

KENDALL RETIRED TEACHERS



NEWSLETTER



SERVING RETIRED TEACHERS OF KENDALL COUNTY

DECEMBER 2014

December 12 Meeting

The December 11 meeting of the KRTA will be held at Kennedy Pointe Restaurant, 2245 Kennedy Road, Bristol, IL located at the Blackberry Oaks Golf Course. Luncheon begins at 12:30 PM. The entertainment will be the Yorkville High School Madrigals. Lunch cost is \$15. Be sure to mark your calendar and let your caller know if you can join us. Deadline is December 5. If you don't get a call by then, you can RSVP to Theda McMinn, 630-552-8156. Don't forget your money for the 50/50. It will again go to the Legal Defense Fund.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT CORNER

Yeah, Yeah, the campaigning is over and we no longer have to listen to the ads. Did anyone hear any positive ads? With the election over, I'm sure both active and retired teachers will face some interesting challenges with the changes in leadership in Springfield in the coming years.

We have a KRTA Website. It is kendallrta.weebly.com. Janelle Burd is instrumental in getting this going. She is our guru for the website. I encourage you to look for our site soon at <http://www.irtaonline.org/>. Then click on **Local Unit Websites** on their left. Finally search for **Kendall RTA** in the lists of Units. Visit the site periodically and see it as it develops.

Our last e-mail blast asked for help at the many area PADS shelters--there is still a need for volunteers for the winter months. Please contact Anne Engelhardt at 553-5073 if you are interested in helping this worthy cause.

Co-membership chairperson, Craig Weber, is leaving us in December for sunny Arizona. We will be looking for someone to help Linda Adkins in this position. We wish Craig well!

I look forward to seeing you in December at Kennedy Pointe and wishing you **Joyously Happy Holidays** beginning with listening to the Yorkville Madrigals. For those not able to make it, please accept my wishing you **Joyously Happy Holidays** in this newsletter.

Jim Hissong, President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MINUTES FOR THE KRTA UNIT MEETING September 10, 2014

The September 10 KRTA membership meeting was called to order at 12:40 at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club, Route 126, Yorkville. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Jim Hissong reported that a KRTA website is in the process of creation. He congratulated past President Pat Coleman on her knowledgeable presentation of the KRTA organization recently on WSPY. He reminded membership of their desired attendance at the September 18 IRTA sponsored Arlington Race Track Day. The \$100 fee will be donated towards the IRTA Legal Defense Fund.

Jim Hissong presented the nominations for the 2015 KRTA offices of 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-Presidents, and Secretary. Present 1st VP Janet Reardon, present 2nd VP's Jan Hissong & Tom Meade, and present Secretary Pat Johnson were nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion to approve these nominations was made and approved by the membership.

Old Business

June 12 minutes and Treasurer's report were approved.

Committee Reports:

- Ω Membership: There were six new members today: Melissa Lowe, Vickie & Rob Bauman, Anne & Jerry Engelhardt, Dale Skelton.
- Ω Community Participation: 50/50 today was won by Tom Meade for \$86. The IRTA Legal Defense Fund will receive \$86
- Ω Programs: The next KRTA Membership meeting/luncheon will be December 11 at Kennedy Pointe Restaurant on Kennedy Rd at Blackberry Oaks Golf Course, Bristol. The program will be the Yorkville High School Madrigals.

Program: Christopher Gluck AMBA District Manager for IRTA in Kendall County reported that the better deals IRTA can get its members is because large numbers are a loud voice in determining those better deals - for example in life insurance. The goal for the 2015 year is 1200 new members. Chris answered questions afterwards.



IRTA Bob Lyons updated the membership on the progress of SB1 challenge in court. It **will** go to the Illinois Supreme Court in 2015. The SB1 challenge will most probably be found unconstitutional. Bob said IRTA believes politically the state cannot cut taxes or raise revenue in order to pay its share towards the pension fund. So the only avenue left for the state will be to change the constitution by amending the pension guidelines. How will they achieve that? They will push for the amendment and passage of it on the political campaign trails. All of that takes time. COLA 3 % should hold for pensioners in 2015 & possibly 2016. Bob answered questions afterwards.

The meeting was adjourned by Jim Hissong.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Pat Johnson

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Please bring your donations of always needed hats, gloves, socks and underwear for the Kendall County Food Pantry. Please remember to choose appropriate sizes and styles if you buy for high school age students. Of course, money is always acceptable and I will gladly do the shopping for such items.

This is a great opportunity to help make a better Christmas for some less fortunate children.

Alimae Persons, Community Participation Chair PS: Attention knitters and crocheters: If you are inspired to knit/crochet some items, I am sure you will make some child very happy.

Happy Birthday!!

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

JANUARY

Theresa Wiedman 1/6
Marianne Rollins 1/11
Mary Lee Snyder 1/23
Sigrid Hagen 1/24
Margaret Kratzer 1/28

FEBRUARY

Jan Cairns 2/1
Melody Watson 2/4
Craig Weber 2/7
Linda Gates 2/11
Diane Gross 2/12



If you did not see your name in the birthday recognition for this quarter and wish to be honored, please let me (Janet Reardon) have your birth month and day by e-mail: janetreardon44@sbcglobal.net. If you notice any errors, please let me know as well.

E-MAILS: I am happy to state that we currently have 128 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: by Word 97 – 2003 and PDF file—choose the one that works for you. I look forward to putting your name on this list.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OPENING BALANCE – 8/19/2014		<u>\$3,541.06</u>
RECEIPTS	Meal Payments	\$1,195.00
	Replace Lunch Change	\$200.00
	Dues	\$1,380.00
	50/50 Legal Fund	\$187.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$2,962.00</u>
	Total Available Funds	<u>\$6,503.06</u>
EXPENSES	Lunch Change	\$200.00
	Meals – Whitetail Ridge Golf	\$1,320.00
	J. Reardon (Newsletter)	\$101.07
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$1,808.07</u>
RECONCILED BALANCE –10/21/2014		<u>\$4,694.99</u>
Kyle Price, Treasurer		

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Now that elections are over (except for Illinois Treasurer) we can look at other happenings in the state.

Regarding the Treasurer's race: as of Friday, Nov. 7, Tom Cross had a 21,000 vote lead: but, there are supposedly 100,000 votes from various precincts still to be counted. This includes 24,000 in Cook County (13,000 in Chicago). Neither Cross nor his opponent Mike Frerichs are claiming victory or defeat yet.

Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka on election day announced that, as of late October, there are \$5.82 billion in unpaid bills facing the state of Illinois. The past-due bill count is \$500,000 million greater than the comparable figure in mid-September. This money number is predicted to rise to \$6.4 billion by June, 2015. Some of this debt is, of course, due to the massively underfunded State-managed pension system. Illinois is the lowest rated state of all 50 states in the eyes of all three major bond rating agencies (Fitch, Moody and Standard & Poor). **Hello Governor Rauner.**

Last Thursday (Nov. 6) as a move to try and increase income into the state's coffers (my opinion), the 12 member Joint Committee on Administrative Rules issued a 'certificate of no objection' to fracking regulations for the state of Illinois. This committee has now authorized the fracking permit process to get underway. With the jumping of this final hurdle, Southern Illinois will, of course, witness the economic boom tied to the hydraulic fracturing of natural oil and gas in Illinois. It could create more than 45,000 jobs and \$9 billion in economic impact for Illinois. My prediction --- marijuana is next.

Sid Simmons, Legislative Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Kendall County Retired Teachers Unit 10 Membership: December, 2014

Membership Report: Welcome to our new members who joined in September. They are:

Melissa Lowe
90 Riverview Court
Oswego, IL 60543

Vicki and Robert Baughmann
614 Greenfield Turn
Yorkville, IL 60560

Linda Bargemann
16135 Miller Road
Plano, IL 60540

Jerry and Anne Engelhardt
312 Blackberry Lane
Yorkville, IL 60560

Dale Skelton
Box 606
Newark, IL 60541

Roberta Laffin
318 Morgan Valley Drive
Oswego, IL 60543

Gail Magic
443 South Main Street
Oswego, Il 60543

You may continue to pay your 2015 membership dues any time. You can pay at the next meeting or mail it to Linda Adkins. Her address is on the enrolment form provided in the newsletter.

Your Membership Team: Craig Weber and Linda Adkins

Important Directory Information: Has your name, address, telephone number, e-mail or any other directory information changed this year? If so, please notify one or your membership team (Ruth Aagesen and Linda Adkins) and Janelle Burd, our directory chairman, by December 15!!!

Children Are Quick

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's.. Did you copy his?

CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog. (I want to adopt this kid!!!)



Renew your KRTA Membership for 2015

Just complete the form below, enclose a check for \$15, and return to membership chairperson, Linda Adkins at the address below. You can also pay your 2015 membership at the December 11th Luncheon Meeting. Please encourage other retirees to join our wonderful organization!

Linda Adkins 630-554-8788
303 Edgebrook Ct.
Oswego, IL 60543

Local Unit Membership Form for Regular and Associate Members:

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

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ Retirement Year: _____ District Retired From: _____

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



It was good to see four of our past presidents at our luncheon



Past Presidents Pat Coleman, Gail Ford,
David McQueen, and Madeline Mead