



## Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

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**Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center**

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

**Attendance:** Mark Boumstein, Marna Boumstein, Janice Calvey, Rich Chierico, Karl-Heinz Gabbey, Rainy Kaplan, Bob Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Carolyn White and Ken Wolin

**1. Minutes** (*Gerie Kay*) The minutes from April 2, 2025 were approved.

**2. Treasurer's Report** (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's Report for April 2, 2025 was approved. The motion: "Payment of the bill of \$164.88 for a 2 year SSL certificate to Network Solutions" was approved. SSL certificates are crucial for securing websites and building trust with visitors. They ensure that data transmitted between a website and its users is encrypted and protected from eavesdropping and interception.

**3. President's Report** (*Mark Boumstein*) Our Area 2 scholarship recipient is MaryJo Coleman of DesPlaines. She will receive \$2000. She will be coming to our June Board Meeting. We will also invite her to attend our Spring Luncheon at Inverness on June 13. Bob Lyons has indicated that he wants to step down from his Board position. He will stay on the Board and attend meetings. Rainy Kaplan will co chair the TRS Communications with Bob. A motion was made to approve the Co Chairs of Bob and Rainy and the motion was seconded and approved. The 70<sup>th</sup> IRTA state convention will be at the Crown Plaza in Springfield on Monday, October 27 - Tuesday October 28. Registration will be \$48. There will be a keynote speaker. See copy of 2025 IRTA Convention Meals & Costs available at the May Board Meeting. Baskets previously donated from Units as a fundraiser will not be required. Instead there will be a raffle. Raffle tickets will be \$50 for 1 ticket and \$70 for two tickets. The fundraiser is supported by Boscov's Travel (Travel item) and RTA (for airfare).

**4. Unit 90 Events for 2025** (*Linda Wagner*) We have 20 guests signed up so far for our Spring Luncheon at the Inverness Golf Club on Friday, June 13. A member sent a letter of concern about the (\$50) cost of the lunch but indicated she would still attend. Reinhard Taylor sent her a reply with her requested explanation.

Tickets are still available for the Boomers Baseball game at Wintrust Field in Schaumburg on July 6, 2025. Tickets are \$30 per ticket and include \$20 for food and drink. Arrive at 1 pm. See Linda for tickets when you arrive.

The 2 ½ hour cruise on Lake Geneva including a Luau lunch will be on Thursday August 7, 2025. Tickets are \$91 per person (free handicap parking). If necessary, we may cancel by July 6.

Our New Member Breakfast will be September 3 at 9am at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. Jane McCauley will arrange for the breakfast.

## 5. Committee Reports

**Membership:** (*Janette Wanner*) Currently we have 533 members in Unit 90 and 468 of those are also state members. We have 254 Life members.

**Foundation/Scholarships:** (*Diane Pfister*) Cards have been sent to the family of Paul Christmas and Barbara Boehm (both of District 214). Memorial donations have been sent to the IRTA Foundation.

**Member Benefits:** (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) There are many benefits and discounts available for IRTA and AMBA. For example: Wyndham, Hertz, Sam's Club, 1(800) Flowers etc. The website to find out more and create an account: <https://www.irtaonline.org>.

**Communications/Website:** (*Reinhard Taylor*) Info about upcoming events has been sent out.

**Volunteer Services:** (*Carolyn White*) Dates for volunteer activities:  
FMSC September 17, 9 am-11 am (740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg)  
Kids Above All July 30 10am - 12pm Back to School Backpacks (1801 E Oakton St, DesPlaines)

**Newsletter:** (*Jane McCauley*) Our next Newsletter is May 7. Deadline for submissions is April 28.

**Legislative:** (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) Budget talks continue. Governor JB Pritzker proposed a budget in the General Assembly. Pritzker is committed to full funding. The end of the Spring Veto session is on May 30, 2025.

Tier II reform—The problem is funding. Tier II will probably not be going away. There is talk of a class action suit about Tier I and Tier II.

Proposed legislation: HB 5909 / SB 3988 Fair Retirement and Retention Act. Talks will continue into the Fall 2025.

**TRS:** (*Bob Lyons, Rainy Kaplan*) Henceforth Rainy Kaplan will co-chair with Bob Lyons.

**Media:** (*Linda Wallin*) Our Facebook has had 140 views, 20 people and 5 interactions.

**Constitution:** (*Bob Kaplan*) No report.

**Other Business:** Rainy Kaplan reported that the following changes have been proposed by the State IRTA Foundation Executive Committee dealing with scholarships and will be going into effect next year. The scholarship money will be given in one amount instead of 2 \$1000 amounts. Also, future IRTA Scholarships will be available for Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors.

Also please note the Area 2 Virtual conference is **September 16, 2025**.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.**

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

**Next Meeting on June 4, 2025 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center**