

# MCHENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

## IRTA AREA 2, REGION 2, UNIT 13



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### 2021 Meetings

#### D'Andrea's

October 28, November

#### MCC

December

#### Upcoming Programs:

October: Patrick Kenneally

November: TBD

December: TBD

Programs subject to change

Doors open at 11:15

Meeting begins at 11:45 am

Lunch begins at Noon

Reservations due one week prior to meeting. Please contact Steve Polep if you know of any new members that would like to attend.

#### October Menu

Garden Salad

Chicken w/Sherry Sauce

Wrapped Garlic Potatoes

Steamed Baby Carrots

Ice Cream

Coffee or Ice Tea

## President's Message

*Stephen Polep*

Having terrific board members during a medical disaster time is what makes our unit special. We work together and keep our unit strong. We are one of the best units in IRTA.

In October we will have a live meeting and hope that many vaccinated members will attend. Measures will be in place to keep us safe. This one will not be canceled. Please attend and we will get our unit back together again.

Covid has changed our lives and we need to get our lives back. Please join me at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to begin making our unit active again.

## October Program

*Joann Jazak*

We are looking forward to seeing many of you on October 27<sup>th</sup> at D'Andrea Banquet Hall in Crystal Lake.

Our speaker will be Patrick D. Kenneally, who is the McHenry County State's Attorney. He will be talking about Identity Theft, and Elder Abuse.

We have taken some extra precautions due to the COVID. There will be only 8 people at a table (instead of ten) and the tables will be farther apart. As of this writing, all other rules apply as to wearing masks inside.



# Membership News

*Marlene Griffith and Linda Young*

Membership will soon be collecting dues for 2022. If you are a LIFE member, you owe no dues. If you are not a LIFE member, you have three choices:

- 1) \$10 for 2022
- 2) \$25 for 2022, 2023, and 2024
- 3) \$150 for LIFE membership

If we have your email address, I will be sending you an email from my address: [marlenegriffith@icloud.com](mailto:marlenegriffith@icloud.com)

If we do not have your email address, I will be mailing you the dues information.

Questions? Email Marlene at the above email address, or text/call her at 815-385-3533.

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

**Jane Benda, Woodstock** – Retired 2020 from Woodstock D200

**Rick Schaller, Edgerton, WI** – Retired 2021 from Grayslake D127

**Tracy Schaller, Edgerton, WI** – Retired 2021 from McHenry D15

**Patricia Stoffel, Highland Park** – Retired 2020 from McHenry D156

**Cheryl Watson, Salem, WI** – Retired 2020 from Johnsburg D12

**Patricia Williams, Woodstock** – Retired 2020 from Woodstock D200

**YOU CAN HELP US TO REMAIN A STRONG AND VITAL GROUP BY ENCOURAGING RETIRED EDUCATORS TO JOIN OUR LOCAL ORGANIZATION (MCRTA) AND OUR STATE ORGANIZATION (IRTA).**

## 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**



## IRTA Membership

*Linda Young, Chairman Region 2*

As of September 14th the IRTA State Membership 39,275. It should be noted that we have lost 743 members due to death so far this calendar year. So.....recruiting new members is vital for our organization to continue to provide services to retired teachers.

We need your help ----- INVITE YOUR TEACHER FRIENDS TO JOIN THE MCRTA AND IRTA Share with them the benefits you enjoy as a member of these organizations.

## Member Benefits

*Rose Turk*

As a member of IRTA we want you to remember that you have benefits offered through the Association. One of the benefits IRTA offers is discounted services from Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA). Another benefit offered is products that IRTA has negotiated at special rates for our membership. Some of the benefits that you can take advantage of are:

Insurances: Long term care, Life, Dental/Vision, Liberty Mutual home and auto, Pet  
Tax deferred annuity

Medical Air Services Association (MASA)

2 hearing benefits: American Hearing Benefits (AHB), Hear in America

Apple and Dell discounts

Car rental discounts (Avis and Budget)

Dining discounts

Medipendant

Vacation discounts through: Globus, Vacation by Rail, Orlando Employee discounts

Go to the IRTA website and look at all the benefits that are offered to you by going to [irtaonline.org](http://irtaonline.org). At the top of the page go to **Members Only** and click it. Create a profile if you do not have one already. Once you are logged in, at the left side of the page select **Membership Benefits**. Here you can see all the benefits available to you. At the top of the page click on the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph under Endorsed Benefits that tells you to "download IRTA Member Benefits" to find out more information on any of the benefits, discounts, or services. In order to find information about vacations go to the bottom of the page and click the links that are in each of the particular services. Take advantage of the many deals you have as a member of IRTA.

## Scholarship Report

*Mary Noe*

I am so pleased to report that through our members generous response, we have received \$3075 in donations. This covers our 2020 MCRTA scholarships. If you haven't donated, please consider this opportunity as we would also like to cover the 2021 scholarships. Any amount of donation is appreciated. As retired educators, we can pay forward for future educators. We will continue to receive donations at

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Please indicate "scholarship fund" in the memo line. Thank you so much!

## Legislative Report

*Norm Wolter*

The fall veto session will be held in October. Andrew Bodewes, IRTA lobbyist did not expect significant action that would impact our membership. The pandemic has thwarted legislative action generally.

One bill that was signed into law on June 17th by Governor Pritzker should be noted by our membership. Senate Bill 825 shifts the Illinois Primary from March 15, 2022 to June 28, 2022. The change in date was necessitated because census data has been delayed by the pandemic and affected the redrawing of district legislative maps.