



IRTA-UNIT 90

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

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

President's Notes



Dear Unit 90 Members:

I hope that you all are doing well, but I've heard that some are coming down with spring fever. I have the perfect remedy for whatever ails you. Our spring luncheon is being held again at the Inverness Golf Club on June 13th. In addition to seeing your colleagues, we will be entertained by violinist Martin Lopez, who will be presenting with a few strings attached. We have a deadline so please reserve your place as soon as possible. The flyer to signup is in this newsletter, or you can click on this link: [Spring Luncheon](#).

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association 2025 Biennial Convention will be held in Springfield on October 27th and October 28th where the Association will be celebrating 70 years of advocating on behalf of retired educators. Please click on this [LINK](#) for all information and updates on this exciting event.

In the past, voting for all IRTA Officers and Area Representatives took place at the convention. Per a Constitutional Amendment passed at our last convention, the election has changed to an electronic process in order to allow our valued members who reside out of state to have a voice. Electronic election ballots will be emailed to eligible voters who have an email address on file with IRTA. If you want to vote by paper ballot you can request one, but it must be done no later than June 1, 2025. This request can be made by sending an email to irta@irtaonline.org or by calling 800-728-4782. The window to vote is from August 25th to October 10, 2025. There are no longer delegates which means that all IRTA members are invited to attend the 2025 Biennial Convention. More information will be forthcoming from IRTA. Results of the elections and any proposed Constitutional Amendments will be announced at the IRTA Convention on October 28th.

The local units of IRTA are placed in six areas throughout the state. Our local unit, Northwest Suburban Unit 90 is in Area 2. Our Area 2 virtual meeting will be held on September 16, 2025, during which discussions will be held regarding association candidates for elective office and proposed constitutional amendments.

You will receive an email as the events get closer, or even better, please attend our board meetings which are held 10:00am, the first Wednesday of every month, except for July and December, at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. I, on behalf of your board members, hope to see you soon.

Mark Bounstein

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13, 2025.	Our June luncheon will be held at the Inverness Golf Club (info in this newsletter).
July 6, 2025	Boomers Baseball (info in this newsletter).
August 7, 2205	Lake Geneva Cruise (more info soon)

Bob Lyons' TRS Report



What is important to each of us is that every month our pension check arrives and that in February it grows by three percent. Your check was there last month and you can count on it next month. Enjoy.

Bob Lyons

I can't believe I forgot to go to the gym today. That's 7 years in a row now.

Someone said "30 years ago", and my mind went "Ah yes! The 1970's", but they meant 1992, and now I need to lie down.

Illinois RETIRED TEACHERS Association

Save the Date
October 27-28, 2025

IRTA's 70th Anniversary Convention

Crowne Plaza
Springfield, IL

Your Voice. Your Resource. Your Retirement

Rainy Kaplan is Elected TRS Annuitant Trustee

Article by IRTA

IRTA is pleased to announce that Rainy Kaplan, an esteemed IRTA member from Schaumburg, Illinois, has been elected as the new TRS Annuitant Trustee. Rainy, a member of the Northwest Suburban Retired Teachers, received the full and unanimous endorsement of the IRTA Board of Directors. With no other candidates in the race, there was no need for a formal election.

This victory would not have been possible without the support of IRTA members who signed the TRS petition backing Rainy's candidacy.

As a trustee, Rainy will play a key role in shaping policies, approving investment strategies, and ensuring the financial health of the TRS fund. She will serve as an important voice for retired teachers, representing their interests on the board.

IRTA extends its heartfelt congratulations to Rainy on this achievement and looks forward to her contributions in this new role.

Once again, congratulations, Rainy!



Rainy Kaplan

February 19, 2025 *Feed My Starving Children* (740 Wiley Farm Ct, Schaumburg, IL)



Carolyn White: Volunteers Are Always Needed...

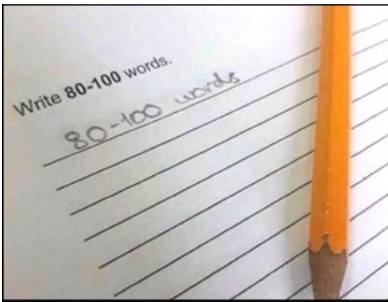


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Looking for volunteers to join me at Kids Above All (1802 E. Oakton St., Des Plaines) on July 30 from 10:00 - 12:00 to assemble Back to School Backpacks. Items will be available for us to assemble backpacks based on the specific requests of individual teachers. We are not responsible for bringing any supplies; KAA collects donations and they are arranged by category



for us to collect for each backpack. This is another new event for us but I'm sure it will be fun. Email Carolyn White at whitecarolyn14@gmail.com if you are able to join us. I will send more information closer to July 30.

Save the date: We are returning to Feed My Starving Children (740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg) on September 17 from 9:00 - 11:00. More information in the August newsletter.



April 5, 2025 Overshadowed Theatrical Productions (*The Play That Goes Wrong*)



Janette Wanner's Membership Report



Unit 90 (Northwest Suburban) is one of the 87 Units of IRTA in Illinois.
We are in Area 2, Region 3.

Currently we have **533 members** in Unit 90,
469 of those are also members of the State IRTA.

We now also have a Unit 90 Life Membership available for \$100
(or for **free, if you're 90 or older**).

We currently have **254 Life members**.



Membership forms , for State and Local,
can be found on our webpage: [Click Here](#).

Unit 90 Members Who Recently Died



Christmas, Paul (March 29, 2025)



Wright, Kevin (Feb. 1, 2025)



Boehm, Barbara (March 20, 2025)



Folkes, Dean (Jan. 13, 2025)



Toepke, David (Feb. 23, 2025)



Littwin, James (Dec. 19, 2024)



Phillips, Darryl (Feb. 9, 2025)



Prendergast, Joseph (Dec. 13, 2024)

Diane Pfister: Foundation News



The IRTA Foundation's goal is to assist past, present and future teachers. This is accomplished by assisting retired educators with living expenses, providing scholarships to aspiring teachers, working to protect the rights of the elderly, and providing grants to educators. Our unit supports the activities of the state IRTA Foundation by making a memorial donation when one of our members passes.

Please email us when you become aware of a death, so that we may honor that person's memory.



Illinois Retired Teachers Association Unit 90 2025 SPRING LUNCHEON

June 13, 2025



\$50 each (\$50 for non-member guests) - no refunds

Inverness Golf Club

102 N. Roselle Rd, Palatine, IL 60067 (NW corner of Roselle & Palatine Roads) (847) 358-2340
Valet Parking Available (\$3 suggested gratuity). Main entrance is handicap accessible.

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

Social Hour 11:00

(Cash Bar Available)

Luncheon 12:00

Program 1:00

Entertainment by violinist



Martin Lopez

Menu -- Choice of one:

Cobb Salad:

Mixed greens, roasted chicken, bacon, avocado, tomatoes, bleu cheese, egg, all tossed with vinaigrette dressing

--or--

Beef Short Ribs:

Slowly braised short ribs in a rich demi-glace, served with Chef's choice of starch and fresh vegetable

--or--

Pesto Crusted Salmon:

Basil Pesto salmon, glazed with lemon beurre blanc, served with chef's choice of seasonal vegetable and starch

Each entrée served with: fresh bread and butter, and coffee or iced tea

Dessert: Chocolate Explosion -Individual chocolate cake with ganache center and dusted with confectioner's sugar; accompanied by vanilla ice cream

Reservation deadline for members & their guests: Must be received by June 4, 2025

RSVP to: Linda Wagner, 7306 Gleneagle Cir, Village of Lakewood, IL 60014-6715

Questions? Please call Linda Wagner at 847-207-2045

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Name: _____ Cobb _____ Beef _____ Crusted _____
Salad Short Ribs Salmon

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Guest Name: _____ Cobb _____ Beef _____ Crusted _____
Salad Short Ribs Salmon

Dietary concerns **must** be noted on here. They cannot be addressed on the day of the event.

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (\$50 each) (Non-Members \$50)

Make checks payable to Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90



IRTA-Unit 90 is offering a get-together at Wintrust Field

1999 S Springinsguth Rd in Schaumburg, IL

Sunday July 6, 2025

at 1:00 pm

(Arrive between 12:30 and 12:45 for tickets)

\$30

(includes \$20 food and drink)



Please let us know if you need handicap or wheelchair seating. Elevator available.
In case of rainout, tickets will be refunded.

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Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Number of tickets: _____. Check enclosed for \$ _____ **(\$30 each)**

Make checks payable to: Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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