



IRTA-UNIT 90

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

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President's Notes



Convention 2019 Recap Unit 90 well Represented at Biennial Meeting!



Unit 90 delegates traveled to Springfield to participate in the 2019 Biennial Convention on October 14th & 15th. Members Mark and Marna Boumstein, Angie and Bob Ferguson, Karl Gabbey, Jane McCauley, Herb Rangl, Janette Wanner, Carolyn White, Elizabeth White were joined by Area 2 Representative Bob Kaplan, Region 3 Director Bob Lyons and State Information Services Chair Reinhard Taylor representing our members on the convention floor. Highlights for the two day meeting included the Keynote delivered by Illinois Chief

Justice, Lloyd Karmeier, a welcome from Governor Pritzker, the Area 2 caucus, that elected Wendy Wieggers of Region 2 as Area Representative, the election of state officers, President John Flaherty, Vice-President Bill Funkhouser and Treasurer Donnie Ostrom. Committee Reports were given with our own Reinhard Taylor as usual giving the audience a chance to react to his witty and humorous quips within his address. The assembly rejected the proposed constitutional changes that would limit the size of state committees. Resolutions included numerous congratulatory and honorary resolutions to members who have served the organization well over the last two years and over a lifetime for other longtime employees and volunteers.

Holiday Luncheon



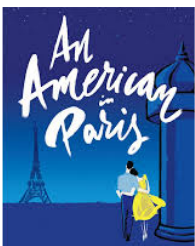
Make your plans now to attend the Holiday Luncheon on Friday, December 6, 2019 at the Inverness Golf Club. Time to reconnect and celebrate the upcoming holiday season with many other Unit 90 members! The highly regarded District 54 Jazz Band will provide wonderful holiday music and other favorites, following another delicious lunch prepared by the Chef at Inverness Golf Club. Please see the additional details to sign up for what will be a glorious event!

Valet parking is available! (Flyer elsewhere in this newsletter)

Additional questions can be directed to Liz White at 847-309-5805.

Save the Date! An American in Paris at Drury Lane Theatre

PLAYBILL
PALACE THEATRE



Plan on joining your friends on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 for a fun-filled trip to see *An American in Paris* at Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. This outing includes round trip transportation on a chartered luxury bus from the Forest View Education Center in Arlington Heights with many of your favorite Unit 90 friends. A fine lunch complete with choice of entree, dessert and beverage will be served prior to the performance. Your ticket to *An American in Paris* will finish off what will surely be a fantastic day-long fun adventure. All for only \$60.00. Reserve your place now! (Flyer elsewhere in this newsletter)

Any questions, please contact Liz White at 847-309-5805.

Bob Kaplan

Previous Event: *2019 Newly Retired Teacher Breakfast* (Sept. 4, 2019)



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 **759** members in Unit 90, but only **671** 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 **203** life members.

The State IRTA membership is separate.

You should join both!

Membership forms can be found at:

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

Bob Lyons' Report



On September 19, the North Lake Shore unit had their local legislators in to speak and answer questions. They had six legislators; both state representatives and state senators and all six were Democrats. I was there as Region 3 Director, Bob Kaplan as Area 2 Chair, and Karl Gabby as representative of the Legislative Committee. All six of the legislators agreed that no action could be taken by the State to reduce our pensions. None of them saw any interest in taxing our pensions. They agreed that any attempt to remove the pension protection clause would fail because of court actions, both of breach of contract and ex post facto infringement. Attached is Fred Klonsky's take on the meeting, but I would disagree with him on saying that the legislators had "no plan B" if the constitutional amendment on the graduated income tax fails. One of the legislators described, what I would call a very likely scenario, that the General Assembly would be forced to raise the current flat tax to a higher

amount, which would apply to everyone.

One of the legislators, I assume in referring to polling, said that while the amendment would likely pass in our area, at least at this time it was not as popular in downstate Illinois.

Bob Lyons



What I learned from legislators at my IRTA luncheon.

by Fred Klonsky (September 20, 2019)



My Illinois Retired Teachers Association chapter usually has a lunch with legislators and candidates in an election year. Yesterday six General Assembly members, all Democrats, from this solidly blue north Chicago suburban area showed up to share their views of the past legislative session. They were nearly giddy. With large Democratic majorities in both chambers and JB Pritzker replacing Republican Bruce Rauner in the Governor's office, they all said it was a new day. Still, some of us retired public employees in the audience continue to have concerns. After all, legislative Democrats are not immune to cutting pension benefits, if past practice is any predictor of future behavior.

My friend Conrad Floeter asked what if the vote on a constitutional amendment allowing for a progressive income tax fails to receive the super majority vote in 2020? There seems to be no plan B. What about the proposal to tax retirement savings? It seems it is a non-starter. The thing about taxing retirement income is that this isn't just aimed at public employees. It would be everybody's retirement. Those rich guys too. And there are retired voters in every legislative district that would not vote kindly on this issue.

I asked about a constitutional change to the pension protection clause. State Representative Robyn Gabel was spot on when she bluntly said that a change to the language that says public employees enrolled in a pension plan cannot have their benefits diminished or impaired would change nothing. Current members of the state pension systems would continue to receive their benefits and without additional revenue and a change to the ramp. She said that, not me.

I asked about Tier II state employees. Their plan is worth less than Confederate dollars and their payments are the only thing paying down the state's pension liability. And I asked about Tier III attempts to move the system to a defined contribution system. There was general silence on those issues.



Illinois Retired Teachers Association Unit 90

2019 Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 6, 2019

\$26 each (\$31 for non-member guests)



At Inverness Golf Club for Unit 90 members and their guests

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:

Grilled Salmon

Glazed with honey mustard, served with
Chef's choice of starch, vegetable

Panko Chicken BLT Salad

Mixed greens, roasted chicken, bacon, avocado, tomatoes,
egg, blue cheese, tossed with Vinaigrette dressing

Beef Short Ribs

Slow braised short ribs served with
Chef's choice of starch, vegetable

Dessert: **Chocolate Explosion**

Each entrée served with:

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

Cash bar available

Reservation Deadline for members & their guests: Must be received by Wednesday, November 27, 2019

RSVP to: Liz White, 1225 Luther Ln Apt 121, Arlington Heights, IL 60004-8132

Questions? Please call Liz White at 847-309-5805

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Name: _____

Grilled Salmon _____ Panko Chicken BLT Salad _____ Beef Short Ribs _____

Email: _____ Retired from School Dist. # _____

Guest Name: _____

Grilled Salmon _____ Panko Chicken BLT Salad _____ Beef Short Ribs _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (\$26.00 each) (Non-Members \$31) Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90

Carolyn White: Volunteers Needed



NWSE (NorthWest Student Exchange) is looking for caring and open minded volunteer host families to open their heart and home to a high school age exchange student for a semester or school term. NWSE also has opportunities for individuals to work with us as local coordinators. Contact Marge at marge@nwsemail.org and visit www.nwse.com

Volunteers needed for **Read to Learn**, a one-to-one tutoring program for adults wishing to improve their English. Tutor training is January 24 or 25, 2020 at Forest View Educational Center. Volunteers may choose from a variety of sites with classes held mornings, afternoons or evenings. Sessions run for 10 weeks. Information and registration at: ce.d214.org/readtolearn

Expanded Learning is East Maine School District 63's home for out-of-school-time programming. We serve students in our District schools in before-school and after-school breaks, and early dismissal days by providing quality childcare and programming. Volunteers needed to work a few hours a week to help with homework or projects in our after-school or before-school programs, lead a community education class in your area of expertise, or help to answer phones and direct families at our front desk.

MacArthur Middle School PALS Homework Tutors, Mt. Prospect

Seeking adult volunteers to inspire middle school students! Students who attend our Partners Assisting Learning in Schools (PALS) program at MacArthur Middle School look forward to getting some assistance on their homework. Many have difficulties with study skills, organization, self-advocacy, and/or home environment.

Our PALS Program runs 3:00-4:00 pm every Wednesday starting in mid-October through mid-May. Volunteers are supervised by school teaching staff.



AARP Tax Return Preparer, Multiple Northwest Suburban Locations

Tax Aides to work with taxpayers directly, filling out tax returns and helping them seek a refund. This service is provided for moderate and low-income taxpayers with special attention to persons age 50 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.

No prior tax preparation experience is required. Volunteers must be comfortable working computers and software. Training on the latest tax preparation forms and software is required. Training dates are January 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2020 at Harper Learning and Career Center, 1375 S Wolf Rd, Prospect Heights from 9:00 to 4:00 pm. Some flexibility with on-line training is possible, if unable to attend all training days. Tax preparers must pass a test at end of training.

Upcoming Events

2019 Holiday Luncheon (Inverness Golf Club)

Friday, December 6, 2019

2020 Drury Lane Theatre (Oakbrook Terrace)

An American in Paris

Wednesday, March 18, 2019

2019 2020

More details and photos at:

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Illinois Retired Teachers Association Unit 90



Invites you to join the fun and see

An American in Paris

Wednesday, March 18, 2020



At the Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace, IL -- 1:30 pm matinee performance

\$60 each (\$70 for non-member guests) (Includes Theater Ticket, Lunch and Bus)

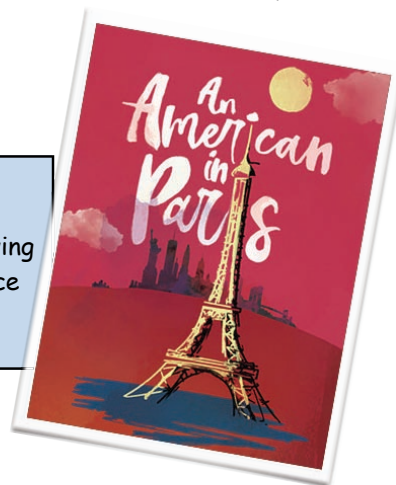
Departure from: Forest View Education Center at 11:00 am sharp - return around 4:30 pm
2121 S. Goebbert Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Park in the north parking lot (adjacent to the church),

but **not** in the first two rows closest to Goebbert Road, or the church's parking lot.

Each member may bring one guest, unless space is available for additional guests

A tale inspired by hope and possibility, An American in Paris brings breathtaking moments of dance and song to the musical stage. Jive along with Jerry Mulligan, an American GI doing his best to make it as a painter in the bustling city of Paris following the end of World War II. The storied streets of the City of Lights become the dance floor to a ravishing and passionate voyage into art, friendship, and love following the aftermath of the war.



Menu -- Choice of one:

Grilled Chicken Breast

With Marsala wine sauce

-or-

Parmesan Crusted Tilapia

With Caper Beurre Blanc sauce

-or-

Eight Finger Cavatelli

With creamy Marinara sauce,
Mozzarella, and Parmesan

Each entrée served with:

Freshly baked bread and butter
and Chef's choice of vegetable and starch

Dessert: Chocolate Ice Cream Sundae

Beverages: Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Hot Tea
or Iced Tea. (Cash bar additional)

Dietary restrictions must be noted on registration form.
No accommodation will be made on site.

Reservation Deadline for members & their guests: Must be received by Monday, March 2, 2020

RSVP to: Liz White, 1225 Luther Ln Apt 121; Arlington Heights, IL 60004-8132

Questions? Please call Liz White at 847-309-5805

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Name: _____ Chicken _____ Tilapia _____ Cavatelli _____

Email: _____ Retired from Dist. # _____

Guest Name: _____ Chicken _____ Tilapia _____ Cavatelli _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (\$60.00 each) (Non-Members \$70) Phone: _____

Make checks payable to Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90

Previous Event: 2019 IRTA Convention (October 14-15, 2019)



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12 Country Oaks Ln
Barrington Hills, IL 60010-9620

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