

SSRTA NEWS

June 2024

Our Next Luncheon Wednesday, June 19th

Location:
Brian's Of Monee
25665 S Governors Hwy
Monee, IL 60449

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 June 2024

- 1st - Susan Spinhirne*
- 2nd - Emil Diewald*
- 4th - Chester Hills*
- 4th - Stephen Moore*
- 9th - Sally Reeves*
- 12th - Patsy Edmunds*
- 15th - Cres Schultz*
- 17th - Virginia Hines*
- 18th - Christina Marquette*
- 19th - Liz Miller*
- 23rd - Anita Wandishin*
- 24th - Allen Anderson*
- 26th - Ken Echternach*
- 27th - Cynthia Vernon*

June 2024 News and Views

Hello, SSRTA Family,

Once again we have reached my favorite part of the year — summer, starting with the summer solstice on June 20. I'm ready to christen my 2024 membership card at the Park Forest Aqua Center on June 8, and I hope to see some of you who live nearby at the pool. This June is a bit unusual as we hear the interesting hum of cicadas throughout most of the day. I hope you gardeners have gardens That are coming along nicely. I haven't yet bought flowers, so I need to do that ... soon. Here's a song by Celeste Holm to celebrate the month:

<https://youtu.be/AkB014H5tRo?si=YYyLtyWq8oyS3smi>

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.

Let's continue with a bit of humor — well, I hope you think they're funny.

Phil walks into his boss's office one day and says, "Sir, I'll be honest with you. I know the economy isn't great, but I've got three companies after me, and I'd like to ask for a raise, respectfully." After a few minutes of haggling, the boss finally agrees to give him a 5 percent raise, and he happily gets up to leave. "By the way," the boss asks as Phil leaves his office, "which three companies are after you?" Phil replies, "The electric company, water company, and phone company."

... and a "groaner"

Why did you leave your last job? The company relocated and didn't tell me where.

If your birthday is in June and you don't see your name, it's because we don't have a record of it. Please send missing information to Sue Cole at sue.q122@gmail.com or Jan Vinson at ssrta.jvinson@gmail.com or Larry Schwarberg at pfherrlls@yahoo.com By sending the missing birthday, you are helping us complete our membership information.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5th, at Brian's in Monee.
Brians of Monee
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Monee, IL 60449)

All members are invited to attend, but only the officers vote on any motions that arise.

The officers hope to see you at Brian's, 25665 S. Governors Highway, Monee, on June 19. Check in begins at 11:45 and lunch is at noon (12:00 **PM**). The cost is \$25.00. In June there is no program; rather, it's a time to sit and talk with friends. Look for reservation information soon, and remember to send your RSVP to Larry Schwarberg (pfherrlls@yahoo.com).

We are still looking for a person/persons to be our Program Planner/Co-Planners. Please contact me, 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.

Here is a re-cap of the May Meeting. Area 3 Representative Marge Sucansky brought us up to date with the latest news from IRTA and left numerous handouts for the members. Our guest presenter was Karen Nielsen, who gave us a brief presentation about and demonstration of chair yoga.

Here are minutes from the May 6 Executive Committee Meeting:

SSRTA Board Meeting May 6, 2024

*Members present: Larry Schwarberg, Martha Rago, Tony Marturano, Terry Gillespie
Meeting called to order 12:16 pm.*

Review of minutes. Approval of minutes Martha, second, Tony.

Treasurer Report: Approve Tony, second Terry.

PADS check will be delivered this week.

Legislative Report: Legislature adjourns May 24. HB 4662 and HB 4972 are especially important to retired teachers.

HB 4662 allows a teacher to return to teaching for 120 days following retirement with no penalty.

HB4972 in regard especially to insurance. Central Management Services shall post proposed changes at least 120 days prior to making changes. This might have affected our choices of insurance carriers in the last change. Members might have two choices for coverage.

Break. Reconvene at 12:54

Vice President Report: Upon reconsideration, Constant Contact seems to be a better way to keep in contact with members rather than use gmail. Members may be more receptive to

Constant Contact messages and it lends itself to member feedback.

President: May meeting will have Marge Sucansky address us and a session of chair yoga.

Old Business: Doug Stroud, our TRS trustee, gave a much better presentation than had been expected. He reminds us we should remain aware of what is going on in Springfield with our money and our insurance.

May meeting will be at Grady's in Homewood. We still need more member input.

Our June meeting will be at Brian's in Monee with an opportunity to socialize before breaking for the summer.

Adjournment moved at 1:09. Second Terry.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Gillespie

June 27th: Area 3 Virtual Conference - 9:30 AM

https://ambabenefits.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eSBg6mkfQRePN07-fN4u-w

The Legislature's spring session has closed. Adjournment occurred on Friday, May 24th. The last week of May (25th – 31st) was reserved for potential unfinished business (i.e. budget) that was not completed prior to the scheduled adjournment date. During the next two weeks, there will be an increased focus on the state budget and implementation, such as revenue and changes to state programs, and other major issues of the session including mass transit reform, health insurance reform, ethics, utility rate affordability, and many more. As such, legislative negotiations and amendment filings are likely to be robust in both chambers. The IRTA government affairs team is laser focused on monitoring budget negotiations to ensure that IRTA members' priorities, pensions, and healthcare, remain a funding priority.

Looking forward to seeing you at Brian's on June 19.

Larry Schwarberg

SSRTA President

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