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Ogle/Lee RTA

July 9, 2019

Our next meeting takes place on **Tuesday, July 9, 2019** at the Amboy Community Building, 280 W Wasson Rd., Amboy, IL. Telephone number for this facility is (815) 857-2324. Door opens at 11 AM, the business mtg. will take place at noon, with the meal to follow.

We hope these **directions** are helpful!!!!

"From Rt. 30, turn South (Left) onto Rt. 52 toward Amboy at the intersection with the Shell Station on the southwest corner. Turn West (Right) onto W. Wasson Rd. The community building will be a short distance on your left."

RESERVATIONS are required. Your contact person will call you for your reservation. **If you have not received a call by June 28th, 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). See Calendar of Events for the menu. 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 July 9th meeting, you will be able to pay for your meal when you arrive.

FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

In April we were all talking about the lack of spring weather!! At the writing of this article we are all talking about the lack of summer weather. Does anyone else get the idea that we should just stop talking about the weather!!!!? As July approaches, the crops are being planted, people are working in their yards and bicycles and motor-cycles have hit the roads. Sure signs of summer!! With summer comes a big decision for the Ogle/Lee RTA Unit . Fill the open Board positions and appointments, or risk losing our Unit!!!! To help you understand the positions better, this newsletter contains an article naming the positions and the main duties of said positions. Two years ago, your current Presidents wanted the unit to continue. We thought it was our turn to step up and do our part to team with a wonderful ensemble of people who work for the betterment of retired teachers in Ogle and Lee counties. Thanks to a well-organized and very knowledgeable team of experienced people, we have learned an immense amount of valuable insight into the workings of IRTA. We counted on them to help us through this new experience and they did!!! We cannot thank them enough. They were always there with a life saver (the float ring, not the candy!!). So, our point????? Take the opportunity to step up while the "stepping" is good. You will not regret it!!!!

Legislative Update March 2019

With the close of the legislative session, there was little action that would effect IRTA members with one exception. HB2700 was sent to the governor on May 31, 2019 and awaits his signature. HB2700 sponsored by Senator Neil Anderson provides that if in any case an error is made in billing a TRS benefit recipient, the Department of Central Management Services shall identify the error and refund the overpaid amount as soon as practicable. HB2700 provides that a TRS benefit recipient who has overpaid shall be entitled to a refund of overpayments for up to 7 years of past payments. HB2700 is an IRTA initiative. HB2700 passed the Senate 59-0-0 and now goes to the Governor for his signature.

Kim McKenna
Ogle-Lee IRTA Legislative

New Officers

There are four positions open for the Jan., 2020-Dec., 2021 biennium. Those positions are: **President (elected), Historian (appointed), Legislation Rep. (appointed) and Webmaster (appointed)**

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, there is a possibility 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, Kim, Loretta or Richard

-Habitat for Humanity-Vanessa White-Broome
-Officer Nominations

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 Ingalls Wilder"

-Election of Board Officers

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 -memorials
Legislation Rep. (appointed)	-keep members updated on legislative actions related to teacher retirement -plan and facilitate political forum for one election year meeting
Webmaster	Maintain Ogle/Lee website.

DUES

Remind potential members that yearly dues are only \$5.00; lifetime dues-one-time payment of \$50.00. And that our organization fights to keep our rights safe

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:

Brenda Crabel

Lynette Scanlan

Nancy Elson

Michael Scanlan

Lori Gipper

Martha Schultz

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

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

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Member Meetings

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-Chicken Strips, Au Gratin Potatoes, Lettuce Salad, Dessert, Beverages

Program-AMBA-Nancy Cramer

