



ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November 4, 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4 (F) – Holiday Luncheon

April 20, 2016 - (W) - Paramount Theatre

Holiday Luncheon

Make your plans now to attend the Holiday Luncheon on Friday , December 4, 2015 at the Inverness Golf Club. Take this opportunity to celebrate the upcoming holiday season with your fellow Unit 90 members. The Barrington High School Madrigal Singers will perform! See the flyer for more specific details! Hope to see you there!



The 2015 TRAIL Open Enrollment Period will be held October 15th through November 16th with coverage elections and changes effective January 1, 2016

Members of the following group insurance programs must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B in order to be eligible for the Total Retiree Advantage Illinois (TRAIL) Program. In addition, any covered dependent must also be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B in order to be eligible for TRAIL coverage. If either the member or any dependent on the member's insurance through the State is not enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B, neither will be eligible for TRAIL Medicare Advantage plans. Members and dependents of non-Medicare households must seek benefits under the non-Medicare programs offered by the State, which are described on the Benefits website at www.benefitschoice.il.gov.

2016 Paramount Theatre Trip

Unit 90 is offering a trip to the Paramount Theatre in Aurora to see West Side Story on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

RALPH MARTIRE TO SPEAK

Ralph Martire, Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability will be speaking at the North Lake Shore Retired Teachers Association meeting at the Des Plaines Elks Social Club at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 19th. Our friends have extended an invitation to us at \$25 per person for lunch and to listen to Mr. Martire speak on what lies ahead for public education and our pension system in Illinois. We will arrange for seats for any of our members on a first come first served basis. Please contact Bob Kaplan at kaplanbob55@gmail.com by November 10, 2015 if you are interested for more specific details for this special event.

IRTA 2015 STATE CONVENTION

The 2015 IRTA State Convention was held at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, Illinois on October 26-27, 2015. Unit 90 was well represented by 15 delegates. Noted guest speaker Barry Bradford spoke passionately to the gathering on how to utilize Abraham Lincoln's strategies to be more effective leaders. His presentation was very well received by the group of nearly 400 delegates and guests. The business of the convention was carried out over the two day meeting. Highlights at the evening banquet included the honoring of Unit 90's own former president and long time active member Len Kortekaas. Followed by music and dancing by the "St.Louis Big Band" they kept the room alive with their spirit, energy and passion that delighted the attendees.

New officers were sworn in on day two including: President David Davison, Vice-President Roger Hampton, Treasurer Shirley Dodds and Secretary Doris Heaton. Also Unit 90's Reinhard Taylor Information Services Chair and Bob Lyons TRS Trustee were well received when called upon to address the delegates. Former Trustee Cynthia O'Neill was honored as part of the program as well. Our delegates also approved the Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer. Please consider becoming a delegate two years from now to represent Unit 90 at the 2017 convention!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Gigi's Playhouse, a facility in Hoffman Estates, serves adults and children with Down Syndrome by providing educational and therapeutic programs at no charge to the family. Educational programs use volunteers to support the program host, interact with the kids and set up and take down materials used for the program. Volunteers work as reading tutors but must attend a training orientation to learn about Gigi's playhouse before beginning to work with a student. Gigi's Playhouse hosts special event such as a golf outing, 5K walk/run, Buddy Walks and Fashion shows where volunteers can serve in a variety of roles.

Timber Ridge School, a public K-8th grade therapeutic NSSEO school in Arlington Heights is looking for reading tutors 1 to 2 hours per week on Tues., Wed. or Fri. between 9:30 - 12:00. Volunteers will work with students in first and second grades with reading challenges, social and emotional issues.

Meals on Wheels is still looking for drivers and the need is especially great during the winter months. Drivers pick up the meals and generally deliver to 15 to 20 recipients. You must have a valid drivers license, insurance and be willing to submit to a background check. Routes needing drivers are located in Maine Township, Evanston, Wilmette, Winnetka, Kenilworth, East Glenview, East Northfield, Elk Grove, Palatine and Wheeling Township.

For more information or to sign up for any of the above, go to www.handsonsuburbanchicago.org, email volunteer@volunteerinfo.net or phone 847-228-1320.

One-Bring-One

We need to grow to strengthen our organization. Surely everyone knows a retired teacher who is not a member of IRTA. If every member would recruit one non-member we'd be 40,000 strong! We're in a fight to keep our pensions. Legislators understand numbers, especially numbers that vote. Contact irta@irtaonline.org or call 800-728-4782.

Membership Offer

Any state IRTA member who is 90 years of age or older is eligible for free state membership. To receive your free membership send me your birthdate and I'll register you. Bobby Reinhardt, 964 Burgess Cir, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 or email me at burgesscir@earthlink.net

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, 2015 IRTA Foundation Scholarship information, TRS reports and pension concerns, legislative updates, and Unit 90 events with photos! Our thanks go to the Webmaster, Reinhard Taylor.

If you want an up-to-date 2015 electronic directory (pdf file) just e-mail your request to Reinhard Taylor at: irta-unit90rtaylor@comcast.net.

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN – UNIT EXECUTIVE BOARD - 2015

OFFICERS:

President: Robert Kaplan (kaplanbob55@gmail.com)

Vice President: Liz White

Secretary: Linda Wallin

Treasurer: Sandy Ratter

CHAIRS:

Membership: Roberta Reinhardt

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Foundation: Doris Haack

Program Coordinators: Rich Chierico, Liz White

Information Services: Reinhard Taylor

Member Benefits: Rich Chierico

Volunteer Services: Carolyn White

Newsletter Coordinator: Leonard Kortekaas

Illinois Retired Teachers Association Unit 90

2015 Holiday LUNCHEON

Friday, December 4, 2015 (\$25 each)

Inverness Golf Club

102 N. Roselle Road, Palatine, Illinois 60067 (corner of Roselle & Palatine Roads)

(847) 358-2340 Valet Parking Available

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



Social Hour 11:00

Luncheon 12:00

Program 1:00



Holiday Program

Barrington High School

MADRIGAL SINGERS

"An Octet of Song"

Menu Choice of one:

Grilled Salmon with Honey Dijon Crust

served with twice baked potato
and fresh green beans

Country Chicken Breast Roulade stuffed with
apples, cranberries and gruyere cheese with twice
baked potato, fresh green beans and berry barley
walnut and cranberry mix

Stuffed Pork Loin stuffed with apples, walnuts
and calvados; with twice baked potato
and fresh green beans

Each entrée served with:

Cream of Asparagus soup, coffee or tea

Dessert: **Hot Fudge Sundae** and holiday cookie

Reservation Deadline for members & their guests: Friday, November 27, 2015

RSVP to Liz White, 5805 Prairie Lane; Palatine, IL 60067-7357

Questions? Please call Liz White at 847-397-1678

Name: _____

Grilled Salmon _____ Chicken Breast Roulade _____ Pork Loin _____

Email: _____

Guest Name: _____

Grilled Salmon _____ Chicken Breast Roulade _____ Pork Loin _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (\$25.00 each) Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90





It's quite possibly one of the greatest love stories ever to be told in a musical. Set in the blue-collar neighborhood of New York's Upper West Side, racial tensions run high as residents try to grind out a daily living. A turf war is being fought as the Jets, a white gang, and the Sharks, a Puerto Rican gang, battle over boundaries. In the heart of the turmoil, former Jets member Tony meets Maria at a local dance. The chemistry is instantaneous, and for a few hours, there is no race, no hatred, no barriers, just two young people in love. But Maria is the sister of Sharks' leader Bernardo, and no one is going to make it easy for Tony and Maria to escape. From heart-wrenching ballads like "Somewhere" and steamy Latin beats in "America" to the soaring lyrics of "Tonight," *West Side Story* is a Leonard Bernstein & Stephen Sondheim musical masterpiece. The choreography is a fine balance of vicious intensity and romance that will take your breath away. It makes no difference if you've seen *West Side Story* before or if you've never seen it at all. Like all the shows before them, Paramount's creative team will take this production to a level that will make this THE *West Side Story* you never forget.

**IRTA - Unit 90 is offering a trip to the
 Paramount Theatre in Aurora, IL to see *West Side Story*
 on Wednesday April 20, 2016 for a 1:30 pm matinee performance
 for \$50 (Includes theater ticket and bus - Lunch on your own)**

All seats are on the main floor. One guest per member, unless space is available. Available lunch venues include numerous local eateries as well as restaurants in the Casino, which is located across the street from the Paramount Theater

**Departure from: Forest View Education Center at 10 am - return around 5 pm
 North Parking Lot A 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005**

Return this reservation form with your check (made out to NW Suburban IRTA Unit 90) to:
 Liz White, 5805 Prairie Ln, Palatine, IL 60067-7357
Questions? Please call Liz White: 847-397-1678

Name (Print): _____ Phone or Cell: _____

Email address _____

Guest (Print): _____ Phone or Cell: _____

Email address _____

Please reserve _____ places at \$50.00 each for the **April 20, 2016** show and bus.

Enclose your check, made payable to: **Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90**

Reservation Deadline March 31, 2016

