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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DEC. 14th

Leaves are down, the turkey has been eaten and our holiday luncheon is fast approaching. Musical entertainment will be featured at this special time of year. Encourage your retiree friends and former colleagues to come and enjoy spending a couple hours with delicious food and fellowship on Dec. 14th.



Punch Bowl at 11:30

This is the time when you can chat with friends and former colleagues and share holiday plans while you listen to the piano music of Jeanne Boey. DeLuca's holiday decorations are always a delight. Remember, luncheon is served at noon.

RESERVATIONS for DEC. 14th



Your community caller will be calling you in the near future. If you are not contacted by Tuesday, Dec. 6th, please phone your head caller (see box) and make reservations. **HEAD CALLERS:** Please phone your totals to Linda Zanni (328-8100) by Dec. 8th.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you make a reservation and then find that you will not be able to attend the luncheon, please call Linda Zanni (328-8100) by 6:00 P.M. Sunday, Dec. 11th to cancel. If you do not cancel, you are responsible for the cost of the luncheon (\$11.50) that LORCORTA has to pay for even if you are not there to eat.

**REMEMBER, PLEASE
DO NOT CALL DELUCA'S.**

MENU FOR Dec. 14st

Slow Roasted Beef with Pan Gravy
Au Gratin Potatoes
Peas & Pearl Onions
Salad, Ciabata Rolls
Crème de menthe Parfait
Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea

COST IS \$11.50

Community Head Callers

Lorain area - Barbara Brown [988-2580]

Elyria area - Dorie Szymczak [235-1570]

Oberlin area - Dennis Wiedenheft
[774-4468]

Wellington area - Carol Zeiter [647-3738]

Reservations Coordinator
Linda Zanni [328-8100]

2012 Meeting Dates
Mar. 21, May 16, Oct. 17, Dec. 12

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LORCORTA General Meeting
October 19, 2011

Dear Colleagues -

Welcome to the end of another year. I hope this finds you all healthy & happy, if not wise & wealthy. We are, once again, looking toward the holidays & wondering what gifts to give. Please keep in mind, the best gift is a gift of love and volunteering for those less fortunate. We are all educated and many people need our help during this season and all through the year. Don't forget "Grandparents raising Grand children" and our youth when donating for scholarships. Education is still the key to a good future.

Hope you all have a Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, & Happy Kwanzaa.

Barb Sutton, President

Bernie Machovina, substituting for President Barb Sutton, welcomed guests and visitors to the October meeting. He next introduced Rodney Beals, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America." Then Bernie gave the invocation.

After lunch, newly retired teachers attending for the first time were introduced: Donna Palmer, Amherst, and Barb Robinson, Amherst. Bernie also reminded members to contribute to the baskets on their tables, donations that support Lorain County Kinship Care, which helps the elderly caring for their grandchildren

ORTA association member benefits advisors, Gary DiVito and Tim Schultz were introduced. DiVito spoke briefly about the various programs available to ORTA members, and both men stayed after the meeting to answer specific questions from LORCORTA members. During lunch and after the speakers' program, "Island Jeff" Cavallo presented selections of Hawaiian and Caribbean Island steel drum music.

The business meeting began with a motion to approve the minutes as written in the LORCORTA News, seconded by Paul Thiel.

The treasurer's report was given.

Rodney Beals, membership chair, announced an increase of twelve new members. Corresponding secretary Helen Bibbee presented a letter from Ann Hanning, ORTA Executive Director, verifying the Lorain County RTA dual membership for 2010 at 451. This number qualifies our chapter for an ORTA trustee to serve on the board of directors. Bernie Machovina's term will continue through Dec. 31, 2012. Janyce Noll, informative and protective services, presented her report through the LORCORTA News.

Bernie stated that HB 69 and SB3, proposals to reform and to ensure the continued funding of Ohio's public employees' retirement systems, are stalled in the legislature. The committee chair wants a separate outside company be hired to evaluate each retirement system's proposal. This evaluation will take six to eight months and may cost between \$94,000 and \$800,000, to be paid for by each retirement system. No vote will be taken until 2012,

LORCORTA

Officers & Committee Chairmen

President: Barbara Sutton [327-3240]
 Vice President: Dorie Szymczak [235-1570]
 2nd Vice President: Rodney Beals [288-1587]
 Treasurer: Jim McQuown [365-3001]
 Associate Treasurer: Bob Slager [unlisted]
 Recording Secretary: Charmaine Szanyi-Hrusch [748-2683]
 Corresponding Secretary: Helen Bibbee [327-8125]
 Community Participation: Dorothy Rucker [647-4723]
 Information & Protective Services: Janyce Noll [327-4584]
 Legislation: Bernie Machovina [323-9492]
 Pre-Retirement: [open]
 Trustee: Bernie Machovina [323-9492]
 Past President: Mary McAtee [365-7580]
 Scholarships:
 Keller: Marilyn Bauer [322-0961]
 & Jim McQuown [365-3001]
 Findley: Virginia Waratinsky [277-1194]

an election year. Bernie also announced that Express Scripts is no longer working with Walgreen's drug stores, as of Jan.1, 2012. STRS members who currently have prescriptions at Walgreen's must transfer them to other drug stores by that date. Also, do not take any new prescriptions to Walgreen's. If you stay with Walgreen's, you must pay their full cost and then be partially reimbursed.

There were no reports from the scholarship committees and nothing from Community Service.

Under New Business, Bernie announced that Bob Slager and Jim McQuown had resigned their positions as treasurer and assistant treasurer. Mary McAtee then made a motion to elect Jim McQuown to serve as treasurer, effective immediately, and Bob Slager to serve as Associate Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Jean Boey. The members passed the motion and thanked Bob for his 27 years of faithful service as treasurer

Under Old Business, LORCORTA still has not worked out a plan with De Luca's regarding a cancellation policy if inclement weather occurs on a luncheon day.

The next luncheon will be on Dec. 14.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

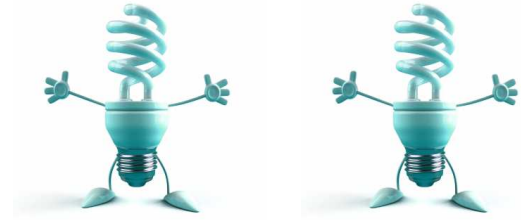
Charmaine Szanyi-Hrusch, Recording Secretary

FYI –

- Reminder; LORCORTA **dues** are due and still \$8.00. ORTA yearly dues are \$30 and both may be sent in one check to Treasurer Jim McQuown, 382 Crestview Dr., Elyria 44035. ALERT. **Do not** put your social security number on the card even if it asks for it.
- Contributions of \$110.50 were collected at the last meeting and were sent to Kinship Care. We have received a thank you for our ongoing support of this program.
- Kinship Care is in need of **volunteer tutors** to assist children in their outreach for 30 minutes once a

week. Contact Judy Skillicorn at 365-0137 if you are interested.

- The baskets on the tables at the Christmas luncheon are collecting for our **Findley scholarships**. These scholarships are totally funded by member contributions and special memorial or in honor contributions. Also, your contribution is tax-deductible if you itemize.



LIVING SMART

Informative and Protective Services

Time Lines for Health

Recent research supports the folk wisdom that nighttime eating is more apt to add pounds. Try having dinner an hour earlier. It might help.

Try exercising in the evening. Strength and endurance climb by about five percent between 4 and 8 pm compared with morning hours.

A daily aspirin is less likely to cause stomach bleeding when taken late in the day. Your risk of heart attack spikes in the morning (especially between 6am and noon).

Get an extra hour of sleep next time you set the clock ahead. Researchers have seen a five percent jump in heart attacks during the first week of daylight savings time probably because of loss of sleep and disruption of bodily cycles. It may be helpful to get to bed earlier on the night you switch the clock.

Christie Aschwanden, Reader's Digest

Janyce Noll, Protective Services

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The pension reform legislation submitted by the five pension systems was referred to the Ohio Retirement Study Council for review. This committee announced that it is going forward with its plan to issue a request for an independent actuary and policy advisor. This consultant will be asked to review the systems' proposed pension reform plans, as well as alternative pension plan design changes, retiree health care coverage, pooled purchasing, and individual account options to augment retirees' pensions and health care coverage.

It is expected that this will take the project well into the last quarter of 2012.

We need to be aware and on constant watch for any additional proposed changes to our pension plan such as the 12/12 STRS contribution split proposed by Gov. Kasich earlier this year. This may re-appear in a budget revision or in the pension reform bill. There will continue to be discussions about replacing defined benefit *pension* plans for public employees with defined *contribution* plans.

Bernard Machovina
Legislative Chairman

IN MEMORY OF...

A memorial contribution on behalf of Don McGaughey has been made by Harriet Thompson.