members.
- 3) If you receive a printed/mailed Slate newsletter, please consider a donation of ANY amount, to cover increased printing costs and a recent increase in postal rates. The cost is approximately \$10 annually to mail your Slate.

NOTE: Dues and donation checks should be made out to LCRTA & mailed to: 2155 Arlington Ave, Toledo, OH 43609 or you can bring your check to the May 16th luncheon

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE—Susan Santoro, President

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot. Nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” — Dr. Seuss

Happy May! The weather is improving, the flowers are coming up, the trees are budding and people are in a sunny mood – ENJOY! Last year at this time, I set some personal goals for myself. I did not accomplish all but I do not view this as a failure. I have every intention to keep working on them and they are posted by my desk. I am now adding LCRTA goals to that list. I want us to **GROW MEMBERSHIP** and **LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE**. What would happen if my goal morphed into every member’s goal?

Dr. Seuss’s above quote made me think of LCRTA and all that we do for our **Community Partners** at every

luncheon. Imagine how much more we could do if we had double the number of members at luncheons! Our impact would soar if every member invited a retired teacher friend to each luncheon. **Challenge accepted?**

At every luncheon it makes me happy to witness the joy of former colleagues gathering together. Tell other teaching friends about LCRTA and encourage them to join—best deal in town—\$20 annual dues. Share the Slate newsletter with them and/or the website link <https://lcrta.weebly.com/> **Challenge accepted?**

I look forward to seeing MANY of you at our **May 16th luncheon at Highland Meadows Golf Club** (note **Tuesday** date), our last luncheon until September. Happy Summer!

BLOWING BUBBLES—Pauline LoCascio

I remember how much fun it was blowing bubbles on a hot summer day. We would watch to see how high they would fly or who would blow the biggest bubble. It gave us such good memories of summer that also captured our imaginations.

Since 1901, East Toledo Family Center has hoped to capture that excitement in all their programs, but especially during the summer-long Children’s Program. They provide the “Summer Camp” experience for the children of East Toledo to give them a safe, healthy and creative outlet all summer long.

We can support this program in a huge way by donating the requested items. **Summer toys and games like chalk, balls of all kinds, hula hoops, badminton sets, balloons, sprinklers,** and of course, **bubbles**. Also, items

like **tissues, small Dixie cups, wipes and paper towels**.

In 2022, East Toledo Family Center assisted 7,784 individuals, conducted 5,896 home visits, served 9,445 senior meals and provided 4,230 units of enrichment activities. They literally serve from babies to seniors.

Many of you know we normally donate books to Read for Literacy in May, but because of East Toledo Family Center’s expanded Summer Program we decided to assist this worthwhile endeavor this year. We will collect those wonderful books in 2024.

So, remembering our own childhood memories, let’s help the children of East Toledo enjoy “blowing bubbles.” Thank you for all you do through your generosity each month.



Tuesday, May 16, 2023

LCRTA LUNCHEON (noon-2:00)

Highland Meadows Golf Club

7455 Erie Street, Sylvania

PROGRAM: Ellen Kennedy, Education Director
National Museum of Great Lakes

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

#1 Apple Cranberry Chicken—Chicken with apple cranberry stuffing and apple brandy cream sauce

#2 Roasted Pork Loin—Slow roasted pork served with apple brandy cream sauce

#3 Eggplant Parmesan—Parmesan encrusted eggplant topped with marinara sauce

Entrée served with:

Betty’s salad, California blend veggies

Roasted red skin potatoes

Rolls & Butter, Dessert

Beverage Bar—Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

COST — \$30.00

Reservations due: **MAY 8**

- ♦ 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

LCRTA’s research shows that it averages 7 days for the Post Office to deliver mail from Toledo to our Reservation Chairman’s home in Petersburg, MI
Therefore, **MAIL EARLY!!!!**

MAY 16, 2023 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

I will attend the luncheon at Highland Meadows Golf Club

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____

TOTAL: (\$30.00 X Number Attending) \$ _____

Reservations must be received by **May 8**

Please mail to:

Jeannine Petcoff
15139 Todd Road
Petersburg, MI 49270

Mail Before MAY 1

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LCRTA

Contact Jeannine at:

jcpetcoff@gmail.com or 734.854.7511

DIRECTIONS to Highland Meadows

- US 23 North to Sylvania (Monroe Street) Exit
- West on Monroe Street
- West on Erie Street
- Club is on left just past Eaglewood Drive

MAY PROGRAM

The National Museum of the Great Lakes is a museum in the Toledo Maritime Center, a heritage location on the banks of the Maumee River on the east side of Toledo.

The National Museum of the Great Lakes reveals the varied and fascinating history of our treasured Great Lakes, which make up 84% of all the fresh water in North America. Come hear the history of the world's greatest natural resource—from canoes and schooners to early steamers and freighters—some of which ply the mighty Maumee River right next to the Museum.

[National Museum of Great Lakes Website](#)

SPRING 2023 LUNCHEON & COMMUNITY PARTNER INFO—**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

DATE	LOCATION	PARTNER	NEEDS
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
Sep 21	Stone Oak Country Club		

FYI—To remain a member in good standing of LCRTA your dues must be current

UP TO DATE

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



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



**LCRTA DUES RUN
 JANUARY 1—DECEMBER 31**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS or EMAIL ADDRESS

Call Kathy Benya at: 419.843.2480
 Email Kathy at: kathybenya@gmail.com

APRIL LUNCHEON EVALUATION—Doris Weis

Another successful event!!!! On Thursday, April 13, 2023 the LCRTA luncheon and meeting was attended by seventy nine members and guests at Belmont Country Club Perrysburg, Ohio. Stephanie Taras was our guest speaker who gave inspirational ideas on how to save our memories. Our

community partner was Leading Families Home.

Some of the comments were: Lovely view and easy parking. Hot and artistically plated food. Tasty wonderful salad. Eclairs ...nice touch. Service was awesome. Speakers were interesting, inspirational, and entertaining!

LIFE IN LUCAS COUNTY—Kathy Benya

Highland Meadows Golf Course has been a part of my summer for many years. No, I am not a member, but I have a husband who is a golf junkie and have gone with him to the club's LPGA tournament many times. For several years we volunteered as workers on the status board at the 15th hole.

This club was established in 1925, and its name was chosen because of the high rolling area in that part of Sylvania. It's a beautiful course with 10-Mile Creek winding its way through. Deer and other wildlife are often seen on the course, enjoying Highland Meadows as much as the golfers. The 18-hole course, originally designed by Sandy Alves, is meticulously maintained. Highland is billed as a family friendly course. Six different tees are offered at each hole so the entire family, even kids, can enjoy the game. There are about 300 active members and many more enjoy social memberships at Highland Meadows. The Olympic sized swimming pool is extremely popular in the summer, and indoor and outdoor dining is available.

It's hard not to describe Highland without its connection to the LPGA. The LPGA has found a home in Sylvania since 1989. Prior to that, it had been held at Glengarry Country

Club (now Stone Oak). Since that year and under different name variations—Jamie Farr, Marathon, or Dana—thousands of visitors have watched some of the most talented women golfers in the world play right in Sylvania. As I sat down and skimmed just about every program since 1994 (yes, hoarder issue), I remembered seeing such magnificent athletes as Nancy Lopez, Meg Mallon, Annika Sorenson, Siri Pak and our own Stacy Lewis.

When the tournament was Jamie Farr, it was always fun to attend on Celebrity Day. Of course, you could catch a glimpse of Jamie Farr, but you never knew which of your TV and movie "friends" would show up at Highland Meadows. Shelley Fabares (*Donna Reed*), Mike Farrell (*Mash*), Ron Masak (*Murder She Wrote*) and Elke Sommer (countless movies) have all teed up at Highland Meadows. When football pro, Ben Roethlisberger or Red Wing greats, Darren McCarty and Kirk Maltby came to town, fans enthusiastically watched them swing their clubs.

Highland Meadows Golf Club bills itself as a "welcoming club that fosters fun and camaraderie." I know this will be true as we enjoy our May luncheon at this famous club.



APRIL 50/50 WINNERS:

Betty Jean Anderson—\$86 Helen Lazette-\$86 Karol Brown—Basket

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 May 16th luncheon, place page in the contest box to enter to win one of two prizes

WHERE TO HIDE A KEY?—Jeannine Petcoff

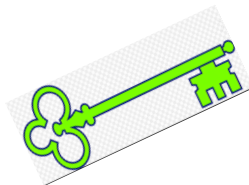
Most everyone has had to do it, and, some of us will need to do it sometime in the future, but **where do you safely hide a spare key when the need arises?**

According to different security websites, the WORST places to hide a key are a potted plant, flower pot, or garden statue, above the front door jamb or ledge, in your porch light, or in your wallet.

The **BEST place** to hide a spare key is with a **trusted neighbor**. A trusted neighbor can help prevent lockouts, keep an extra set of eyes on your property, spot any suspicious activity, and provide a quick line of communication if something goes wrong.

No trusted neighbor? Try . . .

- The hollow of a fake rock that **blends in** with the other rocks in its surroundings.
- In a small lock box under the porch.
- In a key hider or magnetic key holder under your car.
- Inside the backyard barbecue grill.
- Under a loose brick in the walk way.



- Under the foot of a patio chair.
 - Under or inside a child's toy (a soccer ball) or inside a bird house in the front yard.
 - Inside a dog house.
 - Secure a key with a nail on a nearby tree.
 - Inside the cap of a soaker hose (file down the key head to fit the hose opening).
 - Inside the dryer vent hood (hot glue a magnet to the key and another to the dryer vent hood if the hood is not magnetic).
 - In a small medicine bottle buried in a potted plant.
 - Inside a phony pop-up sprinkler
- Although a bit more expensive, a suggested even better alternative is to install smart door locks. Codes can easily be changed if and when the need arises.

And Yes! If someone ever does steal your keys, file a police report and have your locks re-keyed immediately. Keep Safe!

Sources: ackermansecurity.com
familyhandiman.com

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