



News Sheet "Update" June 14, 2022, #19

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IN-PERSON @ LAMBS' FARM—11:30 a.m.

SYLVIA ENGLAND, JUNETEENTH

REMINDER: NO JULY MEETING!



SYLVIA ENGLAND is A 36-year retiree from Waukegan, where she was an educator, an Administrator, and Dean of Students!

- In 2009, she found out the house she had purchased in Waukegan (503 N. Genesee St.) was a safe station as part of the Underground Railroad.
- Sylvia decided then that she wanted to open a museum to give students, parents, and travelers alike, an opportunity to gain the knowledge she has acquired, as she set out to continue to learn from others.
- She is committed to bringing forth a new generation where African American stories of culture and heritage are fully acknowledged, and experiencing the bravery and the inspiration that was birthed from Africa, the past and present connections, the visibility of the black experience, and the why to celebrate a culture deeply rooted in the American Dream.



Ribbon cutting September 4, 2021

2022 LCRTA MEETINGS

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| July | NO MEETING! | |
| August 9 | Doug Strand | TRS Trustee |
| | Gary Divito | 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 | |

TRS Teachers Retirement System

P.O. Bo 19253
Springfield, IL 62702
1 (800) 877-7896
www.trr.state.il.us



IRTA Illinois Retired Teachers Association

828 S. Second Street
Springfield, IL 62702
1 (800) 728-4782.
www.irtaonline.org



LCRTA (Lake County Retired Teachers Association)

Box 8107, Gurnee, IL 60031
www.lcrrta.org



WE HAVE BEEN MISSING MANY OF YOU!





YOUR IRTA FOUNDATION MONIES AT WORK!

Congratulations to Stevie Burton of Elk Grove Village who is the \$1,500 recipient of the AREA II IRTA Scholarship! She will be a senior in the fall and attends Illinois State University. She is a Special Education/Specialist in Learning Behavior major. She is seen here next to Wendy Wieggers, Area II Representative, her parents, and Jane McCauley, President of Northwest Suburban Cook, Unit 90. She was selected by Area II Foundation Chair, Susan Greene and Wendy.



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Registered-Voters](https://www.lakecountyil.gov/351/Voter-Power-for-Registered-Voters)



**IRTA - 828 S 2nd Street
IPI - 802 S. 2nd Street**

| EARLY VOTING SITES for JUNE 28, 2022 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION Each Early Voting site serves all Lake County voters | | RETIRED TEACHERS VOTE! |
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| Early Voting Sites with Regular Hours (June 13 – June 25) Monday – Friday (9:00 a.m.—5 p.m.) Saturday (9:00 a.m.—2 p.m.) Sunday 9:00 Closed | | |
| Antioch Township Office, 1625 Deep Lake Rd., Lake Villa 847-395-3378 | Lake County Central Permit Facility, 500 W. Winchester Rd., Libertyville 847-377-2410 | |
| Avon Township, 433 E. Washington St, Round Lake Park 847-546-1446 | Lake Forest City Hall, 220 E. Deerpath Rd., Lake Forest 847-810-3674 | |
| Ela Area Public Library, 275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich 847-438-3433 | Vernon Township Community Center, 2900 N. Main St., Buffalo Grove 847-634-4600 | |
| Fremont Township Office, 22385 W. Route 60, Mundelein 847-223-2847 | Wauconda Township Office, 505 Bonner Rd., Wauconda 847-526-2631 | |
| Gurnee Village Hall, 325 N. O'Plaine Rd., Gurnee 847-599-7500 | West Deerfield Township Office, 601 Deerfield Rd., Deerfield 847- 945-0614 | |
| Highland Park Public Library , 494 Laurel Ave., Highland Park 847-432-0216 | Zion City Hall, 2828 Sheridan Rd., Zion 847-746-4012 | |
| Lake Barrington Village Hall, 23860 N. Old Barrington Rd., Lake Barrington 847-381-6010 | | |

BEWARE THE ILLINOIS POLICY INSTITUTE !

(From Kendall Co RTA Newsletter - Sid Simmons, KRTA Legislative Chair)

(The IPI's sole goal is to get members to quit their union and to make retiree organizations as weak as possible by using mailers, phone calls, videos, emails, and even home visits by talking down the IL Education Association, the IL Federation of Teachers, and the state pension system. They don't care that the TRS is protected by the State Constitution and that public educators worked for 20-35 years to build a secure pension and retirement program. It wants to destroy the IRTA and any local retirement association like [KRTA] which is the only source of organized power for retirees.

Why is the IPI so committed to weakening public employee unions? Because they want to abolish public employee pensions. They know that strong unions are the chief force standing in their way. If they can weaken us, their odds of ending pensions would go away.

After this November election is completed, the IRTA, the TRS, and local organizations will once again need to "stand guard" and protect our pensions and insurance policies.