



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 10:00 am - at Arlington Heights Senior Center

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

Attendance: Janice Calvey, Richard Chierico, Louise Finton, Karl Gabbey, Rainy Kaplan, Bob Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Linda Wallin, Janette Wanner, Carolyn White

- 1. Secretary's Report** (*Gerie Kay*) The minutes from January 7, 2026 were approved.
New sign in procedure was very helpful.
- 2. Treasurer's Report** (*Reinhard Taylor*) The Treasurer's report from January was approved.
Unit 90 presented 2 scholarships totaling \$1,188. Discussion to be continued, if we should continue to support scholarships to individuals not chosen for foundation money.
Possibly, shall we create a \$1500 account from our funds to cover those chosen from area 2?
- 3. President's Report** (*Diane Pfister*) We received a thank you note for our \$205 donation to the IRTA PAC.
Unit 90 made the IRTA News for our donations to two schools in our area.
In Area 2 news, Board members roles: John Braglia - IRTA PAC Chair,
Karl-Heinz Gabbey --Legislative Rep, and Janice Calvey- Membership Benefits Rep.
On April 28, 2026 Area 2 and Area 1 Conferences will combine.
Wendy Wiegers is asking for volunteers for Finance Committee, Legislative Committee, Foundation At Large member, and Field Volunteer Organizers.
If interested contact Wendy (wowiegers@comcast.net) or Rainy (kaplanrainy@gmail.com).
- 4. Vice-President's Report** (*Janice Calvey*) Aetna provides many webinars: *Be Well, Live Well, Stay Well*
- 5. Events Coordinator** (*Linda Wagner*) March 21, 2026 Medieval Times social - \$64.65 per person March 6 deadline
June 19, 2026 Spring luncheon, Inverness Golf Club - Rich Chierico will be speaker and Entertainment will be Steel Drums (\$300)
July 12, 2026 Boomers Game
September 24, 2026 Legislation Luncheon (Plan for 70 in attendance)
October 11, 2026 **Buddy Holly Story** at Drury Lane Theater
December 3, 2026 Holiday Luncheon at Inverness Golf Club

6. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) Currently we have 541 members in Unit 90. Emails have been sent to rejoin State and Unit.

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Louise Finton*) Louise Finton has agreed to take this position. Forms for Scholarships now available: www.irtaonline.org/foundation/scholarships/
IRTA Area Scholarship (due May 1) Helen Kennedy (due March 7)
January 1, 2026 through May 1, 2026 teacher grant applications may be submitted
<https://www.irtaonline.org/foundation/grants/>

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) Amba rates will stay the same.

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*). No report

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*)
Kids Above All (baby bundles) 10 am-12 pm May 27, 2026

Newsletter: (*Jane McCauley abs.*) Our next Newsletter is May 6. Deadline for submissions is April 30.

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) No report

TRS Update: (*Bob Lyons, Rainy Kaplan*) No report

Facebook Coordinator: (*Linda Wallin*) Send announcements and pictures to Linda for posting. lwallin@dwna.net.

Constitution/ By -Laws: (*Bob Kaplan*) Will meet with subcommittee.

Other Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

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

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