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# DUPAGE CONNECTION

Newsletter of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association in DuPage

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## President's Report

*Charles Hlavaty*

Another summer has gone by and it's time to plan for fall activities. Get out your calendars and mark in plans to attend your

September 6th, October 4th and December 6th, DuPage Unit meetings. Also, plan to attend, as a DuPage delegate, the IRTA Convention.

Much has happened in Illinois since our last meeting. Stay current on all IRTA news by reading your summer's IRTA Action newsletter and assessing the IRTA web page.

We will be seeking your participation as a DuPage Unit delegate to the 2017 Convention. The IRTA Convention will take place in Springfield, Illinois at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on October 30th and 31st. The keynote speaker will be John M. Fitzgerald from the law firm of Tabet, DeVito & Rothstein LLC. This is the law firm that represented IRTA to protect our pension benefits. He will update us on the state's latest attacks on our pensions.

During this summers Legislative sessions many new bills have been passed. Yes, we

finally have a budget in Illinois but our state income taxes are going up. There is another pension, Tier three, for new teachers going into the teaching profession. Currently the Illinois Senate voted to override the Governor's veto of SB 1.

I'm sure this is not the end of debate and legislation on state school funding. For a complete list of all legislative bills passed go to your IRTA website at: [www.irtaonline.org](http://www.irtaonline.org) Please support your state IRTA as they represent you in Springfield and are committed to protecting our pension benefits. They also include the state subsidies to the Teacher Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP/TRAILS). Support this by keeping your state dues paid, and IRTAPAC, Legal Defense Fund and IRTA Foundation donations. And of course by being an active DuPage Unit member really helps.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our September 6th meeting for some great food, fellowship and informative speakers. When you come bring someone new so they can become a proud member of your DuPage IRTA.

# SEPT. LUNCHEON MEETING

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

## GREEK ISLANDS, LOMBARD

300 EAST 22ND ST, LOMBARD 60148 (JUST NORTH OF YORKTOWN MALL)  
SALAD, CHICKEN RIGANATI, ICE CREAM, TEA OR COFFEE \$20 (INCLUDES TAX 7 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 Sept. 1st**
- B) Leave a message if there's no answer and please SPELL YOUR NAME.

PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!

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60188 + 193	Ida Lee	630-653-7724
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### **Ill or Deceased Members 2017**      *Jeanne Jordan*

If you know of any members who are ill or have passed away, please notify me by email at [jmjordan34@earthlink.net](mailto:jmjordan34@earthlink.net), or telephone 630-968-1224. You can also write the information on the sheet provided at our monthly luncheon meetings.

We have been notified of the death in June of Robert Pelinka. Bob had been a member of the DIRTA Executive Board for several years. May he rest in peace.

## **Membership Report**

*Jane Munsie and Mary Rogers*

All members will continue to receive paper copies of this newsletter in the mail. Please check your mailing label to see when your dues are expiring and renew your membership when necessary. If you need to change your contact information please notify Mary Rogers by email at [mamrogers@yahoo.com](mailto:mamrogers@yahoo.com) or by phone 630-890-7174.

Please contact former colleagues, especially those who are newly retired, and invite them to become members of IRTA and DIRTA. Let them know that IRTA is the only association whose primary purpose is to protect the pensions and interests of retired teachers. Share with them about the member benefits they will be eligible for as members. Also encourage them to go to the IRTA website [www.irtaonline.org](http://www.irtaonline.org) to select *dues deduct* to save money on their dues each year.

## **Political Affairs**

*Arnie Grimes*

Recently, Gary Elmen and I attended a fundraiser for Senator Linda Holmes and Representative Stephanie Kifowit. We thanked them for supporting our interests. IRTAPAC money well spent.

## **IRTA Members Benefits Highlighter**

*Chuck Hlavaty*

Have you scheduled your benefits checkup yet? You can save enough money each year by taking advantage of your member benefits to pay your yearly state and local IRTA membership dues. Many association members are glad they've taken the opportunity to meet their local benefit representative to take full advantage of all our money saving opportunities. Benefit representatives are available as a courtesy to answer all your questions. Give Larry Newman a call at AMBA and set up a benefit checkup. 1-800-258-7041

## **Fall Tour 2018**

*Gary Elmen*

Planning an International tour these days is more difficult than in the past. Our fall tour for 2017 to northern Italy Lakes region was canceled for lack of interest. No doubt the unrest in Europe had an impact. I always try to plan a trip that would be in a safe and affordable destination.

So far the places that are on my shortlist of interesting destinations include Scandinavia, the Far East such as Thailand and Vietnam, and Peru and Machu Picchu. These are places that have been mentioned before when we surveyed our membership. At our September meeting I will be encouraging suggestions from those attending. I would like to hear your ideas and use those to help select our next destination. Please feel free to email me with any of your ideas and thoughts. We want to have an annual tour continue as a special social feature of our DuPage IRTA unit. Gary Elmen at 630-624-3728 or [gwelmen@yahoo.com](mailto:gwelmen@yahoo.com).

## **IRTA CONVENTION—OCTOBER 30 & 31st, 2017**

Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center

Springfield, IL

\$109.00 per night—phone 217-529-7777

# DuPage IRTA

Chuck Hlavaty, President  
4601 Pershing Ave.  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

**RSVP by Fri., Sept 1st  
For Sept. 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 DIRT A Treasurer, Ida Lee. **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: Sept. 6, 2017 – RESERVE BY: Sept. 1st**  
**Guest Speakers: Rich Frankenfeld, Director of Outreach**  
**David Davison, President of IRTA**

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### DUPAGE IRTA General Meetings & Newsletter Mailing Dates 2017

Our next newsletter will be mailed and emailed  
Sept. 19th Dates of the 2017 Luncheons are:  
Sep 6, Oct 4, Dec 6, 2017

**DIRTA Luncheon-Wednesday**  
**12:00 -Noon**  
**Greek Islands Restaurant**

#### Local Unit Membership Form—DuPage IRTA

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Dues—Check one     one year - \$10                       five years - \$45

**Make checks payable to DIRT A — mail to treasurer Ida Lee (address on page 2)**