

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

BRTA is offering 3 one-time scholarships to 3 current graduating seniors of the Buffalo Public Schools. Applications are available at each school's School Councilors Office and on the BRTA website (brta.biz). The completed applications must be returned to the BRTA Scholarship Committee, postmarked no later than Friday, April 15, 2022. The return address is listed in the scholarship application packet. Along with the application, students must provide 2 supporting references, transcripts, an essay and SAT/ACT scores if applicable. Detailed explanations of the application requirements are in the application packet. The committee will review the applications and make their determinations in May 2022.

ATTENTION: Retired Teachers

Perfect for the winter getaway! One bedroom with a queen-sized bed, fully furnished, small cottage on coast of Central Florida, 5 miles inland from beach, on a private estate. There is a new kitchen, one bathroom and small living room. ALL necessities included...just bring your beach towel! Available for the winter season: December 1 to May 28. Minimum rental: one month. Go to [http:// www.floridacottagecoastal.com](http://www.floridacottagecoastal.com) for a look at what is waiting for you. Single person or couple preferred.

Cost : \$1100.00 per month.

For more information , email: beachygator@outlook.com

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Happy St. Patrick's Day

IN MEMORIAM

Lucia Carlotta Maina Beck

Julianna Bednarz	Elizabeth Morse
Susan Beeler	Waidene Murphy
Donald Fritzinger	Robert Nagel
Charles Garfinkel	Suzanne Nyitrai
Joseph Locke	Frank V. O'Connor
Christopher Marinaccio	Cora (Cory) Olkowski
Romeo McKinney	Elmer Schambra

Haji Rasheed Sultan

BRTA would like to acknowledge the passing of those teachers who served the children of Buffalo. If you would like to have someone included in the "In Memoriam" listings, please notify Josephine Cross (636-3014).

CONGRATULATIONS

BRTA and its members would like to congratulate the following couples on their anniversaries:

John and Ethel Fopiano--70 years

Bob and Donna Leary--50 years

Edward and Sharon Magner--50 years

Thomas and Barbara Marino--50 years

Rick and MaryAnn Thomas--50 years

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is well and had a great holiday season. As I write this letter, the temperatures are about to take a big drop just in time for the playoff game. I remember attending a number of really poor weather games as a season ticket holder years ago.

It was really nice to see so many of you at the December luncheon. I hope that you enjoyed the luncheon and the chance to connect with old friends. As always, I want to thank you for your generous support of the split club and buckets. The money that was raised was sent to the Teacher's Desk and Journey's End.

I regret to inform you that the BRTA has been forced to cancel the Winter Luncheon this year because of the rapid spread of the Omicron Variant. Your BRTA Board would not risk holding an event with over one hundred people. The decision was based on how contagious this variant of Covid has been. There was no certainty that conditions would have improved enough to hold a luncheon in February. I hope that you understand.

The organization is planning to hold a spring luncheon at the Acqua Restaurant on May 19, 2022. The restaurant is located on Niagara Street in Buffalo. More details will follow in the spring newsletter.

I hope that all of us can get back to normal activities very soon. These past two years have been very difficult to deal with for all of us. It is not easy living in fear of doing almost anything that we would normally do; not to mention the devastating loss of life during this pandemic. It would be difficult to find a person who did not know someone who was a victim of this pandemic.

I hope to see many of you at the spring luncheon in May. Hopefully the worse will be behind us by that time. Until then I wish everyone good health.

Take care and be safe,

Tom Giambra

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19, 2022--Spring Luncheon at Acqua Restaurant

June 14, 2022--Don Guerra Golf Tournament at Terry Hills, Batavia

Additional information for these events will appear in the next newsletter