

Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting was called to order by Mark Boumstein at 10:02

Attendance: Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, Janice Calvey, Rich Chierico, Karl Heinz Gabbey, Rainy Kaplan, Bob Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Diane Pfister, Linda Wagner and guest members John Braglia and Herb Rangl.

- **1. Minutes** (Gerie Kay) The minutes from November 6, 2024 were approved as amended.
- **2. Treasurer's Report** (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's Report for November and December were approved as sent online and passed out as printed.
- 3. President's Report (Mark Boumstein) Our Rainy (Lorraine) Kaplan is running for Trustee. Log in to sign a petition on the TRS website (https://www.trsil.org/trustees/election) by Jan. 31, 2025. The election will be May 1, 2025. President Biden signed into law on January 6, 2025 the Social Security Fairness Act, HR 82 concerning the Windfall Elimination Program and Government Offset.

4. Unit 90 Events for 2024-25 (Linda Wagner)

Our **Holiday Luncheon** at the Inverness Golf Club on Thursday December 5, at 11 am. had high participation with 75 present. Our entertainment was the District 54 Jazz Band. We sent a \$204 donation to PAC from Roger's Raffle. We agreed on June 13 for the date of our Spring Lunch at Inverness Golf Club. We discussed difficulty for those needing extra help for entrance to the Golf Club and parking. The Valets are always helpful. We are hoping to have someone in place to help guests up or down the stairs.

Ideas for next season: A Boomers Baseball game at Wintrust Field in the summer is being planned. Date TBA.

We are planning to attend a play on Sunday, April 5, 2025 at Overshadowed Theater in Medinah. This is a comedy entitled <u>A Play that Goes Wrong</u>. (Optional dinner after the show at Villaggio Ristorante, 1242 Lake Street, Roselle, IL) The cost of tickets will be announced and published in the Newsletter.

Other Ideas: Chicago Improv and Botanical Garden. Please note that Botanical Garden is free for all teachers.

5. Committee Reports

Membership: (Janette Wanner) 551 members are active in Unit 90. 489 of those are also active State IRTA members. 245 are Life members. (9 are 90 years or older).

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Diane Pfister*) Cards have been sent to the family of Cynthia Prisching of District 15 and a memorial donation has been sent to the IRTA Foundation. We have received a thank you note from the Kolze family for our donation in memory of Richard Kolze (District 211).

Member Benefits: (Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey) Delta Dental sent the wrong cards and are sending new ones. Delta Choice pays less of the bill than Delta PPO plan would pay. Check to see if your doctors are in network. **www.irtaonline.org** If they are in network there is no fee upfront for dental service. If they are out of the network there will be a charge upfront.

Communications/Website: (Reinhard Taylor) No report.

Volunteer Services: (Carolyn White) February 19, 2025 9am - 11am Feed my Starving Children. Please email Carolyn White if you plan to attend. whitecarolyn14@gmail.com

Newsletter: (Jane McCauley) Send newsletter items ASAP.

Legislative: (Karl-Heinz Gabbey) Spring session is in process. There is pressure to improve Tier 2 and may even change all to Tier 1. Copies of documents passed to all present.

<u>Government Pension Offset</u> and <u>Windfall Elimination Provision</u>

TRS: (Bob Lyons) No report

Media: (Linda Wallin) No report.

Constitution: (Bob Kaplan) No report.

Other Business:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Meeting Schedule for 2025: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December). Newsletters in February, May, August and November

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Next Meeting on February 5, 2025 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center