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

Happy 60th Anniversary! Your local retired teachers association began in 1960 as the Rock River Retired Teachers Association, part of the Illinois Education Association. In 1968, the name of the unit changed to the Ogle-Lee Illinois Retired Teachers Association and separated from the IEA. As was true from the beginning, IRTA continually works to protect your pension and insurance benefits.

Although we are unable to meet in person, your local unit has been busy. Please visit our newly revised website: **OgleLeeRTAonline.weebly.com**

You will find an officers list, minutes, meeting dates, newsletters... and much more information about our unit plus links to the AMBA benefits website, IRTA and TRS. Checkout our new logo too.



Congratulations to the 2020 retirees! Thank you for your many years of service. We hope that you will join the Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association and the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. Ogle-Lee Retired Teacher Association dues are \$5.00 per year or \$50.00 for a lifetime membership. Illinois Retired Teachers Association dues are \$30.00 per year or \$400 for Life.

Teachers are heroes too! Hope you are doing well! Kim McKenna, Ogle-Lee RTA President

Membership Luncheon Meeting Date Reminders:

May 13, 2020- **cancelled** due to Covid-19 guidelines

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at Lutheran Outdoors Ministries Center, Oregon, Social Hour 11:00, Lunch 12:00, Program: Legislative Forum & IRTA Informational Speaker

Executive Board Meetings:

April 14, 2020- cancelled, rescheduled as e-mail meeting April 25-27, 2020

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at Flagg-Rochelle Public Library

Tuesday October 13, 2020 at Flagg-Rochelle Public Library



IRTA Foundation Financial Assistance Available

The IRTA Foundation provides financial assistance to retired educators who are living in times of acute financial stress. Assistance can be a one-time expense, such as a water heater or help with real estate taxes, or it can be a monthly stipend to help with daily living expenses. If you or anyone you know is having difficulties meeting financial obligations, please submit a financial assistance form to Illinois Retired Teachers Association, 828 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62704, for consideration. The form is available to download at irtaonline.org/index.php/foundation/programs or contact IRTA at 1-800-728-4782 or Ogle-Lee RTA for help with getting an application.

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Legislative Update April 27, 2020

The Illinois Legislature is not in session. By the authority granted in the Emergency Powers Act, Governor Pritzker is managing the state. The Governor’s focus has been on dealing with the healthcare crisis.

IRTA has been in communication with the Teacher’s Retirement System. Although the TRS offices are currently closed, the updated information and computer systems allow for the continued payment of benefits and the ability to offer basic services. Central Management System (CMS) is also offering basic services dealing with the TRIP and TRAIL insurance programs, although service delays may occur.

IRTA feels that the State, TRS, and TRIP/TRAIL are operating as good as can be expected during these uncertain times. It is unknown how the COVID-19 budget demands will impact the long term economics of the State’s budget. IRTA will remain vigilant in their involvement in protecting our pensions and in keeping members informed of any future actions.

Respectfully submitted, Kim McKenna, Legislative Chairperson and Ogle-Lee RTA President

In Memory of Recently Deceased Members

2020	2019
Kathy Colbert, Oregon, 1/4/20	Mary Kinsey, Mt. Morris
Sharon Wagner, Oregon, 1/15/20	Wallace Brooks, Rochelle
Warren Reckmeyer, Mt. Morris, 3/26/20	Delaine House, Davis Junction
	David Simpson, Lee Center
	Robert Bonnen, Belvidere
	Joel Colbert, Rochelle
	Phyllis Conroy, Oregon



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IRTA-Ogle-Lee logo
and new website
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