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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 Retirement for Teachers Association (ORTA).

MAY WINNERS


50/50

Ann Lieder—\$81.00
Walli Novak—\$81.00

BASKET

Valerie Naymik

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 September 21st luncheon, place page in the contest box to enter to win one of two prizes

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Susan Santoro

Greetings! I hope you are all having wonderful summers! I am going to use my Slate spot to inform you on some local and ORTA news items.

Thanks to all of the LCRTA members who attended the STRS Q & A Session in late July at the Maumee Branch Library. I am unable to give an update as there were neither handouts nor copies of the Power Point presentation. Robin Rayfield, ORTA executive director, was in attendance as were local media outlets.

If you are an **ORTA** member you should be receiving regular email updates from them. If you are not, please contact them at **614-431-7002**. If you are not an ORTA member, **please join**. It is best to send your ORTA dues with LCRTA dues so we can track our members. ORTA has set up a **Pension Defense Fund** for advancing ORTA's mission of pension advocacy and protection. You may donate by calling **614-431-7002** or by going to [https://www.orta.org/defense-](https://www.orta.org/defense-fund)

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Chapter leaders recently received a detailed update from ORTA. You can read that update on our website: [click here](#)

I am so pleased to announce that **Pat Price**, one of LCRTA's co-treasurers, has agreed to also be **LCRTA's membership chairperson!** Thanks so much to Pat and remember that it is all of our responsibility to promote membership in LCRTA to our retired teacher friends.

Have you had a chance to visit the **National Museum of the Great Lakes** since our informative presentation at the May luncheon? There is a small temporary exhibit on Toledo Public Schools, which is very interesting. It is my understanding that the display will be there until mid-September.

I look forward to seeing MANY of you on **Thursday, September 21st** at the lovely, Stone Oak Country Club.



PLANTING A GARDEN OF HOPE—Pauline LoCascio



This time of year we enjoy the harvest of hard work and efforts in our gardens. In the planning, we hope for survival of the tender plants. In the planting, we hope for rain and sun to nourish them. In the harvesting, we see the beautiful results that brought the world of nature to us.

Our September Community Partner is Mom's House and they plant a Garden of Hope with each family they serve. For 30 years they have provided a warm and rich environment for young mothers and their children to grow stronger. Mom's House relies on acceptance and support to help young mothers stand tall. They strengthen each mother through education and training. So, as the moms finish their education, the children are being cared for in a 4 star pre-school and nursery.

This safe and caring home allows for 93% of eligible High School graduates to enter the work force successfully. Also, 100% of preschoolers are Kindergarten ready. So, just like the gardens we plant and enjoy, Mom's House provides all the special care and support to the families they serve.

To help them in their mission, they are in need of: **paper towels, toilet paper, laundry pods, dryer sheets, non-bleach toilet cleaner, canned fruit, pre-packaged snacks, bottled water, gift cards from Kroger's, Walmart, and/or Amazon.** Please consider donating some of these items at our September luncheon.

There is no typical mom at Mom's House. Every mom is unique, but what they have in common is YOU! Thank you for all your support.

Thursday, September 21, 2023

LCRTA LUNCHEON (noon-2:00)

Stone Oak Country Club

100 Stone Oak Boulevard, Holland

PROGRAM: Ryan Wichman, WTOL TV

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

- #1 **Cranberry & Bourbon Chicken:** sautéed chicken breast with cranberry & bourbon sauce
- #2 **Sliced Slow Roasted Beef with Mushroom Gravy:** cooked medium well to well done
- #3 **Mushroom Ravioli with Cream Sauce**

Entrée served with:

Banquet Salad, Oven-Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Chef's Choice of Vegetable Rolls & Butter, Assorted Cookies
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

COST — \$27.00

Reservations due: **Monday, September 11**

- ◆ Please complete reservation form at right & include with **check payable to LCRTA**
- ◆ **Valet service available**
- ◆ **Lift available via North Entrance**
- ◆ We're Sorry, but...**NO SUBSTITUTIONS, NO REFUNDS, PLEASE DO NOT CALL VENUE**

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!!!!**

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 LUNCHEON RESERVATION

I will attend the luncheon at Stone Oak Country Club

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NAME: _____ Choice # _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS _____

TOTAL: (\$27.00 X Number Attending) \$ _____

Reservations must be received by **September 11**

Please mail to:

Jeannine Petcoff
15139 Todd Road
Petersburg, MI 49270

Mail Before SEPT. 5

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LCRTA

Contact Jeannine at:

jcpetcoff@gmail.com or 734.854.7511

DIRECTIONS—STONE OAK COUNTRY CLUB

- **West on Hill Avenue**
- Continuing **past Centennial Road**, you'll see the fence for Stone Oak on left
- **Entrance** to Country Club is on **left** off Hill Ave.



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Coming from a television station in Quincy, Illinois, Mr. Ryan Wichman joined WTOL in March 2011 as the weekday morning meteorologist.

It would be hard to know it now but, as a kid, he was completely scared of storms. Thunderstorms would have Ryan diving for cover. That fear eventually turned into a fascination, and by the time he entered grade school, he knew he wanted to be a *weatherman!* The dream of becoming a meteorologist took Ryan to Western Illinois University. There he discovered that what he enjoyed the most was making and delivering a forecast.

During the time spent in Illinois, Ryan discovered his favorite hobby, storm chasing. In the last few years, he has traveled as far as Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas chasing terrible weather.

Besides storm chasing and delivering the weather, Mr. Wichman has helped design and build numerous handicap accessible playgrounds for children.

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

DATE	LOCATION	PARTNER	NEEDS
<div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">GIFT CARD</div> Sep 21	Stone Oak Country Club	Mom's House	Paper towels, Toilet paper, Laundry pods, Dryer sheets, Non-bleach toilet cleaner, Canned fruit, Pre-packaged snacks, Bottled water, Gift cards to Kroger's, Walmart, Amazon
Oct 19	Inverness Country Club	Aurora Project	Paper products, Lysol spray, Gift cards to Sam's Club, Kroger's, Costco gas cards, Band-aids, Sterile gloves
Dec 7	Toledo Club	Family House	Paper plates & cups, Plastic silverware, Hats/gloves, Blankets, Pillows, Gift cards to Walmart, Meijer

2024 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



GET A JUMP ON YOUR 2024 DUES— RENEW BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS or EMAIL ADDRESS

Call Pat Price at: 419.350.1650
Email Pat at: watcher725@aol.com

BOARD UPDATES

- In an effort to keep member costs down, it was agreed that the LCRTA budget will bear the cost for desserts (up to \$2 per person) for luncheons.
A request was received from Leading Families Home, a community partner for many years, for emergency funds due to ongoing delays in grant reimbursements. The board voted to gift them \$300.
A gift of \$120 will be given to Good Grief of Northwest Ohio, one of our community partners, to fund their annual pizza party.

LIFE IN LUCAS COUNTY—Kathy Benya

We have visited so many elegant venues for our luncheons in the last year. I do have to admit, though, there is one club that delights from the moment I drive up the boulevard leading to it. The lush golf course and impeccably manicured gardens of Stone Oak Country Club prove to be beautiful all four seasons of the year. Kudos to the landscape architect who manages to make arriving such a wonderful experience for guests.

Once upon a time, though, Stone Oak was not Stone Oak! Originally this was Glengarry Country Club, designed in 1921, by the legendary S.P. Jermain. Nine unique holes formed the course and, slowly but surely, by 1954 Glengarry Club was recognized as having an award winning, challenging 18-hole golf course.

The original clubhouse was on the same site as the club house where you are being served the September luncheon. Unfortunately, in the mid 1980's a horrible fire destroyed that building. In 1988, the Club was acquired by Cavalier Properties and in 2001, ownership was transferred to the membership of Stone Oak Country Club, and the clubhouse was rebuilt.

Last May when we dined at Highland Meadows we were honored to be on the course where each summer so many members of the LPGA have vied for first place. From 1984-1988 that tournament was played at Glengarry. In fact, the first Jamie Farr LPGA Open was held on these very grounds in 1984. Lauri Peterson won \$26,000 that year. This year Linn Grant won the Dana Open LPGA taking home over \$260,000!

So, what does Stone Oak have to offer? You are seated in one of several options for inside and outside dining. There is now the newly constructed Turnberry Tavern (near the recently constructed lift). The 18-hole golf course is considered a championship course. Members can also find practice areas for chipping and putting. The Golf Shop features a golf simulator, great for Ohio rainy days. There is a competition-sized pool, tennis and pickleball courts, plus a fitness center. As you enjoy the view while dining, know that you are enjoying one of the premiere private golf clubs in this area with a rich history.



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KEY FOBS & AUTO THEFTS—Jeannine Petcoff

Like the cost of living and all the other increases we have been experiencing, car thefts have also been on the rise. Since 2016, data seems to indicate cars with keyless entry technology (key fobs) have been the most targeted.

A most convenient feature, keyless entry allows one to unlock and start a car without using a cumbersome bunch of keys. It also, however, makes cars more vulnerable to tech-savvy criminals. Working in pairs, a device is used to locate a key fob in your home. Once the signal locks in, it is redirected and transmitted to another person waiting near your car. By amplifying the signal, your car is tricked into thinking your key fob is present and it allows your car to be unlocked, started, and even driven away. Known as “relay attack” the entire process can be accomplished in 20 to 30 seconds.

Targeted cars are mostly high-end luxury vehicles such as Tesla, BMW, and Land Rover, but also targeted are KIA, Hyundai, Honda, Toyota, Subaru, Nissan, Jeep Grand Cherokee, and pickup trucks.

In the Toledo, Ohio area, the most targeted vehicle thefts involve Dodge Chargers, Challengers, Durangos, Jeep Grand Cherokees, Ford Mustangs, and pickups.

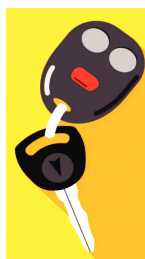
While no specific auto makers were identified, the

sources referenced stated two manufacturers implemented security fixes on all their vehicles and 14 manufacturers had done nothing at all. If you have concerns, consult your dealership.

On the brighter side, **keyless entry theft can be prevented** fairly simply. Here’s what you can do.

1. Make sure your car is **completely and properly locked**.
2. **Do not leave** anything visible or **valuable in your car**.
3. Keep your car **in a garage**.
4. **Don’t leave the key fob** in your car, in a coat pocket, jacket pocket or **on a table near your front door**, or in **easy view on your kitchen table** or counter.
5. Purchase and **keep your fob** and any spare fobs **in an RFID box** or pouch. The RFID blocks the signal your fob emits.

And last, but not least! If you have one of those “old fashioned” key fobs where you have to push a button to unlock or start your car, you are NOT at risk of being hacked by “relay attack.” Keep Safe!



Sources: [Forbes.com](https://www.forbes.com), [carbuzz](https://www.carbuzz.com), [cbsnews.com](https://www.cbsnews.com) and [AAA.com](https://www.aaa.com)