



Northwest Suburban Unit 90 Minutes

Wednesday, August 5, 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, Karl Gabbey, Bob Kaplan, Rainy Kaplan, Gerie Kay, Jane McCauley, Diane Pfister, Reinhard Taylor, Linda Wagner, Janette Wanner, Carolyn White

- 1. Secretary's Report** (*Gerie Kay*) The minutes from June 3, 2026 were approved.
- 2. Treasurer's Report** (*Reinhard Taylor*) June, July and August reports were presented and were approved.
- 3. President's Report** (*Diane Pfister*) Upcoming IRTA Virtual Conferences (all Area Conferences are open to members in all areas). Areas 5&6 - October 29, 2026 @ 9:30 am; Tools You Can Use : IRTA, Community & Government Resources
AMBA Webinars (See IRTA website for more info. Past webinars are also available online)
August 20 - Senior Scams and Election Season Frauds
September 17 - Life Insurance Basics for Retirees
October 15 - Medicare Made Easy; Your Guide to Annual Enrollment
November 12- Caring For Loved Ones While Protecting Yourself
December 3 - Holiday Savings and Benefits for Members
- 4. Vice-President's Report** (*Janice Calvey*) Boscov's Travel: Unique Journeys-2027:
 1. Cape Cod
 2. Overseas: Vienna, Prague, Budapest
 3. Xmas -Savannah, CharlestonThe Buddy Holly Story at Drury Lane Theater, September 30 is the fall membership event for IRTA Unit 90 and is sold out!

5. Events Coordinator (*Linda Wagner*)

December 3, 2026

Holiday luncheon at Moretti's in Hoffman Estates. Louise spoke with Debora Utley, choir director at Buffalo Grove High School, and she has agreed to bring some of her students to sing holiday music from 1:00-1:30 PM. Louise told her that IRTA could offer a \$250 stipend for the event (Linda suggested the amount).

6. Committee Reports

Membership: (*Janette Wanner*) Total Membership currently is 520.

Notice that there are 260 Life members in Unit 90 and that number is half the total number of the total membership of the Unit.

Membership Recruitment: (*John Braglia*) John will continue to outreach to recruit and engage members; however, it seems young people do not see why these decisions need to be decided before retiring. The Barrington districts 302, 300, 303 are next in John's plans.

Foundation/Scholarships: (*Louise Finton*) Not report

Member Benefits: (*Rich Chierico, Janice Calvey*) No report

Communications/Website: (*Reinhard Taylor*). The August Newsletter was sent out.

Volunteer Services: (*Carolyn White*) The next event is
Feed My Starving Children Wednesday September 16 - 9 to 11am.

Newsletter Editor: (*Jane McCauley*) The next Newsletter is in November.
The deadline is October 28.

Legislative: (*Karl-Heinz Gabbey*) **Legislative Luncheon** - September 24, 2026 11:30 am at Moretti's of Hoffman Estates in their separate building. Buffet menu , \$40 per person

TRS Update: (*Rainy Kaplan*) TRS Welcomed 3 new appointed trustees to the Board. The president served on the TRS Board from 2019-21. The fund has \$86.022 billion in 545 accounts. The State made all of its FY 2026 statutory payments. Next meeting is in October.

Facebook Coordinator: (*Linda Wallin*) Continue to send announcements and pictures to Linda for posting.

Constitution/ Bylaws: (Bob Kaplan) If you have any new ideas about the constitution or the bylaws , please send them to Bob Kaplan.

Other Business: 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 September 2, 2026 at the Arlington Heights Senior Center