



# IRTA-UNIT 90

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

<http://www.irta-unit90.org>

## News in Short

**Dave Davison**  
State IRTA President



IRTA led the fight when the Illinois State Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional last year, the legislation that

would have drastically reduced our pension benefits. It was not the unions which is what you would believe if all you know about it is what you were told by the media.

Rest assured this will continue to be our number one goal. The state of Illinois is in worse shape financially now than last year. The legislature will continue to look for ways to reduce the amount of money it has to provide to Illinois public pension programs. We have to remain vigilant to head off any steps the legislature may try to take, that could jeopardize that benefit payment we receive each month. The same applies to the state subsidized health insurance that is so crucial to the financial well-being of many of us.



## President's Notes

### IRTAPAC PLEASE CONTRIBUTE

I'm often asked "What can I do to protect my pension?". During the fight against SB 1, it was easy to say, "Contribute to our pension defense fund". Now with that attack stopped by your generous contributions and political actions, along with the Illinois Supreme Court and their unanimous decision in our favor, we need to strengthen our "defense" against future attacks from the General Assembly. I suggest the easiest way is via a direct contribution to our IRTA Political Action Committee. A few years ago it became possible to deduct from your monthly pension check from TRS. The amount is small - only \$1 per month. However, the impact is large if all of our members would donate. We would be able to help prevent the need for future defense contributions. If you already contribute, thank you for supporting to protect your pension and insurance in retirement. If you don't, please reconsider and contact us to signup for the monthly contribution.

## Big News

Recently the Unit 90 executive board changed our membership fee structure for dues. We made available lifetimes dues at the **incredible low price of \$100.00**. Unlike state license plates you will never again have to pay Unit 90 dues. Please join me as a new lifetime member of Unit 90!!!! You can join at any time.

# Northwest Suburban IRTA

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## Unit 90 Membership Form

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If we have your email address we'll email your Newsletters and Membership Directory to you.

Retirement Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Retired from School District: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please notify us if you have a change of address etc.**



**Don't forget to also join  
the State IRTA**

<http://www.irtaonline.org/>

### Unit 90 Dues (January - December)

**Yearly Membership \$10**

**Five Years \$40**

If you're 90 or older, membership is free! Let us know  
your birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Life Membership \$100**

Please enclose a check made payable to:

**Northwest Suburban IRTA**

Mail check and membership form to:

**Roberta Reinhardt**

**964 Burgess Circle**

**Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-1205**

If you have any questions, email or call:  
[burgesscir@earthlink.net](mailto:burgesscir@earthlink.net) -or- 847-634-0540

## Bob Lyons Reports



*By the time you are reading this the state of Illinois will have gone a full ten months without the required state budget. At the same time, Illinois continues to spend money made possible by a combination of continuing resolutions, state and federal judicial edicts and several legislative acts that have been agreed to by the governor. The Illinois House and Senate on April 22 passed a \$600 million emergency funding bill that will prevent some Illinois public colleges and universities from closing. Gov. Bruce Rauner lauded this as an example of bipartisan cooperation, so I assume he will have signed it into law. As things stand now, the state could end the current fiscal year with a \$10 billion deficit.*

*Someone said, "OK, that's the problem, what's the solution?" As far as Springfield is concerned, I am afraid you know the answer. There is none. There has been talk in the legislature of a progressive income tax to replace the 3.75% flat tax that we now have, but that would require an amendment to the constitution. With the vote of the legislature (if 3/5 of each house of the General Assembly approve the amendment) the change is then submitted to the voters at the next general election, which would be this November. All legislative Republicans, representatives and senators, are opposed to any change in taxes that would increase revenue. While there are more than enough Democratic senators that will vote for a progressive income tax, Speaker of the House Mike Madigan will need all 71 house Democrats to pass the tax. Representative Jack Frank of McHenry has pledged to go against his party and vote no. Without at least one Republican to break ranks and join the Democrats, an amendment for a progressive tax does not appear possible this year. There was nothing in the possible legislation that I saw that would have taxed retiree income, social security or annuities. Including us and other senior citizens in the bill would doom the amendment to failure. Even if you would want to help, they are not going to ask us. The problem remains that if you ask the governor and the legislators, "What is the plan?" Their only answer is, "The other side needs to compromise!" Sadly that is where we were ten months ago. Bob Lyons*

## Carolyn White's Volunteer Report



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Clearbrook needs volunteers for JellyBelly Days on May 20 and 21. Volunteers collect donations and distribute Jelly Belly packets at storefronts and intersections throughout the Northwest suburbs. Volunteers are scheduled for two-hour shifts between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Fri. and 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Sat. Check Clearbrook's website, [www.clearbrookjellybellydays.org](http://www.clearbrookjellybellydays.org) for sites and times or contact Hillary Mittelman at [hmittelman@clearbrook.org](mailto:hmittelman@clearbrook.org) or (847) 385-5009.

There is a need for drivers to provide transportation for seniors who can no longer drive and need to be taken to appointments, shopping and other errands. Volunteers provide a coordinator with their available hours and then are given an assignment. Drivers are needed in Maine, Wheeling, Schaumburg and Elk Grove Townships and must have a valid driver's license and insurance.

Drivers are also needed for Elk Grove, Wheeling, Palatine, Evanston and Hanover Township Meals-on-Wheels programs. Drivers pick up the meals and then deliver them to individuals who would not eat properly without this service. It generally takes about two hours to complete the route and there are various scheduling options - once a week, once a month or other choices.

If you live near Euclid School in Mt. Prospect you might be interested in going to the school once a week between June 11 and Aug. 18 to maintain the bird feeders in their courtyard. You can set your schedule with the building custodian. If interested, please contact Linda McLaughlin, [linda.mclaughlin@volunteerinfo.net](mailto:linda.mclaughlin@volunteerinfo.net), visit the volunteer website, [www.handsonsuburbanchicago.org](http://www.handsonsuburbanchicago.org) or phone 847-228-1320.

# Illinois Retired Teachers Association Unit 90



## 2016 JUNE LUNCHEON



**Tuesday, June 14, 2016 (\$26 each)**

### Inverness Golf Club

102 N. Roselle Road, Palatine, Illinois 60067 (NW corner of Roselle & Palatine Roads)

(847) 358-2340

\$3 Valet Parking Available

**Dress Code:** Shirts with collars, no jeans or cargo pants



### Menu -- Choice of one:

#### Roast Pork Loin:

With sage dressing, pork gravy, homemade mashed potatoes and fresh green beans

-or-

#### Broiled Honey Mustard Salmon:

Fresh salmon filet, broiled with a honey mustard crust, accompanied by fresh green beans and rice pilaf

-or-

#### BLT Panko Chicken Salad:

Mixed greens with crisp bacon, tomatoes, red onions and creamy bacon dressing, topped with a panko-encrusted chicken breast

#### Social Hour

(open bar) 11:00

Luncheon 12:00

Program 1:00

### Program:

TRS Elected Board Member  
Bob Lyons

**Each entrée served with:** Chilled Gazpacho soup, hot rolls, coffee or hot tea

**Dessert:** Ice Cream Bar

**Reservation Deadline for members & their guests: Tuesday, June 7, 2016**

RSVP to Liz White, 5805 Prairie Lane; Palatine, IL 60067-7357

Questions? Please call Liz White at (847) 397-1678

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pork \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Panko \_\_\_\_\_  
Loin Salad

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pork \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Panko \_\_\_\_\_  
Loin Salad

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$26.00 each) Member Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90**



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## Recently At The Area II Conference

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**Jim Bachman:**

Updating us on the latest State IRTA news



**Fred Klonsky:**

Sharing Chicago politics



**Bob Lyons:**

Keeping us updated with TRS

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## Humor, anyone?

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If I am ever on  
life support,  
unplug me...  
Then plug me back in..  
See if that works..



## Upcoming Events

### [2016 June Luncheon \(Inverness Golf Club\)](#) (pdf)

Tuesday, June 14 , 2016

2016 TRS Fall Meetings - (TBA)

September-October , 2016

2016 Newly Retired Teachers Breakfast

(Arlington Heights Senior Center)

Wednesday, September 7 , 2016

2016 Legislative Breakfast (Inverness Golf Club)

Tuesday, October 4 , 2016

2016 Holiday Luncheon (Inverness Golf Club)

Wednesday, December 2 , 2016

More details at: <http://www.irta-unit90.org/events/>



## Did You Know...

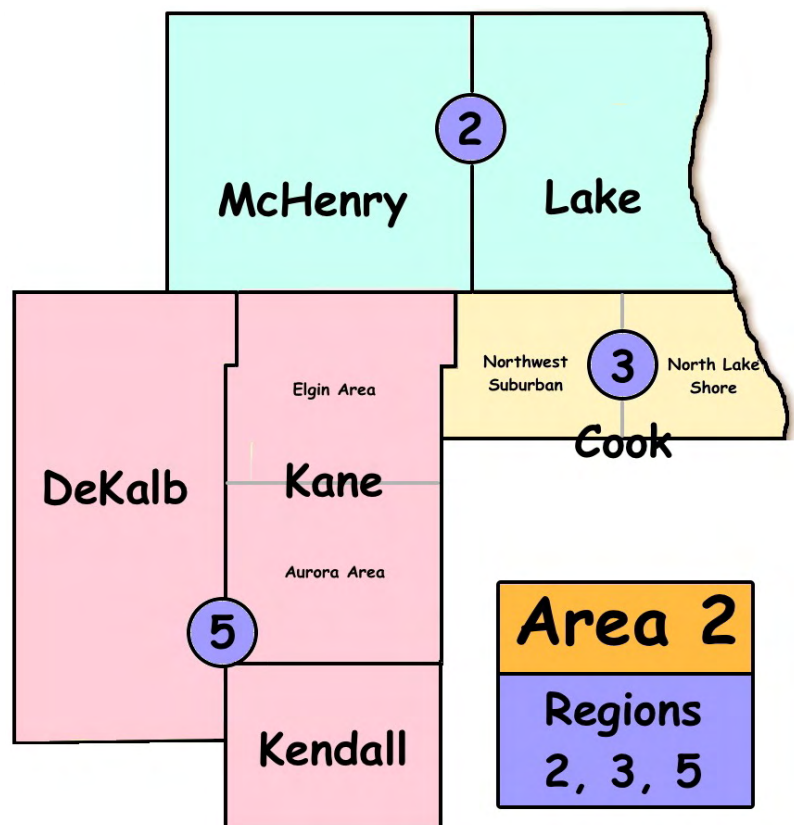
Unit 90 (Northwest Suburban) is one of the 93 Units of IRTA in the State of Illinois.

We are in Area 2, Region 3.

Currently we have 964 members in Unit 90 and only 792 of those are members of the State IRTA.

The State IRTA membership is separate. You should join both!

Membership forms can be found at: <http://www.irta-unit90.org>





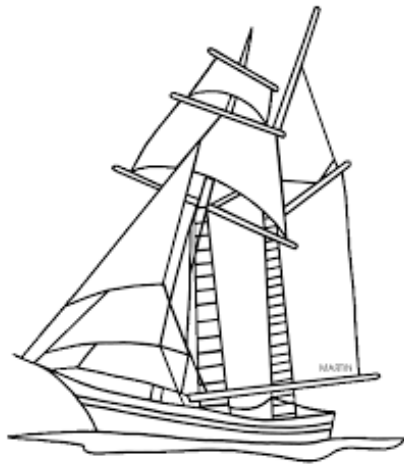
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## Previous Event: *West Side Story* - Paramount Theatre

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We are working on a trip to see and sail on the Tall Ships based at Navy Pier. We are hoping to set this up for sometime during the last week of July. Check our website ([www.IRTA-unit90.org](http://www.IRTA-unit90.org)) frequently for details, as the Tall Ships have not yet finalized their 2016 season.



### OFFICERS:

President: Robert Kaplan  
Vice President: Liz White  
Secretary: Linda Wallin  
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### CHAIRS:

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Volunteer Services: Carolyn White  
Newsletter Coordinator: Jane McCauley

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**Barrington Hills, IL 60010-9620**

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