

Central Square Retired Teachers' Association



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SAVE THE DATE:

CSRTA LUNCHEON – Friday, May 17th at noon
More info to follow in the next newsletter.

REMINDER:

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS - due by April 1st to Elaine Suskin. Information once again included in this newsletter. Must have paid dues by December 31, 2018 to be a member in good standing and eligible to participate in scholarship application.

From the President:

Dear Retirees,

I hear many of our retirees expressing concerns and asking questions of other retirees that they know. I really encourage all retirees to attend the retiree luncheons for this very purpose. The luncheons are there for you to ask questions, and better yet, to get answers from those who are in the know. This is the very reason the retiree chapter was formed.

There are many things that occur that you as a retiree should have questions about. Our representatives have the answers.

Please think about attending a luncheon so that you will have the information you need, rather than through hear-say. Facts are necessary in every situation. You might also benefit from the related explanation that goes along with the facts. For example, our new health insurance has posed problems for a few. Sometimes it helps to hear what has worked for someone else in dealing with these issues. This is just one area that you may have questions that our retiree group could help you with.

We try very hard to keep the luncheons inexpensive, tasty, and well done. The luncheons are held in a venue with lots of free parking and various ways of accessing the meeting area. We have a brief social time prior to the luncheon, then lunch, and a brief business meeting following with material presented that is of interest to any retiree.

There is plenty of time for questions and discussions as needed.

If there are any topics you wish to have addressed, just let me know. We would be happy to research for the answers you need.

The reservation process for our luncheons will be different in the future.

Instead of just notifying me of your intent to attend, you will be receiving a form in the newsletter to prepay and send in the reservation. Unfortunately this was necessary due to our CSRTA group having to pay for reserved meals that members were no shows. The cost was over \$100 on one luncheon, and our treasury just can't stand that much stress. Therefore, our officers decided that a prepay method would save our treasury and meals ordered would be paid for. We hope this isn't a problem for anyone. Unfortunately, if you have prepaid and cannot attend, there cannot be a refund. Your meal will already be ordered and paid for.

I hope to see all of you at the Spring luncheon in May. Yes, Spring will come! Look for the newsletter announcing the luncheon and the form for your reservation. Bring your concerns and questions, and we will attempt to get you the answers you need.

Cassie Richmond
President CSRTA

CSRTA SCHOLARSHIP

AWARD AMOUNT:

A \$400.00 scholarship to be awarded one time.

CRITERIA:

The Central Square Retired Teachers' Association wishes to award this scholarship to a member's child/grandchild who will be attending college next year. The applicant must be the biological, adopted or step child/grandchild of a CSRTA member. He or she must be attending a 2- or 4-year college in any field of study. The CSRTA member must have paid their dues by December 31st of the current year for the applicant to be eligible.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ❖ Two current recommendations from two different people from the community or from an academic background
- ❖ List of activities both in and out of school
- ❖ Essay on: "My Most Memorable Teacher"
- ❖ High School GPA or 85-100 or college GPA of 2.0 or better (Must include a high school or college transcript)
- ❖ The attached application, essay, recommendation letters and transcript must be returned to
Elaine Suskin, 6200 Gulfstream Path, Cicero, NY 13039
Any questions, contact Elaine at the above address,
or call her at (315) 698-6869,
or email her at RHDiv@twcny.rr.com
(please put **CSRTA Scholarship** in the subject line)
- ❖ **MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1ST.**
- ❖ **Applications will only be considered if submitted on time, are complete, and if the CSRTA member is current with his/her dues (paid by December 31st).**
- ❖ **It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that all parts of the application are turned in. Applicants will not be notified if applications are incomplete.**
- ❖ This scholarship is subject to change, upon review.

Application for the CSRTA Scholarship

Student's Name: _____

CSRTA Member's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

High School/ College: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Counselor: _____ GPA as of January: _____

Counselor's Signature: _____

Please list activities in and out of school.

(Class office, clubs, sports, volunteer work, community work, etc.)

University or college attending: _____

Course of Study: _____

Please attach transcripts, recommendations, and the typed essay "My Most Memorable Teacher" and submit to **Elaine Suskin, 6200 Gulfstream Path, Cicero, NY 13039. MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1ST.**

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____



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