
DUPAGE CONNECTION

Newsletter of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association in DuPage

President's Report *Charles Hlavaty*

It's a beautiful time of the year as the fall colors come and the days get cooler but daylight hours get shorter. We are preparing for the IRTA Convention and I hope you are planning to attend as a DuPage Unit delegate. We just had a jam packed September meeting at the Greek Islands Restaurant. Also, we need your assistance this fall at the TRS informational meetings at various schools.

The IRTA Convention is fast approaching and we can send 50 delegates! Your governing board has voted to support our attending delegates by covering the registration and meals costs. Sign up to attend at our next luncheon meeting on October 4th. If you can not make this meeting please call me so you can still register to attend the convention.

Our September meeting was full as we met in a smaller room at the restaurant. Thank you all for your patience and understanding. It was a great meeting as Rich Frankenfeld gave a presentation on the state of TRS and our pensions. Rich updated and clarified the recent general assembly actions and how they relate to our pensions. The information included the TRS investment results since 2014 and the pension plans financial condition. We also got an update on the TRIP/TRAILS programs dealing with our health insurance.

David Davison, our IRTA President, gave a great presentation on the IRTA Foundation and the 2017 Convention. David read a letter from a retired member who was assisted by the foundation and how grateful she was for the help she received. It was a very moving heartfelt letter and story.

We enjoyed having State Rep. 81st District David Olsen speak to us and having a short Q & A time before we ate our lunch. He gave his perspective of how the new school funding for the state affects our local school districts.

I'm seeking your assistance to attend the upcoming TRS meetings to hand out IRTA information. I will have all the materials ready for you and it is only a one hour commitment from 4:15pm to 5:15pm. These are the dates and locations for the meetings: 10-4-17 at D.G.South HS, 10-25-17 at Naperville Central HS, and 11-8-17 at Hubble Middle School.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our October 4th meeting for some great food, fellowship and informative speakers. When you come bring someone new so they can become a proud member of your DuPage IRTA.

IRTA CONVENTION—OCTOBER 30 & 31st, 2017

Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center

Springfield, IL

\$109.00 per night—phone 217-529-7777

Oct. LUNCHEON MEETING

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 4—NOON

RESERVATIONS DUE BY FRI., SEPT 29th

GREEK ISLANDS, LOMBARD

300 EAST 22ND ST, LOMBARD 60148 (JUST NORTH OF YORKTOWN MALL)
SOUP, SPANAKOTIROPITA, 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 Sept. 29th**
- B) Leave a message if there's no answer and please SPELL YOUR NAME.

PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!

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Ill or Deceased Members 2017 *Jeanne Jordan*

If you know of any members who are ill or have passed away, please notify me by email at jmJordan34@earthlink.net, or telephone 630-968-1224. You can also write the information on the sheet provided at our monthly luncheon meetings.

Membership Report

Jane Munsie and Mary Rogers

Just a reminder that dues for 2018 are due by December 31st 2017. You can pay at the October and December meetings or mail to treasurer Ida Lee at 200 Wyndemere Cr. E132, Wheaton, 60187. Make checks in the amount of \$10.00 to DIRTA.

Please contact former colleagues and invite them to become members of IRTA and DIRTA. Let them know about member benefits and encourage them attend our next meeting.

If you need to update your member information, please contact Mary Rogers at mamrogers@yahoo.com or 630-890-7174

IRTA Member Benefits Highlighter

Chuck Hlavaty

A number of exciting changes have been taking place at AMBA. Some of these changes include a new management team that is focused on improving benefits for retired educators, offering more products to save retired educators money and increasing their technology expertise. One example of the new technology is giving retired teachers AMBA discounts at your fingertips. This is accomplished by offering the PASSPORT app for you cell phones. Discover your savings on everything from dining, autos, clothes, entertainment, travel and many other valuable discounts all at AMBA with your membership. Use the IRTA web-page to see a complete list of all your membership benefits. Don't forget to schedule your benefits checkup. Call Larry Newman at AMBA at 1-800-258-7041.

Political Affairs

Arnie Grimes

We started the year with 45.3 billion dollars and are up to 50 billion dollars. We are fortunate that our investments did over 13% during the last fiscal year!

Fall Tour 2018

Gary Elmen

Email Your Tour Suggestions by October 8

At the September unit meeting attendees heard about three possible tour destinations that have surfaced so far. Peru and Machu Picchu, Scandinavia, and Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia) were previewed. One suggestion from the audience was a tour to Canada, which might include a rail tour through the scenic mountains. If you have other ideas, do not hesitate to send an email to Gary Elmen at gwelmen@yahoo.com.

DuPage IRTA

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**RSVP by Fri., Sept 29th
For Oct. 4th 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 A Treasurer, Ida Lee. **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: Oct. 4th 2017 – RESERVE BY: Sept. 29th
Guest Speakers: Vice President of IRTA, Roger Hampton
Annuitant Trustee of TRS, Larry Pfeiffer

DUPAGE IRTA General Meetings & Newsletter Mailing Dates 2017

Our next newsletter will be mailed and emailed
Nov. 21st Dates of the 2017 Luncheons are:
Oct. 4, and Dec 6, 2017

DIRTA Luncheon-Wednesday
12:00 -Noon
Greek Islands Restaurant

Local Unit Membership Form—DuPage IRTA

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City _____) _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Unit Dues—Check one one year - \$10 five years - \$45

Make checks payable to DIRT A — mail to treasurer Ida Lee (address on page 2)