

DUPAGE CONNECTION

Newsletter of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association in DuPage



DIRTA, Vice President *Sandra Sansone Brennan*

We have been on hiatus for over a year.....and we are all anxious to get our lives back “on track” so to speak. We hope everyone is gradually adjusting to another type of “normal” living. That varies from individual to individual; we all have our own level of comfort in social situations these days.

As we approach the Fall, we will see how we can manage our meetings. The Board will be meeting each month to plan our schedule. Please watch for our newsletter to see how events will evolve. We are hopeful that we can provide in person gatherings, including lunch.

We are planning to join the **West Lake Shore Retired Teachers** group on Tuesday, September 14th at the Hinsdale Community House. **Please note that registration is required for anyone attending.** The registration information is noted below. **Come join us!**

Antiques Roadshow

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
HINSDALE COMMUNITY HOUSE, 415 W. 8TH, HINSDALE 10AM-NOON
MORNING REFRESHMENTS
OPEN TO ALL WLSU MEMBERS AND GUESTS
FREE ADMISSION
GOT A TREASURE IN THE ATTIC?

Join us for an entertaining and informative program on how to appreciate and appraise the treasures and heirlooms you may have tucked away in your attic, closet, or garage. John Leonard has been appraising and selling antiques to a global market since 2006. Mr. Leonard will not only entertain you with stories and information on antiques, but he also plans to appraise 30-35 items audience members will bring to the event.

REMINDER: LIMITED SEATING—EVENT IS FREE ADMISSION, BUT PLEASE FILL OUT AND SEND INFO BELOW TO ATTEND. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BRING AN ITEM TO ATTEND.

SIGN UP TO ATTEND:

NAME: _____
EMAIL: _____
PHONE: _____
HOW MANY ATTENDING? _____

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE AN ITEM APPRAISED? IF SO DESCRIBE THE ITEM:

SEND ATTENDANCE REQUEST TO: K. SINGLETARY/422 COMMONS CIRCLE/CLARENDON HILLS, IL 60514

If you want to bring an item for appraisal, we will contact you about the details. The items will be selected so we have a variety of items. 30-35 items will be appraised.

Meeting Dates 2021

Steven's Family Restaurant, Woodridge, IL

Oct. 6th (nomination for open positions)

Dec. TBA—voting to take place

NO NEED TO REGISTER YET

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DIRTA delegates needed for the IRTA Convention,

October 17-18, at the Crowne Plaza, Springfield.

Call Ida Lee (630.917.8339) **before September 15** to make a reservation.

DIRTA will pay for meals and registration fee.

Call 1.800.589.2769 before September 18 for hotel reservations.

This could be YOU!

Be part of the team! We are on the lookout for a Political Affairs person.... The main goal is to spread the word about legislation that helps us to protect our health benefits and pensions. Volunteer to become our next political affairs liaison!

Ill or Deceased Members

Suzanne Hennings

Since our last newsletter five of our members have been reported as deceased. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of June Eaton, Charles Geitner, Dorothy Kerner, Marlene McGirk and Roger Sargeant. DIRTAs will send a donation to the IRTA Foundation in memory of these recently deceased members.

If you know of any members who are ill or have passed, please notify me by telephone (630-710-1803) or email medreading99@comcast.net

Membership Report *Mary Rogers, Caryn Graham*

DIRTA dues will be collected in October, November, and December of 2021. The 110 members who will owe dues for 2022 will be notified by mail and email. No local dues will be collected before October. Dues will not be collected at meetings/luncheons.

If you owe dues to IRTA, you will be contacted by the IRTA office in Springfield. Please contact that office at 1-800-728-4782 if you have any questions about your IRTA dues. When you talk with other TRS annuitants let them know why you joined IRTA and encourage them to sign up online at irtaonline.org.

We are pleased to report that ten 2021 retirees have joined our local unit. If you have any membership questions or you need to update your member contact information, please email dupageIRTA@gmail.com or call Mary Rogers at 630-890-7174

Tour Coordinator *Gary Elmen*

Update: DIRTA Amsterdam to Switzerland Tour Oct. 2-14

Our fall tour to Europe has been slightly reorganized. Airlines and river tours have had to adjust travel schedules. We leave from Amsterdam and end in Switzerland. As expected travelers need proof of vaccination (details TBD).

On October 2 we depart from O'Hare to Amsterdam on United, then cruise the Rhine River through several historic cities to disembark in Basel, Switzerland on October 11. We added extra time to enjoy Switzerland and leave on October 14 from Zürich.

Because of cruise consolidations we benefitted by an upgrade in the cruise ship and a few extra available cabins.

If interested in joining fellow members and friends please contact our representative:
Randall Self. (833) 404-7914 or randall.Self@AvoyaNetwork.com

to see a video of the ship...<https://youtu.be/1aocrCqgYvU>

October 2, 2021 - Depart Chicago O'Hare on United

October 3 - Arrive in Amsterdam in the AM and check into centrally located hotel, the [Doubletree Centraal Station by Hilton](#) - - Afternoon sights/Evening free.

October 4 - Free day - Board the Scenic Opal in the afternoon - Overnight on the ship in Amsterdam.

October 5 - Scenic Opal - Amsterdam

October 6 - Scenic Opal - Cologne

October 7 - Scenic Opal - Koblenz

October 8 - Scenic Opal - Heidelberg

October 9 - Scenic Opal - Baden-Baden

October 10 - Scenic Opal - Strasbourg

October 11 - Scenic Opal - Basel/Lucerne - After breakfast on the ship you will depart for a panoramic tour of Basel on the way to Lucerne - Afternoon/Evening free - Three nights at the [Hotel Monopol Luzern](#).

October 12 - Lucerne - Full day of guided tours including [Mount Pilatus](#) and Lucerne city tour - Evening free.

October 13 - Lucerne - Free day.

October 14 - Lucerne/Zurich - After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Zurich airport for the return flight

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FIRST CLASS

Our next newsletter will be mailed and emailed

Sept. 15, 2021

Dates of lunch meetings:

Oct. 6, Dec. TBA 2021

DIRTA—Lunch Meeting

Steven's Family Restaurant

2393 63rd St., Woodridge

Wednesday-12:00-Noon