



ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Unit 90 - Northwest Suburban

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ***March 7, 2007***

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 24 (T) - Bill Hinchliff Tour
JUNE 13 (W) - Summer Luncheon
SEPTEMBER 6 (TH) - Day at the Races (NOTE: Date changed from 9/12/07)
OCTOBER 15-16 (M/T) - IRTA State Convention (Springfield)
DECEMBER 5 (W) - Holiday Luncheon/Election of Officers

ANOTHER YEAR: GREETINGS and GRATITUDES

As president, I wish to welcome you to another exciting year with Unit 90 and to encourage you to become involved with our various programs and activities. I would like to thank the Unit 90 Executive Board members for their tireless work on behalf of the entire Unit 90 membership. Included in this mailing is the updated Unit 90 Directory for 2007-2008.

ANOTHER ADVENTURE: The Pullman and Industrial Southeast Side (Tuesday, April 24)

Back by popular demand is another guided tour led by Bill Hinchliff. Join us as we explore the historic Pullman District and the Industrial Southeast Side. The cost is \$55.00 per person and includes the bus, guided tour, all entrance fees, and lunch at Phil Schmidt's in Hammond. Since the trip is limited to 45, reservations will be accepted on a first come/first served basis. For specific details, see the enclosed flyer.

ANOTHER IRTA CALL TO ACTION: H.R. 82

The IRTA is working to get the US Representative and US Senators from Illinois to support the repeal of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). The Social Security Fairness Act, which was recently reintroduced in the US House of Representatives, would completely repeal both the GPO and WEP.

CALL TO ACTION: contact your Congressmen and ask them to sign on as co-sponsors to H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act. Call the U.S. Capitol toll free at 1-866-327-8670 and ask to be connected to your Congressman's office.

Unit 90 WEBSITE: www.irta-unit90.org

If you have not done so yet, please check out the NEW Unit 90 website, which includes current information on the following topics: Executive Board members and meeting minutes, the latest IRTA Call to Action, GPO/WEP issues, 2007-2008 IRTA Foundation Scholarship information, TRS reports and Pension concerns, Legislative updates, and Unit 90 events with photos!

Thanksto the Webmaster, Reinhard Taylor.

UNIT 90 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The meetings of the Unit 90 Executive Board are open to ALL interested members. Please join us on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month (except July and December) at the Arlington Heights Senior Center at 10:00 am.

COMMUNICATION: E-MAIL UPDATES

If you are not currently receiving e-mail updates and want to receive them, please send your name and e-mail address to Bill McCauley at wcm211@comcast.net with the subject IRTA. If you do not have e-mail and want to be alerted when we need to contact legislators, call Bill McCauley at 847-895-5279 and leave your name and telephone number.