

MCHENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

IRTA AREA 2, REGION 2, UNIT 13



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2019 Meetings

D'Andrea's

April, June,
September, November

MCC

May, December

McHenry Country Club

March, October

Upcoming Programs:

April: Kathy Speaker,
Using IRTA website

May: Bryan Kennedy,
Magician

Programs subject to change

Meeting begins at 11:45 am

Lunch begins at Noon

Reservations due one week

March Menu

Salad

Pork Loin w/Celery Dressing

Mashed Potatoes

Vegetables

Ice Cream w/Sauces to pass

Coffee, Ice Tea, Water

President's Message

Stephen Polep

MCRTA lost an outstanding member when Greg Johnson passed away on February 26. Greg is fully responsible for the financial strength of the unit and he made our scholarship program possible through investments and financial planning. Greg was retired teacher of the year in 2007. Greg was also a state member of the IRTA finance committee for many years. He was just a great contributing member of the retired teacher association.

Plans by the MCRTA board are to remember and recognize Greg through a special scholarship or teacher grant.

March Guest

Jude La Francis

Dr. Douglas Tomasian, Cardiologist

Will discuss many early signs of heart failure.

Beth Marcello, who had a heart attack at age 48

Will also team with **Adam Benwitz** from Abbott Labs to explain the CardioMEMS system and the impact it has made on Marcello's Heart and Health

DOOR PRIZES TODAY!!



Membership News

Marlene Griffith and Linda Young

Currently, 25% of the 2018 McHenry County retirees (whose names we have) have joined MCRTA and 42% have joined IRTA. If you know a retiree who does not belong to our organizations, please inform that person of how important our organizations are to them. **Every person collecting a TRS pension should be thanking the IRTA membership and should be joining the effort to keep our benefits. We are the ones who fought the legislators who wanted to reduce our pensions. We won that fight and even non-members benefit from our efforts. It is imperative that they join us so we can keep our organization strong enough to fight those who would like to reduce our pensions and benefits.**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

***Helga Berutti, Algonquin** – Retired 2011, Crystal Lake D155

***Wileen Gehrig, Spring Grove** – Retired 2018

***Mary Weisman, Cary** – Retired 2017, Crystal Lake D155

DEATHS:

James Beck of Crystal Lake

Patricia Dahn of Gilberts; retired from D47

Greg Johnson of McHenry; retired from D156; served for many years on MCRTA Board and on IRTA

Jacqueline Krause of Fox River Grove; retired from D3

Sherry Mesick of Island Lake

Harmon Peaco of Crystal Lake

Catherine Smith of Crystal Lake

Robert Unglaube of Woodstock

Patricia Young of Cary

TODAY'S GRACE

Bless our friends

Bless our food

Come O Lord and

Bless Us.

May our talk glow with peace,

Bring your love to surround

us.

Friendship and Peace

May they bloom and glow,

bloom and grow forever.

Bless our friends

Bless our food

Bless our dear land forever.

Need to Cancel?

If you cannot show the day of the meeting, call Steve Polep on his cell at 847-772-4162 and leave a message or text—even at the last minute. We do need you to pay for your meal if you do not cancel in time as the unit has to pay the venue. Thank you.

**Reach us at:
PO Box 1776
Crystal Lake, IL 60039**



MCRTA Teacher Grants

Mary Noe

Our 2019 Scholarship application deadline has passed. The committee will make their selections of the recipients soon. Names will be announced at spring high school honors assemblies. One of our MCRTA scholarships will be listed as the Greg Johnson Memorial Scholarship in honor of a long time MCRTA board member who recently passed.

Once again the MCRTA board voted to collect money at our May and June general meetings to support our McHenry County Salvation Army Backpack program. Our county Salvation Army provides filled backpacks to needy students throughout the county just before school starts. We have been a most generous group. Last year we donated \$1300. Please bring your checks written out to Salvation Army or cash donations in May or June for this project. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Member Benefits

Rose Turk

Do you have any future plans for traveling abroad...anywhere in the world? IRTA members are offered discounts when a vacation is booked through Globus Vacations. Take a look at what vacations Globus offers. There are more than 65 countries across six continents to see and explore with different kinds of vacation options. Do you want to tour somewhere in South America, North America or Europe? Check out the tours that Globus or Cosmos offer. With Globus you will have a fully escorted first class tour with professionals handling the scheduling for you. If you want more affordable travel packages with a mix of included excursions and free time, choose vacations from Cosmos. Did you ever want to cruise the Rhine or the Danube or the Irrawaddy? See what river cruises Avalon Waterways offers. If you want a custom-made vacation package anywhere in the world, just contact a vacation stylist from Monograms and tell them what you plan to do. They will be there to help you set up a trip with your specific likes, interests, and travel styles.

To see what Globus offers go to the IRTA website (irtaonline.org) and login. Go to Membership Benefits and click on this. Scroll down to **Informative Benefits** and find Globus Vacations. Click on the link that you find here. It will take you to their website. On the website it asks where you live. Answer it and this takes you to all of these travel companies where you will find all the trips each one offers. Explore all of them to find which tour fits you the best. To book your next vacation with Globus (Cosmos, Monogram, or Avalon Waterways) contact them by telephone at (844)877-7178 and mention that you are a member of IRTA to receive a bonus discount. (This discount is sent after travel.) Enjoy and Bon Voyage!

A reminder: United Health Care is giving rewards again.

Go to <https://www.medicare.uhc.com> and get an account or sign in. At the top of the page click on Health & Wellness – then click on Renew Rewards. \$25 gift cards are available for Amazon, Kohl's, Target, Home Depot, and Walmart.