

**January 2020
Newsletter**



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Ogle-Lee RTA : a local unit of Illinois Retired Teachers Association

Introducing the Restructured Ogle-Lee RTA :

This newsletter is the first of many changes being implemented by the Ogle-Lee RTA to improve services to members. At the January 21, 2020 Ogle-Lee RTA Board Meeting, several changes were discussed to make our local more relevant based on the membership survey and member comments. Our purpose, as stated in the Constitution, is to promote and improve the professional, social, and economic status of retired educators. Our 2020 goals include: improving our communication with members by restructuring the website and newsletters, improving timely communication by keeping the website updated and sending out newsletters and e-mail notifications as needed, having two informational luncheon meetings with time for socializing, streamline processes whenever possible, and utilize the members willing to perform duties as needed for vacant positions. In the coming months, the Board will completely restructure the Ogle-Lee RTA website and host two membership luncheon meetings with emphasis on presenting information pertinent to retired teachers.

Membership Luncheon Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 : Rock River Center, Oregon :

Social Hour- 11AM, Lunch - Noon, Tentative Informational Program- IRTA speaker, AMBA

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 : Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, Oregon :

Social Hour 11 AM, Lunch-Noon, Tentative Informational Program- IRTA speaker, Legislative Forum

Ogle-Lee RTA Board Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 : Tuesday, August 11, 2020 : Tuesday, October 13, 2020

10:15 AM : Flagg-Rochelle Public Library : All members are welcome to attend.

Membership News:

It's not too late to renew your Ogle-Lee RTA membership. Just mail a check in the amount of \$5.00 payable to Ogle-Lee RTA to Treasurer Linda Kenney, P.O. Box 314, Rochelle, IL, 61068. Membership questions and contact information updates can be addressed to Jean Whipple, 8551 Yellowstone Dr., Byron, IL, 61010 or e-mailed to **OgleLeeRTA1@gmail.com** .

Contact Ogle-Lee RTA at our new e-mail address: OgleLeeRTA1@gmail.com

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We welcome Gene Chaplin, retired Rochelle Junior High School history teacher, to the Executive Board. A special thank you to Loretta Bell who served in many positions including President, Calling Coordinator Marvel Blomberg, Co-Vice President Diane Kenney, and Co-Presidents Becky Cheek and Michele Glen for sharing your time and talents with the Ogle-Lee RTA.

Message from our New Ogle-Lee RTA President:

Welcome to a new Ogle Lee Retired Teachers Association year. At the executive board meeting in January, I was appointed as your new local unit president. I am a retired teacher from the Rochelle Elementary School District, and a lifetime member of RTA. I have been the legislative representative on the Ogle Lee RTA board for the past two years. I live in Chana, IL with my husband, Neal, a retired math instructor at Kishwaukee College. Our son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren live in Iowa.

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association works hard to protect our pension and insurance benefits. Please remember to visit the Illinois Retired Teachers Association website at irtaonline.org where, after logging in, you can access information on the general assembly, teachers retirement system, social security, and see the many benefits of your membership to the association from dental/vision insurance to discounted movie tickets. The new year has begun. I look forward to seeing you at our general meetings on May 13th and September 9th and/or at an executive board meeting on April 14th, August 11th and October 13th. In the meantime, check your emails for updates and feel free to contact me with any question/concerns. Many thanks to the Ogle-Lee executive board members, and many thanks to you for helping to keep our local RTA unit strong.

Survey Results:

In December Ogle-Lee RTA conducted a membership survey requesting guidance on the future direction of our local unit. Thank you to the 134 members who responded and included constructive comments. The results:

How long have you been retired? 0-10 years: 31%, 11-20 years: 41%, 21 or more years: 28%

Do you attend Ogle-Lee Meetings? Always: 14% , Sometimes: 55%, Not at all: 31%

Would you like to see a change in the time of the meetings? Breakfast/Brunch at 10 AM: 23%,
Lunch at Noon: 45%, No meal-meeting at 10 AM: 19%, No meal-meeting at 1 PM: 14%,
No meal-meeting at 3 PM: 0%

How many general meetings a year would you like to have offered? 3 : 40%, 2 : 46%, 1: 14%

Having been notified of each meeting through the newsletter, how would you prefer to RSVP?

E-mail: 60%, Receive phone call from your caller: 28%, You call reservation in to your caller: 12%

Which of these sites do you prefer for meetings? (May choose more than one)

Chana Methodist Church: 23%, Rochelle First Presbyterian Church: 38%, Oregon Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center: 63%, Oregon Rock River Center: 55%, Dixon: 1%, Polo: 1%,
Explore other options: 1%, Don't care: 3%

I would be willing to serve: On the Board: 5%, On a Committee: 14%, Not at all: 80%.

