DUPAGE CONNECTION

Newsletter of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association in DuPage



President's Report

Charles Hlavaty

Our June meeting will be the half way point to this year's luncheon meetings and we still need a DuPage Unit Vice President. Your TRS health insurance is still a hot topic in Springfield. This month's speaker will bring us the latest CMS Insurance news.

Here we are in June and we are still looking for a Vice President. I know someone is willing to get involved with our executive board and serve our unit. It is a great opportunity to be an active member and an easy position to perform. Please contact me for more information on the position of Vice President.

As the state Governor looks for ways to save money, our health insurance is in his sights. He would like to make us pay a larger portion of the monthly premium cost. Be diligent and keep your eye on Voter Voice to stay informed. Also, call your legislators to support Senate Bill 3046, which would allow people to reenter the TRIP program if they had ever opted out.

Gather all your health insurance questions. Our June meeting speaker will be from CMS. Gail Lumb has been working with Lesley Newsome for the past 14 years at the Medicare COB Unit of CMS. Gail will give us an overview and all the newest news about our health plans, along with handouts.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our June 6th meeting so please come and bring someone new to enjoy a great lunch, join and be a proud member of the DuPage IRTA.

Ill or Deceased Members 2018 Jeanne Jordan

Please let me know of illness or death of a member by email at: <u>jmjordan34@earthlink.net</u>, or phone 630-968-1224. If you wish, you may use the sheet provided at our lunch meetings.

June LUNCH MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6TH—NOON RESERVATIONS DUE BY FRI., JUNE 1ST

GREEK ISLANDS, LOMBARD

300 EAST 22ND ST., LOMBARD 60148 (JUST NORTH OF YORKTOWN MALL) SOUP, GRILLED CHICKEN IN ATHENIAN SALAD, ICE CREAM, TEA OR COFFEE \$20 (INCLUDES TAX & TIP)

BRING A FRIEND—RSVP TODAY!

REGISTRATION DETAILS BELOW

HOW TO REGISTER:

- A) Find your Zip Code and call your contact person to make a reservation by June 1st.
- B) Leave a message if there's no answer and please SPELL YOUR NAME.

PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!

60181 + 187 + 148	Cheryl Hansen	630-595-7623
60185 + 189 + 190	Jan Reese	630-529-6834
60188 + 193	Joanne Lovig	630-629-3176
60515 + 516 + 559	Jeanne Jordan	630-968-1224
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Fall Tour: Mystical Peru — Featuring Machu Picchu Gary Elmen, Tour Chairperson

Don't forget to join our travel group! These trips are a wonderful way to tick items off your bucket list and connect with friends and make new friends. Many dreams of happy retirement involve travel. Here is your chance to go with people of common interest and experiences.

Explore the Incan sites of the Sacred Valley including the Maras Salt Pans. Watch scenery fly by during the travels on the Vistadome train. Experience the wonders of Machu Picchu. Enjoy the culture and sights of Cusco and the ruins of Sacayhuaman.

Our DuPage IRTA tour to Peru will be magical! We have 19 people so far going on the tour to Mystical Peru. The week-long tour includes 11 meals. It departs October 9. We fly into Lima, Peru, then on to Cuzco and then to Machu Picchu. This ancient city has many legends and mysterious stories. Please join us. Call Imelda Flores directly at Mayflower Tours. 630-435-8264

Membership Report Jane Munsie and Mary Rogers

Thank you to all who have renewed your DIRTA membership, please contact any former colleagues that are retiring this June and invite them to join IRTA and DIRTA. Remind them that IRTA is the only association whose primary purpose is to protect the pensions and interests of retired teachers. To avoid the hassle of having to remember to renew your state membership each year, switch to dues deduct, \$2.50 will be deducted from your pension monthly. You are also encouraged to sign up for a \$1.00 monthly deduction for IRTA PAC. This Political Action Committee is dedicated to supporting candidates and legislation that benefit retired teachers. You can sign up for either of these programs on line at irtaonline.org

Jane Munsie, Membership Co-Chair

IRTA Member Benefits HighlighterChuck Hlavaty

IRTA is proud to offer so many member benefits to its state members.

A new member benefit offering for IRTA is Life Line Screening.

Life Line Screening offers painless, noninvasive ultrasound screenings for stroke/carotid artery disease, atrial fibrillation, abdominal aortic aneurysm, and peripheral arterial disease at various locations throughout the state. To find a screening event near you with your IRTA discount call 1-866-964-5845.

To access this and many other health benefits go to your IRTA Member Benefits web site: irtaonline.org or myAMBAbenefits.info/irta

More information next month so take advantage of your benefits and save more money.

DuPage IRTA

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RSVP by Fri. June 1st For the June 6th Luncheon All members, please check your **Newsletter Label** to see if the State & Local Dues are up to date. Please send your dues to the DIRTA Membership Co-Chair Mary Rogers. **State Dues:** \$40 annually or "Dues Deduct" \$2.50 per month; **Local Dues (DuPage Unit):** \$10 annually, \$45 - 5 years.

FIRST CLASS

JOIN US ON: June 6th - Reserve by: June 1st Guest Speaker: Gail Lumb CMS State Insurance Division TRS, TRIP & TRAIL

Our next newsletter will be mailed and emailed Aug. 21st, 2018 Dates of meetings: June 6, Sept. 5, Oct 3, Dec 5, 2018

DIRTA—Lunch Meeting Greek Islands Restaurant Wednesday 12:00—noon

Local Unit Membership Form—DuPage IRTA					
Last Name		First Name			
Address					
City			State	Zip	
Phone		Email			
Circle one :	One Year-\$10	Five Years-\$45	Make checks payab	le to DIRTA	
Mail to: Co-Chair Membership Mary Rogers—173 Thunderbird Trail, Carol Stream, IL 60188					