

SSRTA NEWS

May 2023

Our Next Luncheon on May 17th.

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Luncheon Dates for Spring 2023

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- March 15th
- April 19th
- May 17th
- June 21st

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- September 20th
- October 18th
- November 15th
- December 13th

Birthdays for May 2023

- May 1st - Marsha Weiner
- May 2nd - Diane DuBois
- May 4th - Shirley James
- May 5th - Roseanne Wilfinger
- May 7th - Martha Rago
- May 7th - Sharon Creamean
- May 9th - Patricia Karner
- May 11th - May Short
- May 22nd - Carolynne Buche
- May 22nd - Carol Ring
- May 26th - Michael Rogers
- May 27th - Wayne McKee

President's Notes ...

Good Friday morning, Fellow Retirees!

May arrives in three days, so it's time for the monthly newsletter for our SSRTA unit. I hope April treated you well -- even with its inability to decide whether it was March, April, or May. Those May flowers will be showing up soon to brighten your lives. I'm personally happy that the "stick trees" have disappeared and colors other than brown, grey, and white are returning to our lives.

Let me kick things off with a couple items of humor.

A sign at a tire shop in Milwaukee reads, "Invite us to your next blowout."

Maybe this senior Pearl of Wisdom will make you chuckle: "Apparently RSVPing to a wedding invitation 'Maybe next time' isn't the correct response."

Our April meeting at Aurelio's in Mokena was not well attended, but there was laughter and lots of good food. Our AMBA Representative, Dorothy

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

Walton, gave an informative, informal presentation of some changes in insurance and MASA. You can contact her at dorothy.walton@amba.info for an update.

Our May 17 meeting will be held in a new location: Country Charm Restaurant, 101 Lincolnway Drive, New Lenox. Check-in time is 11:45 for our noon luncheon. You will be able to order off the menu. At that meeting the program will be a one-person show titled "Burnham's Chicago." It promises to be an interesting, informative presentation. Reservation information for the May luncheon will be available in a week to ten days.

Remember to send your RSVP to me, Larry Schwarberg, at pfherrills@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing you on May 17.

The June 21 meeting location is still under discussion. That meeting will be a time for discussion and interpersonal exchanges as we prepare to take July and August off. There will not be a formal program.

Notes from the Executive Committee Meeting of April 2023

At the April Executive Committee meeting a motion to make a \$200.00 donation to University of Illinois Extension Services passed unanimously.

SSRTA April Executive Board Meeting

April 5, 2023 at Aurelios, Mokena

Members present:

Martha R, Larry S, Tony M, Terry G
Called to order at 12:30 by Larry Schwarburg.
Secretary's report to follow.

Treasurer's Report:

\$5204.72 balance after \$500 from holiday luncheon fundraiser to be donated to Anew, formerly South Suburban Woman's Shelter.

Moved to accept, Tony, second, Terry
Vice president report: Newsletter sent electronically. Shall we have a second newsletter? Yes, and include information from board meetings. Tony will continue writing newsletter and distributing it. Old Plank

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Road Bank will send financial information to Larry. **Legislative report:** Larry reports from IRTA. Hoping to repeal SSWEP and GPO rules which reduce the size of pensions by offsetting Social Security and TRS pensions. Available to us is "Tax counseling for elderly (60+)" at this number. 800 906 9887. A call to this number gets information on places with volunteer tax advisors with limited availability in Chicago (224-889-1404) and South Holland (taxnetworkinfo@gmail.com), although other localities may have Will Co. locations, depending on zip code.

Old Business: No complaints about earlier starting time. Affirm contribution to Anew.

New Business: \$200 donation to U of Illinois Extension for March presentation. Larry moved, Tony second. Approved \$300 for HFK Presents "Burnham's Chicago" presentation in May. Location still to be determined.

Accessing Aetna Medicare Reimbursement forms information will be provided in the next newsletter. Some medical expenses are not paid directly, but may be reimbursed under the new insurance provider when requested. Tony will write this up. Tony moved to adjourn at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Gillespie

Spring meeting dates and programs:

May 17: Location: Country Charm Restaurant
101 Lincolnway Drive
New Lenox, IL

Program titled: "Burnham's Chicago" by HFK
Presents online at www.historiesforkids.com

June 21: Location TBD: Just conversation

Fall meeting dates:

Sept. 20, Oct. 19, Nov. 15, and Dec. 13

You can always check on what's happening at IRTA by logging in to IRTAonline.org or by calling (217) 523-8488.

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IRTA Legislative Update 4/28/2023

Here is the latest legislative update from IRTA. Both the House and the Senate were on Spring break earlier in April. They are both set to adjourn the spring session on May 19, much earlier than the May 31 adjournment date of the past. With that deadline approaching in both chambers to get bills out of Committee, Representatives and Senators will have their work cut out for them.

April 28 Deadline -- House bills out of Senate Committee & Senate Bills out of House Committee

May 11 Deadline -- Third reading of House bills in the Senate

May 12 Deadline -- Third Reading of Senate Bills in the House

May 19 Adjournment

Illinois' Secretary of State, Alexi Giannoulias and Democrats in the General Assembly are pushing back against a rise in challenges to books shelved in libraries. Giannoulias, who is also the State Librarian, is spearheading legislation that would make state grants to libraries contingent on their establishing "a written policy prohibiting the practice of banning books."

Remember to follow your SSRTA on the SSRTA Facebook page or at [ssrtaunit19.com](https://www.facebook.com/ssrtaunit19).

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