



# LORCORTA NEWS

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## MAY SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON MAY 15, 2024 12:00 PM

Please join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our Scholarship recipients at our annual Scholarship Luncheon. Our menu is rosemary garlic chicken, whipped potatoes with chicken gravy, corn, tossed salad, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, soft drinks, and dessert. Reservations are due to Helen Bibbee by **May 5, 2024, so please send in your reservation and payment.**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While in the classroom, each of us as educators strived to prepare our students to achieve academically and to become a contributing member of our community. Now that another academic year ends, we invite you to join us at our Annual Scholarship Luncheon to honor our academic scholarship recipients. As the students receive their scholarship checks from the Mary Elizabeth Keller and Orrin R. Findley-William and Betty Lute scholarships, we will be eager to hear of their past academic achievements and their future academic and career goals. Looking forward to seeing you on May 15, 2024.

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Bill Neville, Executive Director of STRS, has been placed on paid administrative leave until May 17 after allegations of misconduct. Professional intervention has been offered. If fired, his contract will still have to be paid. Acting Executive Director is Lynn Hoover. STRS is also trying to get a bill passed for School Boards to contribute more than the current 14% to teacher retirement. **There are no plans to provide full inflation protection to retirees.**

The current eligibility for full service retirement, 34 years, has been made permanent. Members with 30 years who retire before July 31, 2032 will receive full health care subsidy. After that date, full benefits will be after 34 years.

Wade Steen and ORTA are still fighting for his reinstatement on the STRS retirement board. He was illegally removed by Governor DeWine. A court decision sided with Wade, but DeWine filed an appeal.

“Retired teachers have previously accused DeWine of trying to protect the investment board with Steen’s removal. As the group has denied cost of living increases in the retirees’ pensions for years, the managers of the \$90 billion fund received \$10 million in performance bonuses. In the same year, the team reported investment losses of over \$5 billion.” Quote from ORTA News Alert.

Senator Sherrod Brown is trying to get a bill passed to remove the Windfall Elimination Provision, which reduces retirement benefits for many of us! If you have Social Security benefits or your spouse does, this affects your retirement benefits.

Michelle Flanigan is running for board seat for active teachers. She is backed by ORTA. The other candidate is backed by OEA. **Active** teachers only are eligible to vote for this representative.

## TREASURER'S REPORT Feb. 1-April 1, 2024

RECEIPTS	\$148	
DISBURSEMENTS	\$75	
KELLER-LUTE	\$60,338.42	
LORCORTA		
INVESTED	\$10,013.67	
CHECKING	\$2,959.12	\$908.68 Findley
CH TOTAL	\$12,063.93	

Members donated \$63 at the December meeting to the Findley Scholarship. The Board donated to the Findley Scholarship in memory of board member Barb Fieger’s mother, Margaret. Thanks to all who donated.

## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

We would like to thank all of those who donated toys or books to the Not Forgotten Box at the Chronicle Telegram.



Barb Shuster, Helen Dupont, Karen Sprague

As our community involvement project for the May luncheon, we are asking those attending to bring items needed for the Walls of Love (WOL). This organization strives to meet the needs of people in need in our communities. The walls are stocked with gallon bags of needed household and personal items. The current walls are along Second Street by Ely Square, and at the corner of Fowl and West Ridge Rd. Suggested items are listed. Washcloths, deodorant, tissues, toothbrush/toothpaste, hand sanitizer, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, baby wipes, feminine products, school supplies, crayons, etc, sunscreen, individually wrapped toilet paper, and other small personal items are needed. **NO RAZORS OR NAIL CLIPPERS.** These items are then put in gallon ziplock bags, so travel sizes and small items are preferred. Thank you in advance.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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## MINUTES FROM DECEMBER MEETING

The invocation was given by Bernie Machovina followed by the luncheon.

The entertainment was by the Singers from Lorain High School directed by Ian Faleer.

At 1:10 the business meeting was called to order by Barbara Sommers.

Treasurer's report - Jim McQuown

Checking account                 \$1798.89

Kinship Care September         \$71

Corresponding Secretary - Helen Bibbee reminded members to make sure that checks for the luncheons are made out to LORCORTA.

All were reminded to have qualified relatives fill out scholarship applications on-line starting in January.

[www.lorcorta.org](http://www.lorcorta.org)

Helen Dupont-Membership chair stated that we had 307 members (252 ORTA and LORCORTA)

Community Participation - Karen Sprague, no report

Legislative report-Bernie Machovina

- Medicare Part B- taken off your premium so no longer a line item in your check
- No movement on the legislation from the Board of Education to add increase to STRS
- Wade Steen-in the courts, nothing happening
- Bill Neville- has been suspended due to allegations of abuse, verbal, physical, and sexual innuendo
- Lynn Hoover-appointed as interim director of STRS
- Have not received our new health cards, Silver Scripts (CVS)-do NOT cancel or you will not have insurance

Scholarships-applications are available online in January at [www.lorcorta.org](http://www.lorcorta.org)

Newsletter-Barb Shuster Please read to stay up on the issues

Next meeting is the Scholarship Luncheon on May 15, 2024 at Rosebud in Lorain.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Submitted by Barb Fieger

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