

SSRTA NEWS

October 2023

Our Next Luncheon on October 18th.

Country Charm Restaurant
101 Lincolnway Drive
New Lenox, IL

Luncheon Dates for Fall 2023

All SSRTA Luncheons are the Third Wednesday of the month.

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

Luncheon Dates for Spring 2024

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

Birthdays for October 2023

- 3rd - Sondra Setchell
- 7th - Bonny Ferczok
- 8th - Alba Endicott
- 9th - Ruby Giddings
- 12th - Anita Schemensky
- 12 - Debbi Sumner
- 13th - Mary Lou DeGroh
- 13th - Deborah Walker
- 23rd - Deborah Novak
- 29th - Cora Larsen

October 2023 News and Views

Good morning, Friends,
 Welcome to Fall/Autumn! That blood-curdling scream you just heard was me acknowledging that my tan is fading. Hahaha! The first time I really got to enjoy Fall was after my retirement in June, 2012. As you know, we teachers were always back in school the day after Labor Day ... or earlier, so Fall days were viewed through our classroom windows. I discovered that I LOVE the colors and the differently-angled rays of the sun. I do NOT AT ALL like the shorter hours of sunlight nor what comes in late Fall. I'll hold my negative thoughts about the next season for a future newsletter. Nevertheless, maybe this song will revive fond memories for you. Nat King Cole's voice and interpretations are wonderful memories for me. Check it out on YouTube

https://youtu.be/Gnp58oepHUQ?si=JLv1WGch_i756KjQ

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.

As you have become aware, I like to share a bit of humor, and this month is no different. I hope you like this pun.

Scientifically, a raven has 17 primary wing feathers, the big ones at the end of the wing, and they are called pinion feathers. A crow has 16. So, the difference between a raven and a crow is only a matter of a pinion.

These members are celebrating birthdays in October. If you have an October birthday and don't see your name, it's because we don't have a record of it. Please send that information to Sue Cole (sue.q122@gmail.com) or Larry Schwarberg (pfherrlls@yahoo.com). Thanks to Janet Lence and Laura Creighton for mailing birthday cards to our members.

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The 2023 IRTA convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL on October 16-17.

If you are interested in being a delegate from Unit 19, SSRTA will help defray your costs. You can register and pay online at <https://www.irtaonline.org/association/convention-2023>. IRTA will be conducting a "Silent Auction" which will benefit the IRTPAC (Illinois Retired Teachers Political Action Committee). Donations such as tickets to sporting events, "get-away" packages, sports memorabilia, collectibles, or gifts that represent your county are always crowd pleasers.

The September Executive Meeting was short and sweet because two of the five officers were unable to attend. The only report that was approved was the Treasurer's Report. We're doing fine financially. There was discussion about raising the local dues to \$15.00. More discussion will follow.

Our September Luncheon and Meeting at Grady's Snack & Dine was attended by eighteen members who selected food items from the menu. Dr. William Bai, Chiropractor, gave a serious yet humorous, memorable presentation about health and wellness. He generously also offered a free consultation to any member who would like to have one. Yours Truly took advantage of the offer and have begun a series of sessions with him. I hope you will let me know if you notice anything different about my posture and walking the next time you see me.

Our October Luncheon and Meeting will occur on Wednesday, October 18th at Country Charm Restaurant, 101 Lincolnway Dr., New Lenox. It's where our meeting was in June when "Daniel Burnham's Chicago" was the program. We have contracted once again with HfK Productions for the program titled "Famous Food Firsts." I hope you will join us for the luncheon and program.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held at Country Charm Restaurant on Monday, October 2 at noon. All members are welcome to attend. For any items that need membership approval, information will be presented at the October luncheon. Basic reports are voted on by the officers.

On Tuesday, September 26, Alba Endicott and Larry Schwarberg distributed brochures to people attending the IRTA retirement presentation at SPEED/SEJA District 802 in Chicago Heights. There were not as many in attendance this year as there were last year. We passed out about thirty-five or forty brochures provided by IRTA.

We are still hoping that someone/some people will volunteer to be our Program Planner/Co-planners. Please contact Larry Schwarberg at 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."

There is no legislative report because the Legislature has been in summer recess.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 18th,

Larry

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