

SSRTA NEWS

February 2024

Our Next Luncheon on Wednesday - March 20th.

Location:

Flossmoor Station
1035 Sterling Avenue
Flossmoor, IL 60422

Luncheon Dates for Spring 2024

All SSRTA Luncheons are the Third Wednesday of the month.

- March 20th
- April 17th
- May 15th
- June 19th

Luncheon Dates for Fall 2024

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- September 18th
- October 16th
- November 20th
- December 11th or 18th

Birthdays for February 2024

- 2nd - Carolyn Nemanich
- 2nd - Jan Vinson
- 3rd - Jacqueline McCarter
- 7th - Andrea Purchase
- 12th - Memmore Delsener
- 13th - Sue Hanson
- 15th - Judy Lohr-Safcik
- 19th - Jody Conrad
- 22nd - Mary McNaughton
- 28th - Carol Keasler
- 28th - James Kreske

February 2024 News and Views

Welcome to February 2024 SSRTA Friends!

We're almost halfway through winter, and it hasn't been awful thus far (though any temperature below 32° F is not good for my soul). On the down side, there's going to be a February 29 because it's Leap Year. On the bright side, spring is now in view – and can't arrive soon enough for me. Perhaps this song can help to pull us through the month.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzko9LOxszc>

As well, we will be celebrating Mr. Lincoln's and Mr. Washington's birthdays on Presidents Day.

As I am wont to do, I'll start with a bit of humor.

I know how it will end, one of my kids will unplug my life support to charge a cell phone.

I went to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.

Photos for the SSRTA Website and FB

If you took any pictures at the Luncheons in 2023 and would like to share, please email them to Tony for posting to the SSRTA website and the SSRTA FB page. Thanks!!

Members Note!

This is OUR SSRTA Newsletter - it belongs to all the members of the South Suburban Retired Teachers Association. If there is something you wish to add to make our retirement more fun, more enjoyable or more engaging, please send a note describing your idea to Larry Schwarberg - SSRTA President - at his email address (found on the last page of this Newsletter).

Any Suggestions you may have concerning anything we do - or don't do - in SSRTA, please share them with us.

The members listed at the top of this column are celebrating February birthdays.

We have no meeting/luncheon in February. If you haven't paid your 2024 dues yet, there's still time. Contact Martha Rago, SSRTA Treasurer at her email

mrago@mac.com

for a form or information about how to send your dues online.

We are still looking for a person/persons to be our Program Planner/Co-Planners and to fill other committee chairs in SSRTA. Please contact Larry Schwarberg at

pfherrlls@yahoo.com

if you are interested. It doesn't require a lot of energy or time. We'd appreciate your help greatly.

The SSRTA officers met in an Executive Committee Meeting on January 13 at Flossmoor Station. Here are the minutes from that meeting.

SSRTA Meeting January 11, 2024

Members present: Sue, Larry, Terry, Tony.

Absent: Martha Rago

Minutes of last meeting: moved by Larry, with Sue second. Approved

Old business: Membership list for IRTA Unit #19. We need to obtain the most current membership list.

Treasurers report: Christmas fundraiser netted \$420, will be raised to \$500 for the SSRTA contribution to PADS. Moved by Sue, second Tony. Approved

Break for lunch 12:33-1:08

Membership report: Accurate list of names of very important. Exploring ways to obtain.

Legislative: Legislature is still on recess.

Vice President: All are welcome at board meetings. Larry to arrange with Martha to present check to PADS. A note to all members: please send any Luncheon photos you wish to share to Tony - he'll pass them along and/or post them on the website

and send them to Liz for FB.

President: AFS organization is requesting help finding host families for foreign exchange students for next year. Suggest putting note in newsletter soliciting volunteers. Before raising annual dues, there needs to be a membership vote, ballot to go into newsletter. By-laws may need to be changed to raise dues. Money is used to pay speakers, buy postage, other expenses.

New business:

1 - Application for Unit of Distinction award. Filling out questionnaire raises some questions about recruiting. Are we recruiting? Need better idea of which districts are in Unit #19. Need better communication with IRTA and better direction.

2 - Spring programs and venues. March meeting at Flossmoor Station with Doug Strand, trustee on TRS pension board, director of Annuity Trust. April is a presentation by Maria Mathieson on a topic to be selection by membership through the newsletter. Venue open, considering Brian's and Country Charm. For May we are working on having Representative Robin Kelly. The venue is yet to be determined.

Adjournment: Moved, Terry, second Tony. 2:05 pm

We did not qualify as a unit of distinction this year. Let's work at earning that designation next year. We have no legislative news because the legislature returned to Springfield in January.

A note from IRTA Executive Director Jessica Hoselton:

"The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation is offering a total of \$42,000 in grant money to public school educators (Pre-K through 12) for special classroom projects statewide. Please see the enclosed flyer for all the details. This flyer will be included in the Illinois Principals Association's upcoming e-mail news publication. In order to apply for the grant, public school educators must download, complete, and submit the application online from the IRTA website (www.irtaonline.org). Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2024. Please encourage public school educators to apply for this grant money."



Jessica Hoselton
IRTA Executive Director

I hope you are surviving/enduring the winter well, and I look forward to seeing you on March 20 for our meeting at Flossmoor Station.

Larry Schwarberg
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