



Lorcorta News

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SCHOLARSHIP LUNCH MAY 17

Did you miss us? No March luncheon makes your attendance at the May luncheon even more important. We will be presenting our scholarships to bright young scholars to assist them in furthering their education. Come to be a part of this proud event.



Punch Bowl at 11:30

“Long time no see” will be the greeting when you see friends and former colleagues at the May luncheon. Sip away to the piano tunes by Mary Miller. Luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon.

MAY 17th RESERVATIONS



Your community caller will be phoning you in the near future. If you are not contacted by **Tuesday, May 9**, please phone your head caller

[see box] and make reservations.
 HEAD CALLERS: Please phone **totals** to **Helen Bibbee (327-8125)** by **Thursday, May 11th**.

CANCELLATION DEADLINE

Note the change. If you make a reservation and then find that you will **not be able to attend** the luncheon, please call **Helen Bibbee (327-8125)** by **6:00 P.M. Sunday, May 14th to cancel**. If you do **not** cancel, you are responsible for the cost of the luncheon (\$13.50) that LORCORTA has to pay for even if you are not there to eat. Please do not call DeLuca’s direct.

MENU FOR MAY 17th

- Oven Roasted Breast of Chicken
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Green Beans Almondine
- Mixed Greens with Mandarin Oranges & Almonds, Poppy Seed Dressing
- Rolls & Butter
- Ice Cream with wafer
- Coffee, Hot Tea or Iced Tea

LUNCH IS NOW \$13.50

NEW Community Head Callers

Lorain & Elyria area – Helen Bibbee
 [327-8125]

Oberlin area – Dennis Wiedenheft
 [774-4468]

Wellington area - Carol Zeiter (647-3738)

New Reservations Coordinator
 Helen Bibbee [327-8125]

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Spring brings a new season of baseball—and time once again to award scholarships to our best and brightest students. Our May Scholarship Luncheon gives us a proud feeling that our organization can help young people train for an exciting future. Thanks to both the Keller and Findley Scholarship Committees for all their work in selecting this year's recipients. Let's show our support for our young people by attending this luncheon and by bringing a friend.

I also wish to extend a big thank you to members of our Executive Board for helping us make possible another year of LORCORTA activities. We are small but mighty in our efforts to keep LORCORTA afloat. This cannot continue unless we receive help from some of our members to volunteer for positions on our Executive Board. We need your support and willingness to serve if we are to continue in the year 2018. Volunteer now before it's too late. Contact me or any Executive Board member and we will explain and mentor you to any Executive Board position that is needed.

Bernie Machovina
President Pro Tem

ONLY 2017 MEETING AHEAD
Dec. 13
Christmas

IN MEMORY OF...

A memorial contribution on behalf of Paul Thiel has been made by Bob Slager.

LORCORTA

Officers & Committee Chairmen

President Pro Tem: Bernie Machovina
[323-9492]

Vice President: *Open*

2nd Vice President: Rodney Beals [288-1587]

Treasurer: Jim McQuown [365-3001]

Associate Treasurer: Bob Slager [unlisted]

Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Helen
Bibbee [327-8125]

Community Participation: *Open*

Pre-Retirement: *Open*

Information & Protective Services: Janyce Noll
[327-4584]

Legislation: Bernie Machovina [323-9492]

ORTA Trustee: Karen Sprague [365-6270]

Past President & **Newsletter:** Mary McAtee
[365-7580]

Scholarships:

Keller: Marilyn Bauer [322-0961]

& Jim McQuown [365-3001]

Findley: Virginia Waratinsky [277-1194]

Bold type indicates replacement needed.

MINUTES

LORCORTA General Meeting

Dec. 14, 2017

President pro temp Bernie Machovina opened the meeting by announcing a piano duet, "Winter Wonderland: A Christmas Medley," by Jason Bruler and Josh Prunty, both students of Jean Boey, one of our regular pianists.

Second vice-president Rodney Beals led the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America." Mary Ling gave the invocation. The baskets on the tables were designated for the Kinship Care, and the May baskets for Findley scholarships. Ken Barnes was acknowledged as attending for the first time. Deborah Wuitowicz, from Lorain, later provided the afternoon's entertainment.

The minutes were approved as written in the LORCORTA NEWS. Associate Treasurer Bob Slager gave the financial report.

Membership Chair Rodney Beals gave the membership total as 430 persons, with the drive to end at the end of this month. Twenty-six people have yet to renew. [Editor's note: Only 66 members attended this luncheon.] Correspondence secretary Helen Bibbee had no report. Informative and protective services chair Janyce Noll filed her report in the LORCORTA NEWS.

Karen Sprague, trustee, said that ORTA's new officers were installed on Oct. 20. "Since employer contributions were eliminated, the healthcare fund went down to a 15 year solvency. In 20 years there could be no health care plan provision. STRS is trying to find solutions and ORTA is overseeing what STRS does."

ORTA is not affiliated with POTUS, a new organization on the scene. Their purpose and membership is not clear. In an attempt to increase its membership, ORTA will move into FACEBOOK and other social media next year, when it will celebrate its 70th anniversary. Membership dues to join ORTA directly next year will be \$40, \$10 of which will go to the local chapter.

Bernie announced nothing new in legislation or scholarships at the present. The ORTA quarterly bulletin will now appear on line every month. Those wishing hard copies must call ORTA in Columbus to be placed on a mailing list. A District 10 director is still needed. The retired teacher member on the STRS Board will be voted upon in the spring. Bob Stein, from Strongsville, will run again. Stein has been endorsed by ORTA.

Finally, Bernie took a moment to thank Mary McAtee, who had worked tirelessly as president and trustee and now works as hard editing the LORCORTA NEWS. He also thanked Recording Secretary Charmaine Szanyi-Hrusch, who is retiring from serving on the Executive Board for over twenty years.

The next meeting will be the annual scholarship meeting on May 17, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Charmaine Szanyi-Hrusch, Recording Secretary

THANKS TO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A special thanks for the people who have served on our scholarship committees, a challenging task.

Keller: Co-Chairs: Marilyn Bauer & Jim McQuown; Ellen Andrews, Jeanne Boey, Sharon Hahn, Neale Horwedel, Bernie Machovina, Karen Rodachy, Linda Slusser, Dave Stacko, Richard Turner, Dave Wessely.

Findley: Chair Virginia Waratansky; Ken Barnes, Jane Barthels, Joe Bascone, Helen Bibbee, Pat Hemminger, Janyce Noll, Mary Miller, Edward Seber, Ruth Skillicorn, Bob Slager.

FYI –

- Our LORCORTA website is www.lorcorta.org and scholarship recipients will be listed there with pictures shortly after the awards have been presented at the May luncheon.
- **Karen Sprague, Trustee**, attended the ORTA Board meeting in Columbus and reports they are working on a revised electronic data bank program to collect and update contact information for all retirees in the state.
- An update on **Barbara Sutton**. She is holding her own but her feeding tube seems to be a permanent thing. Please include her in your thoughts and prayers.
- **Baskets** this May meeting will be for our Findley scholarships. Be generous. Collections at our Christmas luncheon totaled \$105.20.
- Since we had no March meeting, if you wish to contribute to the **Kinship Care program**, you may send it directly to the Office on Aging, 320 N. Gateway Blvd., Elyria, OH 44035. Remember the money goes to a program to assist grandparents who are rearing their grandchildren.



LIVING SMART

Informative & Protective Service

A Few Arthritis Hints

Apricots have a nutrient called beta-cryptoxanthin which may prevent osteoarthritis. They also have high levels of magnesium which may ease pain.

Walnuts are rich in inflammation-fighting omega³ fatty acids.

Beans are packed with protein, fiber and antioxidants and are just about fat-free. They help keep your muscles stronger and your joints moving freely.

Osteoarthritis patients who drank tart cherry juice twice a day for three weeks had a nearly 50 percent drop in inflammation.

Research found that sniffing peppermint helped people feel less fatigued. That action stimulates the part of the brain responsible for attention and energy.

From material published by the Arthritis Foundation
Janyce Noll, Chairman, Protective Services

TO CALLERS, PAST & FUTURE

As we go into a revision of the caller lists, etc., we wish to thank all those who have been serving and those who are continuing to call our members to remind them of upcoming meetings. Also to Linda Zanni, reservations coordinator who put the totals together. Your service is much appreciated!

*Thank
You!*