



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

Meeting was called to order by President Diane Pfister at 10:00 am

Attendance: John Braglia, Janice Calvey, Louise Finton, Karl Gabbey, Rainy Kaplan, Bob Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Diane Pfister, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Carolyn White

Special Order of Business: Swearing in of new officers by Bob Kaplan
President - Diane Pfister Vice President - Janice Calvey
Secretary - Gerie Kay Treasurer - Reinhard Taylor

1. Minutes (*Gerie Kay*) The minutes from November 5, 2025 were approved.

New sign-in procedure. Instead of signing in with a full name, there will be a list of names in alphabetical order prepared and one only needs to initial by their name. We also need to update a list of all the current Board members and pass copies to all. Hopefully Reinhard can help with this.

2. Treasurer's Report (*Reinhard Taylor abs.*) The Treasurer's reports from November and December 2025 were presented. There were questions.

3. President's Report (*Diane Pfister*) Unit of Distinction submission
Items were read and Board members discussed reasons and gave examples for a yes or no value. As it happened, 28 items were considered a Yes value.
Foundation committee chair replacement: Louise Finton will take over the position.
Business card idea and sample - use of a QR code and Zelle to pay for items

4. Vice-President's Report (*Janice Calvey*) Janice passed a copy of an article from Neighbor and Classified; news which she sent in and that was published. It was about our Kids Above All charity activity.

5. Unit 90 Events for 2026 (*Linda Wagner*) Available dates at Inverness: Thursday, May 21 and Friday, June 19. The 19th was chosen. Entertainment to be decided.
For the legislative luncheon Sept. 10 or Sept 24. After discussion, the 24th was the best choice and perhaps location Westwood Tavern.
Other activities: Boomers Game Sunday, July 12 or Sunday, July 19
Medieval Times March 21
Play: *Buddy Holly Story* Oct 11 at Drury Lane
Once again, there was discussion about subsidizing the cost for our luncheons.

6. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) Currently we have 539 members in Unit 90. Emails have been sent to join State and Unit.

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Diane Pfister*) Louise Finton has agreed to take this position.

A donation was made in memory of the following:

Alice Kaczmarek – Rockford School District 205

John Elliott – Township HS District 214

Ronald Benes – Township HS District 214

The IRTA Area Scholarship (due May 1) and the Helen Kennedy Scholarship (due March 7) forms are now available:

<https://www.irtaonline.org/foundation/scholarships/>

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) Updates

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor abs.*)

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*)

Feed My Starving Children – Wednesday Feb 18, 2026 from 9 am-11 am

Considering *Kids Above All* and *Ronald McDonald*

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley abs.*) Our next Newsletter is February 4. Deadline for submissions is January 29.

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) The spring veto session is Jan. 13 for the Senate and Jan. 20 for the House. Tier 2 Legislation is complex and will need to start over. This will be a slow legislative year due to loss of federal funds.

TRS Update: (*Bob Lyons, Rainy Kaplan*) The Board of Trustees certified the 2027 State contribution of \$6,594,062,236 including \$200,000 for minimum retirement benefits. Also certified was the amount the State should pay as the actuarial amount to the system of \$11,177,466,698 including \$200,000 for minimum retirement benefits. The State has already made several payments ahead of schedule to TRS.

As of October 31, 2025, TRS has \$80.8 billion of Assets under Management.

If you received a TRS benefit in 2025, you should have received an IRS Form 1099-R via USPS from the Office of the Comptroller by Jan. 31, 2026. This form will report your income received from TRS during 2025. If you do not receive a 1099-R form by Feb. 16, 2026 or you need a duplicate copy sent to you, please log in to your MyTRSIL member account.

TRS pays your monthly benefit in arrears. The check issued Jan. 1, 2026 is your payment for the month of December 2025. Annual increases, certain insurance premiums and federal tax withholding changes will be reflected on the check issued Feb. 1, 2026, which is your monthly annuity for January 2026.

The compounded 3% annual increase is first effective on Jan. 1 following either your first retirement anniversary or your 61st birthday, whichever is later. TRS only sends a notification letter before your first annual increase occurs. You may log in to your

MyTRSIL member account to view your monthly and annual earnings statements.

Facebook Coordinator: *(Linda Wallin)* Enjoy the photos.

Other Business: 1. A motion was made to support John Braglia as Membership Recruitment Chair on the Board. Motion seconded and passed.
2. Revisions are needed for 2026-2027 board attendees, committee Chairs , etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Meeting Schedule for 2026: First Wednesday of each month (except July and December).
Newsletters in February, May, August and November

Next Meeting on February 4, 2026 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center