



# News Sheet “Update” March 8, 2022

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**SPECIAL CORONAVIRUS EDITION, #16**

**IN-PERSON @ LAMBS’ FARM—11:30 a.m.**

## **BEEKEEPING with the THOMSONS**

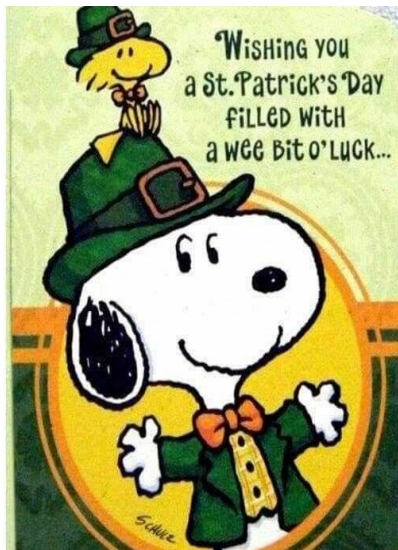


Brian Thomson started beekeeping when he was 11! In 1975, Brian volunteered at the Cranbrook Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, tending to the beehives. When he was 16, he started Thomson Assembled Beehives and sold beekeeping equipment ready to be used. At the time, ready to use equipment was a new concept. He continued the business and maintained 10+ hives while teaching classes about beekeeping until 1984.



In 2016, Brian and Karen started 2 hives and by the second year they were up to 8 hives, with plans to add more the next year. As of 2022, the Thomson's have 120 plus hives. It is now a full time business—they attend many farmers markets in the area along with selling their products online and teaching classes.

*Honey Lake*, the inspiration behind their name, is a real 65 acre glacial lake in North Barrington. All of their beehives are located in and around North Barrington, IL.



### 2022 LCRTA MEETINGS

April 12	Elizabeth Rockford	IL Supreme Court Judge
May 10		Bernie’s Book Bank
June 14	Sylvia England	Waukegan African American Underground Railroad Museum / Juneteenth
July	NO MEETING!	
August 9	Doug Strand Gary Divito	TRS Trustee Member Benefits
Sept. 13		Meet the Political Candidates
Oct. 11	Sharon Epps, Poet	One Woman Writing Wrongs with Words
Nov. 8	Renee Baldwin	Upscale Rummage
Dec. 13		TBA

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## YOUR 2022-2024 IRTA REPRESENTATIVES

- Wendy Wiegers, *Area II Representative*
  - Steve Polep, *Region 2 Director*
  - Susan Greene, *Area 2 Foundation at Large Board Member*
  - Sheila Miller, *Region 2 Legislative Committee Member*
  - Marti Swanson, *IRTAPAC Area 2/Region 2: Lake Co*
- (Not pictured: John Davis, *Area II Finance*; Judy Merola - *Area II Convention Committee*)



Sunday, March 20th!

