

SSRTA NEWS

September 2021

September Luncheon

Come join us for our First In-Person Luncheon for 2021 at Lincolnshire CC at 1pm. The cost will be \$20.

Deadline for reservations is **Sunday, September 5th.**

Reservations

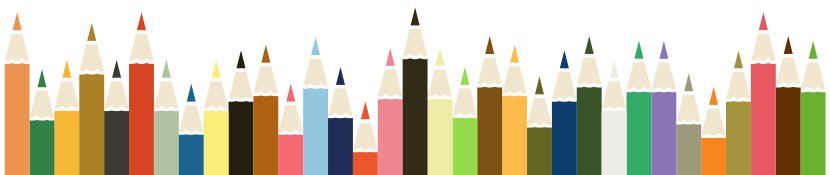
Please make a reservation for our September Luncheon by sending an email to Tony Marturano at ssrta.pres.tonymarturano@gmail.com

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 Tuesday, September 7th** or you will be responsible for the cost of the luncheon.

September Luncheon and

As we move forward into 2021 and beyond, there has been a lot of discussion of our need in SSRTA to change how we do things. Through discussions with you and others on Zoom and thru several meetings of the SSRTA Executive Committee, we have worked thru several changes which we plan to begin implementing at our September Luncheon. The most impactful change we propose to make is part of the title for this part of our Monthly Newsletter - *Luncheon*. The plan going forward is to meet to enjoy the company of our friends over a pleasant meal and then listen to a presentation by that month's speaker - a Luncheon not a meeting. All SSRTA Business would be done at our Executive Committee meeting and presented to our SSRTA members thru this newsletter to you. When we arrive at 1pm on Wednesday, we'll all sit down to chat with our friends and table mates, enjoy a BBQ focused buffet lunch, then listen to the presentation by our speaker. We finish our afternoon by spending a few minutes answering any questions you have concerning any SSRTA Business - all the committee reports - contained in this newsletter. Please review the SSRTA Business before Wednesday's Luncheon. Let's try it to see if it works and we like doing it this way.



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**IRTA Convention
 2021 Update!**

Yesterday, 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.** More information will be forthcoming as details are finalized!

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**Luncheon Locations
 for Fall 2021**

All SSRTA Luncheons are the Third Wednesday of the month.

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

Location to be determined

December 15th

Lincolnshire Country Club
 390 E Richton Rd
 Crete, IL 60417

Luncheon Locations

Speaking of changes for our monthly Luncheons, our long time “home” restaurant - Carlo’s in Chicago Heights - has closed permanently. Through more discussions and many suggestions from our members, we’ve generated a list of several restaurants which we plan to use to host our luncheons. Also, our members are spread over a large area, so it seemed reasonable for us to move the location around - month to month - so each member had one month for which they were only driving 10-15 minutes to that month’s SSRTA Luncheon. So we plan to use three different restaurants to host the four Fall SSRTA Luncheons for the remainder of 2021. They are listed with their addresses in the left column.

Executive Committee Minutes - September

SSRTA Executive Committee September Meeting

- The meeting took place at the Lincolnshire CC in Crete. Attending the meeting were Tony Marturano, President; Martha Rago, Treasurer; Jan Vinson, Membership; Georgia Sizemore, Program; Alba Endicott, Secretary. Absent were Liz Miller, Publicity and Larry Schwarberg, Legislation. Both communicated their reports to Tony.
- Membership-Jan Vinson explained that she did not receive responses from many members concerning the free 2020 SSRTA membership after three attempts to communicate. It was suggested that she has tried enough, and it is time to turn our sight on the 2021 membership.
- Larry Schwarberg informed us there was little movement this month legislatively.
- Jan Vinson has been nominated to a new position in Springfield as IRTA Regional Director. Our congratulations to her.
- Liz Miller needs suggestions for things members are interested in seeing in the SSRTA Facebook page.
- Jan Vinson will be honored at the Convention and will need people to hoot and holler for her and all the work she does for our organization.

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

All SSRTA Luncheons are the Third Wednesday of the month.

- September 21st
- October 19th
- November 16th
- December 21st (tentative)

•Program-Georgia Sizemore is working on the programs for September to June of 2022. As of now the meeting programs are as follows:

- September: Sandy Benhart, TRS
- October: Larry Pfeiffer, IRTA
- November: Beecher High School Choir
- December: Our Fundraising Extravaganza
- March: Master Gardner - U of I Extension (Tentative)
- April: Norwex home and body products by Jan Vinson
- May: Dorothy Walton, AMBA

•Tony is still interested in having more people attend the IRTA Convention in Springfield. Anyone interested please let Tony know. One very important item of business at the Convention is how to recruit more people and we need all the information to make our group better and larger.

•We still need suggestions for possible places to meet. Since Lorenzetti Restaurant closed, we have no permanent home, and we will be trying new places each month. Our December fundraiser for 2020 was used to help the Richton Park Fire Victims and Liz Miller saw to it that money envelopes for 25 families at \$50 per envelope were distributed. We need ideas and suggestions for the 2021 meeting. Respond Now was one suggestion. The fundraiser will be at the Lincolnshire CC in Crete. However, we are still looking for places for subsequent meetings in the Spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Alba Endicott

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report August 31, 2021

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| Beginning balance. | 6550.96 |
| Income. | 0.00 |
| Expenses. | 847.78 |
| Check printing. | 34.45 |
| Exec comm mtg. | 105.79 |
| Exec comm mtg. | 121.01 |
| Supplies/cards. | 586.53 |
| Ending balance. | 5703.18 |

Respectfully submitted, Martha Rago
SSRTA Treasurer