

MCHENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

IRTA AREA 2, REGION 2, UNIT 13



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2022 Meetings

November 16—31 North
Marcey Ciaccio
Community Foundation for
McHenry County

December 14—MCC
Note Date Change
Cello Player Annie Ballin

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

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.

November Menu

Homemade Bread/Butter
Cream of Chicken Soup
Roasted Sliced Turkey Breast
Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Corn
Cranberry Sauce
Sage Dressing
Assorted Desserts
Coffee, Tea, Water

President's Message

Joann Jazak, President

The MCRTA board is happy to report that Beth Miller will become a new member of the board. Beth will be the new Program and Venue Coordinator for MCRTA. Welcome Beth!!!!!! Any new ideas or programs suggests please feel free to let Beth know. Also, thank you to Kathy Brandwein, who has stepped up to help with the name tags for our meetings monthly.

The past newsletter posted a few other new committees that we are looking for interested individuals to help with. Speak to any board member if you would like to become involved in any of these areas. We always have places for volunteers. In 2023, your new medical and prescription drug plan will be the Aetna Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug PPO Plan. This new plan will replace your current plan. There is no need to enroll, unless you wish to opt-out of the plan. Starting November 1, 2022 you can go to MyBenefits.illinois.gov and learn more about your new plan.

As your new president, if you have any concerns or questions please call, text, or email. If I do not answer the phone please leave a message with your phone number and I will return your call as soon as possible. My cell phone is 847-738-3036, and my email is jjazak@outlook.com.

November Program

Beth Miller

Marcey Ciaccio

Community Foundation for McHenry County

Diana Hartmann

Regional Superintendent



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: Henry Kenyon
 Budget: Nancy Tober

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Membership News

Marlene Griffith and Linda Young

Autumn = MCRTA Dues Collection

As you may know, all organizations are having difficulty attracting younger members. MCRTA is no exception. Many school districts will not even give us the names and home addresses of new retirees so that we can inform them about the achievements of IRTA and MCRTA. We need your help to stay viable.

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 for members and non-

Questions? Email: marlenegriffith@icloud.com; call or text 815-385-3533.

If you have a new email or want to add your email to our list, please email mchenrycrta@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

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!

Let's keep our members moving and having fun!



Legislative News

Norb Wolter

The Candidate’s Forum scheduled for October 19 gave attendees an opportunity to ask questions of local legislative candidates on issues of importance to retired teachers. Special thanks to those candidates who attended and spoke.

Don't forget to Vote on November 8



Also thanks to our Legislative Committee Chair Norm Wolter for organizing the event.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

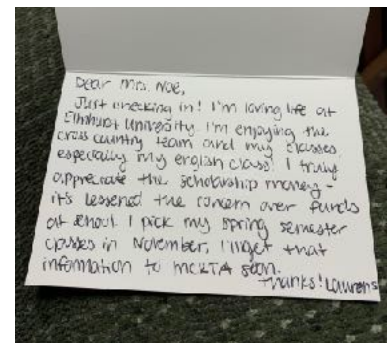
Mary Noe

STEVE POLEP SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to all who have been donating to our Steve Polep Memorial Scholarship fund. We have collected \$3,876.66 as of 10-20-22. This is over 2 year’s worth of scholarships already.

If you would like to make a donation, please indicate Polep Memorial in the memo section. Our address is:

MCRTA
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A note from one of our scholarship winners!

Member Benefits

Rose Turk

Do you want to find discounts on dining, shopping, travel, and more? Sign up for an **AMBA discounts** membership. Log in to IRTAonline.org. Click on Members Only at the top of the page. Look on the left side and click on **Member Benefits**. Once you get to the first page click on the **orange highlighted sentence**. This will download a document of all the AMBA benefits offered to you as an IRTA member.

Then scroll down to the bottom of the second page. On the right-hand side you will see **AMBA discounts**. Follow the 3-steps. Once you get to the website enter in the asked for information. You will be given a membership number. Install the **Passport app** or follow the information given on the page. You will need to enter the number you were given to get onto the Passport website for AMBA where you will see many discounts on dining, travel, insurance and much more. Take a look at all the savings.

McHenry County Regional Superintendent

Diana Hartmann

The Regional Office of Education has a **part-time position available** for an individual to work on scheduling and offering professional development to our county educators. The ideal candidate would want part-time hours, be current on professional learning topics, and administrative experience is a plus. Please email Diana Hartmann at Dkhartmann@mchenrycountyil.gov.

MailChimp

Did you get the October meeting emails? Are you still having trouble? Do you know someone else who didn't get the email? Please let us know if you are having issues. Our email is mchenryrta@gmail.com. You can email us and we will check to see that we have your correct email in our system. We can also be reached through our website: mcrta.org. You can contact us for various reasons or sign up for a meeting. You will receive a confirmation email if you sign up by replying to our email or via the website. Don't forget to continue to check your spam/junk folder for emails from our organization.

IRTA MESSAGES

Did you receive this important IRTA handout? Susan Goetz, IRTA Administrative Assistant tell us you will be receiving mailings from both the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services and Aetna, hopefully next week. She sent us this information that was just up on TRS website regarding the new Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO. This also has the information on the Webinars and in-person meeting dates and locations as well as phone numbers that you can call after November 1st if you have questions. You can find a link to this document in the November email or on the MCRTA site. (www.mcrta.org)

