



LCRTA Newsletter

Livingston County Retired Teachers Association is now on [FaceBook](#).

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Message from our President, Vicki Universal

It is starting to feel a lot like Spring today - at least in Livingston County. This means it is time to reconnect with fellow educators at the LCRTA annual meeting. Hopefully, we will have a record turnout this year!

I am pleased to announce that the multi-talented, energetic and capable Dr. Mary Corey has agreed to take over as President of our group with the end of my three-year tenure. Mary has already taken responsibility for our newsletter and created a Facebook page for the LCRTA. In addition, Mary has agreed to be our speaker at the May

meeting. I told you she is multi-talented!

In addition to president, we need a few more volunteers to keep our organization running effectively. Is anyone willing to take on the role of vice-president, publicity person, or legislative representative? These jobs do not require a great time commitment; snowbirds can participate AND still fly South for the winter. In my experience, the more people contributing their talents and ideas, the stronger the organization. If you are interested in volunteering please contact: vuniversal@gmail.com.

Spring Luncheon

May 8, 11 AM

**Fratelli's, Avon
Reserve by April 23**

CWZ News

Our Livingston County unit of the NYSTRA is a member of the ten county **Central Western Zone (CWZ)**. The President of each unit attends periodic meetings on the Zone level, while representatives from the Zone attend meetings at the State level. One focus at all levels is to increase membership and, thus, political power to protect our retirement benefits. The CWZ offers two awards to spread awareness about our organization. The 2019 Epic-Meagher Award recognizes outstanding newly retired teachers and presents the Award the CWZ annual meeting in September. Any member can nominate a teacher retiring this year. Applications are due by July 15. The Hudson-Kramer Memorial \$1000 grant is given to a current teacher to implement a classroom program for the upcoming year. Both applications can be found on the [website](http://www.cwzretiredteachers.org): [cwzretiredteachers.org](http://www.cwzretiredteachers.org).

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Stick out your tongue!

A new 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke. For more info, click on the link below.

[Stroke](#)

Join our team! We do still need you!

Vice-President

Livingston County Retired Teachers Association is a viable link in the NYS Retirement System – in that it is the association closest to members at the local level.

As with many organizations, membership is a crucial element to which each of us must contribute. You can help by encouraging newly retired teachers to join up. This is no easy task, but a necessary one.

Thanks to Vicki Universal and a strong and active executive committee, the job of vice-president and chairman is not overwhelming.

As my term as vice-president comes to a close, I urge you to consider volunteering for it. If you are interested in volunteering and doing your part to keep our association strong, this might be an easy post for you to fill. We need you.

Submitted by: Maureen Kingston, Vice-president

Membership Report:

New Retirees Welcomed

Welcome to new members: Deborah Fenton (Dansville), Virginia N. Johnson (Dansville), Maria Lathrop (Geneseo), Cindy Loy (Avon), and Janice Morris Pirrello (Dansville). We hope you enjoy the camaraderie of other retired Livingston County teachers!



Submitted by: Barb Hellwig, Membership Chair

Guest Speaker: *Frenemies for Suffrage*

Mary Corey will talk to us about her new book, *The Political Life and Times of Matilda Joslyn Gage*, and the three suffrage leaders who called Central New York home, Gage, Stanton, and Anthony.

NYSTRA News

At the state level a marketing firm has been hired to assist with suggestions and programs for increasing membership. We are encouraging local members to also become state members.

Current state members received a health survey in the latest York State Magazine. Retirement plans are confusing and ever-changing. Our state organization would like to centralize information and be able to assist retirees by informing them of their benefits. You can let them know your needs by responding to the survey.

Summer break leaves many students food insecure.

LCRTA wants to remind you to support your local food banks and summer lunch programs for students.



Spring Basket Raffle to Support the Geneseo Parish Outreach Center



Geneseo Parish Outreach Center is a unique organization located on Genesee St. in Geneseo, NY; unique in that it is an all-volunteer staff of Doctors, nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician's Assistants and paraprofessionals under the direction of Dr. Paul Frame, medical director and Donna Flaherty PA C, executive director.

The POC provides medical care to those with no insurance, those who are underinsured or those who cannot pay for medications or specialty care. It also has partnerships with health care

providers such as medical specialists and dentists. Referrals are provided to other appropriate health agencies or social service agencies. In 2018 the POC served 240 patients with 444 patient encounters at 42 clinics with no geographical boundaries for those served.

These services are funded by grants, donations, in-kind donations and foundations. Community support is essential for the POC.

“The mission is to support

and empower the physical, social, emotional and spiritual well-being of uninsured, underinsured children, women and men.”

Since the POC is an all-volunteer organization, please consider donating your time and talents. If you have time, the POC has a task for you.

Contact them.

Phone- 585-243-3120

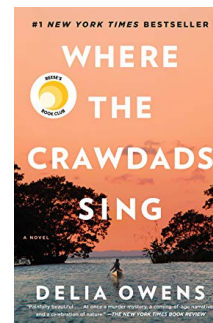
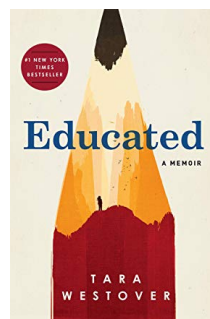
E-mail- geneseopoc@gmail.com

Web- <http://gpocenter.org/>

DeCormier Fund

Do you know a retired teacher who is struggling financially? Perhaps someone who needs a new roof, furnace, or help paying for utilities? Funds may be available through NYSRTA. Find out more at NYSRTA.org

What 's everyone reading?



Top choices on today's reading lists are Educated and Where the Crawdads Sing.



Annual Spring Luncheon, May 8
@ 11:00

Fratelli's Restaurant
2995 Lakeville Rd., Avon
Guest Speaker, Mary Corey

Reservations needed by April 23!

Cost is \$20. and Includes lunch choice, beverage (coffee, tea or soda) and gratuity.

Menu Choices

Meatball Sandwich

Grilled Chicken Sandwich

Grilled Portabella Sandwich

Caesar Salad with Chicken

Sandwiches include fries, soup or salad.

Make checks out to Livingston County Retired Teachers.

Send checks & lunch choices to Maureen Kingston, 71 Doer Ave., Avon,
NY 14414 by April 23!

Reminder: There will be a **Spring Basket raffle** to support the Geneseo Parish Outreach Center as our community service project for this year.
