

**GCRTA a Chapter of ORTA
Summer Potluck Get-Together
Century Village Bond Activity Center
August 1, 2023**

President Patrick Cataldo called the general meeting to order. He then asked the members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

He welcomed our four guests. **Janet Kramarz's** guest **Satwant Singh**, **Kathy Uncapher's** guest **Beto Gage**, **Sue Crabtree's** guest **Donna Kubek**, and our new member **Beth Stickely's** guest **Patty Pinckard**.

President Patrick Cataldo asked members to read over the June minutes that were placed on the tables. **Mark Rotar** motioned to accept the minutes; **Cindy Spikell** seconded the motion, which passed.

He announced that our next meeting will be on October 3rd at Saint Mary's Banquet Center in Chardon. **Christina Elliott**, executive director of benefits for STRS and **Tamara Cole**, assistant director of member engagement and outreach for STRS will be providing updates about our STRS pension and the upcoming transition from Express Scripts to CVS in January 2023.

Jean Paine introduced our new members **Jackie Baker**, **Shari Bailey**, **Laura Gazdak**, **Connie Czacherski**, **Beth Stickley**, and **Patty Pinckard**. Members that joined at the luncheon were **Beto Gage** and **Patty Pinckard**.

Our new life member is **Vickie Mitchell**.

Wally Waldbauer asked members to sign up to work again this year at the Geauga County Fair School building. You will get a ticket into the fair and a sum of \$9 an hour. He passed the sign-up sheets around the tables.

Judy Miller introduced the Education Grant recipients for this year. **Greg Cicero** is a fifth grade science teacher for Cardinal Local Schools, **Sarah Malloy** a second grade Timmons Elementary for Kenston Schools, and **Josh Lakkala** a grade 10 to 12 Advanced Placement Psychology from Chardon. **Alyssa Mujanovic**, an elementary music instructor from Cardinal Local Schools, attended the luncheon. She shared some of what happened during her project with her students. She was able to purchase seven floor Toms with mallets. She did instrument centers, some composition and songwriting, and worked on and practiced the standards of keeping a steady beat with the young children. She was able to use the floor Toms in her concerts this year. With her current masters, she is hoping to take some African drumming courses to incorporate into future classes. She is very grateful for the grant and is putting it to good use.

President Patrick Cataldo gave the non-denominational lunch invocation and then members enjoyed the potluck selections provided by members as well as the pulled pork sandwiched provided by **President Patrick Cataldo**.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Gallagher
Recording Secretary