

NEXT BOARD MEETING October 4, 2022

LUNCHEON EVALUATION— September—Doris Weis

Loved every moment! Great reviews! The LCRTA luncheon and meeting was held at Stone Oak Country Club in Holland, OH on Thursday, September 22nd with 88 members and guests attending. Mr. Earl Mack, Jr., president of the Toledo Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers, was our guest speaker. He was wonderful and informative. Also, Leading Families Home and Good Grief of Northwest Ohio discussed their organizations.

Some comments were:

- Great food! & Generous portions.
- Liked coffee bar & warm cookies!
- Outstanding speakers! Bring them back! Excellent causes.
- Great facility. Stone Oak never fails to impress with location, food, and service.
- Appreciated valet service.

LUCKY WINNERS SEPTEMBER

Chris Saylor—\$75.00
Jeanene Pifer—\$75.00
Denise Frazier—Basket

FIND THE PICTURE
Nancy Wiegand
Marcia Nagy

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE—Susan Santoro, President

Happy Fall! I would like to use my space and words this month to **encourage, inform** and **caution** you about a few important and relevant items.

I strongly **encourage** all Lucas County members to **join Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA)**. ORTA was formed in 1947, thus celebrating their 75th anniversary this fall. ORTA advocates for active and retired educators. They were persistent in lobbying STRS to reinstate our COLA. Executive Director, Robin Rayfield attends every STRS board meeting. ORTA is still “fighting for change” at STRS through letter writing campaigns, letters to the editor, a petition drive and more. Visit their website: www.orta.org Annual dues are \$30 and when you renew your LCRT dues soon, you can pay both with one check. LCRT Lifetime members—please send your dues for ORTA to us, with your check made out to LCRTA—“ORTA dues” on memo line.

You may get mailings from Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA). I would like to **inform** you that AMBA is a benefits partner of ORTA—they provide optional supplemental health, dental and vision

plans, should you seek extra coverage. They also offer other services and discounts. So as an ORTA member, these are all optional benefits. An AMBA representative offered to attend one of our luncheons to explain their services. If you are interested, please contact me.

Lastly, I want to **caution** you on Protect Ohio Pensions (POP5), from whom you most likely have recently received a mailing. POP5 was formed in 2016. They do **not** solely represent retired teachers, thus the “5” in their name—they also “support and protect” pensions for public employees, school employees, police, fire and highway patrol. I contacted their executive director via email for clarification on their purpose and activities. She informed me that she has

NEVER attended a STRS meeting. She claims that their membership “fluctuates between nineteen to twenty thousand members”! Important note: **ORTA is NOT affiliated with POP5.** (ORTA has a note of caution on their website.)

I hope you find this information helpful. Stay safe and enjoy fall and its beauty. Hoping to see you at the October 20 luncheon at Inverness.



ONE VOICE—Pauline LoCascio

October has many sights, smells and sounds, like the color of changing leaves, the smell of pumpkin pie, and the voices of fans at a football game. Oh yes, and we can’t forget those shouts of “Trick or Treat.” All of these make us think of family and fall fun.

Our Community Partner for October is **East Toledo Family Center**. They have been an active part of East Toledo since 1901. ETFC has spoken on behalf of East Toledo for 120 years—through two World Wars and many economic crises. Over the years though, ETFC has coordinated with

local residents, churches, schools, organizations, state and local agencies and businesses to create **one voice**. This **one voice** is to identify the common needs and establish a healthy and sustainable community in East Toledo.

This will be maintained by engaging citizens by making a difference in their own way. This will empower all stakeholders to actively make changes by **working together in areas of**



Thursday, October 20, 2022

LCRTA LUNCHEON (noon-2:00)

Inverness Club

4601 Dorr Street, Toledo

PROGRAM: Raul Ascunce, Freelance Writer

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

#1 Chicken Française—Egg Battered Sautéed Chicken Breast in Lemon Wine Butter Sauce

#2 Petite Breaded Pork Chop—Breaded Pork Chop in Mushroom Gravy & Fresh Herbs

#3 Roasted Vegetable Strudel, Rice Pilaf & Red Pepper Sauce

Entrée served with:

House Garden Salad, Rolls & Whipped Butter
Chef's Selected Starch, Vegetable
Coffee or Tea

COST — \$28.00

Reservations due: **October 13**

- ◆ Please complete reservation form at right & include with **check payable to LCRTA**
- ◆ We're Sorry, **NO SUBSTITUTIONS, NO REFUNDS**

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

October 20, 2022 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

I will attend the luncheon at Inverness Club

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

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NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____

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

Reservations **must be received by October 13**

Please mail to:

Jeannine Petcoff
15139 Todd Road
Petersburg, MI 49270

Mail By OCTOBER 10

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LCRTA

Contact Jeannine at: petcoff@cass.net or 734.854.7511

DIRECTIONS

- Reynolds Road to
- East on Dorr Street—entrance to Club is on right

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM—



Husband to Jo Ascunce, Raul Ascunce has been a freelance writer for the Sentinel-Tribune newspaper for 31 years. His column examines the lighter side of family life. He has won seven Ohio Associated Press awards for best columnist. During the Covid lockdown Raul and Jo adopted a dog named Charlie. Now, much of his writing centers around this extremely intelligent talking dog. Come and enjoy some "Conversations with Charles Ralph."

LCRTA NEEDS YOU!—Public Relations



Do you have a computer and internet? Do you have an extra hour or two only 6 months of each year? **LCRTA desperately needs you!** We need someone to

ly need to forward it. We have the contact information and you can do it all via email or online via web pages. This is **not** a board position so there are **no extra meetings to attend**. If you are interested or have additional questions, please **contact Susan Santoro @419-344-7071 or scsantoro711@gmail.com**

send press releases to local print publications. The information will be sent to you, so you on-

THANKS!!!

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

LIFE IN THE TIME OF COVID

"The falling leaves drift by the window, the autumn leaves of red and gold..." Ah, yes, Nat King Cole captured the beauty of autumn. Isn't it lovely, as a retired teacher, to know that fall can *truly* be enjoyed? Do you savor the wonderful activities that only this season affords? Last week I received an invitation to celebrate "fall and friendship." The event promises leaf-peeping boat rides, a bonfire, a trip to an apple orchard, and pumpkin spice everything. Count me in! Add this event to my list of the many pre-covid activities that Lucas County citizens so enjoy. So, grab a cup of warm apple cider, and explore these autumn possibilities.

The [Stranahan Arboretum on Tantara Road](#) in Sylvania gives the opportunity to examine over 1,500 different species of trees. Many of these trees' leaves will be falling—that's 47 acres of leaf crunching walking! Check the arboretum's website for details.

This year [Manor House at Wildwood](#) wants you to have a "ghostly good time" as guests roam through the mansion. Over 20 rooms will be decorated as part of the Eerie Manor Tour. Dates are **October 28-31**, and more information can be found on the Metroparks Toledo website.

Did you know there is a **Fall Color Cruise** on our own Maumee River? Imagine two hours of viewing the magnificent foliage of our part of Ohio as you enjoy a trip on the *Sandpiper*. Information can be found at [J&M Cruiselines](#).

And don't even get me started on **festivals!** Here are a few for you to explore: Grand Rapids Apple Butter Festival, Sylvania Fall Festival, Perrysburg Homecoming Festival, Toledo Craftsmen Guild's Bewitched Harvest and Craft Show or the Old West End Autumn Market. Just about every community in the area celebrates this season.

And finally, all the **orchards** in our area want you to savor their cider, pick their apples, and enjoy a delightful day before winter greets us. I'm considering visits to [MacQueen's](#) in Holland, [Erie Orchard and Cider Mill](#) in Erie, Michigan, and [Fleit's Pumpkin Farm](#) in Oregon.

I've created my own list of events to normalize the fall of 2022. What about you? How will you celebrate the autumn season? Contact me at kathybenya@gmail.com. I'll get right back to you after I rake my leaves and carve my pumpkins! Stay safe.

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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 October 20 luncheon, place page in the contest box to enter to win one of two prizes

2022 LUNCHEON & COMMUNITY PARTNER DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DATE	LOCATION	PARTNER	NEEDS
OCTOBER 20	Inverness Country Club	East Toledo Family Center	1" 3-ring binders (white), highlighters, cleaning supplies, tissues, wipes & paper towels
DECEMBER 1	Toledo Club	Children's Services	Stuffed Animals, Cars

2022 LCRTA OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIR

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THE SLATE

Lucas County Chapter
Ohio Retired Teachers Association
2155 Arlington Avenue
Toledo, OH 43609

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lucas County Chapter of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association is committed to **furthering** the cause of education by **providing** meaningful contact opportunities with fellow educators, **sharing** current valuable information, **inspiring** members to continue their life of service, and **promoting** the benefits of membership in both Lucas County Retired Teachers Association (LCRTA) and Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA).



6 VERY SHORT STORIES—Jeannine Petcoff



All the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That's **FAITH** ...

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That's **TRUST** ...

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set our alarms to wake up. That's **HOPE** ...

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That's **CONFIDENCE**

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That's **LOVE** ...

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence: 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' That's **ATTITUDE** ...

Have a happy day and live your life with faith, trust, hope, confidence, love, and attitude.

Inspired by:

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education, housing, employment and safety.

Currently ETFC is in need of donations for their Pre-school program this fall. They **need 1" 3-ring binders (white), highlighters, cleaning supplies, tissues, wipes and paper towels.**

At our October 20th luncheon we will hear from Jodi

Gross who will share stories of how East Toledo Family Center is helping East Toledo achieve success **one voice** at a time. Let **your voice** be heard by supporting our October Community Partner.

Thank you again for your generous donations every month to our Community Partners.