

SSRTA NEWS

May 2024

Our Next Luncheon Wednesday, May 15th

Location:
Grady's Snack & Dine
18147 Harwood Avenue
Homewood, Illinois

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 May 2024

- 1st - Marsha Weiner,*
- 2nd - Diane Du Bois*
- 4th - Shirley James*
- 5th - Rosanne Wilfonger*
- 7th - Sharon Cremean*
- 7th - Martha Rago*
- 9th - Patricia Karner*
- 22nd - Carolynne Buche*
- 22nd - Carol Ring*
- 26th - Michael Rogers*
- 27th - Wayne McKee*

May 2024 News and Views

Hello, SSRTA Friends/Family,

We have reached May without any significant accumulation of April snow. Hooray! At the end of this month, the Park Forest Aqua Center will open; yes, a few other SSRTA members and I already have our new passes. If you like an adults-only pool, you'll find one at the PFAC, and maybe some of you who live nearby will consider membership. Soon flower gardens and vegetable gardens will be planted and growing. Another "Hooray!" is appropriate. Trees are nearly fully leafed and lawns are calling us to mow them. Ahhhh! Life is good.

One of my favorite madrigals of spring is "Now Is the Month of Maying" by Sir Thomas Morley. I hope you can access this web page.

<https://youtu.be/6u3gqxtPeE4?si=ncz-30ytRKjzqdNO>

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.

Next comes an infusion of humor. (At least I hope you think it's humorous.)

When French people swear, do they say, "Pardon my English"?

Why do "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?

If your birthday is in May 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.

Our May luncheon will be held on May 17 at Grady's Snack & Dine, 18147 Harwood Avenue, Homewood, Illinois. Please be advised that there is not a lot of parking spaces near the restaurant. Lunch ordering will begin at noon with check in starting at 11:45. The program is still being determined. Cost for the meal is \$25.00. Members are responsible for their own alcoholic beverages. We'll begin taking reservations around May 9. Please send those reservations to Larry Schwarberg (pfherrlls@yahoo.com). Our IRTA Area 3 representative Marge Sucansky is planning to join us and will have a brief presentation.

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

Our April speaker, Doug Strand, a member of the TRS Board of Directors spoke to us about current issues. His main focus was that we in IRTA need to

keep informed about what’s happening with TRS. He had an easy-going delivery, and he treated members to candy for their participation.

The Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset are coming up for a vote by the U.S House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Please contact Senator Durbin and Senator Duckworth and your local U.S. Representative to urge them to support the proposed legislation. Both items deal with teachers being unable to collect both their TRS retirement funds and their full Social Security benefits. If you’re unfamiliar with the two items, please research them to become more informed.

Here are the minutes from the April Executive Committee Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 12:30 by President Larry Schwarburg. Members present Tony Marturano, Martha Rago, Terry Gillespie. Absent member Sue Cole.

Minutes of March 6, 2024, approved by Larry, second by Tony.

Treasurer report approved by Tony, second by Larry.

Legislature report. Slow action in Legislature. Marge Sucansky and Susan Goetz encouraged Larry to attend a legislative meeting by Zoom. House concerns will be addressed this week and Senate concerns will be addressed next week. In good news, the state's credit rating is going up.

Vice president report. In reference to involving the company Constant Contact as a communication medium, what we are presently using is working well and there seems to be no need to change until a problem arises. If problems do arise, we will reevaluate the service we are using. There are services being used by other units and Tony will get a sample of their level of satisfaction.

Pause from 12:40 to 1:10.

Old business. Robin Kelly as a possible speaker is very busy. Perhaps a speaker can be invited from PADS to describe their work. The check we are donating to PADS from the Christmas fund raiser will be presented soon by Martha and Larry.

New business. Doug Stroud will be our April speaker. May meeting may feature chair yoga. Lunch will be at Grady's Grill. June meeting will be at Brian's, perhaps outdoors, weather permitting.

Move to adjourn, Tony Marturano.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Gillespie

Treasurer’s Report for April

Beginning Balance	\$4,248.55
Income	
Luncheon guests	350.00
Memberships	36.00

Expenses

Luncheon

350.00

Ending balance

\$4,284.55

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Rago, SSRTA Treasurer

Remember to check our SSRTA Unit 19 Facebook page, managed by Liz Miller and our web page, managed by Tony Marturano. The officers look forward to seeing you at Grady's on May 17.

Respectfully,
Larry Schwarberg
SSRTA President
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