



## Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

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**Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center**

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**Attendance:** Mark Boumstein, Janice Calvey, Richard Chierico, Karl Gabbey, Gerie Kay, Robert Lyons, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Barbara Riske, Linda Wagner, Carolyn White

- 1. Minutes** (*Gerie Kay*) November 2, 2022 Minutes were approved.
- 2. Treasurer's Report** (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's Report was approved.
- 3. President's Report** (*Jane McCauley*) Jane announced that Liz White has resigned from the Board. Linda Wagner will continue as Events Coordinator. Jane reviewed and with the Board's input, filled out the form for *Unit of Distinction*. She will send it. We qualified for this last year and hope to be selected again this year.
- 4. Unit 90 Events for 2022** (*Linda Wagner*) As of today, 12 tickets have been ordered and paid for Overshadowed Theater ( Medinah) 2pm matinee performance of The 39 Steps on March 25, 2023. Tickets are still available. Plans for dinner after the play are still being considered. New possible suggestions : The Dancing Horses Theatre in Lake Geneva, WI and the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art in Oak Brook.

### 5. Committee Reports

**Membership:** (*Janette Wanner*) We currently have 637 active members, 238 are Life members (13 of those are 90 years or older) and 551 are State IRTA members.588 members use email and 49 use USPS.

There was a discussion about getting our IRTA information out to newly retired teachers. Suggestions: Send to all faculty members, work with union or association presidents of school districts, post info on school bulletin boards in teacher's lounge, and send a representative of the Unit Board to meetings held by TRS to discuss retirement benefits of belonging to the local and state units of IRTA. There was further discussion to develop a brochure with a slogan such as "Are you a member of the group protecting our pension? IRTA is the organization that works exclusively for retired teachers".

**Foundation/Scholarships:** (*Diane Pfister*) -Unit 90 member Clydesdale Meiller (District 35, Glencoe, IL) passed in January 2019. A card has been sent to the family and a memorial donation has been sent to the IRTA Foundation.

**Member Benefits:** (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) Discussion of Aetna Insurance now replacing United Health Care for TRS members. Confirm the new coverage when you go for an appointment. Use pre-check in when you have an appointment. Present your card. After presenting your Aetna card it may take a few minutes for the doctor's office to verify the change.

Janice reported that Larry Newman, a speaker from AMBA, is available. We will wait until the New Member Breakfast to have him on the program.

**Communications/Website:** (*Reinhard Taylor*) No report

**Facebook:** (*Linda Wallin*) Linda reported we have 21 followers on our Facebook page.

**Volunteer Services:** (*Carolyn White*) We are scheduled Feb15, 2023 at 9am-10:45 for packing for Feed My Starving Children (740 Wiley Farm CT. Schaumburg). Still checking Bernie Books in Lake Bluff.

**Newsletter:** (*Jane McCauley*) The next Newsletter is scheduled for March.

**Legislative:** (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) The spring session of the General Assembly is in January. Banning assault weapons bill to be discussed and voted on by the House of Representatives.

**TRS:** (*Bob Lyons*) Double-check that your insurance information is correct.

**Other:**

The meeting was adjourned at ?? am.

**Meeting Schedule for 2023:** First Wednesday of each month (except July and December).  
Newsletters in March, May, August and November

**Next Meeting on February 1, 2023**