



# Hickory Stick Gazette

## Ogle/Lee RTA

### October 8, 2019

Please Read The **WHOLE** Newsletter!!!!!!!

Our next meeting takes place on **Tuesday, Oct. 8 an, 2019** at the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center (LOMC), 1834 S. IL Rt. 2,



Oregon, IL. Telephone number for this facility is (815) 732-2220.

Door opens at 11 AM, the

business mtg. will take place at noon, with the meal to follow. Transportation from parking lot to the center is available!!!! ]

See Calendar of Events for the menu and Program.

**RESERVATIONS** are required. Your contact person will call you for your reservation. **If you have not received a call by Oct.1st, please call Jean Whipple at (815) 222-2681. Email address [jwhipple5@gmail.com](mailto:jwhipple5@gmail.com)**

**REMINDER:** We must pay for your meal, even if you cannot attend (exception-illness 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 Oct 8th meeting, you will be able to pay for your meal when you arrive.

### FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS



This is the 6<sup>th</sup> and last Hickory Stick Newsletter under your current presidents. It has been our privilege and honor to serve as Co-Presidents of the Ogle/Lee unit of IRTA. We have met and worked with so many wonderful and devoted members both local and statewide. Michele and I would like to thank everyone associated with Lee/Ogle Unit, Linda Nott, JoAnn Nelson and Tricia Klim for your patience, kindness and all -around helpfulness during our two years as Co-Presidents. We have learned so much and are going away with a much better understanding of what it means to be a member of this vital association!!!! Every member of our local unit can and should be extremely proud of what the IRTA does for us as retired teachers!

Becky

### Legislative Update Sept. 2019

On August 23, 2019, Governor Pritzker signed HB 2700 which increases the time period that an individual may receive a refund of an overpayment of premiums to TRIP or TRAIL insurance from six months to seven years. IRTA worked hard on our behalf to make sure that funding for TRS and TRIP were included in the Governor's 2020 budget. IRTA

continues to oppose the taxation of retirement income, and Governor Pritzker has stated that he is not interested in taxing retirement income.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim McKenna  
Lee/Ogle IRTA Legislative Chair



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### New Officers Needed!!!!!!!

There are six positions open for the Jan., 2020-Dec., 2021 biennium. Those positions are:

**President (elected), Vice-President (elected), Historian (appointed), Legislation Rep. (appointed), Call Coordinator (appointed) and Webmaster (appointed)**

The President's and Vice-President's positions 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, Becky and Michele will NOT continue as co-presidents. If the board positions cannot be filled, there is a possibility Ogle/Lee RTA will dissolve. Nominations and their confirmations will take place at the Oct. meeting. Voting will possibly take place at the October meeting as well. If you would like more information regarding the positions, please contact Michele, Becky, Kim, Loretta Dianne/Carole, Marvel or Richard.

POSITION	MAIN DUTIES
President (elected)	-Plan agendas for board and member meetings -lead meetings -Write and send out snail mail newsletter
Historian (appointed)	-maintain archives -report on memorials to the membership
Legislation Rep. (appointed)	-keep members updated on legislative actions related to teacher retirement -plan and facilitate political forum for one election year meeting
Webmaster(appointed)	Maintain Ogle/Lee website.
Vice-President(s) (elected)	Arrange place, menu and program for mtgs.
Call coordinator (appointed)	Report to President how many reservations have been made for a member luncheon



## 2019 State Convention

When: October 14, 2019-October 15, 2019  
Where: Crown Plaza, Springfield, IL  
Watch the IRTA Web site 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.

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We are still looking for homemade: crafts, jams/jellies artwork by local artists, etc. If you can help us, please bring any items to the meeting on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. Becky and Michele will be putting it all together on Friday, Oct 11th. Let's make this a fantastic basket. No perishable goods, please!!!!!!



### 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.*

*You are our best advertising!*

**We would like to welcome the following new members to Ogle-Lee RTA:**

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| <b>Brenda Crabel</b> | <b>Lynette Scanlan</b> |
| <b>Nancy Elson</b>   | <b>Michael Scanlan</b> |
| <b>Lori Gipper</b>   | <b>Martha Schultz</b>  |

**We are so happy to have you join us and look forward to seeing you at our meetings**

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**Cody Suddeth, an IRTA scholarship winner from Lee County will be recognized at the state convention!!!**

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## Points To Think About



- 1. Lee/Ogle is worth saving!**
- 2. No one does his/her job alone!**
- 3. We need help from both counties!!!!**
- 4. If driving is a problem, check out these alternate ideas: car-pool, or LOTS Transport.**
- 5. If you are able, volunteer to pick up another member.**
- 6. If everyone does a little, no one will have to do a lot!!!!**
- 7. IRTA will benefit you the rest of your life!! Say thank you by doing what you can.**

### Renew Your Membership!!!

It is that time of year to renew your Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association membership for 2020. (If you do NOT receive an e-mail or letter that you owe dues, it means you are a Lifetime member and you don't need to pay.) Jean Whipple, Membership Chair, will be collecting dues at the October 8th membership luncheon at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon if you would like to pay the \$5.00 at that time. If you won't be in attendance, please mail the \$5.00 to our Treasurer, Linda Kenney, at P. O. Box 314, Rochelle, IL 61068. Checks should be made payable to **Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association**. Please indicate that they are for your 2020 dues. If you would like to pay for a lifetime membership, that would be \$50.00 and you won't have to pay again for Ogle-Lee dues.

### 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Member Meetings

**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-Menu,** Salad, Roll, roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes, apple crisp and beverages

**Program-** Bea Chaplin-

“Laura Ingalls Wilder”

-Special Guest: Sen. Tim and Terry Bivens

-Election of Board Officers

