



IRTA-UNIT 90

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

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

President's Notes

Holiday Luncheon



Make your plans now to attend the Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 1st 2017, at the Inverness Golf Club. Time to reconnect and celebrate the upcoming holiday season with many other Unit 90 members. The highly regarded District 54 Jazz Band will provide wonderful holiday season music after another delicious lunch prepared by the Chef at Inverness Golf Club. Please see the additional details to signup for what will be a glorious event! Questions can be directed to Liz White at 847-397-1678. Valet parking is available.

We Need Your Input!

Your Executive Board is planning our 2018 calendar. We want to provide trips, events, tours, speakers of interest as a service to our members. We are searching for activities of high interest to our membership. We appreciate the fact that over eight hundred of you have contributed as either annual or lifetime members. THANK YOU! We are in search of some ideas that can expand what we already provide on an annual basis. If you can think of a trip or activity that our membership would enjoy, please drop me an email, kaplanbob55@gmail.com or call 847-877-9350. I would be happy to discuss with our Executive Board to provide our members something new and exciting. Or if you can hold onto your excitement, and share your idea with any member of our board at our upcoming Holiday Luncheon!



Thanks for being a member of Unit 90 and IRTA!

Bob

Unit 90 Honoree at the IRTA 2017 State Convention



Rich Chierico was our Unit Honoree at this year's IRTA State Convention in Springfield, IL on Oct. 30-31, 2017. Congratulations!

2017 TRAIL INFORMATION



Open Enrollment Period

Please visit the Total Retiree Advantage Illinois (TRAIL) Program page on the Central Management Services website for the latest TRAIL news at:

<https://www.illinois.gov/cms/benefits/trail>

WHO MUST ENROLL IN TRAIL DURING THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD?

The TRAIL Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period for the 2018 plan year will be October 16 -

November 16, 2017.

If you are a TRIP member and are eligible for Medicare Parts A and B before October 1, 2017 you must enroll in one of the TRAIL Medicare Advantage insurance plans offered in your county of residence in order to keep your health insurance after December 31, 2017. In the fall you will receive a letter informing you that you must sign up for TRAIL if you want to continue to receive health insurance under TRIP.

All official TRAIL documents and forms carry the state's TRAIL logo.

WHAT IF I'M ALREADY ENROLLED IN A TRAIL HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN?

You have two options:

1. If you want to make a change to your TRAIL health insurance coverage or add a dependent, the fall Open Enrollment Period is the time when you can make that change by submitting the proper forms to TRS. TRS will send you a letter acknowledging that the form is being processed.
2. **If you want to maintain your current TRAIL coverage, you don't have to do anything. Your health insurance coverage automatically will continue as it is in 2018. If you mistakenly send TRS a form that does not authorize any changes in coverage, TRS will send you an acknowledgment letter.**

WHAT IF I BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE PARTS A AND B AFTER SEPT. 30, 2017?

Your current coverage will not change at this time. You will be able to change your insurance coverage or add an eligible dependent to your current TRIP coverage during the spring 2018 Benefits Choice Period. You will have to select a TRAIL health insurance plan in the fall of 2018 for coverage that will begin on January 1, 2019.

WHAT IF I TURN 65 DURING 2017 AND I'M NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE?

You must provide proof of ineligibility from Medicare. You may enroll in TRIP coverage for the Age 65 Not Medicare Primary plan. You are not eligible to enroll in a TRAIL plan.

IS A TRAIL MEDICARE ADVANTAGE INSURANCE PLAN STILL MEDICARE?

Yes. These types of Medicare Advantage plans, also known as MAPD plans, are Medicare-approved plans that combine the different parts of Medicare - Part A, Part B and Part D - into one plan. Since Medicare Advantage plans are a type of Medicare, you must continue to pay your federal Medicare premiums in order to remain enrolled in TRAIL.

Previous Event: *Newly Retired Teacher Breakfast*



Upcoming Events

2017 Holiday Luncheon - *Inverness Golf Club*
December 1, 2017

Sign-up sheet included in newsletter

More details at:

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

2018

2018 Paramount Theater - Cabaret
March 14, 2018

2018 Area 2 Conference
April, 2018

2018 June Luncheon (Inverness Golf Club)
Wednesday, June 6, 2018

2018 Newly Retired Teacher Breakfast (Arl. Heights Senior Center)
Wednesday, September 5, 2018

2018 Legislative Breakfast (Inverness Golf Club)
October 10, 2018



Illinois Retired Teachers Association Unit 90

2017 Holiday LUNCHEON

Friday, December 1, 2017 (\$26 each)

Inverness Golf Club

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

(847) 358-2340 Valet Parking Available (\$3)

Dress Code: Shirts with collars, no denim or cargo pants of any color



Social Hour 11:00

Luncheon 12:00

Program 1:00



Holiday Program:

**The District 54
Jazz Band**

Menu Choice of one:

Roasted Pork Loin

with stuffing and gravy; served with
mashed potatoes and fresh green beans

Chicken & Vegetable Crepes

with rice pilaf and garden fresh vegetable

Cobb Salad

fresh greens, red onions, tomatoes, bacon, turkey
green onions, blue cheese and chopped egg
topped with avocado and vinaigrette dressing

Dessert: Chocolate Explosion

Each entrée served with:

Fresh vegetable soup, hot rolls and butter
and coffee or tea

Reservation Deadline for members & their guests: Wednesday, November 22, 2017

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

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

Name: _____

Roasted Pork Loin _____ Chicken & Vegetable Crepes _____ Cobb Salad _____

Email: _____

Guest Name: _____

Roasted Pork Loin _____ Chicken & Vegetable Crepes _____ Cobb Salad _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (\$26.00 each) Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90



Bobby Reinhardt's Membership Report



Unit 90 (Northwest Suburban) is one of the 93 Units of IRTA in the State of Illinois. We are in Area 2, Region 3

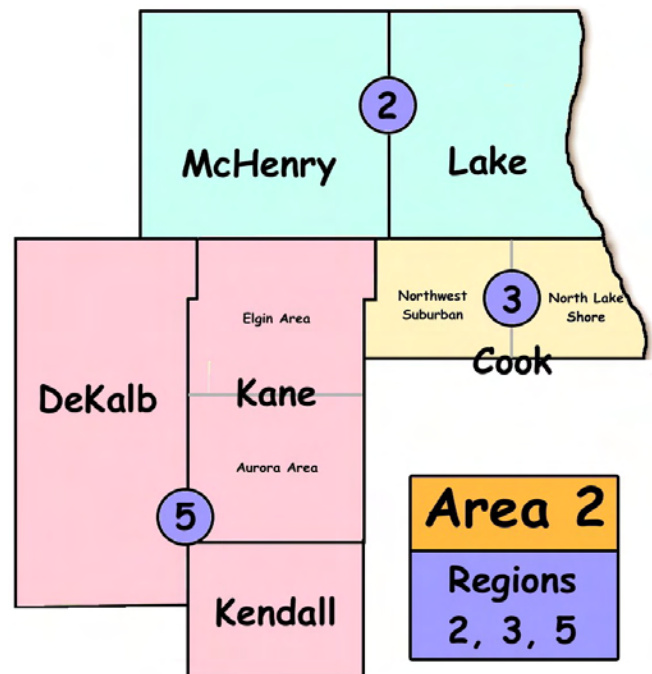
Currently we have **811 members** in Unit 90, but only 714 of those are members of the State IRTA.

We now also have a Unit 90 life membership available for \$100 or for free if you're 90 or older.

We currently have **126 life members**.

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

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



In the Email accompanying this newsletter is a statement about your membership status for the local IRTA Unit and the State IRTA

Carolyn White's Volunteer Report



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Tax aides are needed for the AARP tax aide program in Northern Cook and Northern DuPage counties. Aides work directly with taxpayers, filling out tax returns and helping seek a refund. This service is provided for moderate and low-income tax payers with special attention given to those age 60 and older. Both federal and state returns are prepared including 1040 with Schedules A, B, D, C within limited expenses, 1099, Schedule K-1, Health Savings Accounts and other forms. Complicated and complex returns are not accommodated.

Six days of training on the latest forms and software is required. Training dates are Jan. 2, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 12 at the Harper College Campus at 1375 Wolf Rd., Prospect Heights. Some on-line training is available if you cannot attend all six days of training. You must pass a test at the conclusion of training. Volunteers will be scheduled one day per week from Feb. 1 through April 15. Volunteers staff nine Cook County sites: Arlington Heights Senior Center, Arlington Heights Library, Alcott Park District Center, Wheeling Township Hall, Des Plaines Frisbee Senior Center, Des Plaines Library, Elk Grove Senior Center, Mt. Prospect Village Hall and Palatine Senior Center. DuPage sites are at the Bloomingdale Senior Center and the Glendale Heights Senior Center.

Gardeners are needed for the Aeroponics garden at the Hanover Township Senior Center, 240 S. Route 59 in Bartlett. The volunteer will plant, water and tend the garden working with program coordinator Devora Murillo

Volunteers are needed to drive seniors to medical appointments through Escorted Transportation Services/NW. Volunteers must have excellent driving skills; drivers are scheduled around their available time. Drivers are especially needed in Schaumburg, Des Plaines, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove and Wheeling.

Volunteers needed to translate English documents to Spanish for the Children's Advocacy Center. The appearance of the Spanish document needs to mirror the appearance of the document in English.

Contact RSVP at rsvp@handsonsuburbanchicago.org for any of the above. Holiday opportunities will be featured on the RSVP website beginning around the second week in November. www.handsonsuburbanchicago.org.

Be Advised...

WARNING...WARNING...

One of our members was picking up a prescription at Walgreens and was told by the pharmacy tech that Walgreens was changing what they charge for prescription.

The member was then given a toll free number to call to find out about the details.

The number connected him to a third party seller of Medicare Insurance where they told him they could get him a better plan for less...

.....PLEASE BE AWARE.....

If you opt out of the Teachers Retirement Insurance Program you CANNOT opt back in.

These types of sales tactics can be very misleading and confusing.

If you have any questions please call the IRTA at 1-800-728-4782.

IRTA

Illinois Retired Teachers Association

Investing in the future of retired educators.

Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation

This Fall, the Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation (IRTAF) awarded \$36,500 in grant money to over 70 public school educators from across the state. This grant money will allow these educators to enrich their instruction with materials not otherwise available to them. Their students are the real winners! A special thank you to the Illinois Principals Association for their assistance with the promotion of this program.

"Excellence in Education Grants for Teachers" Program

[Click here](#) to find the name of each winner listed, along with his/her school, IRTA Area, and a paragraph summary about each project in the winner's own words.

A special thank you to all those that contribute to the IRTA Foundation!
Your generosity makes this program possible.



"I went to my high school reunion over the weekend. Some of my classmates changed so much that they didn't even recognize me."



It's called **reading**.
It's how people install new software into their brains.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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