

LORCORTA NEWS
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It not only seems like a very long time since I have typed and sent to press our LORCORTA Newsletter, it has been since last November, eleven months ago! So much has happened to all of us since then. We have a new way of doing lots of everyday activities. This newsletter usually begins with luncheon information and our menu. That is not the case this year, but we do want to share some information with all of you. We hope this finds all of you well.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The Coronavirus put a halt to all of our 2020 luncheons but did not prevent the distributions of Findley and Keller Scholarship Funds. A big thank you goes to the Chairpersons Virginia Warantinsky and Marilyn Bauer who handled this task because the selection committees could not meet. They did a tremendous job sorting through the applications and determining the winners. We appreciate all the hard work.

It is that time of year when we are conducting our membership drive. Please consult the letter enclosed with this newsletter. We need you to make our organization strong, so please remember to invite friends to join. Even if they are not retired teachers, we have associate membership available.

In anticipation of 2021 being back to normal, I have scheduled our luncheons as follows: May 19; Oct. 20; and Dec. 15. We will hold them once again at the Spectrum Vocational Center, located at 713 West 5th Street, Lorain, Ohio.

Please read all STRS communications as it is the time once again to receive news concerning our health care. The STRS board approved 2021 health care premiums that will see monthly increases of \$3 or less.

We will try to keep you informed of all of our activities for 2021. Hopefully, we will conquer Covid-19 and we can once again enjoy each others company. Be safe.

Bernie Machovina
President Pro Tem

WILLIAM AND BETTY LUTE SCHOLARSHIP

During the month of March, 2020, LORCORTA received \$50,000 from the estate of William and Betty Lute. This money is to be administered in The William and Betty Lute Scholarship Fund for the purpose of exercising discretion in the granting of scholarships to any student graduating from high school in Lorain County.

William Lute was a lifelong resident of Lorain. He began his career teaching mathematics and went on to become Principal at the following

Lorain Elementary Schools: Boone, Masson, Garfield, and Homewood. William was a lifelong member of ORTA and LORCORTA, serving as an ORTA Trustee and LORCORTA Legislative Chairman for many years. Bill retired in 1983 after serving 34 years as an educator. He passed away January 23, 2015.

Betty Lute was born in Amherst and spent her childhood in Birmingham, later residing in Lorain. She began her 36 year career in Education as a Home Economics teacher in Lorain Schools and spent 29 years at Avon Lake High School, where she became Chairwoman of the Home Economics Department. Betty was also a lifelong member of ORTA and LORCORTA. Betty retired in 1984 and passed away December 25, 2019. Bill and Betty were married for 62 years.

LORCORTA will begin distributing money from the Lute Scholarship Fund in 2021. William and Betty will be remembered for their many countless generous gestures to educators and their many friends.

FYI

The LORCORTA Executive Committee, consisting of 9 people, met virtually on Wednesday, Sept 2. Thank you to Barb Fieger, our secretary, who organized this virtual meeting and allowed us to use her Zoom account. We will meet again virtually on Wednesday, November 4, to tie up some loose ends for 2020 and plan our activities for 2021.

Jim McQuown will be moving to a new home in Dublin, Ohio soon. We wish him a great move. He will continue to be our wonderful treasurer even after the move. Please use his Elyria address for all correspondence, including your membership renewals.

At this time we have 361 members total. Of those, 222 are LIFE ORTA and LORCORTA members. Our dues continue to be only \$10 for local LORCORTA.

KELLER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Lorain County Retired Teachers Association, LORCORTA, has announced our 2020 Scholarship Recipients. The Mary Elizabeth Scholarship Fund, coordinated by LORCORTA, provides scholarships annually to Lorain County Residents and/or graduates of a Lorain County high school. Preference is given to current college students who will be college juniors/seniors in the upcoming year. Each recipient was awarded \$1,000 from the Keller Scholarship Fund for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Jessica Barnes, Amherst L. Steel graduate, 2018, is completing her AA at LCCC in 2020. Jessica is majoring in Middle Childhood Education, grades 4-9 pursuing Licensure to teach Language Arts and Math. In the fall she will be attending Ashland University, LCCC site. Jessica is the daughter of Charles and Claire Barnes, Amherst.

Maisy Breese, Elyria High School graduate, 2017, attends the University of Akron. Maisy is majoring in Inclusive Early Childhood Education, pursuing licensure areas PreK-3. Maisy is the daughter of Dennis and Laura Breese, Elyria.

Edward Catanese, Brookside High School graduate, 2007, attends LCCC with plans to continue his Middle Childhood Education Licensure, grades -9, at Ashland University, LCCC site. His concentration areas are Language Arts and Social Studies. Edward resides in Lorain.

Dean Mraz, Midview High School Graduate, 2018, attends Bowling Green State University. Dean is pursuing Adolescent and Young Adult Licensure to teach Integrated Math, grades 7-12. Dean is the son of Lucy Mraz, Elyria.

Rafael Pacheco, Lorain High School graduate, 2018, attends Bowling Green State University. Rafael is pursuing Adolescent and Young Adult Licensure to teach Integrated Language Arts, grades 7-12 . Rafael is the son of Melissa Pacheco, Lorain.

Gabrielle Post, Avon Lake High School graduate, 2017, attends Ursuline College. Gabrielle is pursuing Adolescent and Young Adult Licensure to teach Integrated Language Arts 7-12. Gabrielle is the daughter of Herman and Melissa Post, Avon Lake.

Bailey Scheck, Black River High School graduate, 2017, attends Hiram College. Bailey is pursuing Adolescent and Young Adult Licensure to teach Integrated Social Studies, grades 7-12. Bailey is the daughter of Douglas and Cheryl Scheck, Wellington.

FINDLEY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the recipients of the Orrin Findley scholarships for 2020. These students graduated from their respective high schools and are related to present or retired Lorain County Teachers.

Ethan Alexander Barnes is a graduate of Marion L. Steele High School in Amherst who will attend Miami University to study engineering.

Katherine Louise Chizar is an Elyria High School Graduate who plans to study sociology and marketing at Kent State University.

Caden Alexander Dargo will be studying Spanish and physical therapy at the University of Pittsburgh following his graduation from Elyria High School.

Molly Elizabeth Fenik will exchange Elyria High School for the University of Dayton where she will major in mechanical and biomedical engineering.

Caitlyn Gibbs, a graduate of Magnificat High School, plans to enter a program in secondary education at Loyola University.

Julia Adelia Marino, who graduated from Avon High School, plans to pursue a degree in health sciences at The Ohio State University.

Josie Elle Reinker intends to follow a career in either music or math education at the University of Dayton after graduation from Avon High School.

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