



Hickory Stick Gazette

Ogle/Lee RTA

April 9, 2019

Our next meeting takes place on April 9, 2019 at Rochelle Presbyterian Church, Rochelle. Telephone number for this facility is (815) 562-7053. Doors open at 11 AM, the business mtg. will take place at noon, with the meal to follow. A memorial service will take place prior to the program.



RESERVATIONS are required. Your contact person will call you for your reservation. **If you have not received a call by April 1st, please call Marvel Blomberg at (815) 562-2884. Marvel would prefer you use her email address: marv48@frontier.com**

REMINDER: We must pay for your meal, even if you cannot attend (exception-illness). The cost of the meal is \$15. As of this writing the menu will include BBQ pork on Vienna Bun, 7-layered salad, fruit salad, Mrs. Fisher's potato chips, mini cherry-cheese cake, coffee and tea. If you reserve a meal and find that you will not be able to attend, please call Marvel Blomberg to cancel your earlier reservation. Otherwise, if you cannot attend, please send \$15. to Ogle-Lee treasurer, Linda Kenney, P.O. Box 314, Rochelle, IL 61068. If you are planning to attend the April 9th meeting, you will be able to pay for your meal when you arrive.

FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS



We think Spring is finally peeking around the corner, ready to bring all the signs of new life and new beginnings!! Your co-presidents welcome you back to a new year for Ogle/Lee Retired Teacher Association. We look forward to bringing you interesting programs and pertinent information that will keep us updated on any actions involving retired teachers of Illinois. You are encouraged to attend as many meetings as possible to show your support, socialize with old and new friends and take part in discussion. Not only do we welcome your ideas and opinions, but we need them to maintain a well-rounded association. So put on your biggest Spring smile and join us for our April 9th meeting.



Legislative Update March 2019

In his budget address, Governor Pritzker proposed to reduce the state contributions to TRS by almost six hundred million dollars. Governor Pritzker based this reduction on his anticipated legislation that would add seven years until the state is required to fund the pension at the 90% level. He is also anticipating savings from an extension of a

buyout program that was passed last year, but never put in place. The Governor did propose increasing assets through a combination of bonding and asset sales, and to increase the contributions to TRS with a proposed two hundred million dollars once his graduated income tax is passed. At this time, it is impossible to know the full extent of the cost of the proposed budget to the State of Illinois until TRS performs an analysis. Although it has not been proposed, IRTA remains steadfast in NOT supporting taxing of retirement income.

The Governor did propose to fully fund the amount for the Teacher's Health Insurance Fund which will allow TRIP to continue to offer benefits similar to current benefits. The Governor also proposed increasing funding for education and for providing funding for new initiatives.

On a different note, Doug Strand is the IRTA endorsed candidate for TRS Annuitant Trustee. IRTA considered several candidates and felt that Doug Strand was the best person for the job. If anyone is interested in becoming the Ogle-Lee IRTA Legislative representative for 2020, please contact the Ogle-Lee co-presidents Rebecca Cheek beckyed82@frontier.com or Michele Glen jeffglen@comcast.net.

Thank you,
Kim McKenna
Ogle-Lee IRTA Legislative



New Officers

There are two/three officer positions open for the Jan., 2020-Dec., 2021 biennium. Those positions are: Co-President vacated by Rebecca Cheek
Co-President vacated by Michele Glen
Legislation vacated by Kimberly McKenna

The President's position can be filled by one person or by two people as Co-Presidents. Please seriously consider running for one of these positions. As was stated 2 years ago, Rebecca and Michele will NOT continue as co-presidents. If the board positions cannot be filled, Ogle/Lee RTA will dissolve. Nominations and their confirmations will take place at the July meeting. Voting will take place at the October meeting. If you would like more information regarding the positions, please contact Michele, Becky or Kim.

2019 State Convention

When: October 14, 2019-October 15, 2019
Where: Crown Plaza, Springfield, IL
Watch for more details!!!!!!



Ogle/Lee RTA will supply a basket filled with something special (\$75-\$100) for the Silent Auction. All proceeds of the Silent Auction will go to the Political Action Fund

Scholarships

Phillip Bratta

The Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association – IRTA is offering two \$750.00 Scholarships to college juniors or seniors from Ogle or Lee County, who are currently working toward a degree in Education and enrolled at an accredited school. Applications may be downloaded from the Ogle-Lee RTA website at www.ogleleerta.weebly.com.

Applications are due by July 31, 2019, to Phil Bratta, 5631 Fair Oaks DR, Davis Junction, IL 61020. Any questions may be directed to him at 815/520-5312.

The Scholarship winner will be announced August 2019 on the website and in local media.



DUES

ATTENTION: If you have not paid your dues for this year, please take care of this obligation by April 30th. Yearly dues are \$5.00; lifetime dues-one time payment of \$50.00.

MEMBERSHIP

If you know of someone that will be retiring in the next year or two, please begin encouraging them to check out and join Ogle/Lee RTA. and consider joining Ogle/Lee IRTA!! You are our best advertising!



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Member Meetings

April 9, 2019: **Place**-Rochelle Presbyterian Church, Rochelle, IL
1100 Calvin Rd. and Hwy 38

Time-Registration-11:00

Gen. Mtg.-12:00

Meal-12:30

Luncheon-BBQ pork on Vienna Bun. 7-layer salad, fruit salad, Fisher's potato chips, mini cherry-cheese cakes, coffee and tea.

Program-Meet the TRS Candidate, Doug Strand

IRTA Rep. Linda Knot

12 Memorials: Lorretta Bell

TRS Director Rich Frankenfield

July 9, 2019: **Place**-Amboy Community Center
280 Wasson Rd., Suite 2
Amboy, IL 61310
815/857-2324



Time- Registration-11:00

Gen. Mtg.-12:00

Meal-12:30

Luncheon-TBA

Program-AMBA-Vanessa White Broom

Habitat for Humanity

October 8, 2019: **Place**-Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center
1834 S. IL Route 2
Oregon, IL 61061
815/732-2220

Time-Registration-11:00

Gen. Mtg.-12:00

Meal-12:30

Luncheon-TBA

Program- Bea Chaplin-

"Laura Ingles Wilder"

