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THE ELECTION ISSUE

VOTE NOVEMBER 6th OR ANY TIME AFTER OCTOBER 10th

By Tom Moscovic

Ohio voters have many important statewide offices to fill this fall, and no decision is more important than who will serve as Ohio's next governor. The following information is taken from an article from the Columbus Dispatch, September 30, 2018. Candidates names are in alphabetical order.

Richard Cordray:

Age 59 of Grove City, Ohio
Democrat
Lawyer
Entered politics in 1990
Served as state's first solicitor general 1993-1995
Franklin County Treasurer 2002, re-elected 2004
State treasurer 2004
Ohio Attorney Elected in 2008
Appointed as first director of federal government's
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
Advocates improvements in early childhood development
Committed to addressing state's opioid crisis

On Gun and School Safety:

Conduct background checks on all gun sales
Raise the purchase age to 21
Ban bump stocks and high capacity magazine clips
Improve school safety
Have a statewide coordinated approach to address gun
violence throughout Ohio

Education Plans:

End for-profit charter schools
All money for charter schools come directly from the
state, not from the local school district where students
reside.
Take number of mandatory standardized tests down to
the minimum required by federal law
"Schools should be about learning. Create and carve
out more time for learning"
"Over-testing, together with inadequate funding have
narrowed school curriculums and pushed out other
very meaningful ways to engage students"
Proposes a tuition-free community college education

The election information in this newsletter
is strictly an informational piece for the
members of LCRTA. There is no intent to
endorse one candidate or issue over the
other. That decision is up to the reader.

You are encouraged to vote.

Mike DeWine:

Age 71 of Cedarville, Ohio
Republican
Lawyer
Entered politics in 1976
Served as county's prosecutor, elected 1976
Elected to Ohio Senate 1980 then to U.S. House of
Representatives serving four terms
Elected lieutenant governor for George Voinovich for
one term
Won U.S. Senate seat in 1994, re-elected in 2000
Elected Ohio Attorney General in 2010, re-elected in
2014
Advocates improvements in early childhood development
Committed to addressing states opioid crisis
Supports further restrictions on abortion rights
Questioned the sustainability of Medicaid expansion
On Gun and School Safety:
Make sure there is a mental health person in every school
so the kids don't harm themselves or others
Enhance background checks
Make sure every school has either a resource officer,
administrator, or teacher properly trained to provide
protection until law enforcement arrives
Education Plans:
Need to make digital learning more accountable
"Pay for performance" model for online schools that
would require "course completion testing and
competency" before the school is reimbursed by the
state
Pay online schools when they have shown the state their
students have learned something
Parents should be able to choose what kind of learning
environment best suits their child
Fewer standardized tests, increased emphasis on
technology more vocational education, more affordable
college
Freeze state college tuition-students pay the price they're
charged as freshmen all four years

Issue 1– Which Way to Vote??

VOTE “NO” ON STATE ISSUE 1

Keep Ohio courts and treatment efforts effective. Keep violent offenders off our streets. Vote “NO” on Issue 1.

- **Issue 1 is dangerous.**

Possession of use of any amount of deadly drugs like fentanyl, heroin, and meth will result in probation-lighter punishment than offenses like disorderly conduct and reckless operation. The message to children is that drugs are not dangerous. The message to drug traffickers is that doing business in Ohio is low risk. Violent offenders cannot be sent to prison for probation violations. They will be free to disregard judges’ orders with little consequence.

- **Issue 1 undermines treatment.**

Treatment for addiction is not provided or required by this amendment. An addict is on his own in getting sober. Courts connect addict to treatment and help motivate success. Many addicts forego treatment entirely without the threat of prison. The proposal dooms effective treatment efforts in courts across Ohio.

- **Issue 1 reduces sentences for violent offenders.**

Drug traffickers, human traffickers, aggravated robbers, and others will be eligible for up to a 25% sentence reduction. Victims of violent crimes will receive only partial justice.

- **Issue 1 places the rehabilitation and well-being of those who break the law ahead of the rehabilitation and well-being of innocent victims.**

- **Issue 1 is an unfunded mandate. It shifts costs to local governments.**

Proponents speculate that savings from letting violent offenders and drug offenders out of prison will result in millions of dollars for treatment. It is not clear that the savings will be anything other than a one - time savings. Speculation about savings is not the same as dedicated funding. Local taxpayers will be left with the bill.

Louis Tobin, Executive Director, Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Assoc.
Paul Pfeifer, Executive Director, Ohio Judicial Conference

VOTE “YES” ON STATE ISSUE 1

Vote “Yes” on Issue 1 to reduce the number of people in state prison for low-level, nonviolent crimes and put the money to better use by directing savings to drug treatment and crime victims.

- **Issue 1 saves taxpayer dollars:** Ohio spends more than \$1.8 million per year on a broken prison system where too many people who pose little public safety risk are incarcerated while treatment and prevention programs suffer. Issue 1 will save tens of millions of dollars annually in prison spending and direct the savings to addiction treatment and victims of crime.

- **Issue 1 puts our public safety dollars to better use:** Wasting law enforcement resources and prison on people struggling with addiction makes no sense.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

By Louise Bennet



Childhood hunger is a national problem and one that many right here in Lake County know all too well. However, our county is the only one in Ohio that has an “End 68 Hours of Hunger” program. The name refers to the approximate time frame that a child might experience food insecurity between his/her provided meals in school at noon on Friday and the following Monday morning. How fortunate our community is to have this program! At the November meeting we will collect food items to donate and show we care. I was told an emphasis on three items would be helpful—**peanut butter, squeezable jellies, and canned pasta** such as Beefaroni, etc. Other items, such as those listed, would be appreciated, too.

Saltines/Graham Crackers

Granola/Nutrition bars

Macaroni and Cheese

Canned Chicken/Tuna

Instant Individual Oatmeal Packets

Instant Flavored Potatoes/Rice/Noodles

Fruit/Pudding Cup-4 pack

Regarding volunteer hours, the November meeting is the last time you are requested for your hours for the year. If you have not responded yet, or are behind in reporting for 2018, please do so at this time. In order to not interrupt your meal, the basket for collecting the volunteer hours will not be passed around but rather can be usually found on the same table designated for donations. Thank you for all your help.

Issue 1 requires misdemeanors instead of felonies for low-level drug possession offenses and requires community service, treatment or local jail, instead of state prison, for people convicted of these crimes or who break probation rules (such as missing a meeting). Treatment and supervision work better to improve public safety than a revolving prison door.

- **Issue 1 reduces recidivism:** Issue 1 expands earned credit programs so that qualified people can be considered for release if they participate in rehabilitation. Experts agree that requiring people to earn their way out of prison through rehabilitation reduces the likelihood they’ll commit more crimes.

- **Issue 1 protects public safety:** This was carefully written to ensure that people that are a danger to public safety remain incarcerated. No one convicted of murder, rape, or child molestation will benefit from any aspect of this measure.

Bipartisan support from law enforcement, mental health and addiction treatment providers, nurses, faith leaders, and victims of crime.

Submitted by Ohio Safe and Healthy Communities Campaign

LCRTA Luncheon Reservation

Auburn Career Center
8221 Auburn Road
Painesville

Due by NOVEMBER 3, 2018

Please send reservation form with your payment to:

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO L.C.R.T.A.

Susan McCarter
9720 Johnnycake Ridge Road
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Please reserve _____(s) for the TUESDAY, November 13, 2018 LCRTA luncheon at \$ 14.00 per person

Name (s) _____ Phone _____

Amount enclosed _____

Lunch (Choose 1) _____ Beef Stroganoff _____ Zucchini Parmesan

Includes: Salad, Roll & Butter, Dessert, Beverage

Social time 11:00am Business Meeting 11:30am Lunch served at 12:00noon
Business meeting at 11:30 by request

PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 13 ENCORE NEO

Dave Cowen-Civic Engagement and Economic Dev. Com.
Purpose of NEO: Help individuals craft meaningful careers and satisfying lifestyles in the second half of their lives.

INFORMATION & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

By Terri Herbert

Emergency Preparedness: Flu Season

Flu season is upon us. And we are all vulnerable. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) the best to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated every year. Hopefully you have received, or will receive, a vaccine, but is still possible to catch the flu. Influenza (flu) is more likely to happen and cause additional problems in those of advanced age or with compromised immune systems.

So what can we do to prevent it? Or to deal with it if it happens? First is to know the signs of influenza. There is no "stomach flu." Influenza is a potentially serious upper respiratory infection. It is caused by a virus. This virus can change from year to year. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times lead to death. Flu is different from a cold. Flu comes on suddenly. Sign/symptoms may include: fever (not always), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and or/fatigue. In adults it rarely causes diarrhea or vomiting.

If you do get the flu it is generally a mild case in healthy adults. Stay at home as much as possible. Stay in until your fever has gone for at least 24 hours. Avoid others so the flu does not spread, Cover your coughs and sneezes, wash hands thoroughly with soap and water often. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

From Barbara Temple

Dues for the 2019 membership year are now being collected. The chart below indicates the amount that you owe. The payment deadline to be included in the 2019 yearbook is December 20, 2018.

Please make checks payable to LCRTA

- \$40 - Renewing members that are regular members of ORTA and regular LCRTA members**
- \$10 - Renewing Associate members and ORTA Life Members.**
- \$0 - No payment due for life membership ORTA and LCRTA.**

Questions: 440-974-8847

Send Payment to: Barb Temple,
7598 Fairview Avenue, Mentor, Ohio 44060
SEE TEAR-OFF ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.
ENCLOSE TEAR-OFF WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Donations for the Scholarship and Teacher Grant Program may be included in your check. Please indicate amount on the tear-off.

 * Please note: If you have received or do receive a
 * card from ORTA asking for "past due" dues pay-
 * ment, please call Barb Temple, Membership Chair
 * @ 440-974-8847 BEFORE sending a payment.
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In Memoriam

MARY MOELLER

Our sympathies to the families of these members

2018-2019 SOCIAL/TRAVEL CALENDAR

**NOVEMBER 15, 2018 – INFORMATIONAL MEETING – 1 PM
 MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY – GARFIELD ROOM
 DECEMBER 8, 2018 – GOLDEN TRIANGLE HOLIDAY LIGHTS
 DECEMBER 12, 2018 – 98% NICE, 2% NAUGHTY – FINE ARTS – 1 PM
 MARCH 6, 2019 – DEBBIE GIFFORD QUARTET – FINE ARTS – 1 PM
 MAY 1, 2019 – THE POP TARTS – FINE ARTS – 1 PM
 JUNE 12, 2019 – THE SECRET GARDEN – FINE ARTS – 1 PM
 OCTOBER, 2019 – AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND**

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO L.C.R.T.A.
 UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE!!**

PHONE OR EMAIL THE PERSON IN CHARGE WHEN YOU MAIL YOUR CHECK!!

IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS FOR TRIPS, PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER
 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO OUR EMAIL ADDRESS: oh.lcrtasotrav@gmail.com

SOCIAL/TRAVEL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sherry Barbieri, Lynn Miller (Co-chairs), Gail Allcock, Kathleen Kling, Sherry Niederkorn, Sarah Reinhard



Holiday Lights



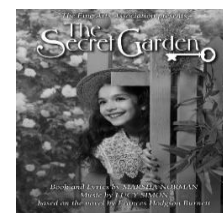
98% Nice, 2% Naughty



Debbie Gifford



The Pop Tarts



The Secret Garden

NOVEMBER 15, 2018 INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Join us at **Mentor Public Library** at **1 PM** in the Garfield Room (Lower Level) to learn about some of the events and trips your Social/Travel Committee has planned for the coming year. This is a good time to ask questions and let us know of your interest in any of these activities. **We look forward to seeing you there!!**

DECEMBER 8, 2018 "GOLDEN TRIANGLE HOLIDAY LIGHTS" DUE: OCT. 20, 2018

Join us for a festive holiday trip. We will meet at 7:15 AM at First Presbyterian Church, 4785 Shankland Blvd., Willoughby, OH (**only pickup**). Our motorcoach will transport us to Pittsburgh to begin our tour at the **National Aviary Museum** to see "Wings in Winter Holiday Show" with birds and music. Our next stop is the **Grand Concourse Restaurant in Station Street Square** for a complete luncheon of grilled lemon chicken, and the opportunity to enjoy their holiday decorations and the view of the Pittsburgh skyline and rivers. We continue on to **PPG Place** in downtown Pittsburgh. Here we will see **Wintergarden**, a plant filled, all-glass atrium which features 16 life-sized Santa figures dressed in costumes from countries around the world, a **Community Gingerbread House** display (over 500 of them), and a 32-foot decorated Christmas tree with a model train display around its base. **PPG Plaza** is nearby with the Pittsburgh Ice Rink that encircles a 65-foot decorated Christmas tree. We should return to Willoughby about 8 PM with everyone feeling the Christmas spirit. **COST: \$97 per person based on group of 35** and includes lunch, admission to stated activities, transportation, and all gratuities. **Checks payable to "GREAT DAY TOURS."** **Contact: Sarah Reinhard at 440-567-9515 or swreinhard4@yahoo.com**

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DECEMBER 12, 2018 (1PM) "98% NICE, 2% NAUGHTY" DUE: NOV. 16, 2018

MAIL TO: Sherry Niederkorn, 6988 Weatherby Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. Make check payable to "LCRTA."
 Please reserve ____ tickets for "98% Nice, 2% Naughty" @ **\$12 per person (based on group of 10).**

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____ CHECK NUMBER _____

Please list name(s) and contact information separately if additional members/guests are included on this form.

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DECEMBER 8, 2018 "GOLDEN TRIANGLE HOLIDAY LIGHTS" DUE: OCT. 20, 2018

MAIL TO: Sarah Reinhard, 8677 Harvest Home Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. Make check payable to "GREAT DAY TOURS." Please reserve ____ place(s) for "Golden Triangle Holiday Lights" tour @ **\$97 per person (based on group of 35).**

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____

Please list name(s) and contact information separately if additional members/guests are included on this form.

FINE ARTS SENIOR MATINEE SERIES 2018 - 2019

Ticket prices of **\$12 each** are based on a group of 10. All shows begin at 1:00 pm in The Fine Arts Association Corning Auditorium at 38660 Mentor Avenue in Willoughby and include a cookie and punch reception following the performance. Make checks payable to “LCRTA” with separate checks and mailed to: **Sherry Niederkorn, 6988 Weatherby Dr., Mentor, OH 44060.** Now accepting checks for December 12th show **only.**



WED., DEC. 12, 2018 **98% NICE, 2% NAUGHTY** **DUE: NOV. 16, 2018**
David Malinowski and company return with their mix of comedy, songs, and shenanigans for a rousing holiday cabaret. *Rated PG*

WED., MAR. 6, 2019 **DEBBIE GIFFORD QUARTET, Spring Fling** **DUE: FEB. 8, 2019**
Internationally renowned jazz vocalist Debbie Gifford & her combo perform “jazzy” favorites. *Rated G.*

WED., MAY 1, 2019 **THE POP TARTS, Warm & Ready to Serve** **DUE: APR. 5, 2019**
This trio, in three delicious flavors, serves up a fun and tasty tribute to 60’s girl groups. *Rated G.*

WED., JUN. 12, 2019 **THE SECRET GARDEN** **DUE: MAY 17, 2019**
The enchanting children’s literature classic, reimagined as a musical tale of forgiveness and renewal. A timeless story for all ages. *Rated G.*

OCTOBER 3, 2019 **AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND** **\$350 DEPOSIT DUE: ASAP**
Discover a region of true natural and cultural diversity on our *Australia & New Zealand* tour. Join us for the 19-day comprehensive itinerary with Grand Circle Travel to explore iconic South Pacific locales like Australia’s Great Barrier Reef, cosmopolitan Sydney, and New Zealand’s mystical Milford Sound. You’ll also go beyond the landmarks to make up-close cultural discoveries, as your resident Program Director introduces you to Australian Aboriginal people, New Zealand’s native Maori, friendly schoolchildren, and more—all the engaging people who give this part of the world its deserved reputation for friendliness and good cheer. Explore even more, with an optional Pre-Trip to Melbourne & the Outback and a Post-trip extension to Fiji. **Main Trip Dates: (19 days)** Oct. 3 thru Oct. 21, 2019 \$4395 per person. **Airfare from CLE: (round trip)** \$2010 per person. **Pre-Trip Option: (5 nights)** Sept. 28 thru Oct. 3, 2019 \$1995 per person. **Post-Trip Option: (4 nights)** Oct. 21 thru Oct. 25, 2019 \$1595 per person. Call GCT Reservations at **800-221-2610**, mention Group Code: **GG9-3472** and tell the travel counselor that you want to reserve **Australia & New Zealand** with the **Lake County Retired Teachers Association Group**. **Deposit: \$350 per person.** Contact is Sherry Niederkorn at 440-477-1198 or sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com. No single rooms left; only a few doubles remain.

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WITH
LCRTA**



Visit the Social / Travel page at <https://lakecountyrta.weebly.com/socialtravel.html> to download forms and see photos of previous trips.