

KENDALL RETIRED TEACHERS



NEWSLETTER



SERVING RETIRED TEACHERS OF KENDALL COUNTY

APRIL, 2014

April 10 Meeting

The April 10 meeting of KRTA will begin at 12:30 PM at Kennedy Pointe Restaurant, 2245 Kennedy Road, (Blackberry Oaks Golf Course), Bristol, IL 60512. Cost is \$15. Program: TBA. **Deadline is April 4, 2014.** If you don't get a call by then, you can RSVP to Theda McMinn, 630-552-8156. Be sure to bring your money, for the 50/50 fundraiser. This money will go to the IRTA Legal Fund



SECRETARY'S REPORT

MINUTES FOR THE KRTA FEBRUARY 2014 MEETING

KRTA February 13 Membership Meeting

The February 13 KRTA membership meeting met at LakeView Grill in Yorkville. At 12:40, President Jim Hissong called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. George Hayner led the membership in prayer. Jim asked members to complete the KRTA survey on their tables. He also requested the members to donate their February 3% COLA monies to the I.R.T.A. legal defense fund. The board believed this was a responsible way to show support for the work being done on our behalf. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by all 65 members present. The program was some great music presented by the duo Wise Guys.

Old Business

- Minutes of December meeting will stand as presented.
- The treasurer's report was approved.
- Membership reported there are 209 members, including new member Cathy Hunt.
- Janelle Burd (our Directory publisher) reported that the 2014 KRTA Directory can be collected at the front desk. Please collect your directory or a friend's directory who is not present today. Those not taken today will be mailed to those members in March.
- Legislation – none.

New Business

- Community Participation will donate \$141 to Kendall County Special Olympics along with the \$85 collected from the 50/50. Janet Calhoun was the 50/50 winner of \$85.

- Programs - Janet Hissong & Tom Meade presented today's program, the Wise Guys. Janet also announced who the box of candy winners were at each table. The venues for the rest of the year will be held at Kennedy Point Restaurant and Whitetail Ridge Golf Club.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Johnson

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Message

The 2014 Area 2 Conference was held on March 10 in West Dundee. Pat Coleman, Linda Atkins, Craig Weber, Janet Hissong and I attended this worthwhile meeting. I.R.T.A. President Bob Pinkerton spoke about the continuing need to support our legal defense fund and I.R.T.A. executive director Jim Bachman spoke in support of Senator Kirk Dillard for Governor. Bob Lyons, T.R.S. board member, will be our keynote speaker at our September meeting.

The demographic survey from our February meeting produced the following results from our K.R.T.A. members:

- Ω We have taught in 32 schools
- Ω We have taught 33 subjects
- Ω We represent 23 towns
- Ω We have taught a total of 1,645 years
- Ω We averaged 31.6 years of teaching per teacher

Thank you all for your years of dedicated service to teaching!

Jim Hissong
President, K.R.T.A.

MEMBERSHIP

Kendall County Retired Teachers Unit 10 Membership: April, 2014

We welcome new member: Cathy Hunt
3103 Fairmont Avenue
Aurora, IL 60503

Please encourage other retirees to join our wonderful organization! There are still some members who owe their 2014 dues. We have sent you a gentle reminder. If you owe, jjust complete the form at the end of the newsletter, enclose a check for \$15, and return it to one of the membership co-chairpersons below. You can also pay your 2014 membership at the April 10th Luncheon Meeting. Checks should be made to KRTA. If you are not sure whether you've paid your 2014 dues, email Craig Weber at webercraig@comcast.net and he will check for you.

KRTA membership committee co-chairpersons:

Linda Adkins 630-554-8788	Craig Weber 630-688-7980
303 Edgebrook Ct.	584 Sudbury Circle
Oswego, IL 60543	Oswego, IL 60543

Your Membership Team: Linda Adkins and Craig Weber

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Thank you for your donation of over \$200 to Kendall County Special Olympics at the February meeting. This will be a great help to their organization.

We will be accepting donations for Kendall County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). This organization trains volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children who are in the court system. CASA receives no government funding.

Alimae Persons, Community Participation Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

OPENING BALANCE – 1/9/14			<u>\$5168.59</u>
RECEIPTS	Meal Payments	\$900.00	
	Dues	\$325.00	
	Replace Change for Luncheon	\$200.00	
	50/50	\$86.00	
	Special Olympics	\$126.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			<u>\$1,637.00</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS			\$6805.59
EXPENSES	Change for Luncheon	\$200.00	
	IRTA Legal Fund	\$86.00	
	LakeView Grille	\$915.00	
	Directories	\$261.45	
	Jim Hissong (Cub Game)	\$925.00	
	Linda Atkins (Postage)	\$10.00	
	Entertainment (Al Novak)	\$200.00	
	Newsletter	\$112.78	
	IRTA Foundation	\$10.00	
	IRTA Conference	\$75.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES			<u>\$2795.23</u>
RECONCILED BALANCE			
3/11/14			<u>\$4010.36</u>
Kyle Price, Treasurer			

LEGISLATION

Rauner Wins Republican Primary

Wealthy capitalist Bruce Rauner, using \$6 million of his own money, defeated a surging Kirk Dillard in Tuesday's (March 18) gubernatorial Republican primary.

Now, however, a much tougher fight looms: unseating Governor Pat Quinn who is expected to have heavy support from labor unions, teacher unions, and Cook County.

Who is Rauner? The 59 year old candidate lives in Deerfield and was named by Chicago Magazine as one of the 100 most powerful Chicagoans. He is an alumnus of Dartmouth College and Harvard Business School. He

owns nine (9) homes, including a penthouse on Central Park in New York City, and ranches in Montana and Wyoming.

He is a person who can really relate to the middle class--**Really?** Rauner's wealth comes from GTCR, a private equity firm he joined in 1981. It has invested more than \$10 billion (with a 'B') in over 200 companies with a focus on financial and information services and health care. **Its work has included managing Illinois pension funds!** Rauner retired from the firm in late 2012 and launched R8 Capital Partners which invests in Illinois companies. His reported income in 2012 was \$53 million.

But I've come to bury Rauner, not to praise him.

Opponents of Rauner have criticized some of GTCR's business dealings, in particular an investment in a health company that stripped resources from nursing homes, resulting in deaths, according to legal documents. Rauner's response: The Company was a failed investment.

Rauner is also unapologetic about pulling 'strings' to get his daughter into a competitive Chicago public high school (Walter Payton College Prep) - to which he later donated \$250,000.

Two of the state governor's that Rauner admires are Mitch Daniels of Indiana and Scott Walker of Wisconsin. To quote Rauner: "Scott Walker in Wisconsin has done good things to improve the economy and tax burden (there)."

Rauner has been quoted as saying that teachers should be put on merit pay rather than tenure. "I don't think tenure makes sense. Nobody should have a job for life," he said.

I recently said, "Hell will freeze over before I vote for Quinn again."

Well, get out the ice skates and sleds and the ballot. History will repeat itself in my house once more.

Sid Simmons, Legislative Chairman

E-MAILS: I am happy to state that we currently have 123 e-mail members. If you would like to join us, please let me know. You may do so by e-mailing me, Janet Reardon, at janetreardon44@sbcglobal.net. After receiving your e-mail, I will gladly put you on our list. You will receive the newsletter in two formats: Word 97 – 2003 and PDF file—choose the one that works for you. I look forward to putting your name on this list. This is a good way for all travelers to receive your newsletter while away from home.

Happy Birthday!!

The following members are celebrating their birthdays this June. **Happy Birthday** to all of you--and may you have many more!

June



Valerie Henrich 6/1
 Judith VeZain 6/7
 Craig Watson 6/8
 Linda Adkins 6/12
 Mary Ann Doetschman 6/13
 Karel Thompson 6/18
 Joyce Conklin 6/21
 Mike Schnable 6/21
 Judith Farley 6/26
 Lynn Elko 6/26
 Elaine Miller 6/26
 Pat Clason 6/30



If you did not see your name in the birthday recognition and wish to be honored, please let Janet Reardon have your birth month and day by e-mail (janetreardon44@sbcglobal.net) or by phone (630-801-8928). Also, if you notice any errors, please let me know as well.

SILVER SNEAKER PROGRAM

K.R.T.A. members interested in the Silver Sneakers Program: The Fox Valley Y.M.C.A. in Plano has their application on file. In order to activate this application, our members that are eligible for Medicare must call to nominate this facility. The Silver Sneakers phone number is: 888-423-4632. If enough Medicare eligible members are interested this and call, they will consider the Y.M.C.A. for inclusion into the Silver Sneakers Fitness Program for your free use of their facilities. Call if you are interested in this worthwhile program.



CUBS VS. BREWERS

WHEN: Friday, May 16, 2014—Game time is 1:20 PM
(Bus leaves JC Penney parking lot in Montgomery at 10:30 AM)

WHERE: Wrigley Field, Chicago, IL

COST: \$37.00 (Includes charter bus, game ticket, refreshments on bus and prizes)

RETURN FORM TO: James Hissong, 102 Strawberry Lane, Yorkville IL 60560.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KRTA

QUESTIONS? Call James Hissong at 630-553-9153

CUBS vs BREWERS

Name: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Address: _____

Building (if applies): _____ # of Tickets: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

To regret your sins of commission as much as your sins of omission is to prove yourself a most unworthy sinner.

Elizabeth Bibesco

When a woman tells you her age, it's all right to look surprised, but don't scowl.

Wilson Mitzner

