



IRTA-UNIT 90

Northwest Suburban - Unit 90

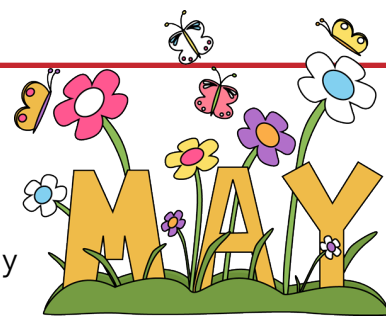
<https://www.irta-unit90.org>

Diane Pfister's President's Notes



Dear Fellow Retirees,

As spring unfolds and the calendar fills with opportunities to learn, laugh and reconnect, we're delighted to share a lineup of events created especially for our retired educators. Whether you're looking to explore a new volunteer opportunity or simply enjoy good company, our board has made sure there's plenty in this newsletter to brighten your days ahead.



And if you haven't visited the State IRTA website (irtaonline.org) recently, take a moment to peek – there are many exciting *Members Only* events on their horizon.

Together, these local and state offerings are more than dates on a calendar – they're invitations to stay connected, stay curious, and continue building the vibrant community that retired teachers are known for. We hope to see you at one (or many!) of these gatherings!

Warm regards,

Diane Pfister

Everyone is welcome to attend our next Board Meetings at 10:00 am
 Wednesday, May 6, 2026 and June 3, 2026
 at the Arlington Heights Senior Citizen Center
 1801 W. Central Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 20, 2026	<i>Kids Above All</i> 10am-12 (Assemble Baby Bundles)
June 19, 2026	Spring Luncheon 11am, Inverness Golf Club
July 12, 2026	Schaumburg Boomers 12:30pm, Wintrust Field, Schaumburg
July 15, 2026	<i>Kids Above All</i> 10am-12 (Assemble Back-to-School Backpacks)
September 24, 2026	Legislative Luncheon 11:30am, Moretti's, Hoffman Estates
October 11, 2026	Drury Lane (<i>Buddy Holly Story</i>)
December 3, 2026	Holiday Luncheon



Rainy Kaplan and Bob Lyons' TRS Report



The annual TRS Board of Trustees retreat was held in Springfield on April 23 -24. The Board does not take any action at this retreat. It is primarily time for the trustees to receive information and education from staff, consultants, the actuaries and experts on various topics. This retreat assists the trustees in making their decisions the rest of the year.



This year's topics included trends in mortality rates, geo-politics, diversifying strategies and topics that may affect and impact our portfolio's performance over the next fiscal year. The actuaries presented a variety of risk modeling to the Board. In addition, staff highlighted new programs within TRS and presented the preliminary budget for the next fiscal year.

One statistic that was presented during the retreat is that only 20% of annuitants/retirees have accessed their secure portal on the TRS website in the past year. If you have not logged on to the website, please check your portal at www.trsil.org. If you need assistance with access, please contact TRS at 877-927-5877.

The open enrollment for TRIP (for members not Medicare eligible) is May 1 through June 1. You should be receiving information in the mail from TRS. Changes go into effect on July 1. You can also find the booklet at <http://mybenefits.illinois.gov/>

TRS is offering many interesting webinars to assist members (both active and retired). Topics and dates can be found on the TRS website: <https://www.trsil.org/calendar>. They are popular and registration is required, so please sign up early if you would like to participate.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be June 11-12 at the NIU campus in Naperville.



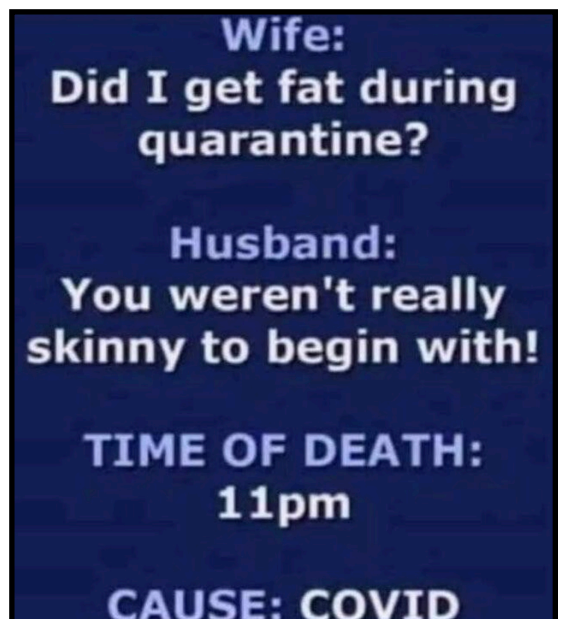
Louise Finton: Foundation News



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.



Carolyn White: Volunteers Are Always Needed...

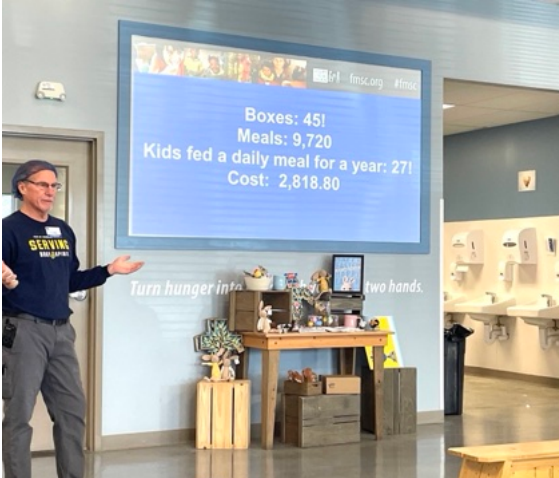


Join a group of local IRTA members headed to *Kids Above All* (1801 E. Oakton, Des Plaines) on Wed., May 20 from 10:00 - 12:00. We will be assembling Baby Bundles which include various items for new mothers or families with toddlers. *Kids Above All* collects items such as diapers and wipes, baby bottles, rattles and baby blankets and we assemble bags/packs for these families ready to be distributed. Contact Carolyn White at whitecarolyn14@gmail.com if you're able to join us.

We will be returning to *Kids Above All* on Wed., July 15 from 10:00 to 12:00 to assemble backpacks containing back to school supplies. There is a sheet for each student listing items required by their teacher to start the school year. Again, all the items needed for the backpack are waiting for us; we collect the items, put them in a backpack and tag with the students name. Again, contact Carolyn White at whitecarolyn14@gmail.com if you're able to join us.

We usually stop for lunch when we're finished. There are pictures in last year's Newsletters of our group volunteering for each of these activities.

Feb. 18, 2026 Feed My Starving Children (740 Wiley Farm Court, Schaumburg)





Sharing with our Neighbor: North Lake Shore RTA

North Lake Shore Retired Teachers Association is holding its May Luncheon on Thursday, May 21, 2026, 11:15-2 PM at **China Chef**, 5920 Lincoln Avenue, Morton Grove. They will accept separate ✓s (cash OR credit); we can order off a HUGE menu (so please take a look BEFORE the event to have an idea of what you'd like--go to chinachef.org Cost of your meal should be no more than \$20, including tax/tip; they have Lunch Specials!) &- YES-there is a parking lot/close parking.

Our Guest Speaker is President Roger Hampton, who will be covering anything & everything IRTA (update on ILGA {the session ends 5/31/pension info.}), w/answers to ALL of your ?? (If you have any other topics you'd like addressed, please let Jeanne know when you register.)

Donations to Greater Chicago Food Depository--do NOT bring food; we will be accepting ✓s made out to Greater Chicago Food Depository (NOT to us) &/or cash.

(Our AMBA Representative should also be there & can answer ALL your benefit ??/set up a Benefits Review w/you.) 11:30/11:45 AM -Order/Socialize 12 PM- Lunch 12:45/1:00 PM - Presentation/Q&A (should end 1:45/2:00 PM)

Please register with/RSVP to **Jeanne Parker ON or before MONDAY, 5/18** humteach@comcast.net or (847) 570-3318. (She would PREFER email so we have your address {& send phone #} in case of inclement weather cancellation {shouldn't happen in May!}) ALSO--Cc to- Chaya chrubenstein36@gmail.com AND Paul paulrojas@att.net

Thank you and if you have further questions/concerns, please feel free to contact me at chrubenstein36@gmail.com. (847)877-6678 (Phone IDs as family business, but it's me!)

Chaya Rubenstein, Co-President NLSRTA, Paul Rojas, Co-President NLSRTA



Linda Wallin - Facebook Coordinator



Are you on Facebook? We are! We hope you are "liking" our posts.

Want to keep up with your school district? Follow IRTA-Unit 90 on Facebook. We try to keep it light with some jokes as well. Thanks,

[Join us! Click here!](#)

Janette Wanner's Membership Report



Membership forms , for State and Local, can be found on our webpage:

[Click Here.](#)

Unit 90 (Northwest Suburban)
is one of the 87 Units of IRTA in Illinois.

We are in Area 2

Currently we have

520 members in Unit 90

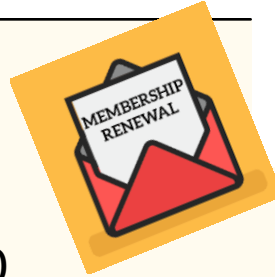
459 of those are also members of the State IRTA.

We also have a Unit 90

Life Membership available for \$100

(or for **free**, if you're **90 or older**).

We currently have **258 Life members**



Many retirees proudly belong to their local IRTA unit—and that connection is important. Local units provide community, fellowship, and support close to home.

But being a member of your local unit does not mean you are a member of the statewide IRTA association, and this distinction does matter.

The state IRTA association is the organization that:

- Protects your pension
- Monitors every piece of legislation that affects retirees
- Fights harmful proposals in Springfield
- Provides legal advocacy when benefits are threatened
- Ensures retired educators have a strong, respected statewide voice

Join Today

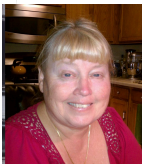
Your local unit keeps you connected.

Your state IRTA keeps you protected.

We're strongest when we work together.



Unit 90 Members Who Recently Died



Anderson, Sue

(Feb 11, 2026)



Kelly, Bernard

(Jan 22, 2026)



Kintzle, Allan

(Feb 17, 2026)



Carle, John

(Jan 1, 2026)

March 21, 2026 *Medieval Times* (Schaumburg, IL)





Illinois Retired Teachers Association Unit 90 2026 SPRING LUNCHEON June 19, 2026



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.

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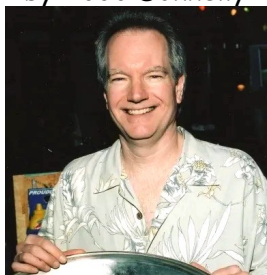
Social Hour 11:00

(Cash Bar Available)

Luncheon 12:00

Program 1:00

Entertainment
by Todd Donnelly



Steel Drums, Percussion
and Vocals

Menu -- Choice of one: \$47 each

Cobb Salad:

Mixed greens, roasted chicken, bacon, avocado, tomatoes, bleu cheese, hard-cooked egg

--or--

Chicken Piccata:

6 oz. pan-roasted chicken breast, sautéed in a sauce of lemon, capers and garlic; served with mashed potatoes and asparagus

--or--

Pesto Crusted Salmon:

Basil Pesto salmon with bell peppers, parmesan cheese and garlic, glazed with lemon Beurre Blanc; served with mashed potatoes and asparagus

Dessert - Chocolate Explosion

Warm decadent chocolate cake with fudge center and vanilla ice cream

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

Reservation deadline for members & their guests: Must be received by June 11, 2026

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 _____ Chicken _____ Crusted _____
Salad Piccata Salmon

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Guest Name: _____ Cobb _____ Chicken _____ Crusted _____
Salad Piccata Salmon

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

Check enclosed for \$ _____ (\$47 each) (No refunds after June 11)

Make checks payable to Northwest Suburban IRTA Unit 90

Trying to Increase Our Membership...

If you bring along a non-member to our June Luncheon and if they then join the Unit, they will get their \$47 refunded! What a deal!

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Register a non-member guest. If they join at the luncheon, they will get their \$47 refunded!



OMG, I'm rich!

Silver in the hair, Gold in the teeth, Crystals in the kidney, Sugar in the blood, Lead in the butt, Iron in the arteries, and an inexhaustible supply of natural gas. I never thought I'd accumulate such wealth.



Illinois RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE

2026 IRTA Virtual Conference Series:
 A Membership Summit for ALL IRTA Members

Open to all IRTA members statewide.

APRIL SESSION
 April 28, 2026 | 9:30 AM (CT)
 Hosted by Areas 1 & 2
 IRTA Member Benefits, Programs & More
REGISTER NOW https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JtpyhhJIT-iAtzslcFmxQt

JULY SESSION
 July 14, 2026 | 9:30 AM (CT)
 Hosted by Areas 3 & 4
 IRTA Advocacy & Governmental Relations
REGISTER NOW https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_o5SzGSwzSV-PTxK2nEFzQ

OCTOBER SESSION
 October 29, 2026 | 9:30 AM (CT)
 Hosted by Areas 5 & 6
 Tools You Can Use: IRTA, Community & Government Resources
REGISTER NOW https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JAhSWgPNQ9CQxtARa4eX3A



**IRTA-Unit 90 is offering a get-together at
Wintrust Field**
1999 S Springinsguth Rd in Schaumburg, IL

Sunday July 12, 2026

at 1:00 pm

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

\$30

(includes \$20 food and drink)



"Bark in the Park" Promotion



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

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

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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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12 Country Oaks Ln
Barrington Hills, IL 60010-9620

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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