

SSRTA NEWS

September 2023

Our Next Luncheon on September 20th.

To Be Announced

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 September 2023

- 2nd - Alice Olympia
- 3rd - Judy Canning
- 4th - Paul Piekosz
- 5th - Mary Samaan
- 6th - Joan Plonsey
- 14th - Mariann Chidichimo
- 14th - Barbara Guthneck
- 14th - Tony Marturano
- 14th - Karen Pastore
- 15th - Carole Brejcha
- 15th - Francine Calabria
- 15th - Angelyn Zmuda
- 21st - Gwendolyn Maxie-Brown
- 24th - Diana Shelton-Echols
- 26th - Marcia Zmuda

September News

Hello, SSRTA Family,

August was pretty amazing for several reasons: there was plenty of rain, temperatures were quite bearable, lawns are still green, and vegetable gardens are producing lots of wonderful bounty ... and not too much smoke from the Canadian fires. Continue to enjoy summer because it's here until September 23 when autumn officially arrives. Think about September's arrival with this hit you'll probably remember. [Neil Diamond September morn](#)

It's time for my monthly sprinkling of humor, and I hope you laugh or smile.

Photos for the SSRTA Website and FB

If you took any pictures at the Luncheons in 2022 and would like to share, please email them to Tony for posting to the SSRTA website and the SSRTA FB page. Thanks!!

Members Note!

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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.

Singing in the shower is fine until you get Irish Spring in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

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

There are no minutes or reports to share because the officers did not have an Executive Committee Meeting in August, but they will meet in early September.

Our fall meeting dates will be September 20, October 18, November 15, and (probably) December 13. Programs and locations are still to be determined. We'll let you know as soon as we can. When we send you information about our September location, remember, please, to send your reservation to me, Larry Schwarberg at pfherrlls@yahoo.com.

This is latest legislative update from August Aug. 14.

HB 3504 120 days notice requirement for changes to TRIP/TRAIL.

This legislation was an initiative of IRTA to make sure that individuals are given notice of changes to their healthcare at least 4 months prior to those changes being implemented. Ultimately, the General Assembly was consumed with saving the community college health insurance fund from bankruptcy and chose not to address TRIP or Trail this year; however, we will be continuing this conversation into the next legislative year.

HB 3784 made multiple changes to TRIP/TRAIL in reaction to legislative displeasure at the changes CMS most recently made to their healthcare programs. Ultimately, the legislation did not progress but will be part of ongoing conversations that include IRTA and CMS with the legislative oversight bodies.

The remainder of the legislative update was a re-posting of news from July.

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

You can register and pay for your delegates/non-delegates 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.

Each local unit was requested to submit the name of a member to be that local’s special honoree. Unit 19’s choice is Liz Miller for her faithful membership and her management of the Facebook page. A picture she submitted to me was forwarded to IRTA and will hang in the “Hall of Honor” at the convention.

Our next luncheon will occur on Wednesday, September 20th at a location still to be determined. Please mark the date on your calendar(s). We are still looking for someone 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.

If we missed your September birthday, it’s because we have no record of it. You can send a missing/corrected birthday to

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Looking forward to being with you again in September,

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