



THE BELLRINGER

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From the President.....

For some of us it is time to plant those veggies, annuals, and perennials, and for ALL of us at LCRTA it is time to plant ourselves at the June 14th meeting for fellowship, food and be more informed about our thirteen stripes and 50 stars. After all, it will be FLAG DAY. So wear your red, white and blue for our Grand Old Flag and forever may she wave.

At this meeting, under New Business, two members from the General Membership are needed to serve on the Nominating Committee. (Page 15, Article IV, Section 2.) One person needs to come from the Board, and David Morse has graciously offered to do this. Thank you, Dave!

This committee will meet at their discretion to determine a candidate for the office of President-Elect. At the September meeting, the nominated candidate will be presented for the approval of the membership and then installed at the November meeting. Besides our flag waving, let your hand be waving to be on this Nominating Committee.

At this time, I thank Greta Pate for doing our Informative/Protective Services article for this issue of the *Bellringer*. Also, a Thank you to Janene Ishee who will be taking over as chairman of this committee. Bless you both!

Please remember: whatever your passions are, and wherever you are, "Bloom where you are planted."

See you soon,

Ginny Keller, President

One Article and Some Facts.....

Tom Moscovic—Legislative Chair

HB616

Every child deserves a great public education taught in a safe, inclusive, and caring environment. But there are those who think otherwise.

The latest attack on our profession? HB616. One of the most divisive, harmful, hurtful, and destructive pieces of Legislation proposed in Ohio. As life-long educators, we understand the value of each child, no matter what!

Some highlights from the Bill

Prohibits using Divisive or Inherently Racist (Critical Race Theory, Intersectional Theory, The 1619 Project, Diversity, Equity, and inclusion Learning Outcomes, Inherited Racial Guilt, and any other concept that the State Board of Educations defines as divisive or inherently racist (in accordance with administrative rules adopted by chapter 119 of the Revised Code) Textbooks, Materials, Curriculum, Standards, curricula, Training, Assignments, Assessments, and Classroom Resources.

Don't Say Gay. Grades K-3: Nothing on sexual Orientation or Gender identity, Grades 4-12: Only materials that are age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with the state standards may be used.

Some things that will happen if the bill passes:

The State Board of Education shall establish a procedure in accordance with Chapter 19 whereby an individual may file a complaint against a teacher, a school administrator, or a school district superintendent of public instruction alleging violation of the bill.

A hearing will be held. If the bill has been violated, official licensure admonishment, licensure suspension, or licensure revocation can occur. If the superintendent of public instruction is found in violation of the bill, ODE shall withhold funds from the district based upon the severity of the offense.

Are you worried yet? You should be!!!!

Ohio UnFun Facts



LCRTA Luncheon Meeting June 14, 2022

St. John Vianney Social Hall

7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor

11:00 Social Hour

Flag Day

Support your Red, White and Blue as we celebrate Flag Day.

Bill Quinn from Quinn's Flag Store

will test our knowledge of the American Flag and offer insights into how flags are made.

Scholarship winners presented.



Legislative continued...

Ohio Un-Fun Facts.....

Where does Ohio Rank in the Nation?

1. Average Teacher Starting Salary
\$38,231 #37 in the nation
2. Average Teacher Salary
\$63,082 #18 in the nation
3. Teacher Pay Gap
\$.85
4. Minimum Living Wage
\$47,760
5. Average ESP Earnings
\$36,047 #17 in the nation
6. Per Student Spending
\$13,695 #24 in the nation
7. Average Higher Ed Faculty Salary
\$94,750 #19 in the nation

On Saturday, May 7, 2022, the results of the State Teachers Retirement Board election were certified by a board of tellers appointed by the State Teachers Retirement Board and Election Services Company the independent firm administering the election. The results of the election for the two contributing member seats on the Retirement Board are as follows:

Julie Sellers,	19,030 votes
Steven Foreman	15,247 votes
Jeffrey Rhodes	10,494 votes
Robert A. McFee	9,817 votes
Write-Ins	319 votes

The results of the election for the retired member seat on the Retirement Board are as follows:

Elizabeth Jones	24,983 votes
Rita J. Walters	21,229 votes
Write-Ins	222 votes

The term of office for Steven Foreman, Elizabeth Jones and Julie Sellers will begin on September 1, 2022, and will end on August 31, 2026.



Our sympathies to the families of
Terri Herbert
Virginia Mlaker

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.....

By Louise Bennet



Food! Food! Food! A necessity to which not all have access. The Salvation Army on Pearl St. in Painesville helps so many, and we will take a turn at helping them. Once a day, Monday through Friday, homeless folks are fed a meal at the Salvation Army. Often others who are in need of food ask for help.

Please bring any non-perishable food items to our luncheon meeting. Anything in cans, pouches, or boxes will be gratefully accepted as long as it is not past the expiration date.

Another opportunity to lend a hand to the Salvation Army would be to provide aid in the annual school supply drive. This is held every summer in order to prepare students for the upcoming school year. Monetary donations are appreciated as well as the "tried and true" supplies we all know.

As a heads up, at the September meeting, the chosen organization to receive donations will be Hope Chest in order to collect underwear for children. This is mentioned now, as during the summer there are sales on these items with the packages often marked "Bonus" meaning one or two extra pairs are included in the package.

Thank you to each and everyone for your donations! When I deliver a collection to the receiving group, I hear so many say "Thank you!" We are truly appreciated in the community.

See the back page for the tear-off for your April and May Volunteer hours. Either bring them to the June meeting or mail them to the address on the tear-off.

Retired Teachers to Award Scholarships

The Lake County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Committee under the leadership of Tim Niederkorn and composed of committee members Dona Singerman, Connie Irvin, Lynda Krstolic, Beverly Lee, Jane Pastor and Cathy Trepal. They received applications from high school seniors who are interested in pursuing a college degree in education. After the candidates were interviewed the committee selected three students to receive scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year.

These three students are:

Monica Kline	Paige Veselko	Madelynn Stevenson
Perry H. S.	Riverside H. S.	Perry H. S.
The Ohio State Univ.	The Ohio State Univ.	Hiram College

Scholarship Committee Dining-to-Donate Fundraiser
36200 Euclid Avenue Suite 12, Willoughby
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 4 TO 8PM

Find flier on the website: <https://lakecountyrta.weebly.com/>

LCRTA Luncheon Reservation

St. John Vianney Social Hall

DUE JUNE 3, 2022

Please cut out and return this reservation form with payment to:

This is the final day
Reservations will be accepted.

Susan McCarter

9720 Johnnycake Ridge Road
Mentor, Ohio 44060
440.639.1141

Make all checks payable to LCRTA
\$21.50 per person

Please reserve ____ (s) for the Tuesday, June 14, 2022 LCRTA luncheon

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
Please list names of all attending on this line

Amount enclosed: _____

Lunch: (Choose 1) _____ Roast Beef _____ Pasta Primavera
Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Salad, Rolls, Tiramisu Cheesecake, Beverages
(If there will be more than 1 person on this reservation, please indicate who will be having each meal)

Social time 11:00AM

Informative & Protective Services.....

By Greta Pate

As people age, often individuals develop new health disorders, some mild, others significant. Recently Bruce Willis, one of Hollywood's most renowned actors became one of the 50,000 new patients who developed **Aphasia**. Willis is mostly known for his action packed "Die Hard" movies.

In a post the Willis family announced that the 67-year old actor was diagnosed with Aphasia which was impacting his cognitive abilities. They also stated that for this actor, it is career-ending.

Aphasia is caused by damage to the language dominant side of the brain, usually the left side. The cause may be brought on by a stroke, head injury, brain tumor, infection or dementia.

There are six types of Aphasia:

1. Global aphasia...the most severe type
2. Broca's Aphasia...which affects speech fluency
3. Mixed Non-Fluent...limits comprehension abilities
4. Wernicke's...exhibit words that make no sense and may be garbled
5. Anomic...patients have difficulty finding words to describe what they are thinking
6. Primary Progressive Aphasia...appears when Patients lose the ability to use language skills slowly and progressively. Eventually it appears as dementia

The most common cause is stroke. Usually speech therapy is initiated. Some stroke victims can recover from Aphasia, but if it lasts longer than 2 or 3 months, it is unlikely they will recover.

For a stroke victim, where there is a blockage of the blood flow to the brain, the more quickly that flow is restored, the more hope for recovery. The longer the blood flow is blocked, that part of the brain will die.

If a brain tumor is diagnosed, surgery can attempt to remove the tumor. Radiation and chemotherapy are often used, which may not cure, but extend the patient's life.

Tips to keep in mind when dealing with loved ones who have aphasia:

1. Speak with your normal tone and volume
2. Speak simply
3. Give the patient time to respond
4. Help the person focus by limiting distractions
5. Help the person retain a sense of control

Aphasia is a condition that affects a person's ability to communicate with others, making it hard for them to speak or to understand what other people are saying. Because of that, people with it commonly feel lonely, isolated or afraid. While aphasia might go away on its own (especially with treatment of the underlying problems), it's sometimes a permanent condition. However, people with aphasia can learn to adapt to the condition with the help of speech therapy. Technology also offers new ways to help people with aphasia communicate. That means people living with aphasia can still build connections and communicate with those around them, which means people with this condition can still find ways to communicate and feel understood. Cleveland Clinic, 2022



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STATE TEACHERS
RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF OHIO

Volunteer Hours Sheet for the months of
April—May 2022

Name _____
Phone# _____
Volunteer Hours: _____

Cut Out and Mail to:
Louise Bennet
7995 Burgundy Court
Painesville, Ohio 44077

OR Email to:
bnlbennet@yahoo.com

OR Bring to the next luncheon-JUNE 14, 2022
LCRTA



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- June 14, 2022 Luncheon
St. John Vianney Social Hall
7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor
Reservation Required See pg. 3
- June 28, 2022 Lake County Baseball Game
LC Captains vs. Lansing Lugnuts
\$ Due –June 12
- July 17, 2022 Beck Center
“Something Rotten”
\$ Due—ASAP

Are you moving? Do you have a new phone number? or a new email address? **PLEASE** let us know.

Call: 440-255-0764 or Email sawitke@oh.rr.com

SEPTEMBER 25 thru OCTOBER 3, 2022**MISSISSIPPI RIVERBOAT CRUISE**

Staterooms on this 9-day “CHARMS OF THE SOUTH” Mississippi River cruise from New Orleans to Memphis on the American Queen Steamboat are almost full. We have over 30 participants registered already, so call Mike Benz immediately for availability, or to get on the waitlist. Visit the American Queen Steamboat Company website <https://www.americanqueensteamboatcompany.com/river-cruises/mississippi-river/charms-of-the-south/> for more information. Contact Mike Benz from Professional Travel in Cleveland at 440-804-6933 or mbenz@protrav.com to a for a reservation. Checks should be made payable to “Professional Travel.” **Sherry Niederkorn at sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com is our group leader for this trip.**

NOVEMBER 29 – 30, 2022**NIAGARA WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

A 2-day trip with Great Day! Tours to Niagara Falls. It was one of the first cities in Canada to have electricity. It is never more evident than during the magic of their 39th Winter Festival of Lights when they brightly capture the magic of the holiday season. Over a million people typically visit here each year to view many decorated trees, a Canadian wildlife display and Niagara’s iconic Skylon Tower, as well as the fireworks. A passport or passport card is required for this tour. The tour has been upgraded as a “gift” to you. Dinner will be served over-looking the Falls. Two meals are included in his holiday tour with time to see the Falls, the attractions on Clifton Hill and perhaps, a bit of gaming at Fallsview Casino. There will be a stop at the Duty-Free Shoppe, just in time for the holidays. **CONTACT PERSON:** Sarah Reinhard at (440)567-9515 or swreinhard4@yahoo.com. **COST:** \$329 per person (dbl.), \$324 per person (triple), \$320 (quad), \$404 (single). Download the flier on our website.

OCTOBER 6 – 21, 2023 “THE GREAT RIVERS OF EUROPE” RIVERBOAT CRUISE

The *Great Rivers of Europe* is Grand Circle Cruise Line’s flagship river cruise. This adventure takes you from Amsterdam to Vienna aboard a privately owned riverboat that offers half picture, full picture, and balcony cabins. Their river cruises have between 140 – 160 travelers, broken up into groups of 35 for excursions. Their world class Program Directors will lead our group from start to finish, taking in daily activity with you – and they supplement the tours you get from local city guides. They do still have availability on this trip across all cabin levels, for when you are ready to join.

Those who decide to take advantage of the 10% Good Buy Discount (10% discount off total trip costs for paying in full early via checking account) will be able to do so until 7/5/22. Those who do not decide to take advantage of this discount will have until 90 days prior to departure to make final payment. All reservations booked prior to 5/31/22 will qualify for the Risk-Free Booking Policy – this policy allows all travelers to postpone their reservation up until 24 hours prior to departure without fees. They are recommending all travelers to book prior to this deadline. You can view more on this on their web page below:

https://www.oattravel.com/ways-to-save/new-flexible-booking-policy?icid=hpbtn_risk-free-booking-policy

The Great Rivers of Europe www.gct.com/sge Base Trip Dates: 10/6 – 10/21/2023

Cabin Pricing/Deck Description (Per Person)

**Follow the link above to view the ship – look for “Accommodations” (left side of screen)*

Prelude – Lower Deck, Half Picture window. Price \$3795-4095

Cantata – Main Deck, Full Picture window. Price \$4395 (Price listed for Cantata E, avoid F – see below)

Sonata – Main Deck, Full Picture window. Price \$4495-4595

Serenade – Top Deck, Balcony. Price \$5095 (Price listed for Serenade A, avoid Serenade B – see below)

**Please note, balcony space does take away from the square footage of the cabin*

Pre and Post Trips: Bruges Pre Trip: \$895 with a 10/3 departure, Prague Post Trip: \$945 from 10/21 – 10/25, Vienna Post Trip: \$795 from 10/21 – 10/24

How to book – New to the group

- Call the New Reservations department at 800-955-1925
- Mention Group Code GG 33472
- Place a deposit and add travel protection if needed

**Maximize the Good Buy Discount - Passengers must pay-in-full by ACH transfer of check in order to receive the Good Buy Discount. Credit card payments are not eligible to receive the Good Buy Discount*

COST: Based on cabin selection per person, for double or single.

CONTACT PERSON: Sherry Niederkorn at 440-477-1198 or sherry.niederkorn23@gmail.com.