

# MCHENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION IRTA AREA 2, REGION 2, UNIT 13



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## 2023 Meetings

April 19  
May 17  
June 21

September 20  
October 18\*  
November 15  
December 13

### \*Subject to Change

Doors open at 11:15  
Meeting begins at 11:45 am  
Lunch begins at Noon

### Suggestions for future venues or speakers are welcome.

Please contact Beth Miller  
[millerfam80@sbcglobal.net](mailto:millerfam80@sbcglobal.net)

### Need to Cancel?

If you cannot show the day of the meeting, call Linda Young at 847-209-8047 We do need you to pay for your meal if you do not cancel with one weeks notice.

## A UNIT OF DISTINCTION

February 2023

Dear Joann Jazak,

Congratulations, the McHenry County RTA Unit is being recognized as a 2022 IRTA “Unit of Distinction.” The “Unit of Distinction” Program is a voluntary program based on the honor system that is designed to help guide and direct local unit leaders, as well as recognizing IRTA units that are the best in the state.

Units receiving the “Unit of Distinction” Award will be recognized at the IRTA Biennial Convention, in the IRTA ACTION, e-newsletter, and on the IRTA Website. Your unit will also receive a gift of \$250.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Jim Bachman  
IRTA Executive Director



## Board Members

### Elected Members

President: Joann Jazak  
 Vice President: Linda Young  
 Board Secretary: April Shouse  
 Unit Secretary: Cathy Schiller  
 Treasurer: Dick Seaborn

### Appointed Members

Membership: Marlene Griffith  
 Programs/Venues: Beth Miller  
 Scholarship: Mary Noe  
 Member Benefits: Rose Turk  
 Information: Kathy Speaker  
 Legislative: Norb Wolter  
 Public Relations: Peggy Hart  
 Nominations: Olivia Santarelli  
 Constitution: Lois Shartiag  
 Finance: Olivia Santarelli  
**History: Robert Frenz**  
 Budget: Nancy Tober

**Special Welcome  
 to our new Historian:**

**Robert Frenz**

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## SPELLING BEE HELPERS

The McHenry County Regional Spelling Bee will be held on 3/22/23 at MCC. The McHenry County ROE will be sending the regional winner to the national Scripps spelling bee. The ROE is looking for 2 judges from the retired teacher’s association to assist at the event. Please email [dkhartmann@mchenrycountyil.gov](mailto:dkhartmann@mchenrycountyil.gov) if you would like to help with the event. Kathy Speaker helped last year and enjoyed it. You can always contact her if you have any questions as well. [kspeaker@charter.net](mailto:kspeaker@charter.net)

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## ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

### JOIN OUR FUN GROUP!

Wouldn’t it be nice to have organized trips to fun places? Are you good at planning events? Consider joining our board as our Event Coordinator. Just plan 1 or 2 fun events for the membership outside the regular meetings. Maybe a trip to a zoo, museum, or ball game would be nice. Maybe a longer trip to Branson or Paris! Now there’s a dream!

Another suggestion for a board member would be someone to organize volunteer coordinator. This person would coordinate volunteer activities such as collecting food for the food pantries and other various activities in McHenry County



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT-JOANN

As an organization we felt that we wanted to keep in contact with everyone during our winter months when we are not meeting as a group. Some of our board members are vacationing in various states for the winter and others of us are still working from the confines of Illinois. Regardless of where any of us who are on the board are residing in the winter months, we are still working in various aspects to help our organization to become even more successful in the year ahead.

Again if any of you have any questions or concerns you can ask the question through our website, or call a board member. Any of us are happy to get you to the right person to answer your concern. For those of you on the **Trail Insurance-( Aetna Medicare Advantage)** please take the time to set up your portal with this insurance. It is very similar to how we did it with United Healthcare, and many of the insurance questions can be answered on the site.

Also, Aetna Medicare Advantage does endorse the **Silver Sneakers** Program. There are many workout facilities in McHenry County that will accept this program. It is very easy to enroll and worth the time to ask your facility if they are a part of this program. The Silver Sneakers cost you nothing per month for the membership.

Please take a look at **2023 IRTA Foundation Grant** information that is attached. All of us know either relatives, or friends that are active teachers. Let us **REACH OUT** to individuals and let them know that this is available. It would be nice if an educator from McHenry County could receive one of these grants. This is another way for the MCRTA organization to help make individuals aware of what we do as well as the IRTA.

On another note, IRTA defends your pension and all of your benefits yearly. All of us appreciate the annual **3% raise** we receive. Remember to **Reach Out** and encourage someone to join our local organization.

REACH OUT!!!!!!

## LOOKING FOR LUNCHEON PROGRAMS

Do you know anyone who may have something of interest to share with our group? Heard any good speakers lately? If so, please let BETH MILLER know so we can ask them to join us for one of our luncheons. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Contact :  
Beth Miller

[bmillerteach943@gmail.com](mailto:bmillerteach943@gmail.com)

Do you know any active teachers—family members, friends, former colleagues?

# SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

I would love to shed some sunshine to any of our members that need a friend. I need to know the names of any of our members that a card or phone call would help bring a friendly person into their lives. So if you know of anyone that I could help, please share that information with me. Linda Young postteach@att.net or call 847-209-8047. If you would like to help with this, just let Linda know.

## DO YOU NEED TO PAY YOUR DUES?

## DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND YOU WOULD LIKE TO INVITE TO JOIN?

### MCRTA Dues --- You have three choices:

### I choose to pay (CIRCLE ONE)

- 1) Annual dues, \$10 for 2023
- 2) 3-year dues, \$25 for 2023-2025
- 3) LIFE membership for \$150

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- LIFE membership. \$150

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITE CHECK PAYABLE TO MCRTA. MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO MCRTA**

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