



LORCORTA NEWS

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FALL 75TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 ROSEBUD HALL 12:00 PM

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome back to an exciting and memorable year in LORCORTA. We encourage and invite all our members to come and join us in celebrating our Chapter's 75th Anniversary. According to records provided by the Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA), the Lorain County Chapter RTA was organized on February 13, 1948, in a meeting held at Lorain High School. It is truly a testament to the strong officers throughout the past 75 years and the participation of our chapter members that our chapter has been able to prosper during the 75 years of its existence.

Our program "Things Still Go Bump in the Night" is an interactive and multimedia presentation by Dr. Randy Overbeck. Based on the extensive research he completed for his series, *The Haunted Shores Mysteries*, he will share the role that ghosts play in our culture and religion, discuss why many influential people believe in ghosts, and will even unveil some authenticated photos and videos of documented ghosts. You won't believe your eyes—or maybe you will.

Barbara Sommers
President

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

An Ohio Court, the 10th District Court of Appeals in Columbus, is the latest battleground in ORTA's fight to bring common sense reform and accountability to our STRS Pension System. At issue is Governor DeWine's expulsion of Wade Steen as its appointed investment expert on the STRS Board in the middle of Mr. Steen's four year term.

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In the more than seven years on the STRS Board, Wade Steen has been an advocate for Ohio Educators by fighting for transparency, accountability, and change. He has also fought against unearned “Performance” bonuses for the STRS staff.

Recently, ORTA’s Executive Committee voted to create a Pension Defense Fund. This fund would collect and hold for disbursement financial resources for activities that would advance ORTA’s mission to protect pensions of STRS members and the reinstatement of pro-reform STRS board member, Wade Steen. At the time of this writing, ORTA has collected \$19,000 toward their goal of \$100,000. If you would like to contribute, go to ORTA’s website: www.ORTA.org or you can send a donation to ORTA at: 250 East Wilson Bridge Road, Ste. 150, Worthington, Ohio 43085. For more information contact ORTA at 614-431-7002.

ORTA has also petitioned the Secretary of State of Ohio to change its name from Ohio Retired Teachers Association of Ohio to the Ohio Retirement for Teachers Association. They hope the name change will encourage active teachers to join in protecting their retirement. Hope to see you at the September 20 luncheon.

Bernie Machovina
Legislation

MINUTES FROM MAY 17, 2023 MEETING LORCORTA SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON AT ROSEBUD HALL

- Barbara Sommers, President, called the luncheon to order at 12:03. She welcomed all and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of “God Bless America.” Bernie Machovina offered the invocation.
- We enjoyed a luncheon of chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and cake.
- Barbara opened the Scholarship awards by introducing Sandy Drabiak, who introduced the Keller Scholarship winners—Amber Allen, Katie DeMarco, and Jillian Filipiak.
- Virginia Waratinsky then introduced the Findley/Lute Scholarship winners, Meghan Hubbard, Elaina Magel, and Alexandria Rion.
- A short business meeting was called to order at 1:16pm.
- Treasurer Jim McQuown reported \$10,500 in our checking account, \$37,399.70 in Findley/Lute, and \$51,595.25 in the Keller account.

- Membership Helen Dupont reported 308 current members.
- Karen Sprague community participation thanked those who brought in books for donating to the Little Free Libraries.
- Bernie Machovina stated there is no current legislation but definitely controversy on the STRS Board regarding the removal of Wade Steen.
- There was no Old Business
- New Business was discussing our 75th Anniversary meeting in September.
- September 20, 2023 at noon is the next meeting. Adjournment was at 1:35pm

Recording Secretary
Barbara Fieger

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

KELLER RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Amber Allen, Katherine DeMarco, and Jillian Filipiak who all received \$1500 Scholarships to continue their college education. All girls are Midview High School graduates and all attend BGSU majoring in Education. Amber and Katherine are seniors and Jillian is a junior. May you have much success in your teaching careers.

FINDLEY/ LUTE RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following young ladies who were awarded \$1500 scholarships. Meghan Hubbard is a pre-med candidate at the Ohio State University. Her connections to education are Thelma Gibbs, Cheryl Hubbard, and Grace Hubbard, local educators and grandparents.

Elaina Magel, a Keystone graduate, is attending John Carroll University, also Pre-Med. Aunt Linda Lang is her connection to education.

Alexandria Rion is the daughter of Mitch and Val Rion, both teachers for Brookside. She is a Brookside graduate and is studying biology at Bowling Green State University. Good luck as you begin your college careers!

TREASURER'S REPORT as of August 1, 2023:

CHECKING	\$9115.00
FINDLEY/LUTE	\$39,551.50 (MAY BEFORE SCHOLARSHIPS \$41,849.49
KELLER	\$54,562.49 (MAY BEFORE SCHOLARSHIPS \$56,185.87



Elaina Magel Alexandria Rion Meghan Hubbard



Jillian Filipiak



Katherine DeMarco



Amber Allen

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

LORCORTA

**LORAIN COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
(AN AFFILIATE OF OHIO RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION)**

LORCORTA LUNCHEON MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, September 20, 2023, AT 12:00 PM

WHERE: Rosebud Hall
4493 Oberlin Ave.
Lorain, Ohio 44053

PROGRAM: Celebration of Our Chapter's 75th Anniversary
and a program entitled "Things Still Go Bump in the Night"
by Randy Overbeck.

MENU: Tossed Salad, Chicken Marsala, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole,
Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea, Pop, Cake and ice Cream.

COST: \$17.00 PER PERSON

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: Saturday, September 9, 2023

NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER Tuesday, September 11, 2023

PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK & RESERVATIONS FORM BELOW TO:

Helen Bibbee – 36195 Aurensen Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039 Phone: 440-327-8125

LORCORTA RESERVATION FORM

LUNCHEON September 20, 2023

NAME: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____ **E-Mail** _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS ____ AT \$17.00 EACH

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK PAYABLE TO LORCORTA

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Since our meeting on September 20 will be the last before the NOT FORGOTTEN BOX deadline at the beginning of December, please bring new toys or books to our Fall Luncheon to donate to the Chronicle Not Forgotten Box. Thank you in advance.

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