



LORCORTA NEWS

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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON SEPT. 18, 2024

Please join us for our September luncheon on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at Rosebud Hall. There will be a very enjoyable program. Any retirees who might be interested in joining us are welcome, so bring them along. Our menu is chicken marsala, green bean casserole, scalloped potatoes, rolls and butter, tossed salad, dessert, pop, tea, and coffee. Reservations **MUST** be received by September 5, 2024 with **NO** cancellations after September 8, 2024. Come enjoy a lovely lunch and a great program about the history of Lorain County.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK! The start of another year of LORCORTA activities is like the anticipation of another school year without worrying about class lists, schedules, lesson plans, and setting up a classroom. I am sure most of us do not miss those days, but you may miss seeing your colleagues and hearing about all their summer adventures. Come join us on September 18, 2024 at our September Luncheon and renew old friendships and discover what your friends have been doing over this long hot and wet summer.

Our program for the meeting will be "Around Lorain County in 30 Minutes" presented by Bette Lou Higgens produced by Eden Valley Enterprises.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you and initiating another year of friendship and community service within our LORCORTA Chapter.

Barbara Sommers—President

MEETING DATES

September 18, 2024
December 11, 2024
May 21, 2025

Lorain County History
Lorain High School Choir
Scholarship Luncheon

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The reform majority of the STRS Board failed to pass the Performance-Based Bonus Incentive Program at the June Board Meeting. There were several claims that the Investment Staff would resign if they did not receive a bonus, Therefore, at the July special meeting the STRS Board approved an amended version of the bonus payment for investment staff. It includes potential reductions to the incentive payments for senior investment staff depending on certain metrics.

There is conflicting information and turmoil regarding our pension fund. To be absolutely clear, ORTA has not advocated for any investment company but has advocated for investigation of index-based strategies that show promise to achieve better returns. Because our system spends more on benefits than it takes in each year, making the best investment return possible at the lowest cost is essential.

The next STRS Board Meeting is August 20 & 21, 2024. I will report any new information at our September 18th luncheon. I hope to see you there.

Bernie Machovina–Legislative Chair

Treasurer Report

CHECKING	\$ 408.68
FINDLEY/LUTE	\$37,397.30
KELLER	\$57,254.46
LORCORTA	\$ 9,764.60

Memorial donations were received from Gloria and Bernard Machovina and Pam and Jim McQuown in memory of Barb Fieger's mother, Margaret. Donations in memory of Ellen Andrews were received from Virginia Waratinski and an anonymous donor at the May luncheon.

Members also donated \$90 to the Findley/Lute scholarship at the May meeting.

Community Participation

It's never too early to look for sales on toys. It might be a little early to think about Christmas, but our toy donations to the Chronicle's Not Forgotten Box were so successful last year that we decided to do it again. At our **SEPTEMBER** luncheon, how about again bringing in some toys, winter apparel, and other items for this year's Not Forgotten Box. We did get our picture in the paper last year, which is a good way to advertise our group.

SEPTEMBER	TOYS
DECEMBER	KINSHIP CARE DONATIONS
MAY	WALLS OF LOVE

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our Findley/Lute Scholarship Recipients. This scholarship is given to high school seniors graduating from a Lorain County School who have a relative retired or teaching in Lorain County Schools. These students excelled in their GPA, extracurriculars and other criteria. Congratulations, and have a wonderful year.

Andrew DiFranco graduated from Midview High School and will be attending Ohio University. He will be majoring in business marketing and analytics. Both parents are teachers as were two grandparents.

Preston Hunter graduated from Amherst Steele and will be attending Utah State University. He will be majoring in mechanical engineering. Both his parents are teachers.

Mason Kinser is also a graduate of Amherst Steele High School. He will attend Ohio University majoring in business and finance. His parents are also both teachers.

Sydney Machovina graduated from Avon High School. She hopes to attend The Ohio State University. Her grandpa, Bernie Machovina, long time teacher as well as longtime president of LORCOTA, is her inspiration.

Nathan Masgras graduated from St. Edward High School and will majoring in industrial design at University of Cincinnati. His mother is a teacher and two aunts and an uncle were teachers.

We also have a new Chair of the Findley/Lute Scholarship Fund, Teresa Brown. We would also like to thank our long time Chair, Virginia Waratinski for all her years of service. It was greatly appreciated.

The Mary Elizabeth Keller Scholarships are given to juniors or seniors in college majoring in education. It was established in 1992. All these students excelled in GPA, service, and work.

Mackenzie Barriclow will be a senior at Geneva College. Her major is general education K-4 and Intervention Specialist.

Jillian Filipiak, a two year recipient, will be a senior at Bowling Green State University. She is majoring in Middle Childhood Education with specializations in Math and Social Studies.

Danielle Dudziak will be a junior at University of Wisconsin and is majoring in Elementary Education.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE WONDERFUL STUDENTS.



Jillian Filipiak

Mackenzie Barriclow

Danielle Dudziak



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Preston Hunter

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Sydney Machovina

Andrew DiFranco

LORCORTA

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

LORCORTA LUNCHEON MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday September 18, 2024, AT 12:00 PM

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

PROGRAM: Around Lorain County in 30 Minutes

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

COST: \$17.00 PER PERSON

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: Thursday, September 5, 2024

NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER Sunday, September 8, 2024

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 DATE September 18, 2024

NAME: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____ E-Mail _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS ____ AT \$17.00 EACH
ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK PAYABLE TO LORCORTA

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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