

SSRTA NEWS

December 2023

**Our Next Luncheon
on ** TUESDAY **
December 12th.**

Wileys Grill
800 Kedzie Avenue
Homewood, IL

**Luncheon Dates for
Fall 2023**

All SSRTA Luncheons are the Third Wednesday of the month - except December 12th this year.

- September 20th
- October 18th
- November 15th
- *December 12th*

**Luncheon Dates for
Spring 2024**

All SSRTA Luncheons are the Third Wednesday of the month.

- March 20th
- April 17th
- May 15th
- June 19th

*Birthdays for **December** 2023*

- 1st - Shirley Smiddy*
- 9th - Anne Leboida*
- 11th - Christina McAfee*
- 12th - Helen Bashore*
- 12th - Gary Schwarz*
- 13th - Carol Downs*
- 15th - Andrea Blair*
- 15th - Lynn Frangella*
- 18th - Georgia Sizemore*
- 21st - Sue Cole*
- 22nd - Janet Colangelo*
- 25th - Penny Lund*
- 25th - Donald Piersma*

December 2023 News and Views

Greetings, SSRTA Family/Friends

It's the most wonderful time of the year — unless, like me, you do not like snow and cold temperatures. I'd much rather still be in St. Petersburg, Florida, enjoying 80° days. Still, there is a lot of good seasonal music to be enjoyed, so check out <https://youtu.be/1GZcpyKbBdM?si=Z2P6BmvmlP62lFQZ>

for "Happy Holidays"

or <https://youtu.be/ZoajuTaHBtM?si=G7TJEhyJ5etE2tHz>

for "Jingle Bell Rock."

Photos for the SSRTA Website and FB

If you took any pictures at the Luncheons in 2023 and would like to share, please email them to Tony for posting to the SSRTA website and the SSRTA FB page. Thanks!!

Members Note!

This is OUR SSRTA Newsletter - it belongs to all the members of the South Suburban Retired Teachers Association. If there is something you wish to add to make our retirement more fun, more enjoyable or more engaging, please send a note describing your idea to Larry Schwarberg - SSRTA President - at his email address (found on the last page of this Newsletter).

Any Suggestions you may have concerning anything we do - or don't do - in SSRTA, please share them with us.

Whatever your religious tradition or lack thereof, I wish you peace and happiness as we put 2023 to bed. “Happy Hanukkah” “Merry Christmas” and “Happy Kwanzaa” to you and yours.

Get ready to laugh (or groan) because holiday humor is on its way:

On the first day of Hanukkah my true love gave to me Manischewitz Blackberry. On the second day of Hanukkah my true love gave to me two loaves of challah and a Manischewitz Blackberry. etc., etc., ad infinitum

I met some chess enthusiasts in a hotel lobby recently, but they just bragged about how good they are at the game. There’s nothing worse than chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.

What do you call a holiday door decoration made of \$100.00 bills?

A wreath o’ Franklins.

What’s a real estate agent’s favorite holiday song? “For Lease, Navidad!”

If we missed your birthday at the beginning of this newsletter, it’s because we have no record of it. You can send a missing/corrected birthday to Janet Lence (jlence16500@att.net), Jan Vinson (ssrta.jvinson@gmail.com, or Larry Schwarberg (pfherrlls@yahoo.com).

At our November meeting at Brian’s of Monee Illinois Representative Anthony DeLuca spoke to us about his duties on committees and some legislative issues. He is currently back in his office in Chicago Heights because the legislature is on hiatus until January. When the legislature last met in November, it was for the veto session.

We are still looking for a person/persons to be our SSRTA Program Planner/Co-Planners. Please contact me, Larry Schwarberg, at (pfherrlls@yahoo.com) if you are interested. It doesn't require a lot of energy or time. We'd appreciate your help.

In **DECEMBER** our **MEETING** will **NOT** be **ON WEDNESDAY**. Due to bookings at Wiley's Grill - 800 Kedzie Avenue, Homewood, Illinois - **OUR DECEMBER MEETING/PARTY/RAFFLE WILL BE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 at noon**. Be looking for an e-mail about making a reservation, and send your reservation to Larry Schwarberg (pfherrlls@yahoo.com). There are always wonderful gifts available for members to bid on, graciously, lovingly, and lavishly prepared by our own Debi Marturano. Save your pennies now to buy lots of raffle tickets.

Because Sue Cole, Terry Gillespie, and I were unavailable, there was no November Executive Committee Meeting and, therefore, no minutes to share.

If you have not already done so, please submit your membership form and dues to Martha Rago as soon as you can. Martha will have forms at the December meeting/party/raffle. The membership dues are still \$12.00.

Our 2024 Luncheon meal price is going up to \$25.00 per guest as restaurant meals cost more.

The 2024 application and current guidelines for the **IRTA Foundation Scholarships** will be available Dec. 1, 2023. Check the IRTA website: www.irtaonline.org/foundation/scholarships One \$2,000.00 scholarship will be available in each of the six IRTA areas of the state.

Looking forward to seeing you at Wiley's,
Larry Schwarberg
SSRTA President