
DUPAGE CONNECTION

Newsletter of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association in DuPage



President's Report

Charles Hlavaty

Our April meeting was wonderfully informative. The IRTA State Leadership talked during a delicious meal at Greek Islands. I'm delighted to announce our new unit treasurer, Sarilee Huffman. Be proactive and use the IRTA web site to stay informed about the latest in legislative activity involving our pensions and insurance.

We were brought up to date on all state issues from the speakers at our lunch meeting. Vice President John Flaherty spoke on the many advantages of being an active and involved member on both the local and state level. Nathan Mihelich, State Director of Membership, spoke about the importance of membership growth and all the services his office provides from video production to school district grants offered by the IRTA Foundation. Marge Sucansky, Region 4 Director, spoke on many topics including new member outreach and the upcoming Area 3 Conference in Bradly, Illinois on April 26th.

One down and one to go. Thanks to Ida Lee for her many years of service as our unit treasurer and now her mentorship with our newly elected treasurer. You have elected Sarilee Huffman as our newest Treasurer.

We are seeking to elect a new Vice President to replace Joanne Lovig as she ends her many years of dedicated service as President and Vice President in our DuPage Unit.

Please be aware that the Illinois government leaders are always looking to support the state budget at the cost of our pensions and insurance plans. As John Flaherty informed us, we need to stay informed through the IRTA web site and Voter Voice. If you are not signed up for both, do so ASAP to stay informed. Our state leadership is very active at the capital defending our constitutional rights and is always working in our best interest. Support them by also being an active member and helping grow our local unit membership and state membership. Remember the greater numbers in membership equates to a greater influence in Springfield. I look forward to seeing many of you at our May 2nd meeting so please come and bring someone new to enjoy a great lunch and be a proud member of the DuPage IRTA.

MAY LUNCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND—NOON
RESERVATIONS DUE BY FRI., APRIL 27TH

GREEK ISLANDS, LOMBARD

300 EAST 22ND ST., LOMBARD 60148 (JUST NORTH OF YORKTOWN MALL)
SALAD, PASTICHIO, ICE CREAM, TEA OR COFFEE
\$20 (INCLUDES TAX & TIP)

BRING A FRIEND—RSVP TODAY! REGISTRATION DETAILS BELOW

HOW TO REGISTER:

- A) Find your Zip Code and call your contact person **to make a reservation by April 27th.**
- B) Leave a message if there's no answer and please SPELL YOUR NAME.

PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!

60181 + 187 + 148	Cheryl Hansen	630-595-7623
60185 + 189 + 190	Jan Reese	630-529-6834
60188 + 193	Joanne Lovig	630-629-3176
60515 + 516 + 559	Jeanne Jordan	630-968-1224
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Fall Tour: Mystical Peru —Featuring Machu Picchu *Gary Elmen, Tour Chairperson*

Our DuPage IRTA tour to Peru is filling up! We have 19 people so far going on the tour to Mystical Peru. The week-long tour with 11 meals departs [October 9](#). We fly into Lima, Peru, then on to Cuzco and then to Machu Picchu. This ancient city has many legends and mysterious stories. Please join us before space runs out. Call Imelda Flores directly at Mayflower Tours. [630-435-8264](tel:630-435-8264)

Ill or Deceased Members 2018 *Jeanne Jordan*

After publication of the April newsletter, we were notified the the death of member Elizabeth Moore, at age 97. She was the mother of Kendra Nohl. Our sympathy to Kendra and other members. May she rest in peace. Please let me know of illness or death of a member by email at: jmjordan34@earthlink.net, or phone 630-968-1224.

Membership Report *Jane Munsie and Mary Rogers*

We are very pleased that most of you have renewed your membership in DIRTA; if you still need to pay your 2018 dues, you may do so at our next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can mail the dues (\$10.00) to Membership Co-Chair Mary Rogers at 173 Thunderbird Trail, Carol Stream, 60188. I look forward to seeing you at the membership table!

Jane Munsie Moeller, Membership Co-Chair

IRTA Member Benefits Highlighter *Chuck Hlavaty*

IRTA is proud to offer so many member benefits to its state members. Spring, summer and fall provide many opportunities to travel near and overseas. Your membership provides hotel, rental car, and travel discounts. One example of these benefits is our Orlando Employee Discounts giving you up to 35% off your Orlando vacation experience. To access this and many other travel benefits go to your IRTA Member Benefits web site: irtaonline.org or go to: myAMBAbenefits.info/irta More information next month so take advantage of your benefits and save \$\$ money.

It seems like just yesterday

- 1973 —the first mobile phone call was made
- 1982— the first consumer voice mail was launched
- 1992 —the first text message was sent
- 1998 —the first emoji was created
- 1999 —the first GPS-enabled consumer phone was sold
- 2000 —the first camera phone was sold
- 2007 —the first iPhone was released
- 2018 —where would we be without a cell phone today?

Sometimes there is just no going back!

DuPage IRTA

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**RSVP by Fri. April 27th
For the May 2nd Luncheon**

All members, please check your **Newsletter Label** to see if the State & Local Dues are up to date. Please send your dues to the DIRT Membership Co-Chair Mary Rogers.
State Dues: \$40 annually or "Dues Deduct" \$2.50 per month; **Local Dues (DuPage Unit):** \$10 annually, \$45 - 5 years.

FIRST CLASS

JOIN US ON: May 2nd - Reserve by: April 27th
Guest Speaker: Norman "Skip" Gonsoulin Jr.
Community Outreach Liaison
Office of the Attorney General of Illinois

**Our next newsletter will be mailed and emailed
May 22nd, 2018**
**Dates of the meetings are: May 2,
June 6, Sept. 5, Oct 3, Dec. 5, 2018**

DIRTA—Lunch Meeting
Greek Islands Restaurant
Wednesday 12:00—noon

Local Unit Membership Form—DuPage IRTA

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Circle one : One Year-\$10 Five Years-\$45 Make checks payable to DIRT

Mail to: Co-Chair Membership Mary Rogers—173 Thunderbird Trail, Carol Stream, IL 60188