

KENDALL RETIRED TEACHERS



NEWSLETTER



SERVING RETIRED TEACHERS OF KENDALL COUNTY

JUNE 2019

JUNE 13 MEETING

The June 13 meeting of KRTA will be held at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club, 7671 Clubhouse Drive (just off Rt. 126) in Yorkville, IL, 60560. The luncheon, which begins at 12 Noon, is \$19.

Program--Celebrating Education: We will be presenting the Moler Austin Scholarships along with Future Educators grants from our area high schools

The reservation deadline is June 7. If you don't get a call by then, you can RSVP to Theresa Weidman, 630-897-6377. **Remember** to bring your money for the 50/50 raffle. It will again be designated to the Legal Fund.



SECRETARY'S REPORT



KRTA April 11, 2019 Membership Meeting Minutes

The KRTA membership meeting was called to order by President Jim Hissong at 12:00 Noon at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club, Yorkville. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and George Hayner said Grace. Jim Hissong greeted members with a quiz of sorts that tested members' memories of popular music from the "good old days" of the 1950's – 1980's. Jim asked, "What were you doing when these songs were wailing from your *transistor* radio?" Remember these: 1950's – *All Shook Up*; 1960's - *To Sir With Love, Theme from A Summer Place*; 1970's – *The Way we Were*; 1980's – *Let's Get Physical*. Everyone enjoyed a good laugh.

Lunch was then served.

After lunch, Jim opened the business meeting with membership approval of the February 14 meeting. Kyle Price reported the treasury balance of \$5,041.41. Kyle reminded members to vote on the TRS website for Doug Strand, for the TRS elected position on the board of trustees.

Committee Reports

Programs: Jan Hissong reported there will be a KRTA Supper Club the last Sunday in April or the first Sunday in May.

Community Participation: Alimae Persons reported a \$70 collection today for Kendall County C.A.S.A. The June 13 contribution will be collected for support of the Kendall County Food Pantry's school supply distribution program held in August for Kendall County school children in need.

Membership: Sharon Pagoria reminded members the 2020 KRTA membership dues are collected at the September 12, 2019 membership meeting. Sharon will contact 2019 Kendall County retirees with a

KRTA organization information letter, and an invitation to the June 13 KRTA membership meeting and luncheon.

New Business

- Jim announced the trip to the Kane County Cougar Game is July 22. Reserved tickets are \$40 per person. (See April Newsletter for reservation.)
- IRTA A.M.B.A. information will be presented at the June 13 membership meeting and luncheon.
- The KRTA President and Treasurer positions are open for nomination and vote at the September 12 meeting and luncheon at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club, Yorkville.



Jim introduced Roger Matile as the program speaker. Roger is the retired editor of the former Ledger Sentinel weekly newspaper. He remains a popular columnist of local and Illinois history, and the volunteer director of the Little White School Museum in Oswego. Roger told the members many stories of the founding of Illinois and its 200 year history. The members found especially interesting how the state established its northern boundary with Wisconsin and Lake Michigan. He reminded us how politics has always played a role in the past and present on-goings of Illinois.

Jim announced the 50/50 winner, Paula Hill-Emery. Randy French won the free lunch drawing. Jan Hissong shared some Month of April facts. Along with the April 21 Easter Sunday celebration, April 7 is No Housework

Day! Jim adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Recording Secretary, Pat Johnson



PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR MAY 2019

Hello Everyone:

As we move closer to June, I promise the rain will subside and the weather will warm up. At least the yards are looking great!

If you have not had a chance to check out our new updated web site, please do. It is www.kendallrta.weebly.com. You will enjoy looking at some of the new items on this site.

At our June 13 luncheon at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club, the Moler-Austin scholarship winners will be present. This year they are Conner Christian from Newark and Brooke Jensen from Yorkville. Conner is a sophomore at Joliet Junior College and in the fall will be attending the University of Illinois. Brooke is our first 2-time scholarship winner and is attending Illinois State University.

The I.R.T.A. Area II Leadership Training Conference will be held on Monday June 3 in Schaumburg, IL. Roger Hampton, I.R.T.A. President and Jim Bachman, I.R.T.A. Executive Director will be keynote speakers. They will be giving us a legislative update on the present state of the retired teacher issues in Illinois and tools for recruiting new members. Anyone who would like to join us, please let me know.

Our State I.R.T.A. Convention will be held on October 14-15. Each unit will be honoring one individual for their service to their local retired teacher organization. Look for that announcement later this summer.

At our September luncheon, Larry Newman who is the A.M.B.A. benefits chair, will be discussing some new benefits available for those who are members of the I.R.T.A.

Upcoming activities for the K.R.T.A:

- Monday July 22-Kane County Cougar Sky Box Outing-12:00 Noon
- Tuesday July 23-Righteous Bros. Concert-Arcada Theatre-7:30 P.M

If you are a member of our local KRTA, I encourage you to join the IRTA, if you have not already done so. You can do that through payroll deduction (\$2.50/mo). There are numerous benefits and IRTA helps to protect your pension benefits!

Jim Hissong-President, KRTA



After many years of wonderful, conscientious service, our Treasurer, Kyle Price, and our President, Jim Hissong, will be stepping down from their elected positions. This means that KRTA will need two people to step up and fill those positions. Please give it some serious thought. You are not on your own, you would have a great support team working with you. Contact Him if interested. He would be glad to answer your questions.

Tentative K.R.T.A. Field Trips

- 1) Old Joliet Prison Tour/Joliet Historical Museum 90 Minute Walking Tour (In Fall-2019)



- 2) Chicago Symphony Orchestra-Christmas Program December 15, 2019-3:00 P.M. Charter Bus, Main Floor Ticket

Lunch @ various local restaurants & shopping or sightseeing on your own
More information to come at the June luncheon & E-Mail blasts!



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: JUNE MEETING:



Thank you for your donations in support of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). We received a total of \$85. This is almost enough to train a new advocate. This person will follow one child through the court system for three years.

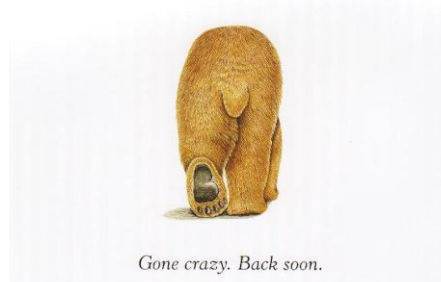
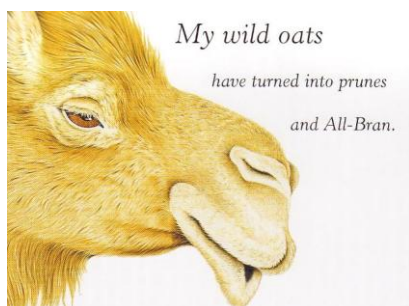
For the June meeting, we will be collecting school supplies for Kendall County Community Food Pantry. Cash donations will also be accepted—and we will shop for requested items during the school supplies sales period.

As always, “Thank you” for your generous and thoughtful donations.

Alimae Persons, Community Participation Chair



E-MAILS: I am happy to state that we currently have 147 e-mail members. However, your newsletter lady and her printer are slowing down. **Please help** by receiving your newsletter by e-mail. 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. Just click on the one that best works for you. **As a perk**, this list also keeps you in touch with the social activities of KRTA. I look forward to putting your name on this list.





TREASURER'S REPORT

OPENING BALANCE – 3/19/19		\$5,397.76
RECEIPTS		
	Luncheon Receipts	\$976.00
	Replace lunch change	\$200.00
	50/50 Legal Fund	\$86.00
	Dues	\$54.00
	CASA	\$70.00
	Events	\$560.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$1,946.00</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		<u>\$7,343.76</u>
EXPENSES		
	Change for Lunch	\$200.00
	Entertainment	\$100.00
	IRTA Legal Fund	\$86.00
	CASA	\$70.00
	Whitetail Luncheon	\$1,026.00
	Conference Fees	\$80.00
	Newsletter	\$156.35
	IRTA Foundation	\$10.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,728.35
ENDING BALANCE – 5/21/19		<u><u>\$5,589.62</u></u>
Kyle Price Treasurer		

MEMBERSHIP



KENDALL COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS UNIT 10 MEMBERSHIP: JUNE 2019

Membership drive for 2018-19 is almost over. If you still owe, please send your dues in a check made out to KRTA for \$15 to Randy French or Sharon Pagoria. A membership form and Sharon's and Randy's address is in the back for your convenience.

Thanks to those of you who have already taken care of this matter on your own. It definitely makes our job easier.

Membership for 2019-20 begins in September. We have been working on personally inviting the new retirees from Kendall County to join KRTA. Sharon has been sending out written invitations as well as an e-mail inviting them to our luncheon. If you know of anyone who is retiring this year, invite them to a meeting or give Sharon their information. Their first lunch is on us. Also, if you have friends who are not yet members, invite them so they can see for themselves what a thriving organization we are.

IRTA Membership: IRTA is encouraging all local members and retired teachers to join IRTA at this time. With our pensions and insurance still being threatened by actions of the legislature, **NOW is the time to join !!!!!**

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Munson
1935 - 2019
Nurse in Plano School District

If you are not currently an IRTA member, our membership chairpersons will have applications available at the June luncheon or email/call Sharon or Randy and they will send you a form. You can also go to the IRTA website www.irtaonline.org and quickly join and get updates.

Sincerely, Randy French and Sharon Pagoria, Membership Chairs

Happy Birthday!!

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

JULY

Celie Reiderer 7/3
Betty Lankers 7/6
Pat Riccio 7/7
Joyce Burns 7/15
Barb Johnson 7/16
George Hettrich 7/18
Douglas Moews 7/19
Barb Frish 7/23

AUGUST

Effie Vitale 8/3
David McQueen 8/5
Roberta Decker 8/7
Joyce Davito 8/10
Nancy Aschauer 8/12
Mary Ellen Bushnell 8/13
Dave Elko 8/16
Dorothy Christian 8/17
Penny Jamison 8/19
Dorothy Simmons 8/22
Rodney Engstrom 8/23

SEPTEMBER

Gail Ford 9/1
Barbara Yundt 9/1
Judy Robertson 9/1
Ann Myers 9/9
Paula Hill-Emery 9/14
Dawn Gerry 9/20
Janet Reardon 9/21
Patti Engstrom 9/26/
Elaine Mroczka 9/27



If you did not see your name in the birthday recognition for this quarter 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.

LEGISLATIVE



Illinois state lawmakers are racing a May 31 deadline to resolve a host of controversial issues that form the centerpiece of new Democratic Governor J. B. Pritzker's agenda and first state budget. The major plans are:

- * Changing the state constitution to replace a flat-rate state income tax to a graduated rate that levies higher state tax rates as earnings increase. This bill will have to win the support of 60 % of the members of both the Illinois House and Senate and then go to voters for a simple majority ratification in the November of 2020 ballot. As of May 21, this bill had passed the Senate but had not been acted upon by the House. Keep in mind that **all retirees** in the state of Illinois do not pay a state income tax.
- * Passing a bill to possibly double the state's current 19 cents/gallon motor fuel tax. Lawmakers are also looking at tying the gas tax rate to inflation, allowing it to grow over time and/or tying the motor fuel tax to each individual motorist depending on how many miles you drive per year.
- * Legalize recreational marijuana and then tax the weed. The state already has a medical marijuana law.
- * Legalize sports betting in Illinois. Every business and university has an opinion on this moneymaker. Casinos, racetracks, video operators, as well as major sports leagues are all giving legislators input on this bill(s).
- * Implement a state wide tax on plastic bags.
- * Impose a 32 cent per pack increase to the current \$1.98 per pack cigarette tax. This bill would also apply to e-cigarettes.

* Pass a multibillion-dollar capital bill - a public works program similar to what us 'old timers' remember as the Illinois Jobs Now (2009) or the Illinois FIRST program (1999). The present proposed bill is in two parts - one for transportation related projects and one for building construction projects.

Gov. Pritzker also wanted to extend for 7 extra years a new ramp for state payments to the underfunded public employee pension system; but, that plan was discarded when more money unexpectedly arrived into the coffers. Right now all the pension systems in Illinois are underfunded by 130 billion dollars.

The IRTA and the KRTA will stay abreast of legislator votes and send out updated emails.

Sid Simmons, Legislative Chair

KRTA Membership Form

Fill in the information and mail to:

Randy French	Sharon Pagoria
1795 Sunrise Court	981 Lake Holiday Drive
Montgomery, IL 60538	Sandwich, IL 60548

Make check payable to: **Kendall County Retired Teachers' Association**

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.**)

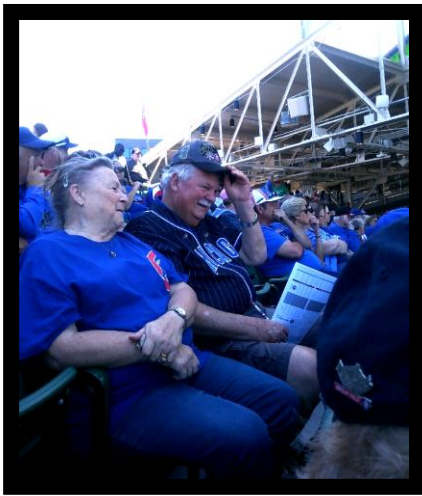
I believe you can have whatever you want in this life, in one form or another, sooner or later. But you can't have it all at once, and you can't have it forever. No life has the room for everything in it, not on the same day.

Barbara Sher

You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing.

Michael Pritchard

A GREAT DAY FOR A BALLGAME



Sid and Carol
Simmons having a
GREAT time at
Wrigley Field—as
is everyone else..

