



# THE BELLRINGER

Newsletter of the Lake County Retired Teachers Association

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

The daffodils will be blooming before we know it and soon Spring will be upon us. Our April meeting will be held **ONE WEEK** earlier than the usual schedule because we will be holding a combined meeting with the Geauga County Retired Teachers Association. This meeting will be at **Quail Hollow** on **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**, beginning with the Social Hour at **11:00am**. We will be in the **VE-RANDA** Room.

**Recommended parking** is in the upper lot (on the west end of the building)– when you turn into the driveway–make an immediate right, going up the hill to the parking lot. To enter from this lot, there is a door with 3 steps, or a ramp off to the left. If you park in the lower lot, enter thru the lobby, take the elevator up one level, and walk to the far end of the corridor.

Our program for this meeting will be one of great interest with many questions. Ohio Representative John Patterson and Senator John Eklund will be our guests to speak on and answer questions about the “State of Education in Ohio.”

The reservation form for your luncheon can be found on page 3 of the Newsletter. We have a new member who has volunteered to take over the meeting arrangements. Your reservation forms now are sent to Susan McCarter. Her address can be found on the reservation form. **PLEASE NOTE: There is an absolute deadline for the return of these reservation forms. NO reservations will be accepted after March 26.**

The Education System in Ohio is important to all of us, working or retired. It is important that we keep knowledgeable on what is happening and keep our Federal and State Representatives informed as to our thoughts for or against.



**Luncheon**  
**April 3, 2018**  
**Quail Hollow Resort**  
**11:00 Social 11:30 Lunch**



## Informative and Protective Services...

Terri Herbert

### Emergency Preparedness: Tornadoes

Over the coming months I plan to discuss many different kinds of emergencies and how to best to prepare for different potentially catastrophic events. Preparedness involves a continuous process of planning, equipping, training and exercising. With the upcoming tornado season, we will look at preparing for tornadoes this month.

Most of us have lived in this area for a long time and have taught our students what to do in the event of a tornado during school hours. But is your plan for yourself in place? Have you thought/walked through and revised it lately? As we age and become less mobile it may impact our plan. As we move from a home with a full basement to an apartment or condo it will certainly mean creating a new plan.

Planning for a tornado involves identifying WHERE you will go. If you have a basement go there. Stay away from windows and get under a heavy piece of furniture, if possible, or crouch down and cover your head. If you have no basement identify an interior room or hallway with no windows where you can go. This should be on the lowest level of your structure. Stay away from corners and outside walls as debris collects in those areas. If you are in a manufactured home have a designated safe place that you can get to. Get there quickly before a watch becomes a warning. If you are outside with no shelter get in a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and cover your head. Never take cover under a bridge or overpass. If necessary, lie in a low area or ditch and cover your head.

It is critical to know the difference between a tornado WATCH and WARNING. A watch means conditions are right for a tornado to occur. Check your supply kits and be ready to move and take shelter. Listen to NOAA radio or local TV stations for the latest information. A WARNING means a threat is imminent and a tornado has been sighted. Act IMMEDIATELY!

When you head to your safe place be sure to have a “Go Bag” or “Bug Out Bag” prepared in advance and ready to grab at a moment’s notice to take with you. We will talk much more about Bug Out Bags in the coming months, but have a some your medications in that bag, important papers (in waterproof containers) such as insurance policies, identification, etc. cell phone, radio,



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flashlight, whistle, first aid kit, spare clothing and at least a 3 day supply of food and water. Remember that in the aftermath you could be without electric, gas, water, transportation, communication and other services.

## Legislative News . . . . Tom Moscovic

### Another Bunch of Information for You to Ponder...

#### Local School Districts Stand to Recover Money Lost to Troubled Charter Schools with the House Passage of HB 87.

*Finally some good news from Columbus. This bill, with passage by the Ohio Senate and signature by Governor Kasich will guarantee that recovered monies collected dishonestly by charter schools will be returned to the home district and not to the General or Rainy Day Fund!!*

HB 87 was passed 94-2 by the Ohio House on March 7, 2018. OEA worked with Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) and the bill's bi-partisan co-sponsors to secure overwhelming support for this important charter school financial accountability bill. State Auditor Dave Yost also voiced strong support.

The bill requires any public funds that are reclaimed by the state based on a finding of recovery against a charter school for fraudulently over-reporting enrollment to be returned to the school districts from which the funds were initially deducted. Ohio law is currently silent on where the state should send these recovered funds.

The House passage of HB87 by a vote of 94-2 comes after recently passing stronger charter student residency verification requirements in HB 21 (R-Hambley) by a vote of 94-0. HB 21 has received three hearings in the Senate Education Committee thus far and is likely to be approved eventually by the Senate.

### Republican Lawmakers Push to Make Ohio "Right to Work"

Right to Work is an effort to break the Unions and take away their Bargaining Power. After the huge defeat of Senate Bill 5 in 2011, Governor Kasich has no interest in Right to Work. He has on numerous occasions indicated that Ohio does not need this Legislation!

*This article was written by Jim Provance, Blade Columbus Bureau Chief*

Columbus - More than six years after voters resoundingly rejected similar proposals at the polls, a package of proposed constitutional amendments have been introduced to make Ohio the 29th state to enact "Right to



## Community Participation...Louise Bennet

A may be for Apple, but P is for Paper such as Paper Products. For our April meeting collection to give aid to a local organization, please consider bringing some paper product with you to the luncheon which I will deliver to The Salvation Army in Painesville. Items needed include paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, as well as paper napkins. There will be an area on or under the registration table for you to place your contribution. Also, look there for the basket into which to place any cancelled postage stamps you have been saving. They are sent to the VA Hospital where they are used during craft classes.

Another basket will be available to collect your tear-off slips (on the back page of this newsletter) indicating your Volunteer Hours from last November through March. If you forget to bring your slip, additional forms will be available by the basket. Thank you in advance for caring and helping with these three worthwhile projects.

Work."

Six measures, all requiring voter approval, would undercut the clout of private and public-sector labor unions by prohibiting collection of so-called "fair share" fees in lieu of dues from workers who refuse to join a union and forbidding union spending of dues or fees on political activity without workers' consent....

Similar legislative efforts have gone nowhere in recent years in the General Assembly following the stinging defeat of Senate Bill 5. Voters forced a repeal of the law, which focused on clipping the power of public-employee labor unions.

Unlike Senate Bill 5, the newest effort would not restrict what can be on the bargaining table in terms of salary and benefits. Instead, it largely targets union finances. The resolutions are sponsored by State Rep. Joh Becker (R., Cincinnati), who has pushed similar measures in the past without success, and freshman State Rep. Craig Riedel (R., Defiance) they have been joined by as many as seven of the chamber's more conservative members as co-sponsors-none from northwest Ohio-on some of the proposals.

"It's not so much that I'm opposed to unions," Mr. Reidel said. "I believe strongly that employees ought not to be required to pay fair-share fees if they choose not to join that union. If that individual chooses not to be a part of that union, they're on their own. They would not get any representation whatsoever by that collective-bargaining agreement."

LCRTA Luncheon Reservation

Quail Hollow Resort  
11080 Concord-Hambden Road  
Painesville, Ohio 44077

**Due by MARCH 26 , 2018**

No reservations accepted after  
this date.

Please send reservation form with your payment to:

Susan McCarter  
9720 Johnnycake Ridge Road  
Concord, Ohio 44060

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

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_(s) for the TUESDAY, April 3, 2018 LCRTA luncheon at \$ 19.00 per person

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch ( Choose 1 ) \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Piccata \_\_\_ Vegetable Lasagna

Salad, Seasonal Vegetable, Rolls &amp; Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea, Hot Tea (by request)

Social time 11:00am Lunch served at 11:40am

If you feel you will be unable to finish your meal, please bring a carry-out container with you!

## How to Reach Your Elected Officials

### U.S. Congress:

#### Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown (D)

1301 East Ninth St. Suite 1710, Cleveland, Ohio 44114  
216.522.7272

Washington D.C. location:

713 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington D. C. 20510  
202.224.2315

Website/Email: [www.brown.senate.gov/contact](http://www.brown.senate.gov/contact)Facebook: [www.facebook.com/sherrod](http://www.facebook.com/sherrod)

#### Ohio Senator Rob Portman (R)

312 Walnut Street, Suite 3075, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
513.684.3265, Cleveland 216.522.7095

Washington D.C. location:

448 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510  
202.224.3353

Website/Email:

Website/Email: [www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form](http://www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact-form)Facebook: [www.facebook.com/senrobportman](http://www.facebook.com/senrobportman)

#### Ohio Representative David Joyce (R)

14th Congressional District, U. S. House of Representatives  
1 Victoria Place, Painesville, Ohio 44077

440.352.3939 or 800.447.0529

Washington D.C. location:

1536 Longworth HOB, Washington D.C. 20515  
202.225.5731

Website/Email: [www.joyce.house.gov/email-me](http://www.joyce.house.gov/email-me)Facebook: [www.facebook.com/DaveJoyceOH](http://www.facebook.com/DaveJoyceOH)

### OHIO STATE LEGISLATORS

Hotline: 800.282.0253 8:30am to 5:00pm

#### Lake County

#### Ohio State Senator John Eklund (R)

District 18 - Portage, Southern Geauga, Northwestern Geauga, Part  
of Lake-Kirtland, Willoughby Hills, Mentor, Perry, Madison  
Senate Building, 1 Capital Square, 1st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
614-644-7718

Website/Email: <http://ohiosenate.gov/eklund/contact>[www.senate.state.oh.us/eklund/contact](http://www.senate.state.oh.us/eklund/contact)Facebook: [www.facebook.com/senatoreklund](http://www.facebook.com/senatoreklund)

#### Ohio State Senator Kenny Yuko (D)

District 25 - Richmond Hts., Euclid, Willowick, Wickliffe,  
Willoughby, Eastlake, Timberlake, Grand River, Painesville, Part of  
Cuyahoga

Senate Building, 1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor, Columbus,  
Ohio 43215 614.466.4583

Website/Email: <http://ohiosenate.gov/yuko/contact>

### The 2018 FEDERAL EDUCATION BUDGET

—\$2 BILLION to teaching training and  
class size reduction

—\$1.2 BILLION to after-school programs

—\$340 BILLION to help low-income  
students prepare for college

—\$250 BILLION to preschool programs in  
low-income areas

—\$250 BILLION to grants supporting  
reading programs

(— indicates a budget cut)

#### Ohio State Representative John Rogers (D)

District 60 - Eastlake, Fairport Harbor, Grand River, Lakeline, Mentor-  
on-the-Lake, Timberlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, City of Painesville, part  
of Painesville Township, Willoughby.

77 S. High Street, 10th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
614.466.7251

Website/Email: [www.ohiohouse.gov/john-m-rogers/contact](http://www.ohiohouse.gov/john-m-rogers/contact)

#### Ohio State Representative Ron Young (R)

District 61 - Willoughby Hills, Mentor, Concord, Kirtland, Kirtland  
Hills, Madison, Perry

77 S. High Street, 13th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
614.644.6074

Website/Email: [www.ohiohouse.gov/ron-young/contact](http://www.ohiohouse.gov/ron-young/contact)

#### Legislator Information:

For any Ohio State Senator: [www.ohiosenator.gov](http://www.ohiosenator.gov)For any Ohio State Representative: [www.ohiohouse.gov](http://www.ohiohouse.gov)

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Senate Clerk for information: 614.466.4900



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## Jean P. Lentz Memorial Active Teacher Grant Recipients Chosen

Out of the fourteen grant applications received for the 2017-2018 school year, 4 applications were chosen to each receive a grant of \$200 for a project that would extend the curriculum of a particular grade level. Grants were given to the following educators:

**Tim Pira– Madison High School– Grades 11-12**

“Aquaponics, An Application of Sustainable Organic Agricultural Practices (SOAP), A Promise for a Cleaner Future.”

**Scott Soeder - Kirtland Schools-Grades K-5**

“Reading in the Music Classroom”

**Katty Romero Mora– Willoughby-Eastlake North High School –Spanish 9-12**

“What in the World”

**Janet Sovey-Madison Middle School - Grades 6,7,8**

Power Plus Heart Rate Monitor Straps

Join us at the June luncheon to hear about these projects and also meet the LCRTA Scholarship recipients.



## Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library Seeking Volunteers

Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library is seeking retired teachers to volunteer for a program for 1st and 2nd graders struggling with reading comprehension.

A volunteer will be paired with a student for 20 minutes of reading aloud. This will be followed by a nutritious snack and a group activity. The program will run over the summer.

If you are interested, please fill out the application on their website: <https://we247.org/volunteer-w-e-library/>, or call Colleen Kelly at 440-943-2203 Ext.107 with your questions or concerns.

The Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library would appreciate your help.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Hours - November 2017-March 2018

\_\_\_\_\_ Caregiver \_\_\_\_\_ Other Volunteer Hours

Bring to the April 3 meeting or send to:

Louise Bennet, 9970 Cottonwood Ct., Mentor, Ohio 44060



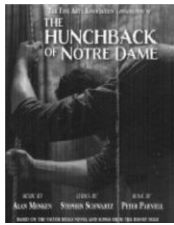
2018 SOCIAL/TRAVEL CALENDAR

APRIL 25, 2018 – IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST – FINE ARTS – 1 PM
MAY 16 – 20, 2018 – KENTUCKY – (CANCELLED)
JUNE 13, 2018 – HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME – FINE ARTS – 1 PM
JUNE 27, 2018 – WOOSTER / OHIO LIGHT OPERA
JULY 29, 2018 – LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS BASEBALL GAME – 7 PM
AUGUST 15 – 17, 2018 – POTPOURRI OF OHIO TREASURES
SEPTEMBER 15 – 23, 2018 – ICELAND ADVENTURE (SOLD OUT)

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO L.C.R.T.A.
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.lcrtasoctrav@gmail.com

SOCIAL/TRAVEL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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



MAY 16 - 20, 2018 KENTUCKY – “HORSES, HISTORY, & HOOCH”
(CANCELLED - DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST)

JUNE 27, 2018 WOOSTER / OHIO LIGHT OPERA DUE: MAY 10, 2018

We will make our annual trip to Wooster to see the Rodgers and Hart musical, “Babes in Arms.” This 1937 musical features hit songs such as “Lady is a Tramp,” “My Funny Valentine,” “Where or When,” and many others. Our lunch stop is at a NEW VENUE, Pine Tree Barn, before we head to our matinee performance at the College of Wooster. Our only pickup will be 8:30 AM in Willoughby at First Presbyterian Church, 4785 Shankland Blvd. Cost: \$99 per person based on 35 participants and includes lunch, theatre tickets, transportation, and all gratuities Contact: Sarah Reinhard at 440-567-9515 or swreinhard4@yahoo.com.

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JUNE 13, 2018 (1pm) “HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME DUE: MAY 18, 2018

MAIL TO: Sherry Niederkorn, 6988 Weatherby Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. Make check payable to “LCRТА.”
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for “Hunchback of Notre Dame” @ \$12 per person (based on group of 10).
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CUT-----
JUNE 27, 2018 WOOSTER / OHIO LIGHT OPERA DUE: MAY 10, 2018

MAIL TO: Sarah Reinhard, 8677 Harvest Home Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. Make check payable to “LCRТА.”
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) at \$99 per person. Only pickup: Willoughby 8:30AM (First Presbyterian Church)
Lunch choices: \_\_ French Onion Soup, lemon muffin with garden salad, \_\_ Quiche du jour, fresh fruit,
\_\_ Half club croissant, fruit salad. Beverage and dessert included. (Please select 1 per person.)

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

CUT-----
APRIL 25, 2018 (1pm) “THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST” DUE: MAR 30, 2018

MAIL TO: Sherry Niederkorn, 6988 Weatherby Dr., Mentor, OH 44060. Make check payable to “LCRТА.”
Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for “The Importance of Being Earnest” @ \$12 per person (based on group of 10).
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

