

SSRTA NEWS

July 2022

Our Next Luncheon on September 21st.

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Birthdays for July 2002

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JAMES GILLIES – JULY 1

NEALE MILLER – JULY 4

JANE CASTLE – JULY 6

PATRICIA GREY – JULY 7

RICHARD BRUNO – JULY 8

DEBI MARTURANO – JULY 8

HAL BRYANT – JULY 10

LYNDAY BARRACA-HOWARD – JULY 14

ANNETTE ADDUCCI-SCHMIT – JULY 19

RAY NORDER – JULY 19

MAI NGUYEN – JULY 27

MARY JEAN MEULBROEK – JULY 29

JUDDITH GAGNON – JULY 30

July Updates and Reminders

Update on Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund Litigation

Here's a note from our IRTA Area 3 Rep Jan Sucansky: Our lawsuit challenging the underfunding of the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund is proceeding in the

Photos for the SSRTA Website and FB

If you took any pictures at the March, April, May and/ or June Luncheons and would like to share, please email them to Tony for posting to the SSRTA website and the SSRTA FB page. Thanks!!

Authors 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 Tony Marturano - SSRTA President - at his email address (found on the last page of this Newsletter).

Circuit Court for Sangamon County. The defendants, who include the TRS Board of Trustees, the Director of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, State Comptroller Susana Mendoza and State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, have answered our complaint, and they responded to our requests for discovery shortly before the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Our attorneys and expert witness will carefully analyze the data they have produced about the current fiscal status of the Fund. The answer and discovery responses have pointed to one key legal dispute in this case. The defendants acknowledge that “retired teachers have a constitutionally protected right to the benefits specified in sections 6.5 and 6.6 of the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 (5 ILCS 275/6.5, 6.6),” but they disagree that retired teachers have a constitutionally protected right “to a particular program of benefits that CMS has established under that authority at any given time.” This appears to mean that the defendants believe you have a constitutionally protected right to participate in some type of health insurance program, but not to any particular level of benefits. We strongly disagree with that argument and will continue to advocate for the full extent of your constitutional rights in this litigation.

Register for the IRTA - Area 3 Conference

Here’s a reminder from Jan Sucansky - our Area 3 Rep

As a member of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, you are cordially invited to the 2022 Area 3 Virtual Conference. The conference is a fully online, virtual experience that will take place on **Tuesday, June 14th at 9:30 am (central time).** We are excited that a virtual event makes it possible to broaden the informational, learning opportunities and engagement with all the members of our Association.

As an attendee you will be able to participate virtually in reports and panel discussions around legislation, philanthropic opportunities, the Teachers'

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Retirement System, and member benefits. After each report you will have the opportunity to ask questions via a chat feature or by video.

Networking is a cornerstone of these annual events and attendees will be able to partake in interactive and engaging experiences through small breakout networking rooms. The breakout rooms will be open both before and after the formal conference reports.

The conference agenda is robust, but our aim is to deliver as much information as we can without causing much fatigue. Association staff will be present up to one hour before the meeting to troubleshoot any technical problems. We encourage you to log-in earlier than the start time to test your connection.

For the best experience, we ask that you use a computer or laptop when joining this meeting. Best of all, all sessions will be recorded and easily accessible for on-demand viewing at a later time of your convenience.

Registration is required. Participants are eligible for up to \$200 in door prizes. However, you must be registered and participate in the live event. [Click here](#) to register. *(FYI email Tony if you don't click links ...)*

We greatly look forward to seeing you at the 2022 Area Conference. There is a lot of new information this year. We hope you do not miss it.

Sincerely,

Illinois Retired Teachers Association

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