

# KENDALL RETIRED TEACHERS



## NEWSLETTER



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APRIL, 2022

### April 8 Meeting

Come join us for our in-person Thursday, April 14 KRTA luncheon at Whitetail Ridge Golf Course at 12:00 Noon. The cost is \$20. The program will be the music duo “Good Clean Fun”: also, our AMBA benefits representative, Nancy Cramer will be on hand to update us our current benefits.

The deadline for reservations is Friday, April 8. If you do not receive a call by then please contact Sue Matile at 630-554-8743.

**For all our lunches:** If you have signed up and are unable to attend, call Sue Matile @ 630-554-8743 by Noon on Tuesday, April 12 or you will be responsible for the cost of the luncheon. Thanks

Be sure to bring your money, for the 50/50 fundraiser. This money will go to the IRTA Legal Defense Fund.



### SECRETARY’S REPORT



#### KRTA February 10, 2022, Membership Meeting Minutes

The KRTA membership was greeted by President Jim Hissong. The membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim entertained the membership with some of his choices of clever humor:

- What did the light say to the switch? You turn me on!
- What did the paper clip say to the paper? I find you very attractive!
- Why is the day after Valentine’s Day a great day? It’s the day chocolate goes on sale!!

Jim concluded with a Valentine’s Day story.

- Max and Marion dated in high school. They got engaged shortly after high school graduation. WWII was upon them, but that wasn’t going to stop them from getting married. Without permission from the Army for leave time, Max took one anyway. In a brief 24 hours, the couple got married and enjoyed a short honeymoon. Then they each returned to serve their country. They are still married after 70 years and agree that the secret to a strong marriage is not love alone, but respect for one another.

Tom Meade led the membership in Grace. Lunch was served by the Whitetail staff according to Covid 19 restrictions.

Following lunch, Jim introduced ROE Superintendent of Schools for Kendall and Grundy counties, Chris Mehochko. Chris shared the problems school districts have had keeping classroom teachers because of the effects from Covid 19. He requested the members call or email their support to their school district staff and

administrations. Chris also said that school districts are in dire need of substitutes. Some districts have raised the pay rate per day. He asked us to please come forward and help the schools out by substituting.

### **Program**

Tom Meade presented Renae Hein, who entertained the membership with an array of Valentine's Day music. The members sang along to favorites such as My Funny Valentine, Let Me Call You Sweetheart, I'm In the Mood for Love, and more. She cleverly used the melodies of old favorites, YMCA and Put Your Head On My Shoulder, to create her own lyrics titled AARP and So Good To Be Alive.



### **Business Meeting**

The December 9, 2021 membership meeting minutes were approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Jim reported for Kyle Price that the KRTA treasury is \$5,053.78.

**Community Participation:** Jim reported for chair Alimae Persons that the collection at the April 14 KRTA luncheon will be items for Tillers Nursing Home in Oswego and Hillside Nursing Home in Yorkville. A listing of desired items is in the February Newsletter. This collection was a great success last year.

**Membership:** Sharon Pagoria and Dorothy Simmons reported there are 158 members. A new member, Debby Dunlop, joined just today. Debby introduced herself as a former teacher at Thompson Junior High in Oswego.

**Newsletter:** Janet Reardon asked if any members present today would like to change their snail mail delivery of the Newsletter to email delivery – please call or e-mail her! If so, you can let her know today.

**Directory:** Bob Baughman reminded members to take their KRTA Directory today if they have not done so. He also said it would be a great help if members would take a directory for a friend not present.

**Program:** Jan Hissong reported that there will be a Lunch and a Movie at noon on Tuesday, February 15, at Mike and Denise's in Yorkville. Pizza is ½ priced. The movie is "Death on the Nile" at the Yorkville Theater.

Jim requested any KRTA member to volunteer for the co-chair position of KRTA President and for the co-chair position of KRTA Treasurer. He asked members to come forward and do your part to keep KRTA solvent. Jim said the annual Cub Game trip will be tentatively June 16<sup>th</sup>. The price has not gone up! Information will be forthcoming.

The 50/50 drawing winner was member Carole Clark and the IRTA Legal Defense Fund.

In conclusion, Jan Hissong shared interesting and fun information about many members' favorite Valentine's Day candy, chocolate! Of course, every table had sweets to take home! Thanks again Jan!

The next KRTA luncheon membership meeting is April 14, 2022, at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Johnson, Recording Secretary



## **PRESIDENTS' REPORT**

### **Presidents' Message**



Greetings to our K.R.T.A. members: Craig and I would like to send all of our best to you for a great spring ahead of us. We have some upcoming activities planned you may be interested in. In this newsletter there will be information about an Oswego Senior Services Open House, our 11th annual Chicago Cubs trip to Wrigley Field and also details about a Kane

County Cougar outing that you can find out about by accessing our newly updated web-site. That web site address is in our new directory.

Don't forget to bring your requested clothes items, games, etc. to be donated to the Oswego and Yorkville nursing homes. That list is in this newsletter. At our April luncheon we will have our A.M.B.A. benefits chairperson, Nancy Cramer and entertainment provided by the singing duo, "Good Clean Fun".

Thanks to all of you that volunteered to help our treasurer, Kyle Price, collect money at our next two luncheons.

Lastly, Gas Saving Tips:

- 1) Keep tires inflated properly
- 2) Use cruise control when possible
- 3) Buy gas on Mon or Tues.- early or late.
- 4) Purchase, lease or rent a fuel-efficient vehicle (I am renting a Toyota Prius in Ca. – 58 M.P.G.)



Sincerely, Jim Hissong, Craig Weber- Co-Presidents K.R.T.A.



### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Members: You need to either RSVP their lunch reservations with your KRTA caller or with Sue Matile at 630-554-8743 before Friday, April 8th. It is important that we have an accurate count. Also, would Joanne Beane and John and Joan Schwartz let Sue Matile know your new phone number. She will then advise your callers.

Communications Committee Chairs, Sue Matile and Judy Burkard.

### MEMBERSHIP



**Kendall County Retired Teachers Unit 10 Membership: April, 2022**

**Welcome New Member: Debby Dunlap**  
**747 Bluebonnet Court**  
**Aurora, IL 60505**

Hello Everyone,

March Madness has begun and so has March Madness weather. I was hoping to say Spring has Sprung but all I can say is Spring has Sprung and bounced right back into Winter and back again to Spring.

As we look forward to Spring and all the new life it brings, we also look forward to what this new year will bring. The past few years have taught us so much... it has taught us that we really do need each other and need organizations like the KRTA. A quote from Amit Ray says, "In every crisis, doubt or confusion, take the higher path – the path of compassion, courage, understanding and love." Let's hope we can all strive to be that better person.

I am personally grateful to be a member of both the KRTA and IRTA; organizations that truly support us as retired teachers. I know I have folks that I can truly depend on. We all need to continue to come together as an organization to support not only the KRTA, the IRTA and our Pension and Health Benefits, but also the education of our younger teachers and their future.

Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues for 21-22. We only have about 25 folks who have not. Dorothy Simmons and I have been trying to phone or e-mail those of you who have not. Please respond with a simple phone call or e-mail as to whether you would like to remain a member. Remember you get this wonderful informative Newsletter every other month and a Directory of Colleagues so you can stay in touch with other retirees. You don't have to attend a luncheon to receive all this information, although we would love to see you there. It is very exciting to once again come together at an in-person Luncheon.

I will not be at the April Luncheon, but Co-Chair Dorothy Simmons will be. She will have a list of those of you who have not paid so just check with her. If you think we may be in error just email a note to me or tell

#### *IN MEMORIUM*

*Madeline Mead*  
*1929 – 2022*

*Yorkville and Mooseheart School Districts*

Dorothy and let us know what the check number was as I do keep track of those payments and mark your check with the year of the dues.

You can pay at the April Luncheon or send your dues to Sharon Pagoria, 981 Lake Holiday Dr, Sandwich, IL 60548. Please use the form at the back of this newsletter or just write your information on a piece of paper and include with your check made out to the KRTA for \$15. Please check your information against the Directory and let us know of any changes so we can keep our lists up to date. Thank you so much...

Please let me know if you are aware of any retirees who may not be a member and I will be glad to personally contact them. I will be contacting this year's retirees beginning in May.

I am proud and thankful to be a member of the KRTA and the IRTA. Please join me as I say thanks to the KRTA Officers and Committee Chairs/Teams for all their hard work. A Special Thank You goes out to Janet Reardon who faithfully puts our newsletter together and keeps us informed.

I want to personally thank all of you that were able to come see "*The Diary of Anne Frank*" in Morris recently. The production was a very emotional portrayal of those sequestered in the Attic for 2 years during WWII. It touched me very deeply and so I was also touched by your attendance.

I would actually like to close with a quote from Anne Frank that I believe we can all achieve and believe. "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the World."

Sharon Pagoria & Dorothy Simmons KRTA Membership Chairs



**If you have changed or plan to change your address, phone number, or e-mail address, please contact Sharon Pagoria, Janet Reardon, Sue Matile, and Robert or Vicki Baughman. This helps all of us keep our records up to date. This likewise keeps your newsletters, directory, and e-blasts coming.**

**YOUR DIRECTORY:** The directory has been printed and was distributed at our February meeting. All members, along with all new members, were included. **To be certain that the Directory is correct, please check the following when you receive it: your name, address, phone number, and email address.** If you find an error, email Robert and Vicki Baughman at: [vrbaughman@att.net](mailto:vrbaughman@att.net) (our Directory gurus).



## COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Thank you so much for your always generous response and support of all of the worthy organizations that we contribute to.

Our donations from the April luncheon will go to benefit Hillside & Tillers nursing homes in Yorkville and Oswego. If you are able, please bring items for this worthwhile cause. As a reminder, here is what they are looking for:

**Request from Tillers:** Purse size Kleenex, men's hankies, comb & brush, toothbrush & container, large emery boards, warm socks, small note pads, colored pencils, adult coloring books, word searches, small hand lotions, sun visor or baseball caps, hair clips & scrunches, Chapstick, coin purses and cell phone shoulder purses.

**Request from Hillside:** Warm socks, personal hygiene items, individual snacks and small wrapped candy, word searches, pens, lap blankets, color by number books, large adult coloring books, ChapStick, clothing, colored pencils, crayons, and markers. As we get more information about these collections, we will pass it on to you.

Alimae Persons, Community Participation Chair



IRTA members can use their membership card for discounts at museums, Michael's, Joanne Fabrics, etc. Membership cards are only sent out by request. Members need to contact IRTA and request a membership card in order to receive one. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Tucker, IRTA Receptionist, 1-800-728-4782.



## LEGISLATION

Happy Spring. Right now it is all quiet on the legislative front—and that is a good thing. If and when anything arises, we will let you know.

A quick reminder that there will be voting in June. Keep yourself aware of what is going on in your community. More in the June newsletter.

Stay safe and well and hope to see you at our May luncheon.

Janet Reardon, for Sid Simmons, Legislative Chair KRTA



## TREASURER'S REPORT

|                            |                     |          |                   |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------|
| OPENING BALANCE – 2/1/22   |                     |          | <u>\$5,053.78</u> |
| RECEIPTS                   |                     |          |                   |
|                            | Lunch Receipts      | \$822.00 |                   |
|                            | Dues                | \$360.00 |                   |
|                            | Legal Fund          |          |                   |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS             |                     |          | <u>\$1,182.00</u> |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS      |                     |          | \$6,235.78        |
| EXPENSES                   |                     |          |                   |
|                            | WhiteTail Ridge     | \$780.00 |                   |
|                            | Newsletter          | \$25.87  |                   |
|                            | Directories         | \$394.70 |                   |
|                            | KRTA Website update | \$50.00  |                   |
|                            | Entertainment       | \$200.00 |                   |
|                            | IRTA Legal Fund     | \$58     |                   |
| TOTAL EXPENSES             |                     |          | <u>\$1,508.57</u> |
| RECONCILED BALANCE 2/22/22 | AVAILABLE FUNDS     |          | <u>\$4,727.21</u> |
| Kyle Price, Treasurer      |                     |          |                   |

## *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  
 Celie Riderer 6/3  
 Linda Adkins 6/12  
 Mary Ann Doetschman 6/13  
 Karel Thompson 6/18  
 Lynn Elko 6/26  
 Elaine Miller 6/26  
 Pat Clason 6/30



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



**E-MAILS:** I am happy to state that we currently have 150 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](mailto: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. This also is how you receive the KRTA e-blasts.

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*Local Unit Membership Form for Regular and Associate Members:*

**Just complete the form below, enclose a check for \$15, and return to the membership co-chairperson below. Please encourage other retirees to join our wonderful organization!**

**KRTA membership committee chairperson:**

**Sharon Pagoria  
981 Lake Holiday Drive  
Sandwich, IL 60548**

IRTA Local Unit Name: **Kendall County Retired Teachers' Association**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle City: \_\_\_\_\_ State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Year: \_\_\_\_\_ District Retired From: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.)





**OSWEGOLAND SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY/FRIENDS TO A “HOUSEWARMING PARTY” TO SEE OUR NEW HOME IN THE OSWEGO COMMUNITY.**

The event is Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8pm at the former Oswego Police Station at 3525 U.S. Rt. 34, in Oswego.

Tickets are \$25. in advance at Eventbrite or \$30. at the door. Tickets include unlimited tastings and 2 drink tickets. A cash bar is also available. Food being served is from 25 of Oswego’s finest restaurants. For tickets go to this website: [www.eventbrite.com/e/oswegoland-senior-community-center-housewarming-party-tickets-274269897647](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/oswegoland-senior-community-center-housewarming-party-tickets-274269897647).

Tickets may also be purchased by calling the OSCC office at 630-554-5602 or sending a check to OSCC, PO Box 521, Oswego, IL 60543.

Many door prizes will be available!  
Hope to see you there!  
Craig Weber



**CUBS’ TRIP  
THURSDAY, JUNE 16,  
2022**



Join us for a fun trip to see our loveable Cubs play San Diego

**Cost--only \$70!!! Includes:**

- ❖ Round-trip chartered coach
- ❖ Game tickets
- ❖ Refreshments and prizes on the bus

Sign up at our April meeting, fill in and return form below, or call Jim Hissong at (630) 553-9153 to reserve your spot.

Meet at the J.C. Penney parking lot in Montgomery at 10:15 AM.  
**Make checks payable to KRTA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_





Enjoying the songs of Renee Christine. She even got us involved with AARP Hand Jive.

