

# KENDALL RETIRED TEACHERS



## NEWSLETTER



SERVING RETIRED TEACHERS OF KENDALL COUNTY

### SEPTEMBER 2013

The September 12, 2013 meeting of the KRTA will be held at Whitetail Ridge Gold Club, 7671 Clubhouse Drive, (Rt. 126), Yorkville IL, 60560. The luncheon, beginning at 12:30 PM, will be \$15. We will have a speaker from IRTA. Be sure to mark your calendar and let your caller know if you can join us. Deadline is September 9, 2013. It is imperative that you have your reservation in by then. If you don't get a call by then, you can RSVP to Theda McMinn, 552-8156. Also, don't forget your money for the 50/50.



### SECRETARY'S REPORT

**MINUTES FOR THE KRTA UNIT MEETING:** June 13, 2013.

The KRTA meeting and luncheon was called to order by the President Jan Cairns at 12:30. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The business meeting was conducted.

The minutes of April 11<sup>th</sup> were approved; the April 11<sup>th</sup> Finance Report was approved.



Marti Swanson and Identia Austin presented the Moler-Austin Scholarship of the IRTA Foundation to the following two winners: Karissa Pecci of Oswego, Madeline Vogler of Urbana. Madeline Vogler was present to receive her award of \$2500.

Theresa Wiedman presented the KRTA Professional Development Grant to the following two teachers: Tamara Schmidt of Newark, Marcia Carino of Oswego. Tamara Schmidt was present to receive her award of \$250.



### Reports of Standing Committees

- ❖ Membership: KRTA has two new members, Patricia Lofthouse and Julie Devine of Oswego Schools.

- ❖ **Community Participation:** Alimae Persons reported there was \$130 collected for Kendall County Food Pantry dedicated school supplies.
- ❖ **Legislation:** Sid Simmons reported briefly on the inactivity of the Illinois General Assembly with the pension reform bill(s.) Marti Swanson spoke about the Defense Fund and requested the membership to continue with their contributions.

**Program:** Jason Petit, Director of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District spoke to the membership about the Kendall County Forest Preserve in general and specifically Hoover Forest Preserve and its facilities. After the presentation, the meeting was adjourned to Winding Creek Nursery in Millbrook for further presentation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theda McMinn, Pat Johnson

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear KRTA members,

Summer has been interesting with no decisions by the Illinois Legislature. At our September meeting we will receive and updated report from Gary Elmen, President of the IRTA on the current activities in Springfield as related to teachers.

Another item on the agenda for the September meeting is that we need nominations from the members for the next President of KRTA. Kyle will continue as our Treasurer and I would agree to continue if we can have a Co-President or an assistant. This is due to a change in our family situation during the summer that will require me to travel more than I have in the past.

Hope to see you all at the September meeting on September 12th.

Jan Cairns  
President

## **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

Thank you for your donation of \$147 for school supplies to be given to the Kendall County Panty. I shopped for all the bargains, and was able to purchase many items. They were delivered on July 14, and were much appreciated.

Thanks, and I hope to see you at the meeting.

Alimae Persons, Community Participation Chair

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Kendall County Retired Teachers Unit 10 Membership: September, 2012**  
**Membership Report:** We welcome two new members.

Patricia Lofthouse  
611 Cedar  
Park Ridge IL 60068

Julie Devine  
3363 Rosecroft Lane  
Naperville, IL 60564

At the September meeting, we will begin accepting 2014 KRTA membership dues which are now fifteen dollars. If you cannot make the meeting, use the membership form in the back.

Also, if you are not a member of Illinois Retired Teachers Association, our parent organization, you need to be. There will be sign up forms at the membership table at the September meeting. The cheapest way to do it is to have two dollars deducted from each check, which is twenty-four dollars yearly. However, there are other options for dues payment available. We have a great organization, and everyone is important. There is strength in numbers--at the local and also at the state level.

Sincerely,

Membership Committee: Linda Adkins and Craig Weber

## TREASURER'S REPORT

OPENING BALANCE – 5/09/2013		<u>\$1,954.16</u>
RECEIPTS		
	Lunch Receipts	\$804.00
	Replace lunch change	\$200.00
	Cubs Game	\$1834.00
	Dues	\$130.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$2,968.00
EXPENSES		
	Lunch Change	\$200.00
	Catering (Upper Crust)	\$669.20
	Newsletter	\$80.20
	Entertainment.	\$100.00
	Grants	\$530.00
	CASA	\$60.00
	Cubs Bus	\$693.75
	IRTA Found. (Peggy Gilbertson)	\$10.00
	Linda Atkins (Postage)	\$13.37
	Cubs Expense	\$173.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$2,529.52</u>
RECONCILED BALANCE – 6/25/2013		<u>\$2,392.64</u>
Kyle Price, Treasurer		

## LEGISLATIVE

While the Illinois conference committee assigned to present the Illinois legislature with a pension reform bill works behind closed doors, the KRTA wanted to keep retired teachers in the loop.

It is very difficult to get any information to 'leak out' from the committee but the rumor has it that the committee members (appointed by Senate Majority leader Cullerton and House Speaker Madigan) are using a proposal submitted by University Presidents as a foundation for a new pension bill. There is **considerable opposition** mounting from both retired teacher organizations and active teacher groups to this plan. The proposal, often called the IGPA plan (because it is associated with a group of authors at the Institute of Government and Public Affairs), has several serious problems and **cuts pensions deeply**.

One of the things the IGPA plan does is severely slice the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to one-half the inflation rate. The plan also proposes a partially defined-contribution plan (401K) for new hires and a cost -shift onto colleges and universities (with school districts potentially to follow).

So what's wrong? First, the COLA cut would give Illinois seniors some of the worst inflation protection in the nation. Also, the defined-contribution plan could actually worsen the state's pension debt while providing less retirement security. Plus, the so-called 'Diet COLA' is likely unconstitutional.

Secondly, the shifting of pension costs onto school districts, colleges, and universities could result in any mix of increased tuition, property tax increases, school program cuts, and teacher lay-offs.

To quote KRTA member Curt Massie from Oswego, "By accepting this (pension bill) I think we are tacitly agreeing to allow the Legislators to violate the 'no lowered benefits' clause in the (Illinois) State Constitution -- an argument their lawyers will find very useful."

The KRTA will continue to follow and inform retirees of any pension bill submitted to the Illinois legislature as well as the pending court result from the state legislature pay freeze.

Sid Simmons, Legislative Chair

**E-MAILS:** I am happy to state that we currently have 120 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. I look forward to putting your name on this list.

**IN REMEMBERANCE:** If you learn of any member, teacher, or teacher family member who has passed away, please let the membership committee and president know.

### *Happy Birthday!!*

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

#### **OCTOBER**

Madeline Mead 10/11  
Susan (Reed) Ahuja 10/19  
Beverly Rehberg 10/19  
Nancy Larson 10/22  
Ruth Aagesen 10/24

#### **NOVEMBER**

Identa Austin 11/2  
Janelle Burd 11/5  
Judith Davis 11/7  
Marsha Friedman 11/10  
Norm Meier 11/11  
Janice Williams 11/13  
Ron May 11/20  
Truby Szewczyk 11/25  
Gene Palmer 11/28  
Jean McBride 11/29  
Nancy Reynolds 11/30

#### **DECEMBER**

Susan Schindel 12/3  
Don Snyder 12/5  
Richard Sitch 12/8  
Barb McCoy 12/11  
Pat Lofthouse 12  
Theda McMinn 12/13  
Diane Garner 12/18  
JoAnn Beane 12/19  
Alimae Persons 12/23  
Carol Hayner 12/23  
Dick Kruse 12/25  
Judy Gilmour 12/26



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](mailto:janetreardon44@sbcglobal.net).) If you notice any errors, please let me know as well.

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## Renew your KRTA Membership for 2014...

**Just complete the form below, enclose a check for \$15., and return to one of the membership co-chairpersons below. You can also pay your 2014 membership at the September 12<sup>th</sup> or December 12<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Meetings. Please encourage other retirees to join our wonderful organization!**

**KRTA membership committee co-chairpersons:**

Linda Adkins 630-554-8788

Craig Weber 630-688-7980

303 Edgebrook Ct.

584 Sudbury Circle

Oswego, IL 60543

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***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.)

### ***OLD-TIME CHICAGO QUIZ***

- (1) Name all five of Riverview's roller coasters.
- (2) What was the former name of Martin Luther King Drive ?
- (6) What did Jack Brickhouse yell when the Cubs hit a home run?
- (8) What gasoline chain had Dino the Dinosaur as a mascot?
- (9) Which of Bill Veeck's legs was the peg-leg?
- (11) Why was 1340 North State Parkway a famous address?
- (12) Who was Uncle Johnny Coons?
- (16) Where were the Stock Yards located?
- (17) What type of store was Morris B. Sachs?
- (20) What business had the phone number MOhawk 4-4100?
- (21) Identify one Chicago street that was part of U.S. Route 66
- (25) Before Circle, where was the Chicago campus of the University of Illinois ?

