

# KENDALL RETIRED TEACHERS



## NEWSLETTER



SERVING RETIRED TEACHERS OF KENDALL COUNTY

**FEBRUARY 2013**

### **FEBRUARY 14 MEETING**

The February 14 meeting of the KRTA will be held at Lakeview Grille, 604 West Veterans Parkway (Route 34), Yorkville, IL. It is west of Route 47 (just beyond Game Farm Road) on the south side. It begins at 12:30 PM. Lunch cost is \$15. The Waubensee Community College Theater group will perform. Deadline is February 7. Be sure to mark your calendar and let your caller know if you can join us. If you don't get a call by then, you can RSVP to Theda McMinn, 552-8156. Be sure to bring your money for the 50/50 raffle. Note: This is a change from what was announced at the December luncheon.



Please remember, if you make a reservation you are obligated to pay for your meal whether you are there or not. If something happens that you cannot make it, please let Theda know before the deadline.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

#### **KRTA DECEMBER UNIT MEETING, DECEMBER 13, 2012**



The December 13th meeting of KRTA was called to order at 12:30 p.m. at Cedardell Golf Club in Plano. Following a delicious lunch, a short business meeting was held.

Jan announced that an application for the Moler-Austin Scholarship would appear in the Kendall County Record-Ledger. **Deadline for the Moler-Austin and IRTA Foundation Scholarships is March 7. For specific information, applications forms, etc. contact Sue Goetz, IRTA Administrative Assistant at: [susan@irtaonline.org](mailto:susan@irtaonline.org) or 1-800-728-4782.**

Ruth Aagesan announced the passing of Mabel Hick. She also announced that it was time for Annual IRTA Dues Renewal at \$35. Members who wanted to change to dues deduct could save money as dues deduct is only \$24. You can get an IRTA membership form from the membership committee. Ruth also introduced three new members.

Karel Thompson gave an update of our "most senior" members. Alimae Persons reported on our contributions to the Kendall County Food Pantry.

Pat Coleman reported that Legislative SB1673 (Madigan's Bill) is basically dead. Madigan removed his support. A new bill, HB6258, would cut the COLA for current retirees and switch pension funding to school districts. It was unconstitutional and will be immediately challenged. Action is supposed to happen in early January.

Following the meeting we were entertained by a lovely harp concert by Melissa.

The next meeting will be held at the Blackstone Bar and Grill in Yorkville, IL, on Thursday, February 14.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Coleman, Acting Secretary

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hello fellow members and Happy New Year!

We have dodged the bullet, one more time. The legislature has not passed any reform on our pensions. They could not come to an agreement. Thank goodness they did not act in haste. This gives us one more time to try to come up with alternatives for them to think about. I hope that if you have any ideas you will contact your representatives.

The Treasurer of the State of Illinois recently announced that the state will run out of cash soon. I hope that it will not affect us. It is quite an unsettling time, but we have to hang together and voice our concern. We need to still do this.

I just got word of an interesting offer from IRTA. The IRTA Board of Directors at the October Board meeting approved a motion which allows local units to offer a free 2013 state membership to any non member who signs up for dues deduct. The \$2.00 deduction from a new member pension will begin January, 2014. To qualify for free membership, the IRTA office must receive the membership form or local unit dues report form with a generic dues deduct attached.

Hope you all will keep healthy and I see you at the February meeting.  
Jan Cairns, President

## **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

At the February meeting, we will be accepting donations for the Kendall County Special Olympics. This worthy organization serves children and adults in Kendall County and receives no government funding.

Thank you for your past support of the Kendall County Food Pantry. In September we collected \$311. I spent \$77 on school supplies and donated the rest in cash and checks.

In December we donated \$185, which I delivered that very afternoon, so that it could be used for Christmas shopping for the food pantry.

Kendall County Food Pantry is extremely thankful for all of our contributions. Following is a synopsis of their thank-you letter.

Dear Friends: Your very generous donation to KCFP becomes six times that amount using our buying power. We allow individuals and families in the Kendall county area to receive assistance while rebuilding their lives. This assistance is in the form of food, clothing, small household goods, personal products, and baby items. Since the KCFP relies 100% on donations, your donations allows us to provide for these ever growing needs.

We are more than aware of the demands on available resources during these extremely difficult economic times and we sincerely appreciate your continuing tax deductible, support. Together we are making a difference. Maria Spaeth, Executive Director.

Thank you again for your always wonderful support.

Alimae Persons, Community Participation Chair

## TREASURER'S REPORT

February, 2013

OPENING BALANCE 10/11/12			<u>\$2,700.91</u>
RECEIPTS	Meal Payments	\$800.00	
	Dues	\$325.00	
	Replace Change for Luncheon	\$200.00	
	ROE Contribution	\$1000.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$2,325.00
EXPENSES	Entertainment	\$100.00	
	Change for Luncheon	\$200.00	
	Janet Reardon (Newsletter)	\$133.39	
	Cedardell Golf Club	912.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$1,345.39
RECONCILED BALANCE 1/10/13			<u>\$3,680.52</u>
Kyle Price, Treasurer			

## LEGISLATIVE

### From Member Services Division of Teachers Retirement System

The new 98th Illinois General Assembly convened on January 8, 2013, but will not return to Springfield and begin work on legislative proposals until the end of the month. All legislation introduced and debated during the 97th General Assembly, but not enacted, is no longer active.

Teachers' Retirement System will continue to track important legislation affecting the state's pension code, and respond when necessary to questions from TRS members. In recent days, many questions for TRS have revolved around the status of TRS cost-of-living adjustments.

There have been no changes to the state law governing the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for TRS members. While various proposals have been discussed that would drastically alter the COLA and the eligibility rules for the COLA, the General Assembly to date has not enacted any changes.

TRS cannot predict if, or when, the General Assembly may alter the state law regarding the COLA. It is certain, however, that if the laws governing the TRS COLA are changed, **the matter will be challenged in court, a matter that will likely take a few years to resolve. A court challenge to any change in the state's pension laws would very likely freeze the current COLA provisions in place until the case is decided.**

Under current state law, TRS members who retire before age 61 receive their first annual COLA increases in the January after they turn age 61. TRS members who retire at age 61 or older receive their first

COLAs in the January following the first anniversary of their retirements. In either case, the first pension check to include the COLA is the February check. None of the legislative proposals reviewed by TRS have suggested that annuities already received by retired members be reduced or scaled back. In other words, members would keep what they currently receive if the law changes.

Sid Simmons, Legislative Chair

## MEMBERSHIP

### Kendall County Retired Teachers Unit 10 Membership--February, 2013

**Membership Report:** Your \$10 dues for 2013 are still being collected. You can pay at our February 14 meeting or mail your check to Linda Atkins.

**We welcome** our new members who joined in December:

Debra Clason  
503 E North  
Plano, IL 60545

Barbara Baca  
16 Chippewa DR,  
Oswego, IL 60543

JoAnn Beane  
6 Sherwick,  
Oswego, IL 60543

Your Membership Team,  
Linda Atkins, Craig Weber

### IN MEMORIAM

*Dorothy Christian – 1920 – 2012 – Taught in Lisbon.  
Mabel Hick – 1915 – 2012 – Taught in Yorkville.*

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2013 membership Directory will be printed in January and mailed/distributed at the 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 Janelle Burd (our Directory guru) at [pjburd@comcast.net](mailto:pjburd@comcast.net).

**E-MAILS:** I am happy to state that we currently have 112 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: by 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 quarter. **Happy Birthday** to all of you--and may you have many more!



### March

Janet Kuntzelman 3/1  
Peggy Prince 3/2  
Tom Centowski 3/7  
Kathleen Richmond 3/9  
Carol Hill 3/13  
Pamela Wynne 3/14  
Charlotte Shanks 3/16  
Pat Johnson 3/24

### April

David Myers 4/1  
George Hayner 4/4  
Jack Malinovich 4/6  
Karen Kriz 4/8  
Terry Friedman 4/12  
Dave Petersohn 4/13  
Dennis Hahn 4/17  
Curt Massie 4/19  
Imogene Barnewolt 4/21

### May

William Schell 5/4  
Bernice Hanson 5/5  
Joanne Knudson 5/14  
Sue Matile 5/14  
Jack Simmons 5/15  
Nancy Thompson 5/21  
Sid Simmons 5/23  
Rebecca Hall 5/24  
Elaine Hettrich 5/25  
Kathy Dube

If you did not see your name in the birthday recognition for this quarter and wish to be honored, or need to have it corrected, 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)

## CUBS' TRIP FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2013

50 members and guests are needed to join us for a fun trip to see our loveable **Cubs** play the **Pittsburg Pirates**.

**Cost, which is only \$39!!! Includes:**

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

Sign up at our February meeting or call

Jim Hissong at (630) 553-9153 to reserve your spot.

Bus will leave from J. C. Penney parking lot on Route 34 Montgomery at 10 AM.

