

# SSRTA NEWS

November 2023

## Our Next Luncheon on November 15th.

Brian's of Monee  
25665 S. Governors HWY  
Monee, IL 60449

## Luncheon Dates for Fall 2023

All SSRTA Luncheons are the Third Wednesday of the month - except December 12th this year.

- September 20th
- October 18th
- November 15th
- \*December 12th\*

## Luncheon Dates for Spring 2024

All SSRTA Luncheons are the Third Wednesday of the month.

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

## Birthdays for November 2023

- 2nd -Alice Olympia
- 9th - Arlene Bruno
- 10th - Joan Kustwin
- 14th - Sandra Spann
- 15th - Mardi Huckaby
- 16th - Judith Quinlin
- 18th - Terry Gillespie
- 20th - Richard Jonas
- 22nd - Erdean Anderson
- 23rd - Gwen Norvilas
- 25th - Roberta Wilson-Dreifke
- 29th - Andrea Edington
- 30th - Geri Anne Granich

## November 2023 News and Views

Let's begin this month with a look back:

For our October Luncheon we contracted once again with HfK Productions for the program titled "Famous Food Firsts." Here's the HFK description:

*Fabulous Food Firsts* Join your host, Chef Alphonse Dente (just call him "Al") as he talks about the "firsts" behind such foods as popcorn, cheeseburgers, pizza, ice cream and MORE! Audience members will learn culinary tidbits like: Where was the first ice cream sundae created? (Hint: it's the home of the wildcats) and Who invented the first marshmallow? It's a riddle only a Sphinx could solve!

All in attendance had lots of fun, heard about lots of

## 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.*

new and curious information relating to food, and even got answers for questions from the audience!

Let's continue with a look forward:

For our November Luncheon we have as our speaker a member of the Illinois House of Representatives who represents the 80th District, Representative Anthony DeLuca. Here's a link to Representative deLuca's Official Website:

<https://anthonydeluca.org/>

Our November SSRTA Luncheon will be located at Brian's of Monee. Their address is

Brian's of Monee  
25665 S. Governors HWY  
Monee, IL 60449

And their website is

<https://www.facebook.com/briansofmonee/>

### ***Here's Your Official Holiday Party***

***Fundraiser Reminder:*** Please bring all your baskets, holiday materials and wonderful gifts which you plan to donate to SSRTA for our **Annual SSRTA December Basket Raffle Fundraiser** to our November Luncheon on November 15th. Our Basket Creation Maven, Debi Marturano, is looking forward to starting to work her magic - but the current pile of beans she has to work with is looking *verryy small*. Please help in any way that you are able - any donation will be welcome.

Imagine my surprise when I jumped in my car, turned on the radio, and heard Holiday Music! That's correct, radio station WLS-FM - 93.9FM - has started their annual playing of holiday music non-stop.

Since we're almost to 2024, here's your reminder to fill out your 2024 SSRTA Membership form and send it along with your check to Martha

Rago. Here's a link to the Membership Form on the SSRTA website:

<https://www.ssртаunit19.com/for-retiring-educators-lozloz.html>

Since we're talking Membership, please remember that there was ONLY ONE organization which went to Springfield to fight for our Pensions and Healthcare which we earned from TRS/CMS and successfully defended our economic interests: the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. For those of you who are NOT currently members, please join today. Here's your link:

<https://www.irtaonline.org/>

This month there was no SSRTA Executive Committee Meeting as most of the officers were traveling and enjoying retirement. Look for the December ExecComm Meeting Notes in the December SSRTA Newsletter.

Here's your link to the IRTA website for their Legislative Update:

<https://www.irtaonline.org/2023-irta-convention-wrap-up/>

*At the October SSRTA Luncheon I gave a brief review of my observations while attending the Bi-Annual IRTA Convention in Springfield on October 16th and 17th. My main take away were the changes to the IRTA Constitution. Here's your link to the IRTA website report of the changes:*

<https://www.irtaonline.org/2023-irta-convention-wrap-up/>

Your November Luncheon Invitation will arrive in your email inbox on Wednesday, November 8th.

We are still hoping that someone/a couple of people will volunteer to be our Program Planner/Co-planners. Please contact Larry Schwarberg at [pfherrlls@yahoo.com](mailto:pfherrlls@yahoo.com) if you are interested. We'd appreciate your help.

Remember to check out our SSRTA Unit 19 [Facebook](#) page (under the tender care of Liz Miller) and our website, <https://www.ssртаunit19.com>, (under the tender care of Tony Marturano.)

If you have friends who are retired teachers, invite them to join us for an upcoming meeting. Encourage members who haven't returned since the pandemic to "plug back in."

Looking forward to seeing you on November 15th,

Tony - pinch hitting for Larry

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