

SSRTA NEWS

October 2021

October Luncheon at One O’Clock.

Come join us for our Second In-Person Luncheon for 2021 at Aurelio’s Mokena at **1pm**. The cost will be \$20.

Deadline for reservations is **Tuesday, October 12th**.

Reservations

Please make a reservation for our October Luncheon by click this link ssrta.pres.tonymarturano@gmail.com

Click the link above to send your reservation - include your first and last name - and please indicate any special dietary needs.

Please remember if for some reason you made a reservation and are unable to attend, please call Tony Marturano at (708)-479-5680 to cancel by **NOON Wednesday, October 13th** or you will be responsible for the \$20 cost of the luncheon.

October Luncheon and

2021 Christmas Fundraiser and Party.

As in years past, we plan to have our Christmas Fundraiser and Party as the theme for our December Luncheon on December 15th at One O’Clock. Please contribute something valuable to donate to the one of the baskets that our volunteers will be assembling during December. You may bring your donations to both the October and/or the November Luncheons.

This month’s Luncheon - always at 1pm

Remember that all our luncheons will start at **1pm**. Make a special note in your calendar/planner/phone as **one o’clock** is very different from our previous time. Also, on your phone set a reminder for the morning on Wednesday, October 20 for our SSRTA October Luncheon at **1pm**.

Our location for our October Luncheon is the Aurelio’s Pizza Place in Mokena. Here’s their link:

<https://www.aureliospizza.com/location/mokena/>

We’re having the Pizza and Pasta buffet in the Aurelio’s Party Room; it’s entrance is on the South Side of their building past the Pickup Entrance.

As we continue with our goal of rotating our restaurant location this fall and next year, we have secured our host restaurant for our November Luncheon. We plan to go to the Flossmoor Station Brewing Company in Flossmoor, IL. Here’s their site link:

<http://www.flossmoorstation.com>

We are currently exploring the menu choices with the folks at Flossmoor Station for our November Luncheon.

IRTA Convention 2021 Update!

*Last month the IRTA Executive Committee decided that the IRTA Convention will be held as a **virtual event** rather than an in-person conference. **The fully online, virtual Convention will take place on October 19, 2021, in the morning.** A couple of notes:*

1 - remember to cancel your hotel reservations if you were planning to attend,

2 - if you registered online with IRTA, IRTA will refund all your fees EXCEPT \$20 for the costs of operating the Virtual Convention.

3 - if you registered as an SSRTA Delegate, please continue as a Virtual Delegate.

4- Please consider registering with IRTA as a Virtual SSRTA Convention Delegate as we need several more delegates - remember those of you out of state can participate from your current location.

Please email me directly with any questions you have concerning the 2021 Virtual IRTA Convention.

If you took any pictures at the September Luncheon and would like to share, please email them to Tony for the SSRTA website.

Executive Committee Minutes - October

(unapproved until future meeting)

SSRTA Executive Committee Meeting for October 5, 2021.

The meeting took place at 1:00 P.M. at Aurelio's Pizza in Mokena, IL. Present at the meeting were Jan Bryant, Jan Vinson, Martha Rago, Tony Marturano, and Alba Endicott. Absent were Larry Schwarberg, Liz Miller, and Georgia Sizemore.

Our first in person meeting was on September 15 at the Lincolnshire Country Club and it was very nice to see the old friends who attended as well welcoming new ones. We are aware that some people who attended were disappointed with the food and the service that day. We were under the impression that it would be buffet style and Tony was not informed of the change until he arrived that day. We are sorry this happened and will be working hard at trying to eliminate these mishaps as much as possible. Since we are committed to that venue for our Christmas fundraiser, we will work at making communication a priority with the club to make sure our luncheon will be a success.

Since we no longer have a permanent "home" to meet as a large group, our monthly lunch meetings will take place at different restaurants on a rotating basis. One advantage of this is that the same people don't have to travel the farthest all the time as we try to make it in different areas as our budget allows. Our October 20th lunch will be at Aurelio's Pizza, 19836 Wolf Rd., Mokena, IL 60448 at 1:00 P.M. Be aware that the lunch time has changed to 1:00 P.M. and that the lunch fee is now a non-refundable \$20.00. It is important that you RSVP and cancel as soon as possible if unable to make it.

Another change taking place is the objective of our meetings. We are trying to stay away from long business meetings at our lunch. The Executive Committee is now meeting every month and tend to the business of Unit 19 locally and at the state level as a means to streamline and make our organization more efficient. However, we also recognize that some of you may be interested in being part of the business process, as Jan Vinson pointed out, and keeping you out is not what we intend. We welcome everyone's participation and engagement with the process. The Executive Committee meeting's time and location will be posted in the monthly newsletter that Tony will send to Liz Miller to post on our website. The main reason for this change is to make our luncheon days a more social occasion with a speaker or program of general interest instead of a strictly business tone, as had been until 2019. This newsletter will be the primary source of communicating the areas of interest to our group from Springfield's IRTA activities and the Legislative actions that affect our local unit. Be sure to check

Luncheon Locations for Fall 2021

All SSRTA Luncheons are the Third Wednesday of the month **AT 1PM**.

September 15th
Lincolnshire Country Club
390 E Richton Rd
Crete, IL 60417

October 20th
Aurelio's Pizza - Mokena
19836 Wolf Rd
Mokena, IL 60448

November 17th
Flossmoor Station Brewing
1035 Sterling Avenue
Flossmoor, IL 60422

December 15th
Lincolnshire Country Club
see address above

Luncheon Dates for Spring 2022

All SSRTA Luncheons are the Third Wednesday of the month.

March 16th
April 20th
May 18th
June 15th

Luncheon Dates for Fall 2022

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about two weeks before the lunch meeting for any action that is taking place or anything that you need to know for the large group. This will give you and us time to communicate with your concerns that may need action on our part before or at the meeting. We hope the newsletter will become an interactive way of conducting our business and of communicating your concerns. At every large group meeting we will be asking the group to vote on treasurer's report which you will have already seen.

September Minutes: At the October 5th meeting, Martha Rago moved to accept and approve the September minutes and was seconded by Jan Bryant.

September Treasurer's Report: Jan Bryant moved to accept and approve the treasurer's report and was seconded by Jan Vinson.

September Membership Report: Jan Vinson is ready to mail membership information concerning the 2022 local dues of \$12.00, since the dues for 2021 were paid for by the unit.

President's Report: Tony said that our tentative location for the November 17, 2021 meeting is Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery, 4035 Sterling Ave., Flossmoor, IL 60422.

Tony also reminds everyone who made reservations in Springfield for the IRTA Convention that you need to cancel your reservation and they will retain a \$20.00 fee to facilitate the voting process on the Zoom platform for 2021 IRTA Virtual Convention attendees.

Tony extends a salute to Liz Miller, for the wonderful job she is doing in maintaining our Facebook page. She manages to find educational, inspirational and pertinent material to keep them going. That is a difficult task and we appreciate how well she does it. Let's give her a shout out.

Martha Rago asked if we have a target group to benefit from our December fundraiser. Tony said that Georgia Sizemore had suggested Respond Now in Chicago Heights as a worthy organization. Maybe when you read this you may have a suggestion too, which we will welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Alba Endicott
Secretary

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Treasurer's Report - October

Treasurer's Report September 31, 2021

Beginning Balance		5703.18
Income		744.00
Luncheon guests	480.00	
Membership	12.00	
SWIRTA	100.00	
Donation to Xmas fundraiser	100.00	
Split the Pot	52.00	
Expenses		642.00
Luncheon expenses	590.00	
Donation to IRTA foundation	52.00	
Ending balance		5805.18

Respectfully submitted,
 Martha Rago
 SSRTA Treasurer

2022 Membership Renewal

Jan Vinson, our SSRTA Membership Chair, will be emailing every current member their 2022 Membership Forms this month. Please take the time to **complete all** the information on the form and send it along with your check to Martha Rago. If you don't receive your 2020 Membership Form by the end of October, please request one from Jan Vinson at: ssрта.jvinson@gmail.com

Also, please send Jan the names and emails of any newly retired teachers or any retired teachers who aren't currently SSRTA members. Your help recruiting new members is appreciated.

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Birthdays for September - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- JUDY CANNING – SEPTEMBER 3
- KAREN PASTORE – SEPTEMBER 4
- PAUL PIEKOSZ – SEPTEMBER 4
- MARY SAMAAAN – SEPTEMBER 5
- JOAN PLONSEY – SEPTEMBER 6
- MARIANN CHIDICHIMO – SEPTEMBER 14
- BARBARA GUTHNETH – SEPTEMBER 14
- TONY MARTURANO – SEPTEMBER 14
- DOROTHY OWENS – SEPTEMBER 14
- CAROLE BREJCHA – SEPTEMBER 15
- FRANCINE CALABRIA – SEPTEMBER 15
- ANGELYN AMUDA – SEPTEMBER 15
- GWENDOLYN MAXIE-BROWN – SEPTEMBER 21
- DIANA SHELTON-ECHOLS – SEPTEMBER 24
- MARCIA ZMUDA – SEPTEMBER 26

Birthdays for October - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- SONDRA SETCHELL – OCTOBER 3
- BONNY FERZOK – OCTOBER 7
- ALBA ENDICOTT – OCTOBER 8
- RUBY GIDDINGS – OCTOBER 9
- THERESA GRDINA – OCTOBER 10
- ANITA SCHEMENSKY – OCTOBER 12
- ELEANOR STEINER – OCTOBER 12
- MARY LOU DEGROH – OCTOBER 13
- DEBORAH WALKER – OCTOBER 13
- DEB NOVAK – OCTOBER 23
- CORA LARSEN – OCTOBER 29

Finally ...

If you have missed the Business Meeting portion of our SSRTA Monthly Meetings/Luncheons OR you wish to become more involved with a decision making role within SSRTA - PLEASE join the Executive Committee as one of the vacant Committee Chairs OR you should join us at the next SSRTA Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 2nd at 1pm at Flossmoor Station Brewery. All SSRTA members are always welcome.