



IRTA-UNIT 90

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

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

President's Notes



Greetings Fellow Retirees,

Greetings to all!

'Tis time for the Spring Newsletter, so Spring must be on the way. Patience is the key, I guess. Spring will come!!

And talking about the Newsletter, I'd like to thank the people who contribute to this Newsletter - Bob, Carolyn, Diane, Janette, and Linda, and of course, Reinhard, who puts this all together and makes it a beautiful newsletter.

One highlight of this issue has to be the resumption of our Summer Luncheon at the beautiful Inverness Golf Club. We have a June date for that, so mark your calendars for this event and the December Luncheon. Specific dates are listed later in this newsletter, so keep reading!



Remember that you are always welcome at our 'first Wednesday of the month, excepting July and December' meetings - 10:00 AM at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. We would love to see you!

Jane McCauley

Linda Wallin - Facebook Coordinator



Did you know that Unit 90 has a Facebook presence?

We need **likes** and **followers**.

If you have anything to add, or have comments, please let me know: lwain@dwna.net.

So, check it out by clicking on the link [Unit-90 IRTA](#) and then bookmark it.



Bob Lyons' TRS Report



Now for the fun stuff:

TRS also released the ever-popular statistical data for 2022.

- For ACTIVE teachers, the average age of teachers is 43; average years of service is 14; average annual salary is \$79,002; and the oldest full-time teacher is 83 (what?).
- Total active members are 165,566.
- For RETIREES, the average age is 73; average years of service is 27 years; average annual benefit is \$63,276; and the oldest retired teacher is 108 years old.
- Total retired members stand at 115,778.

IRTA Political Action Committee Donation Form



The IRTAPAC Fund continues to grow, but we need your help. Donate to our Political Action Committee and protect the status of retired educators by donating just \$1.00 per month through pension deduction. IRTA will continue to fight for retired educators' benefits as we have for over 60 years. Help Us in Our Fight! Mail the IRTAPAC donation form on this page to IRTA, 828 S. Second St., 4th Floor, Springfield, IL 62704.

Member dues money is never used for PAC purposes.

Please mail to IRTA.

IRTAPAC Donation Form

828 S. Second St., 4th Floor • Springfield, IL 62704 • 1-800-728-4782

e-mail: irta@irtaonline.org • webpage: www.irtaonline.org

☒ **IRTAPAC Donation – I hereby authorize the Teachers' Retirement System to DEDUCT my IRTAPAC donation in monthly installments of \$1.00.**

Signature Required Here _____

Social Security # _____

(Only Last 4 Digits Required)

Name Last _____ First _____ MI _____ DOB _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____ Retirement Year _____

December 1, 2022 Holiday Luncheon



More Pictures on our Website: [Click here](#)

Diane Pfister: Foundation News



The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation's goal is to assist past, present and future teachers. This is accomplished by assisting retired educators with living expenses, providing scholarships to aspiring teachers, working to protect the rights of the elderly, and providing grants to educators.

Our unit supports the activities of the state IRTA Foundation by making a memorial donation when one of our members passes. Please email us when you become aware of a death so that we may honor that person's memory.



2023 Excellence in Education Grants for Teachers

The IRTA Foundation continues to work toward the future by offering **\$42,000** in grant money to educators.

Being an educator, do you often think of this phrase — Extra Funds Needed — when it comes to planning special projects for your students? You may be finding that revenue sources are not available for such unique activities.

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation is making \$42,000 in grant money available to ALL counties in Illinois. This special grant will provide additional funds to public school educators (Pre-K through 12) so that their students will have the means to participate in special projects. The funds are not intended to provide regular curricular materials.

Please visit the IRTA website at www.irtaonline.org for further instructions. You can download, complete, and submit the application online from the IRTA website. All proposals must be submitted by June 1, 2023. A special committee will select the recipients of the grant money over the summer. Grant awards will be presented in the fall.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Illinois Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) Office by phone at 1.800.728.4782 or by e-mail at irta@irtaonline.org.

Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation, 828 S. Second St., 4th Floor, Springfield, IL 62704

* Chicago Public School employees are not eligible for this grant program.

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• **\$42,000** is NOW available in Grant Money!

• **Deadline:** June 1, 2023

• **Submit your application online Today!**



2022 IRTA "Unit of Distinction" Program Award

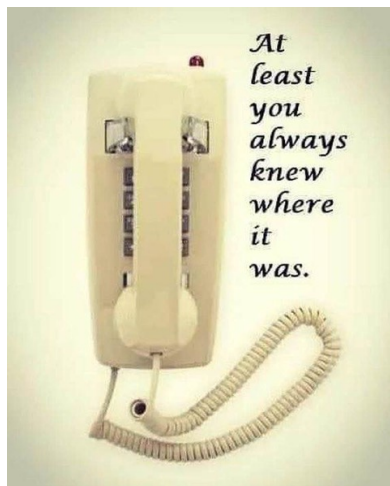
The following units (below) are being recognized as a 2022 IRTA "Unit of Distinction." The "Unit of Distinction" Program is a voluntary program based on the honor system that is designed to help guide and direct local unit leaders, as well as acknowledge IRTA units that are the best in the state. Units receiving the "Unit of Distinction" Award will be recognized at the IRTA Biennial Convention, in the IRTA ACTION, e-newsletter, and on the IRTA website. Units will also receive a gift of \$250.

Alexander-Pulaski-Union Counties RTA
Blackhawk RTA
Champaign County RTA
Clinton County RTA
Douglas County RTA
Hamilton County RTA
Jackson County RTA
Joliet Area RTA



Lake County RTA
Land of Lincoln RTA
Madison County #1 RTA
McHenry County RTA
Mercer County RTA
Moultrie County RTA
Northwest Suburban RTA
Ogle-Lee Counties RTA

Peoria Area RTA
Shelby County RTA
Stephenson County RTA
Wayne County RTA
West Lake Shore RTA
White County RTA
Williamson County RTA
Winnebago County RTA



"This is my grandpa. He's going to explain why this country is going to hell in a handbasket."

This morning my son said his ear hurt and I said on the inside or outside, so he walks out the front door, comes back in and says both. Moments like this got me wondering if I'm saving too much for college.

Janette Wanner's Membership Report



Unit 90 (Northwest Suburban) is one of the 89 Units of IRTA in Illinois.

We are in Area 2, Region 3.

Currently we have **634 members** in Unit 90,
but only **550** 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 **240 life members**.



The Member Portal located in the Member's Only section of the State IRTA website (irtaonline.org) was recently changed. The State IRTA member's username is now your email, and you need to establish a new password.

Each member can review their own personal information, pay their State dues, see when their membership is up for renewal, donate or review their donation history, register for an event, and update their profile information. The Member's Only section of the website looks similar to how it did in the past, but it has been updated to use with the new IRTA database.

The State IRTA and the Unit 90 memberships are separate.

Membership forms for both can be found on our webpage: [Click Here](#).

You should join both!

Unit 90 Members Who Recently Died



Gardner, John (Jan. 19, 2023)



Duffy, Mary (Jan. 18, 2023)

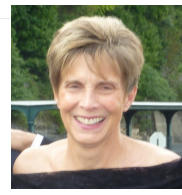


Farrell, James (Jan. 16, 2023)

Kolder, Caroline (Nov. 2022)

Meiller, Clydella (Jan. 2019)

Mattson, Sharon (Sept. 8, 2022)



Carolyn White: Volunteers Are Always Needed...



OUR VOLUNTEER EVENT

"FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN"

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2023
from 9:00 - 10:45 am

740 Wiley Farm Ct., Schaumburg, IL





Illinois Retired Teachers Association Unit 90
2023 JUNE LUNCHEON
Friday, June 16, 2023

Inverness Golf Club

102 N. Roselle Rd, Palatine, IL 60067 (NW corner of Roselle & Palatine Roads)
 (847) 358-2340 Valet Parking Available (\$3 suggested gratuity)

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



Illinois Retired Teachers Association Unit 90
2023 Holiday Luncheon
Thursday, December 7, 2023



At Inverness Golf Club for Unit 90 members and their guests

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

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

If you're a State IRTA member, you're eligible for many benefits:

1-800-728-4782

<https://www.irtaonline.org/benefits>



**BENEFITS
STILL FIT?**

**CONSIDER ADDITIONAL
INSURANCE COVERAGE**

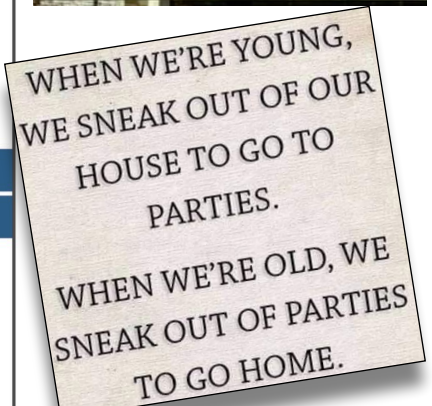
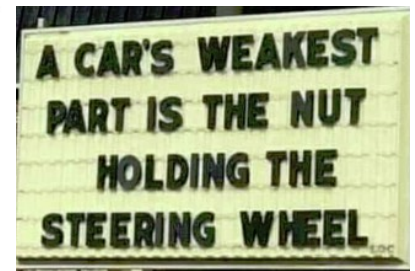
As your life changes, consider some of these benefits and discounts from **IRTA & AMBA**:

- Dental & Vision Plans
- Long Term Care & Home Health Care Insurance
- Medical Air Services Association (MASA)
- Cancer, Heart & Stroke, and Accident Insurances
- Medicare Solutions
- Final Expenses Whole Life & Guaranteed Acceptance Life Insurance
- Annuity
- Start Hearing, Inc.
- Discounts on Travel, Dining & more

Learn More: 1-877-556-4582

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