

KENDALL RETIRED TEACHERS

NEWSLETTER

SERVING RETIRED TEACHERS OF KENDALL COUNTY

FEBRUARY 2022

FEBRUARY 10 LUNCHEON

Come join us for our in-person February K.R.T.A. luncheon at **Whitetail Ridge Golf Club** (change of usual February venue), on Thursday, February 10 at 12:00 Noon. The cost is again \$20 (no increase from 2021). We will follow CDC guidelines. Program is *My Funny Valentine* with Renee Hein.

Deadline for reservations is Friday, Feb. 4. If you do not receive a call by then, please call Judy Burkard @ (630) 554-8944.

For all of our luncheons: if you have signed up and are unable to attend, you need to contact Judy Burkard by Noon on Tuesday Feb. 8 or you will be responsible for the cost of the luncheon. Thanks.

Do not forget your money for 50/50 raffle for the legal fund and donations for C.A.S.A.



THINK APRIL. Our local nursing homes and re-hab facilities are in need of new or gently used items. Between now and our April luncheon meeting, take some time to clean out your cabinets and rooms again, do some sewing, or stop by a local store like Dollar Tree, Wal-Mart, Meijer, Goodwill, and pickup some of the following:



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, and markers.

As we get more information about these collections, we will pass it on to you.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

KRTA December 9, 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes



The KRTA membership was greeted by President Jim Hissong. The Yorkville High School Madrigal Singers had not yet arrived for their Program presentation, so Jim entertained the members with some Santa humor – What is a cat doing on the beach on Christmas Day? Using his **santi claus**. Why does Santa go down the Chimney? It **suits** him. What does Santa suffer from when he is stuck in the chimney? **Claustrophobia**.

Jim pointed out the activity related materials on each of the luncheon tables.

- KRTA - survey February membership meeting continuation.
- Flyer - March South Pacific production at the Joliet Rialto Theater.
- Flyer -Elvis impersonator program in Bloomington December 11

Jim announced that KRTA Membership co-chair Sharon Pagoria is performing at the Morris Theater December 10-11 in the production of “A Minnesota Christmas”. Jan Hissong pointed out the word puzzles on each table. Members could try to solve them prior to the fun activity at the end of the luncheon.

Program

The Yorkville High School Madrigal Singers delighted the membership with Renaissance period music mixed with some familiar Christmas music. Music Director Dave Smith described the 30-minute program as a representation of German, Spanish, Italian and American pieces of blended voices to part music. It was quite a musical accomplishment for junior and senior high school students. KRTA looks forward to this Madrigal program again in 2022!

Tom Meade said Grace. Luncheon was served by the Whitetail staff and followed Covid 19 restrictions.

Business Meeting

At the conclusion of lunch, Jim led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. The September 9, 2021 membership meeting minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

- **Community Participation:** Alimae Persons reported that \$285 was collected for the Kendall County Community Food Pantry. Also, many items of clothing were donated. Alimae thanked the membership for their continued support.
- **Membership:** Sharon Pagoria thanked the 114 members out of 160 members that have paid their current dues.
- **Communication:** Sue Matile asked the KRTA callers to please stand and thanked them for their helpful service to KRTA. She asked for members who have changes in their addresses or phone numbers to please let she, Judy Burkard, Sharon Pagoria, Dorothy Simmons, and Robert and Vicki Baughman know so the Directory and all else can be current.
- **Treasurer:** Kyle Price reported the treasury to be \$4,983.78 – before today’s dues and lunch receipts.
- **Programs:** Jan Hissong reported November Supper Club had been at Biaggi’s Restaurant in Naperville. December 12th Supper Club will be at Fireside in Sugar Grove at 5:30. E-mails will follow.
- **Directory:** Bob Baughman requested that changes in addresses or phone numbers, and recent photos be submitted to him by December 20th.
- **Legislation:** Sid Simmons said nothing current to report.

The 50/50 recipients were Bob Baughman and the IRTA Legal Defense Fund.

In conclusion, Jan Hissong referred the membership to the Rebus puzzles at the members’ tables. Jan told the members a bit of Rebus history. Jan added she had found interesting benefits these puzzles could bring players: improvement in mood, improvement in memory, and improvement of one’s frame of mind. Thank you, Jan! There is still room for improvement!

The next KRTA membership meeting is February 10, 2022, at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Johnson, Recording Secretary



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Happy New Year!

President's Message for February, 2022

I hope that everyone had a happy and healthy start to the New Year!

I would like to start out this newsletter on a positive note--Our K.R.T.A. board and membership would like to welcome back Craig Weber to our team. Craig was our co-membership chair in 2013-14 and has consented to co-chair the presidency with me starting in February, 2022. **THANK YOU CRAIG!!** we are still looking for someone to step up and co-chair the treasurer's position with Kyle Price for this term. We can also use someone to take pictures at our events to publicize our K.R.T.A.

We have decided to move forward and host a February luncheon meeting. This time we will be hosting at Whitetail Ridge because of the spacing it can provide for us during these times. They have also decided to keep our luncheon fees at a reasonable \$20 cost for this year! I hope many of you will be able to make that luncheon.

If you know of anyone that would like to attend our luncheons and does not have a ride, please let us know.

We will be collecting for our I.R.T.A. legal fund with our 50/50 raffle and also for C.A.S.A. At our April meeting we will collect for the area nursing homes.

As far as trips go, information will be forthcoming about our 11th annual Chicago Cubs trip. The tentative date for this year will be Thursday, June 16, 1:20 P.M. vs. San Diego. We hope to host our annual trip to the Kane County Cougars in late July. As the climate gets better around us, we hope to add more trips and activities for our members of the K.R.T.A.

Sincerely,

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

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



The communication committee welcomes back our callers.

We are looking forward to taking reservations for our our February 10th meeting. Please tell your caller or Judy Burkard at 630-554-8944 or 630-334-0076, if you are planning to come. If you have to cancel at the last minute, please inform Judy as well. Judy needs to know the count before Friday, February 4th.

Thanks, Sue Matile and Judy Burkard, Communications Committee

MEMBERSHIP



join

Kendall County Retired Teachers Unit 10 Membership-- February, 2022

Hello and Happy New Year and Happy Winter!

WOW!--Winter and cold are definitely upon us; and with all the other challenges we face at this time, it seems we are pushed farther and farther inside our homes. Thank goodness for FaceBook, e-mail, the telephone, this Newsletter (dutifully prepared by Janet Reardon) and the KRTA for keeping us all in contact with each other., Today is the day to pick up the telephone and call another KRTA member! Let's stay in touch! Even though the weather outside may be frightful, coming to the KRTA Luncheon February 10 will be so delightful. Don those boots, scarves and Winter coats and join us!

Thank you to all of you who have paid their KRTA dues for 2021-2022. At this time, we have 157 members and 118 of those are paid. Please contact

IN MEMORIUM

Mary Ellen Bushnell
1930 – 2021

Yorkville School
District

Justine Japh
1939 – 2021

Yorkville School
District

Douglas Moews
1929 – 2021

Oswego School
District

me @ retiredlbteacher2014@gmail.com or call 815-498-3601 if you are unsure about your membership status. I will be more than happy to look it up for you. You may also send a check, made out to the KRTA for \$15 to Sharon Pagoria @ 981 Lake Holiday Dr, Sandwich, IL 60548. I am keeping track of check numbers etc.-- so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. If there is some confusion as to whether you have paid, we can look it up. Please include any changes in addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses. I thank each of you that have taken an extra moment to send a personal note with your dues. They have been so pleasant and have brought a smile to my face.

Dorothy Simmons and I will be making calls after the February Luncheon to gently remind those of you who have not paid and also to say hello!

Remember that IRTA dues are not included in KRTA dues and are extremely important as well. They can be easily deducted from your pension check.

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. Thank you again for being a part of such an awesome organization. I will be contacting this year's retirees at the end of April or beginning of May.

And don't forget to thank a teacher if you know someone who is currently teaching. Our current teachers are still facing so many challenges in educating our grandchildren and great grandchildren. Let's applaud them for all they do!

Stay well and safe.

Sharon Pagoria and Dorothy Simmons, KRTA Membership Chairs



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY—Get it hot off the press at the February Meeting.

The 2022 membership Directory will be printed and 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 Robert and Vicki Baughman at:

vrbaughman@att.net (our Directory gurus).



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Thank you for your generous donation of clothing, including mittens, hats, socks, gloves, underwear, toys, etc. Also, a

HUGE thank you for your monetary donations which added up to over **\$379**. This will go a long way to helping everyone served by the Kendall County Community Food Pantry

The Representative, Ms Leslie, said that the presents for the children were distributed on December 18.

Thank you again,

Alimae Persons, Community Chair



Alimae does it again—She took the \$379 shopping and purchased over \$659 worth of clothing and underwear for the Food Pantry—saving over \$279..**What a shopper!!**



E-MAILS: I am happy to state that we currently have 143 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

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| OPENING BALANCE 12/09/21 | | | <u>\$5,219.08</u> |
| RECEIPTS | Lunch Receipts | \$1100.00 | |
| | Dues | \$270.00 | |
| | Kendall Food Pantry | \$260.00 | |
| | Replacement change | 200.00 | <u>\$1,897.00</u> |
| | Legal Fund | 67.00 | |
| | TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS | | \$7,116.08 |
| EXPENSES | Kendall County Food Pantry | \$260.00 | |
| | Janet Reardon (Newsletter) | \$35.30 | |
| | WhiteTail Ridge | \$1100.00 | |
| | Change for Luncheon | \$200.00 | |
| | Deposit for Bus | \$250.00 | |
| | Legal Fund | \$67.00 | |
| | Yorkville High School | \$150.00 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | | \$2,062.30 |
| RECONCILED BALANCE 1/17/22 | | | <u>\$5,053.78</u> |
| Kyle Price, Treasurer | | | |



LEGISLATIVE

Hi All,

Portfolio Information

I am sure every member of the Teacher Retirement System wants to know how our investments are doing. The following information that I am providing is based on my preliminary, unaudited data and is certainly subject to change. That being said, I am fairly confident in my accuracy of the figures.

As of December 31, 2021, our TRS total assets had grown to \$65,677,738,000 or about **\$65.7 Billion dollars**. Our TRS external investment managers, internal staff, and consultants made approximately one billion dollars per month for our portfolio.

I am estimating that our money had a 22% return last year !!

Regarding the portfolio distribution, approximately 51% of the TRS investment is in equity composite; 25% is in income composite; 16% real estate; and 8% diversifying strategies.

Looking at the long-term statistics, the TRS investments yielded a 9.5% 3-year return; a 9.6% 5-year return and a 9.5% 10-year return. These are all a spectacular numbers gain. You are looking at very early data figures--But are certainly fun to read. The TRS fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30 of any given year.

Sid Simmons,
KRTA Legislative Chair



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

March

- Les Fouts 3/1
- Sandra Urdil 3/4
- Tom Centowski 3/7
- Steve Riederer 3/7
- Carol Hill 3/13
- Pamela Wynne 3/14
- Charlotte Shanks 3/16
- Doreen Wadehul 3/16
- Marcie Rogers 3/18
- Barb Allen 3/22
- Pat Johnson 3/24
- Cathy Fouts 3/31

April

- David Myers 4/1
- George Hayner 4/4
- Sherry Underhill 4/8
- Karen Kriz 4/8
- Terry Friedman 4/12
- Dennis Hahn 4/17
- Georgia Scoggen 4/27

May

- William Schell 5/4
- Gwen Zolezzi 5/7
- Ann Engelhardt 5/9
- Joanne Knudson 5/14
- Sue Matile 5/14
- Nancy Thompson 5/21
- Sid Simmons 5/23
- Elaine Hettrich 5/25
- Kathy Dube 5/26



So far we celebrate 98 birthdays. 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) or by phone (630-801-8928)



Renew your KRTA Membership for 2021-2022...

Just complete the form below, enclose a check for \$15, and return to:
Sharon Pagoria
981 Lake Holiday Drive
Sandwich, IL 60548

Local Unit Membership Form for Regular and Associate Members:

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.)



We were joyfully entertained by the Yorkville Madrigal Choir under the direction of Music Director Dave Smith.



It is hard to believe this is actually *Painted* on flat surfaces.

