



IRTA-UNIT 90

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

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President's Notes



Greetings to all members of Unit 90; time continues to move forward; the heat of summer will soon yield to another fall season. The General Assembly did pass a "balanced budget." The quotes are my way of expressing my opinion that it is neither balanced nor a real budget. Late additions to proposed legislation once again impacted current and retired teachers. Even though the Supreme Court of Illinois ruled clearly of the need for our General Assembly to pay our earned benefits, elected

representatives continue to search for ways to pass on that payment to others. The recent actions do not deal with the main problem of the 1995 funding ramp that continues to grow the unfunded liability, rather it seeks to shift responsibility. On October 5th, IRTA Unit 90 will be hosting our **Legislative Breakfast**. We need to show up and make our legislators accountable for their actions. There is plenty of blame to go around. Isn't it time to deal with the real problem of looking at solutions long term? Please mark your calendars and join us.

Prior to the Legislative Breakfast, we are having our annual **New Member Breakfast** on September 5th. If you know any new retiree please encourage them to sign up and join Unit 90. Maybe there is a former colleague who retired with you that never joined. Help us get them signed up as well! The best way to get new members is by word of mouth and personal connection. All the emails and breakfasts help, but our best tool is person-to-person conversations. Pick up the phone and ask a friend to join us. That is the only way we can grow!

Finally we offered a **survey** opportunity at the summer luncheon to seek out what type of activities our members would like to see us offer or provide in the coming months. Recently an email was sent providing any member the opportunity to respond to the same survey. We would like our members to help us plan events and activities that will increase involvement and participation to benefit the unit. We hope that you will take the time to complete and return the survey! Thanks and enjoy the remaining summer days!

Bob

Legislative Update

On June 29, 2018 the Governor signed into law **HB5627**. HB5627 was an IRTA initiative that increases the amount of employment as a teacher that a retired teacher may perform without impairing the retirement status; allows 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in a school year, but not more than 100 paid days in the same classroom. The law became effective July 1, 2018.

Senate Bill 3046 will allow TRS annuitants who have opted out of the Teachers Retirement Insurance Program to opt back in during the benefits choice period. TRS annuitants are the only state annuitants who do not already have this ability. As of Friday, May 25th, Senate Bill 3046 has passed the House and now goes back to the Senate for concurrence.

Previous Event: *June Luncheon at the Inverness Golf Club*



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Upcoming Events

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

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

2018 Holiday Luncheon (Inverness Golf Club)
Friday, November 30, 2018

More details and photos at:

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

Legislative Breakfast

October 5, 2018

Sign-up sheet included in newsletter

Bob Lyons' Report on upcoming Legislative Breakfast



Legislative Brunch to be held Friday October 5, 2018

Every two years a month before the Illinois General Election our unit holds its Legislative Brunch to give our members an opportunity to meet and get to know the state representatives and state senators that will be chosen from our area. I am sure that it comes as no surprise to you that there are a number of Illinois politicians that have as their goal the immediate reduction of your pension and the state subsidy for your health care. The Illinois Fiscal Year 2019 budget calls for approximately 22% of the General Revenue Fund to go to the five state pension fund, including TRS. And, as I have pointed out elsewhere, as large a payment as that is, it is still not enough to keep the state's unfunded pension liability from growing for this next year.

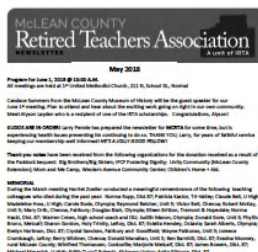
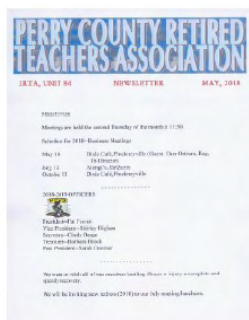
The brunch will again be at Inverness Golf Club, and would be worth attending for the food alone, but what is far more important is learning what the legislators and the candidates have in mind for the pension that you and I live on and the medical insurance that protects our health. When Illinois politicians talk about pension reform they are not talking about improving your pension, but reducing the cost. Since their past attempts to reduce the size of our benefits have been blocked by the "pension protection" clause in the Illinois Constitution, we need to know who stands with us to protect the Constitution as written. It is the opinion of the IRTA lawyers that our subsidized health insurance will be looked upon by the Illinois Supreme Court as a pension benefit and thus is protected as well, but for the last several years Governor Rauner has attempted to eliminate the state's contribution to the payments. It is only that the Illinois General Assembly has voted to restore the funds for our insurance that we still have that benefit.

We hope that you will be interested in helping us to help you. We need to have constituents there for each of the legislators. We need to have the politicians see that our members care about their pensions and their health insurance; care enough to come out and stand up for what we have worked for and what we have earned. Please join us on Friday, October 5 at 9:30 am at the Inverness Golf Club on Roselle Road. I look forward to seeing you there.

Bob Lyons

Did you know...

You can see a sample of other Unit newsletters at <https://irta-newsletters.weebly.com>



Unit 90 Members and their Guests are invited to attend
A Breakfast with Your Legislators and Candidates

Inverness Golf Club

102 N. Roselle Road, Palatine, IL 60067 847-358-2340

Valet parking available

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

Friday October 5, 2018

9:30 am

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The Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90

Invited Guests include:

State Senator Candidate Christina Castro D	22 nd District
State Senator Tom Rooney R	27 th District
Candidate for State Senate Ann Gillespie D	27 th District
State Senator Laura Murphy D	28 th District
State Representative Fred Crespo D	44 th District
Candidate for State Rep. Katy Dolan Baumer R	44 th District
State Representative David McSweeney R	52 nd District
Candidate for State Representative Eddie Corrigan R	53 rd District
Candidate for State Representative Mark Walker D	53 rd District
State Representative Tom Morrison R	54 th District
Candidate for State Representative Maggie Trevor D	54 th District
State Representative Michelle Mussman D	56 th District
State Representative Candidate Jillian Rose Bernas R	56 th District

Visit www.irta-unit90.org/links.html to find your legislative districts

Fill out the attached registration form and return it with your check for \$20.00
by Friday September 26th to: Liz White, 1841 Mirmar Lane, Munster, IN 46321-2716
Call Liz at 847-309-5805 if you are late or have questions

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of guest (s) _____

Amount of check: _____ Make the check 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 Illinois.

We are in Area 2, Region 3.

Currently we have **778 members** in Unit 90, but only **687** 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 **183 life members**.

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

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

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

Northwest Suburban IRTA

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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: _____



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:

The Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights is looking for volunteers to assist in The General Store. Duties could include assisting residents with their shopping, working the electronic cash register, displaying merchandise and restocking the shelves.

Available shifts are M-F 8am-11am; 11am-2pm; 2pm-6pm and Sat. and Sun. from 11am-3pm. Volunteers will receive individual training from the Volunteer Manager.

If you live in the North Shore area, volunteer drivers are needed to deliver for Meals At Home. Drivers pick up prepared meals from Evanston Hospital, Three Crowns Park, St. Francis Hospital or Glenbrook Hospital and deliver to homebound clients residing in Evanston, Wilmette, Winnetka, Kenilworth, Skokie, Glenview, Northfield, Northbrook or Waukegan. Volunteers are expected to complete a minimum of one route per month. Each route takes about two hours.

Annie's Resale for the World on Plum Grove Rd. in Rolling Meadows is looking for volunteers to welcome and greet customers, answer basic questions about the shop and the merchandise and ensure that visitors have a pleasant shopping experience.

Traveler's Aid at O'Hare International Airport needs volunteers to staff information desks or to walk through the terminals helping out confused and vulnerable travelers. Volunteer shifts are M-F from 9am-2pm, 2pm-6pm or 6pm-8:30pm as well as a Sunday shift from 3pm-7pm. Training and orientation will be provided. It would be desirable that this be a long term commitment. Volunteers must be able to pass a background check.

To volunteer with any of the above organizations please go to www.handsonsuburbanchicago.org

Read to Learn is always in need of new tutors to work one-to-one with non-native adults to help them improve their English reading and writing skills. Each semester

runs for 10 weeks of 2 1/2 hour sessions. There are 12 sections of the program; most meet in the morning but there are also afternoon and evening classes. They are held in various locations around the area: mostly local libraries, churches and high school libraries. New tutor training is either Aug. 24 or Aug. 25 from 8:30am-4pm at Forest View Education Center. To sign up for one of the training sessions, go to

<https://ce.d214.org/readtolearn/>

The Read to Learn program is also seeking test scorers to assist in evaluating the writing portion of the placement tests that are given to all prospective Read to Learn students. These tests allow site supervisors to provide tutors with materials that are appropriate for their student. As a scorer for Read to Learn, you will be trained in the rubric so that scoring will be consistent. Training and scoring will take place at the Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd., Arlington Heights on Fri., Sept. 7 from 9:00-3:00. If interested, please contact Laurie Hoffman at laurice.hoffman@d214.org





Unit 90 Vice President Liz White

SAVE MONEY ON EYEGLASSES!

You may have heard about a business called Warby Parker. It is an outfit that produces great prescription glasses for less than half of the cost of the glasses you have been getting elsewhere. It is all done via the internet and it really is slick. After contacting them www.warbyparker.com they will ask you to determine your face shape (narrow, average, wide) and then they will let you scroll through a selection of frames. You can pick out up to five of them. After giving them a credit card number so that you don't run off with these five, they will send you the five you selected and let you keep them for a week. Try them on. Ask everyone you encounter which they like on you. After you have determined a winner, send them all back in the prepaid box. You then send them your prescription. They then tell you how to measure your glasses. It is so simple, and it works! About ten days later, a small blue box arrives via USPS. Your glasses will fit like they are supposed to. However, should you require an adjustment, they do have a couple of brick stores that you can visit. No, they aren't close, but one is in Chicago and the other is in Oakbrook.

The total cost, which includes the frames, the lenses, anti scratch and anti glare finishes, in a hard case, is \$295.00. That includes shipping and tax, too! In addition, for every pair that is purchased, they donate a pair to someone in need. Your credit card is charged only if you purchase a pair of glasses.

Yes, they do bifocals. Yes they do graduated bifocals. Yes, they do transition lenses. Yes, they do prescription sunglasses.

A recent email from them now indicates they work with UnitedHealthCare insurance, too!

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me, Liz White ebenish626@gmail.com. My brother, who is an ophthalmologist, has agreed that the price charged for glasses elsewhere is "outrageous". His children use Warby Parker, too!



Member Benefits

You can find information on all of IRTA's member benefits by visiting www.irtaonline.org, logging into the members-only section, and clicking on the Member Benefits tab. Some of IRTA's other benefits include Liberty Mutual, Lifeline Screening, and Hear in America. You can also contact the IRTA Office at 1.800.728.4782 for additional information.

2018 IRTA Foundation Area Scholarship Recipient

The Area 2 recipient is Brittany Moran of Palatine, IL. Brittany will be a senior at Ball State University, where she is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.



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