



THE BELLRINGER

Newsletter of the Lake County Retired Teachers Association

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From the President....

I am so happy to see the beginnings of spring. Hope all of you are too!! The following was taken from Carol Kinsey's "Legislative News" in the ORTA Leadership Bulletin. We have been asked to share it with our members via our newsletters.

2016 is the year of INFORM and INVOLVE ORTA members in issues which impact each member personally. Our Pension system and healthcare are among ORTA's top legislative priorities this year.

At this time, STRS is taking a very serious look at what needs to be done to maintain QUALITY health care for STRS recipients for as long as they can. Changes must be made to achieve this goal. Please keep in mind these decisions will be made internally by the STRS Board. As of February 26, retired Board Member Jim McGreevy predicts (not set in stone) that decisions on what changes need to be made for 2017 will be finalized by the March Board meeting and the premiums set no later than the June Board meeting.

ORTA members have the opportunity to get first hand information and offer input regarding these proposals. Both of the STRS Board members who hold the retiree seats on the Board will be at all four Regional Spring Conferences. **The Regional Conference closest to us will be on Wednesday, April 20th, 2016 in Alliance. The cost is \$30 to attend a whole day of informative meeting and lunch. This meeting is open to all members, not just Leadership. A few from our chapter are going. Please join us. Let me know if you are interested.**

Bob Stein will be focusing on the Pension part of STRS while Jim McGreevy will focus on the Health Care aspect. Bob and Jim will be making presentations in the morning, staying for lunch and participating in the afternoon, so there will be ample opportunity to gain information and share your thoughts. This is an opportunity that does not happen every year— this timing could not be better. Don't miss out on the firsthand opportunity.

You may also contact either or both of them directly. Contact Bob Stein at steinr@strsoh.org or Jim McGreevy at mcgreevyj@strsoh.org. Both are very responsive to members' concerns.

Always remember, it takes EVERY MEMBER to become informed and involved, so that whatever changes that occur are the best possible solutions. **Join us in Alliance on April 20th to get the latest information and to offer YOUR input.**

Terri Herbert
President, LCRTA

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

It is time to nominate students for the Lake County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship. Any senior attending a high school in Lake County and planning on majoring in education in college is eligible.

If you would like to nominate someone, please call Barb Strumbel at 352-2144 before April 30th. Thanks

Volunteers Needed at Lake Health

Lake Health is seeking volunteers for TriPoint Medical Center in Concord, West Medical Center in Willoughby and Mentor Campus in Mentor. Volunteers are needed in Emergency Dept., Patient Room Service, Gift Shop, Patient Transport, Information Desk, Surgical Desk, Patient Registration, Patient Visitation, Pastoral Care, Stephen Ministers, Pet Therapy and other areas. Anyone 14 years of age or older is welcome to apply. Call Volunteer Services at 440-354-1665.

Community Participation

Louise Bennet

The Salvation Army is an organization which helps members of the community in many ways, so we, as members of the community, are going to focus on giving help to this group at our April meeting. The items collected will be taken to the facility on Pearl Street in Painesville. It is here that people are fed and have access to showers. Some spend a good part of the day there. They are given a light breakfast, then after being involved in a meeting, are fed a hearty lunch at noon. Anyone, with no questions asked, can take part in this program.

Let's help by donating from the following needed items:

FOOD SUGGESTIONS:

Tuna, macaroni & cheese, boxed potatoes, boxed dinners, canned vegetables

OTHER IDEAS:

Deodorants, bars of soap, toothbrushes, toiletries, cosmetics, any trial/travel sample

It would be wonderful if each of you attending the April meeting could donate at least one of the above items. If you would prefer to write a check as your way of helping, please make the check payable to **The Salvation Army**.

Jean P. Lentz Memorial Active Teacher Grant Program

The Jean P. Lentz Active Teacher Grant Program will be available to active teachers in any public school in Lake County in August of 2016. School principals will receive the information the first part of August to be disseminated to the building faculty. Any area of the curriculum is eligible and more than one educator per building may apply. Completed grant applications must be received by November 1 to be eligible for the first funding cycle. Grants will be awarded February 1 of the following year to be used by May 31 of that year.

Those educators receiving the grant awards will be asked to attend the June LCRTA luncheon to explain their grant and the outcomes. Lunch will be provided for these grantees.

Donations may be given to the fund for these grants at any time. Make your checks payable to LCRTA. Please write Teacher Grant on the memo line.

Please let your friends, who are still teaching, know about this new program. Grants of \$200.00 awarded.

Questions: Contact Karen Sawitke

sawitke@oh.rr.com

440-255-0764

Applications will be available on the **NEW** website after April 15 at www.lakecountyrta.weebly.com.

Information & Protective Services

Marilyn Decker

With the upcoming summer months of swimming, walking, biking and just having fun, here is a "lighter approach" to a concern thought about by many people!

Overeaters Psalm

Lord, My soul is ripped with riot
Insisted by my wicked diet.
"We are what we eat," said a wise old man
And Lord if that's true, I'm a garbage can.
To Rise on Judgement Day is plain
That at my weight I'll need a crane.
So grant me strength that I'll not fall
Into the clutches of cholesterol.
May my flesh with carrot curls be sated,
That my soul may be polyunsaturated,
And show me the light that I may bear witness,
To the President's Council on physical fitness.
At margarine I'll never mutter,
For the road to H___ is spread with butter.
And ice cream is sinful and cake is awful
And gravitation is hiding in every waffle.
The devil lurks in Provolone,
Frightening is a chocolate drop,
And Lucifer is a lollipop.
So give me this day my daily slice,
But cut it thin and toast it twice.
I beg upon my dimpled knees,
And deliver me from jujubes.
And when my days of trial are done,
And my war with malted milk is won,
Let me stand with the Saints in Heaven
In a shinning robe-size thirty seven.
I can do it, Lord, if you show to me
The virtues of lettuce and celery.
If you teach me the evil of mayonnaise
The sinfulness of Hollandaise,
And pasta a la M'lanaise
And crisp fried chicken from the south
Lord, if you love me, SHUT MY MOUTH!

LCRTA Luncheon Reservation Form

HOLIDAY INN
Route 306 & 2
Mentor

DUE: April 4, 2016

Mail to: Greta Pate
34450 Euclid Avenue #2
Willoughby, Ohio 44094
440-942-1873

Please make checks payable to LCRTAPlease reserve _____ place(s) for the **Tuesday, April 12** luncheon at \$15.00 each.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Amount enclosed _____

Menu: _____ Chef Salad _____ Vegetarian Salad(Greens with roasted vegetables)
Tomato Bisque Soup, Rolls/butter, Dessert, Beverage

PLEASE CUT OUT AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK FOR YOUR RESERVATION**Program for April 12 Luncheon**

**“Falling Off The Map:
Travels to the Edge of the World”**

Presented by
John Gardner

John Gardner has traveled all seven continents, and crossed the oceans in order to visit some of the most remote locations on earth.

In this program he addresses the questions often posed to him about why he seeks out such unusual destinations. He will discuss the appeal of these far-flung places while sharing slides of wildlife, natural landscapes, and isolated human communities that span the globe.

**Carol Remington Visits LCRTA
For the February Luncheon/Meeting**



2016 ORTA President Carol Remington was welcomed by LCRTA members at the luncheon/meeting in February.

Carol's topic "Building Relationships and Growing Membership" included information on the recent partnership of ORTA with Habitat for Humanity state wide. She also gave an update on state activities.

**New LCRTA Website**

A new LCRTA website will be up and running very soon. This new sight is user friendly, easier to read, and will contain more information than the former site.

After April 15, please check out:

www.lakecountyrta.weebly.com**IN MEMORIAM**

Lucy Claudio

Thelma Hill

Katherine "Kappy" Pope Melari

The members of LCRTA send their sympathies to the families of these members.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 6, 2016 Chicago Pre-departure Meeting - See Social/Travel Page
Garfield Room – Mentor Public Library
- April 12, 2016 LCRTA Luncheon/Meeting – Holiday Inn Mentor
- April 13-15, 2016 Discover Chicago (CLOSED)
- April 20, 2016 The Cliff Habian Trio - Fine Arts Association
- April 21, 2016 Lake County Indian Museum
- May 19, 2016 Pairings– Geneva, Ohio
- May 27, 2016 Lake County Captains Game(CLOSED)
- June 14, 2016 50TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON/MEETING
- June 15, 2016 “Little Shop of Horrors” - Fine Arts Association
- June 22, 2016 “Kiss Me Kate” - Wooster/Ohio Light Opera
- October 20 or 24– November 7, 2016 - Spain & Portugal in Depth

VOLUNTEER HOURS	NOVEMBER-MARCH	BRING TO THE APRIL MEETING OR
____Hours as a caregiver		Mail To: Louise Bennet
____Hours for all other volunteer work		9970 Cottonwood Court
		Mentor, Ohio 44060
NAME _____		

2016 SOCIAL/TRAVEL CALENDAR

- APRIL 6, 2016 – CHICAGO PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING**
- APRIL 13 – 15, 2016 – DISCOVER CHICAGO (CLOSED)**
- APRIL 20, 2016 – THE CLIFF HABIAN TRIO – FINE ARTS ASSOC.**
- APRIL 21, 2016 – LAKE COUNTY INDIAN MUSEUM**
- MAY 19, 2016 – PAIRINGS – GENEVA, OHIO**
- MAY 27, 2016 – LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS GAME (CLOSED)**
- JUNE 15, 2016 – “LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS” – FINE ARTS ASSOC.**
- JUNE 22, 2016 – “KISS ME KATE” – WOOSTER / OHIO LIGHT OPERA**
- OCTOBER 20 OR 24 - NOV. 7, 2016 - SPAIN & PORTUGAL IN DEPTH**

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

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

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

SOCIAL/TRAVEL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

APRIL 6, 2016 CHICAGO (PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING) 1:45 PM

Wendy Miller from TBI Tours will be meeting with the participants to hand out and discuss all the pertinent information for our Chicago trip. We will meet in the Garfield Room (Lower Level) at Mentor Public Library. Please contact **Gail Allcock (440-477-6830) if unable to attend.**

APRIL 13 – 15, 2016 DISCOVER CHICAGO (CLOSED)

TWO SENIOR MATINEES AT THE FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION IN WILLOUGHBY.

APRIL 20, 2016 – THE CLIFF HABIAN TRIO – An innovative trio that performs selections ranging from Dave Brubeck and George Shearing to Shostakovich and Mozart.

JUNE 15, 2016 – “LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS” – A modern classic of musical theatre that features a nerdy florist who finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant who demands to be fed.

Both programs begin at 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$12 per person/per show. Transportation is on your own. Meet Sherry in lobby between 12:30 & 12:45 PM (day of show) to get ticket. Cookie and punch reception follow the matinee. Contact **Sherry Niederkorn(440-477-1198) or sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com.**

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CUT-----
JUNE 22, 2016 WOOSTER / OHIO LIGHT OPERA DUE: MAY 4, 2016

MAIL TO: Sarah Reinhard, 8677 Harvest Home Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. Please reserve ____place(s) at **\$96 pp.** Make check payable to **LCRTA.**

NAME(S) _____ PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____

Pickup: __Painesville 9:15AM (Church of Christ) __Willoughby 9:45AM (First Presbyterian Church)
Please list name(s) and contact information on back if additional members/guests are included on this form.

CUT-----
MAY 19, 2016 PAIRINGS – GENEVA, OHIO DUE: MAY 12, 2016

MAIL TO: Sherry Barbieri, 38147 Poplar Dr., Willoughby, OH 44094. Please reserve ____ place(s) at **\$28 pp.** Make check payable to **LCRTA.**

NAME(S) _____ PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____

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

CUT-----
SENIOR MATINEE SERIES at the FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

MAIL TO: Sherry Niederkorn, 6988 Weatherby Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. Make check payable to **LCRTA.**

Please reserve ____ tickets for “The Cliff Habian Trio” (April 20th). Payment **due 4/1/16.**

Please reserve ____ tickets for “Little Shop of Horrors” (Jun 15th). Payment **due 5/27/16.**

NAME(S) _____ PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____

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

APRIL 21, 2016 LAKE COUNTY INDIAN MUSEUM CONTACT BY APR. 15, 2016
 The Museum is presently in B Building at the Willoughby Tech Center, but they do have to vacate soon. The present displays include Alaskan Indian groups and many pre-historic Indian artifacts from Ohio. Our tour begins at **1 PM**. **Cost: \$3 pp.** to be paid on entrance. Transportation is on your own. We will meet at 12:45 PM at the back entrance to B Building at Willoughby Tech Center. **Contact Lynn Miller (440-630-1715) or millerlynn29@yahoo.com if interested.** We will also have a sign-up sheet at the April 9th luncheon. **NEED A COUNT by Apr. 15, 2016.**

MAY 19, 2016 PAIRINGS DUE: MAY 12, 2016
 Join us for a late afternoon (4PM) presentation and demonstration at Pairings Ohio's Wine and Culinary Experience in Geneva, OH. We will help prepare a meal with locally sourced ingredients led by Chef Michael Lorah. Happy Greens, a local business, will also do a presentation on the use of aquaponics. The greens and herbs used for our meal will come from Happy Greens. The restaurant will also discuss the Ohio wines that pair well with our meal. **Cost: \$28 pp.** includes non-alcoholic beverage, tax, and tip. Wine is available for purchase at an additional charge. **There is a limit of 20 for this event.** Transportation is on your own. **Directions:** Take Rt. 90 East to Geneva exit (Rt. 534), turn left (North) on Rt. 534 to Park St. (on the left just before Rt. 20.) **Address:** Pairings, 50 Park St., Geneva. **Contact Sherry Barbieri (440-946-1628) or sun_light@oh.rr.com if interested.**

MAY 27, 2016 LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS GAME (CLOSED)
 An evening baseball game in a suite at the Captains Stadium in Eastlake, Ohio. This activity was limited to 20 participants and has been sold out.

JUNE 22, 2016 WOOSTER / OHIO LIGHT OPERA DUE: MAY 4, 2016
 Join LCRTA on a day trip to Wooster for a matinee performance of Cole Porter's *Kiss Me Kate*. This musical play was the crowning achievement for Porter's Broadway career. The show has many captivating tunes such as "So in Love," "Always True to You in My Fashion," "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," and "Why Can't You Behave" to name a few. The plot is based on Shakespeare's comedy of the sexes *The Taming of the Shrew*. Lunch is included at TJ's Restaurant in Wooster. **COST: \$96 pp.** based on 35 participants. This includes lunch, transportation, theatre ticket, and all gratuities. If interested **contact Sarah Reinhard (440-567-9515) or swreinhard4@yahoo.com.** **PAYMENT DUE MAY 4, 2016.**

OCTOBER 20 or 24, 2016 SPAIN & PORTUGAL IN DEPTH DUE: ASAP
 Travel on October 24th 2016 to Spain, a country that conjures images of rocky plains and whitewashed villages, rugged castles looming from distant hills, the windmills that taunted Don Quixote, bullrings, the fiery *flamenco*, and the strum of the guitar. Portugal brings to mind bold explorers, colorful ceramics, and close ties to the sea. You'll find all this and more on this 15 Day Grand Circle Travel escorted tour of Spain as you sweep from the vibrant modern capital of Madrid through the olive-tree-filled hills of Andalucía and on to Portugal's Atlantic coast, following a route traced first by the Romans and Visigoths, and later, by the Moors. **COST: \$3605** (including air from CLE). Optional 4 night Pre-Trip to Barcelona available (leaving on October 20th) as well, for **\$995** additional. Charges of up to **\$300** may apply. See flier and visit website at www.gct.com for more details. **Call 1-800-597-2452 (press #2) to register. As of now, there are still spaces available.** **Contact Sherry Niederkorn at sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com or 440-477-1198 if interested.**

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