



August 2022 Newsletter



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Important Announcements

Reservations:

Starting with the September meeting, callers will not be calling everyone about attendance at our Membership meetings. You will receive an email about the meeting and will RSVP to that email. Callers will only be calling those who do not have email. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Whipple at 815/222-2681 or jwhipple5@gmail.com.

Annual Membership Dues:

We will be collecting dues for the 2023 membership year. You will receive an email from Jean Whipple if you owe the \$5.00 annual dues. If you don't have an email account, you will get a letter in the mail. If you don't get a notice, you don't owe dues for 2023. The dues can be mailed to our Treasurer, Linda Kenney at P.O. Box 318, Rochelle, IL 61068 or you can pay at the September meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Jean Whipple (815) 222-2681 or contact her via e-mail at jwhipple5@gmail.com.



September Luncheon Membership Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Where: The Rec Center - Rochelle Park District, 802 Jones Road, Rochelle IL
(just west of Walgreens at the intersection of U.S. 251 & Rt. 38)

Time: Doors open 11:15 AM

11:30 : Business meeting and AMBA benefits representative presentation, Kim McKenna

Lunch @ Noon: catered by Ralphie and Lulu's, Ashton IL

Menu: Pulled pork or Italian beef sandwich, Fruit salad, Pasta salad, Dessert,
Lemonade, Iced tea, Coffee

1:00: Program Speakers - Brad Fritts Candidate for State Representative 74 th District, other invited local candidates have not yet confirmed, and Kimberly Radostits, Illinois Teacher of the Year is tentative.

Your cost: \$15.00 payable at the door, as well as annual \$5.00 membership dues if you are a yearly dues member.

RSVP: Email if attending to Jean Whipple at jwhipple5@gmail.com by September 2,
(no reply needed if not attending)

If you are unable to attend, please notify us to cancel your reservation to avoid paying for unused reservations.

Message from Kim McKenna, Ogle-Lee RTA President



Summer shows signs of moving towards fall as a new school year begins.

For those of you who will be or are considering being a substitute teacher this year, that these laws are now in effect: short term substitute teachers may work 15 consecutive days in a classroom instead of five. The fee for renewing a lapsed teaching license dropped from \$500 to \$50. The registration fee for retired teachers who want to renew their license has been waived.

As of this writing, I have not received any further information from IRTA concerning Central Management Services changing the provider for the TRAIL insurance program from United Health Care to Aetna or how this will impact benefits or access to benefits for retired teachers.

The redistricting maps in the state have changed the Illinois Senate and House districts in our counties. The districts and candidates in the upcoming November election are:

Illinois Senate District 45 (Byron, Oregon, Mt Morris, Stillman, Kings...) candidate

Representative Andrew Chesney

Illinois Senate District 37 (Rochelle, Dixon, Amboy, Ashton...) candidate Senator Win Stoller

Illinois Representative District 74 (Rochelle, Ashton, Dixon, Amboy...) candidate Brad Fritts

Illinois Representative District 89 (Byron, Oregon, Davis Junction...) candidate Representative Tony McCombie.

All of the candidates were invited to speak at our September luncheon. Speaking of the luncheon, I hope to see you Wednesday, September 14th for our general meeting. May all be well!



Ogle-Lee RTA Scholarship

The Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association awarded scholarships to three college students from Ogle or Lee County, who are currently working towards degrees in Education :

Judy Kohler from Davis Junction: Judy is an elementary education major with an emphasis in reading at Northern Illinois University (\$1000 scholarship)

Alexis Trank from Byron: Alexis is an elementary education major transferring from Rock Valley to Rockford University. (\$1000 scholarship)

Paxton Barrett from Stillman Valley: Paxton is an elementary education major at Illinois State University (\$500 scholarship)

A generous \$1000 donation to the Memorial Fund by an anonymous donor made possible the awarding of an additional scholarship this year.





Ogle-Lee Memorial Fund:

Did you know that you may donate to the Ogle-Lee RTA Memorial Fund at any time in memory of a member or nonmember? The money from the Memorial Fund is used to award a scholarship to a college junior or senior pursuing a degree in education. You can mail a donation to treasurer Linda Kenney, P.O. Box 314, Rochelle, IL 61068 or give it to her at the membership meeting.



Please help spread the word about Ogle-Lee RTA and IRTA to new 2022 retirees and non-member educators. Although there are numerous benefits of joining the state and local units retired teachers' association, one of the most important benefits is the protection of our pensions.



The Ogle-Lee RTA Board is seeking members who are interested in serving as either our Legislative Chairperson, Member Benefits Chairperson, or Information services (Webmaster) Chairperson.

