



IRTA-UNIT 90

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

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

President's Notes



Spring is here and the weather is finally getting warmer. Like the weather, events are heating up for you to enjoy. Our Board meetings continue to be held at the Arlington Heights Senior Center the first Wednesday of every month except for July and December.

In addition to our Board meetings, we plan events that we think are of interest to you. The following includes but is not limited to:



-----Our Unit just attended the thriller Murder on the Orient Express.

-----Later this month, on May 31st we have our annual Spring Luncheon. In addition to great food and great company we will have as our guest speaker Jessica Hoselton, the Executive Director of the IRTA.

-----Volunteering at Feed my Starving Children.

-----Schaumburg Boomers baseball game that not only has free parking, but we have snagged a \$30 ticket that INCLUDES \$20 of food and beverages. If a baseball game doesn't float your boat, then:

----- We have planned a sightseeing cruise on the mighty waterway of Lake Geneva.

----- We are looking into a dinner and theater event and before you know it...We'll have our Winter Holiday Luncheon.

If you have other ideas, we'd love to hear them, at our meetings, so please attend. You don't have to get involved with the day to day functioning of the Unit, but would love it if you do.

The Tier 2 Pension Problem:

In 2010 the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Pat Quinn passed a law around the time of the Great Recession that created a Tier 2 pension for state pensions, which includes the Illinois Teachers Retirement System, that created a less than generous pension for workers hired after January 1, 2011.

The legal problem for the State is that Tier 2 pension benefits are so low that it may violate federal law which states that a Social Security retirement replacement plan (our pension) must at least match Social Security benefits. It appears that Tier 2 violates federal law. Our current governor, J.B. Pritzker has acknowledged that we must address the Tier 2 problem which will affect his attempt to get the State to fully fund our Tier 1 pension. We must help our Tier 2 brothers and sisters in their struggle for a fair and equitable pension, just as we have earned the pension that we receive. Tier 2 pensioners are the future of IRTA.

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My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect. And for that I am eternally grapefruit.

Therapist: Your wife says you never buy her flowers is that true?
Him: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.



My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway and that's how the fight started.

A woman with a salad walked past me in the restaurant and said you know a cow died so you could eat that beefburger. I said if you weren't eating its food it might have lived. 😊



President's Notes (continued)

IRTA PAC:

Our political action committee protects our pension and healthcare benefits. You can make a onetime contribution (as often as you want) or join the \$1/month club. Go to IRTA at irtaonline.org I humbly suggest that this will be money well spent.

The Helen Kennedy Foundation:

The Helen Kennedy Scholarship is available to graduates of an Illinois High School. We are proud to announce that the recipient for 2024 resides in the Northwest Suburban Unit 90 area.

Excellence in Education Grant:

The June 1st deadline is approaching for the Excellence in Education Grant. If you know an educator, have them go to the IRTA website at irtaonline.org and fill out the online application.

I look forward to seeing you at our Board meetings and events...

Mark Boumstein



IRTA Foundation Grants (due by June 1, 2024)

Excellence in Education Grants for Teachers

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation continues to work toward the future by offering \$42,000 in grant money to educators.

How the Program Works

Being an educator, do you often think of this phrase – *Extra Funds Needed* – when it comes to planning special projects for your students? Due to recent state budget cuts, you may be finding that additional revenue sources are no longer available for such unique activities.

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation is making \$42,000 in grant money available statewide 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.

How Can You Participate?

Please download, complete, and submit the application online by [clicking here](#). All proposals must be submitted by June 1, 2024. A special committee will select the recipients of the grant money over the summer. Grant awards will be presented in the fall.

Please click here for information on the 2023 winners.

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

Future Event: Luncheon Cruise on Lake Geneva (in August?)



*There will be more information
forthcoming by email...*

Janette Wanner's Membership Report



Unit 90 (Northwest Suburban) is one of the 87 Units of IRTA in Illinois.
We are in Area 2, Region 3.

Currently we have **540 members** in Unit 90,
but only **482** 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 **247 Life members**.



Membership forms , for State and Local,
can be found on our webpage: [Click Here](#).



Unit 90 Members Who Recently Died



Sanfillippo, John (Mar. 9, 2024)

Diane Pfister: Foundation News



The IRTA 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.



Illinois Retired Teachers Association Unit 90 2024 SPRING LUNCHEON

May 31, 2024

\$35 each (\$40 for non-member guests) - no refunds

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). Main entrance is handicap accessible.

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

Social Hour 11:00

(Cash Bar Available)

Luncheon 12:00

Program 1:00

JESSICA HOSELTON

NEW IRTA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Menu -- Choice of one:

Cobb Salad:

Mixed greens, roasted chicken, bacon, avocado, tomatoes, bleu cheese, egg, all tossed with vinaigrette dressing

--or--

Chicken Piccata:

6 oz. pan-roasted chicken, sautéed in a sauce of lemon, capers and garlic, served with mashed potatoes and asparagus

--or--

Pesto Crusted Salmon:

Basil Pesto salmon, glazed with lemon beurre blanc, served with chef's choice of seasonal vegetable

Each entrée served with: fresh bread and butter, and coffee or iced tea

Dessert: Chocolate Explosion

Individual chocolate cake with ganache center and dusted with confectioner's sugar; accompanied by vanilla ice cream

Reservation deadline for members & their guests: Must be received by May 24, 2024

RSVP to: Linda Wagner, 7306 Gleneagle Cir, Village of Lakewood, IL 60014-6715

Questions? Please call Linda Wagner at 847-207-2045

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Name: _____ Cobb _____ Chicken _____ Crusted _____
Salad Piccata Salmon

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Guest Name: _____ Cobb _____ Chicken _____ Crusted _____
Salad Piccata Salmon

Dietary concerns must be noted on here. They cannot be addressed on the day of the event.

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (\$35 each) (Non-Members \$40)

Make checks payable to Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90



IRTA-Unit 90 is offering a get-together at Wintrust Field

1999 S Springinsguth Rd in Schaumburg, IL

Sunday July 21, 2024

at 1:00 pm

(Arrive between 12:30 and 12:45 for tickets)

\$30

(includes \$20 food and drink)



Please let us know if you need handicap or wheelchair seating. Elevator available.
In case of rainout, tickets will be refunded.

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Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Number of tickets: _____. Check enclosed for \$ _____ **(\$30 each)**

Make checks payable to: Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90



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