



IRTA-UNIT 90

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

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President's Notes

ANOTHER YEAR'S GREETING



I wish to welcome you to another exciting year with Unit 90 and encourage you to become involved with our various programs and activities. Our next opportunity this year is to attend our Area Conference. Members from other local units gather in Huntley to listen and discuss issues and benefits of IRTA membership. Unit 90 will provide all expenses for registration and lunch to attend as a member of our delegation. For more information, or to sign up contact me at kaplanbob55@gmail.com.

This year our Area 2 Conference will be held at Pinecrest Golf Club in Huntley, Illinois on Monday, April 16, 2018. The agenda is not quite finalized but it is open to any Unit 90 members. If you have ever wondered about our state organization, this is an event for you.

We look forward to seeing you at all of our Unit 90 events! Please look elsewhere in the newsletter for a listing of all that 2018 has to offer our members.

Of course, you are always invited to join us on the first Wednesday of every month (except no meeting in July and December) for our executive board meetings at the Arlington Heights Senior Center starting at 10 a.m. Thanks for being a member of Unit 90 and the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

Don't Forget to vote in the Primary on March 20th



The best thing you can do as a member of Unit 90 is to exercise your right to vote on March 20th. Please, whether you are a Democrat, Republican or Independent, help yourself and your fellow retirees by taking advantage of your opportunity to cast a ballot. Since it is a primary you need to declare your party. There are contested elections in both of the major parties depending on where you live. Local representative contests with open seats appear throughout the Northwest suburbs. The Governor's race is contested in both parties as well as other county and state races.

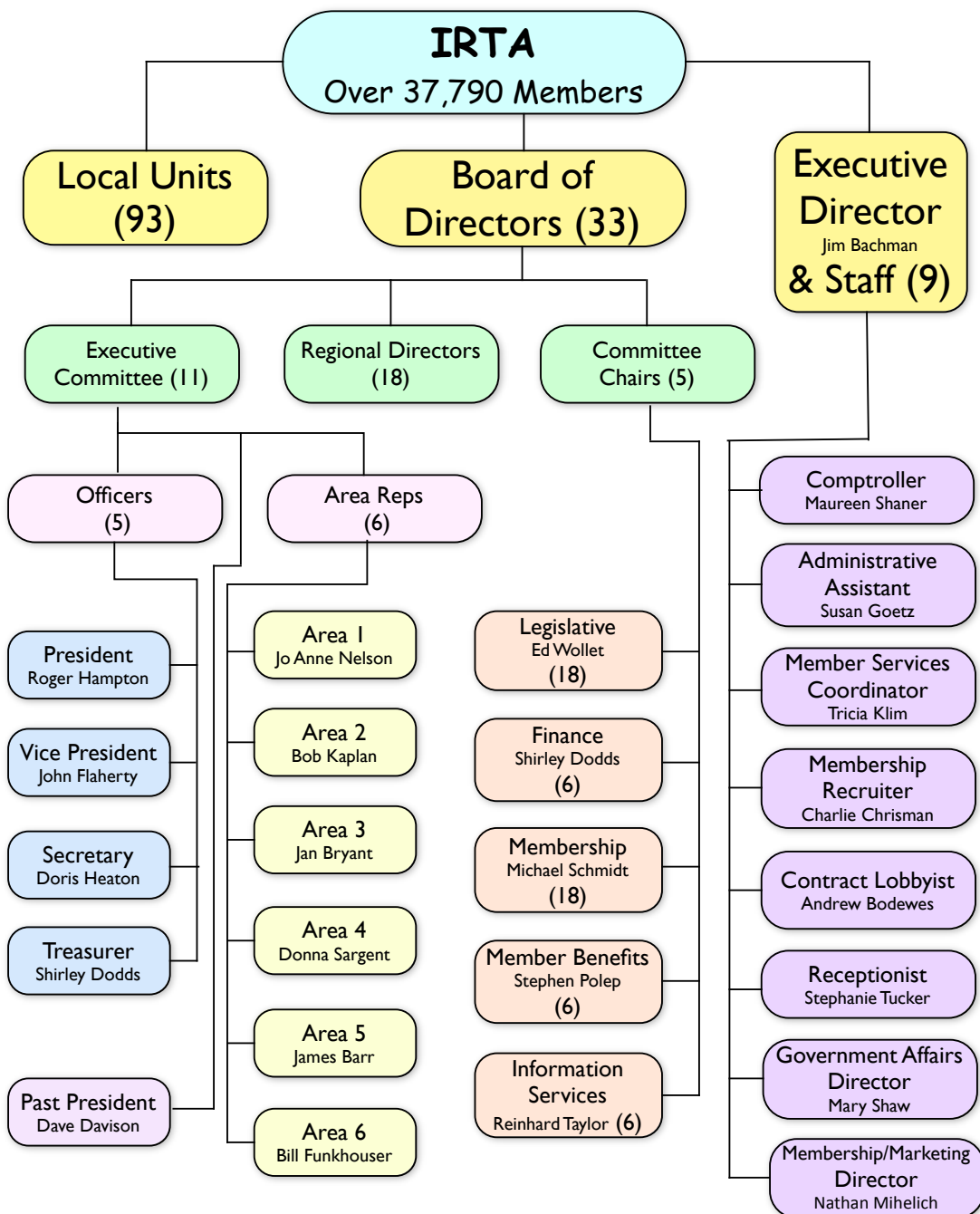
Our Unit has Karl Gabbey as our legislative liaison to the IRTA state committee. He attends meetings and can assist with factual information about the candidates. The one thing you must do is protect your own pension and insurance benefits by voting for candidates who support us. IRTA will be sharing endorsements for the general election.

By now, many of you know that Governor Rauner has once again addressed retiree health benefits in his budget address. Again he has zeroed out the state's contribution to our insurance. He also has mentioned shifting the cost of pension benefits of active teachers to local school districts. Last summer Tier 3 was passed. When rules are developed it will create a new "hybrid pension" for both new employees and some Tier 2 members, if they choose to move to Tier 3. Remember that the Supreme Court saved Tier 1 in 2013, but many in our General Assembly, and apparently also the Governor, have yet to accept that they must pay for what was promised. We need to remind them that the phrase **"shall not be diminished or impaired"** has been affirmed by the court. There are going to be many new faces in the General Assembly on both sides of the aisle and both houses. We need to educate our lawmakers, no matter what scheme they come up with. The solution cannot be a new form of **"pension theft"**.

Roger Hampton - IRTA President



I am a proud life member of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association (IRTA). It is an honor to be your president. It has been my privilege as vice president to interact with retired educators throughout the state and share the mission, goals, and vast accomplishments of the IRTA. I have gained insight into the workings of our organization and needs of our members by attending all state area conferences, committee meetings, and board meetings. As president, I will strive to perform the duties of this office and endeavor to work with members as we continue to effectively advocate for retired educators.



As of 3-7-2018

Previous Event: *Biennial IRTA State Convention in Springfield, IL*



Upcoming Events

2018 Paramount Theater - Cabaret
Wednesday, March 14, 2018

2018 Area 2 Conference - (Pinecrest Golf Club)
Monday, April 16, 2018

2018 Chicago Tragedies Tour
Monday, May 7, 2018

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

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

2018 Legislative Breakfast (Inverness Golf Club)
Friday, October 5, 2018

Chicago Tragedies Tour

May 7, 2018

Sign-up sheet included in newsletter

More details at:

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

2018

IRTA - Unit 90 is offering a special

Chicago Tragedies: The Windy City's Greatest Disasters

**Bus tour on Monday May 7, 2018
for \$60 (includes lunch, the tour, gratuity and coach)**

by Chicago's Finest Tours

Featuring the Great Chicago Fire, S.S. Eastland Disaster, Iroquois Theater Fire, Camp Douglas, Haymarket Riot, Our Lady of Angels Fire, Union Stockyards Fire, Wingfoot Express Disaster



What doesn't kill you makes you stronger, and that goes double for cities. Some of the world's greatest cities have risen from tragedy and Chicago is no stranger to historic disaster. But each time the city bounces back, better than ever and each tragedy becomes a part of the city's colorful history. The best-known tragedy, of course, was the Great Chicago Fire -- did Mrs. O'Leary's cow really start the whole thing? This fascinating tour also delves into things you might not be so familiar with, like the mass drownings of the Eastland Disaster, the Iroquois Theater fire, the Fort Dearborn Massacre and the infamous DMB "Incident," plus

much more. Travel back in time on this three-and-a-half-hour bus tour as your knowledgeable and friendly guide shares the gripping backstories of these events and how they shaped the city, and in some cases, even the world.

We'll also make a 45 minute stop at the Eli's Cheesecake Bakery Cafe & Retail Store on the way back.

Each member is allowed to bring one guest. Additional guests will be allowed if space permits. The first 53 people who send in their registration will be joining us.
A Wait List will be maintained if the need arises.

Departure from: Forest View Education Center at 8:30 am - return around 4:30 pm

NORTH PARKING LOT at the Forest View Education Center (2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, IL)

Return this reservation form with your check (made out to NW Suburban IRTA Unit 90) to:

Liz White, 5805 Prairie Ln, Palatine, IL 60067-7357

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

Name (Print): _____ Phone or Cell: _____

Email address _____

Guest (Print): _____ Phone or Cell: _____

Email address _____

Please reserve _____ places at \$60.00 each for the **May 7, 2018** lunch, tour, gratuity and coach.

Enclose your check, made payable to: **Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90**

Reservation Deadline April 27, 2018



Bobby Reinhardt's Membership Report



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

We are in Area 2, Region 3.

Currently we have **819**

members in Unit 90, but only 724 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 **158 life members**.

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

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

151 Unit 90 members have not yet renewed for 2018!

We also have a gift membership available that can be given to a friend or someone who just hasn't gotten around to joining.

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Unit 90 Membership Gift Form

From: _____

I prefer to remain anonymous ____ You can say it's from me ____

For: Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Initial: _____

Name of Spouse/Partner: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

If we have the email address we'll email the Newsletters and Membership Directory.

Retirement Year: _____ Retired from School District: _____



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

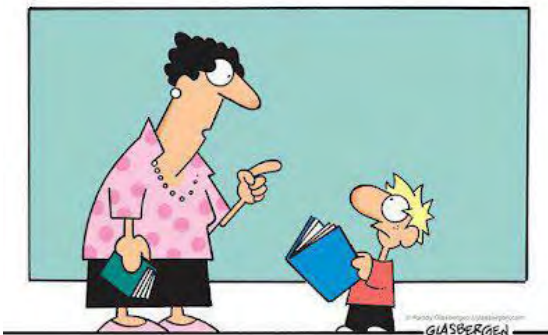
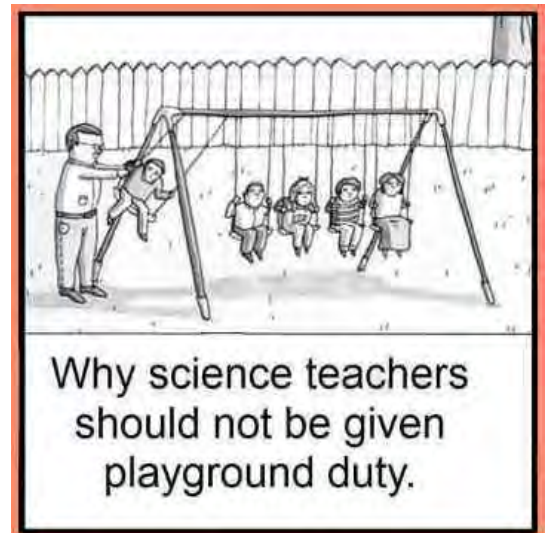
Please enclose a check made payable to:

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 or 847-634-0540



The form is on our website at:

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

Carolyn White's Volunteer Report



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteer at **HOME OF THE SPARROW** gift shops. Locations include Palatine, Algonquin, Cary, McHenry, Mundelein, Woodstock and Third Lake. Store volunteers provide assistance in all areas of the store. Primary duties include, but are not limited to, accepting, sorting, cleaning, pricing and displaying donated merchandise. Positions in specialized areas such as cashiering, floral arrangement, window dressing and store design are also available. Proceeds from the stores go back to funding the program and services for the women and children in our shelters. Volunteers must be available for a minimum shift of 3-4 hours at a time and able to stand for a period of time. Volunteers must also be able to lift a minimum of 10 lbs. Background check required. Thrift shops are open Monday through Saturday.

LifeSource Blood Services. Help with one-day blood drives that are held at area places of business or schools. You will be greeting donors, serving refreshments, helping the staff watch for adverse reactions, etc. Friends may want to volunteer as a team but individuals are also needed.

For more information or to volunteer for either/both of the above, contact RSVP at www.handsonsuburbanchicago.org

Drivers needed for **Escorted Transportation Service (ETS)**. Escorted Transportation Service is a non-profit organization that provides seniors (who no longer drive) in the NW suburbs with rides to their crucial medical appointments. ETS volunteers use their own vehicles to pick the senior up at their residence, drive them to their appointment, wait with them, and then return them to their home. ETS will work with your schedule and you may drive as often (or as little) as you like. No weekly commitment of time, unless you wish to make one. If you would like to join in serving seniors in your community, call 847-222-9227, email at info@etsnw.org or visit www.etsnw.org for details on how to sign up to serve seniors in this significant way.

The Bridge Youth and Family Services of Palatine is looking for mentors for the youth they serve. As a mentor, individuals will have the opportunity to be a kid's hero, friend, teacher, caring listener and coach. Mentors help children learn, problem-solve, communicate and get along better with others. Youth are 7-15 years old and in need of a positive adult role model. Mentors spend 2-4 hrs./week with a child over the course of one year. Bridge staff and experienced mentors provide training and ongoing support. Contact Liz Dobrzynski at The Bridge Youth and Family Services 721 S. Quentin, Palatine, 847-485-3061, Ldobrzynski@bridgeyouth.org or www.bridgeyouth.org.

A woman who is 3months pregnant falls into a deep coma. 6 months later, she awakes and asks the doctor about her baby.

Doctor: You had twins, a boy and a girl, and they are both fine. Luckily, your brother named them for you.

Woman: Oh no, not my brother! He's an idiot! What did he name the girl?

Doctor: Denise.

Woman: Well it isn't so bad, and what did he call the boy?

Doctor: Denephew.

My teacher pointed at me with his ruler and said: "At the end of this ruler there's an idiot!"

I got detention after asking *which* end.

The IRTA is looking for a committee member from your region!

Earlier this year, a motion was made by the IRTAPAC Board of Directors that led to the separation of the Political Action Committee and the Legislative committees so that each will have separate chairs and a separate committee makeup.

The reason for this separation is to ensure that there is less confusion concerning the function of each committee. It is important to stay within the letter of the law when it comes to the function of each committee.

The function of the IRTAPAC Committee will be to make endorsements of legislative candidates, raise money for the IRTAPAC and assist in organizing campaign volunteers. They will make their determinations concerning endorsements by considering the answers to the candidate questionnaire, input from local Units, the candidates platform or past voting record and input from the Government Affairs team.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in being a part of please contact the IRTA Office by March 9, 2018 at 1-800-728-4782 or at irta@irtaonline.org.

Sincerely,
Roger Hampton
President, IRTA



Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation

Assisting Retired Educators

The IRTA Foundation is the charitable component of IRTA and was founded in 1985.

The IRTA Foundation provides: Financial Aid to Retired Teachers

The Foundation provides monthly financial assistance to retired educators who are living in times of acute financial stress. In addition, emergency assistance is also given on an as-needed basis.

If you or anyone you know is having difficulties meeting financial obligations, please submit a financial assistance form to IRTAF, 828 S. Second St., 4th Floor, Springfield, IL 62704, for consideration.

You can download the financial assistance form by [clicking here](#).

You can also request the form by calling 1-800-728-4782.

Previous Event: Holiday Luncheon



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Barrington Hills, IL 60010-9620

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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