

MCHENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

IRTA AREA 2, REGION 2, UNIT 13



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2024 Meetings

Sept 18—Pinecrest Golf Club
 Oct 16—McHenry VFW
 Nov 20—31 North
 Dec 18—MCC

Upcoming Programs:

Sept: Estate Planning and CPR
Oct: Candidates Forum
Nov: Sarah Sullivan Christmas Traditions 1865 America
Dec: The Dickens Carolers

Suggestions for future venues or speakers are welcome.

Please contact Beth Miller
millerfam80@sbcglobal.net

Programs subject to change
 Doors open at 11:15

SEPT Menu—\$25

Grilled Buffet

Hamburgers, Chicken Breasts
 Homemade Potato Chips
 Cookies/Brownies
 Ice Tea/Lemonade

President's Message

Joann Jazak

Welcome Back!!!! I hope all of you had a great summer and you found the time to do all the things or at least some that were important to you. The board and I are looking forward to seeing everyone and sharing some new ideas that we have.

By the time we meet our very first field trip will have taken place (September 7). As of today, we have forty seven individuals going on the tour of some of the one room school houses in McHenry County.

We owe a lot to Bob Frenz for his dedication and effort in organizing this. We do have a few more seats, so if you are still interested please get hold of Bob or myself for details. Those of you who have signed up should have received an email from Bob giving you the details for the day.

September is recognition month for the Crystal Lake Elementary, Huntley and Prairie Grove School Districts. If you taught in one of these districts please come to our meeting on September 22 and be recognized. Take a closer look at the newsletter for additional details about our Recognition Day, and our two programs planned for the day.

We all will be gathering at Pinecrest Country Club on September 22. The menu and the address can be found in the newsletter.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Beth Miller

Estate Planning—What your heirs need to know
CPR training—See more information later in this newsletter

Honored Districts: Districts 47, 158, and 46



Membership

Marlene Griffith

As many of you know, it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to acquire names and addresses of new retirees. Many districts are reluctant to give us this information. Without it, IRTA and MCRTA are unable to inform retirees of the benefits of joining our organizations. Later in this newsletter is a list of those names I have been able to obtain.

You may know someone on this list. If so, please invite that person to attend one of our meetings, or ask that retiree to have a look at our website: MCHENRYRTA.ORG. You could also take a look at when we are honoring districts at our meeting and invite them to that meeting. By increasing the number of retirees who belong to IRTA and MCRTA, we strengthen the organizations that protect our pensions and benefits.

Many thanks! Marlene Griffith, Membership
Chair.....marlenegriffith@icloud.com.....call/text 815.385.3533

BOARD MEMBERS

Elected Members

- President: Joann Jazak
- Vice President: Linda Young
- Board Secretary: April Shouse
- Unit Secretary: Cathy Schiller
- Treasurer: Dick Seaborn

Appointed Members

- Membership: Marlene Griffith
- Programs/Venues: Beth Miller
- Scholarship: Mary Noe
- Member Benefits: Rose Turk
- Information: Kathy Speaker
- Legislative: Norb Wolter
- Public Relations: Peggy Hart
- Nominations: Olivia Santarelli
- Constitution: Lois Shartiag
- Finance: Olivia Santarelli
- History: Robert Frenz
- Budget: Judy Poynter

Need to Cancel?

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If you cannot show the day of the meeting, call Linda Young at 847-209-8047 We do need you to pay for your meal if you do not cancel with one weeks notice.

**Reach us at:
PO Box 1776
Crystal Lake, IL 60039**

We currently have 910 members in MCRTA.

Welcome to our new members!

- Cathy Bereiter of Crystal Lake
- Rachel Lenell of Cary; retired from Cary D26
- Tammy Olson of Cary; retired from Crystal Lake D155

Our condolences to family and friends on the deaths of these members.....

- Gene Birkner, Woodstock
- Jennie Dincecco, Elgin
- Kathleen Freund, Crystal Lake
- Eloise Leighty, McHenry
- Catherine (Kay) Stilling, McHenry



ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER MEETING INFO (CPR Training)

Award winning Huntley High School teacher, Rene' St. Clair, along with her colleague Colleen, will teach us the basics of CPR. Whether you care for a grandchild or are around an adult friend or loved one, we all are concerned about saving a life in an emergency. Since we all have different needs for CPR, they will address your individual need.

When you first arrive at the luncheon, look for the ladies set up in the dining room starting at 11:15. They will talk to you individually to determine what would be best for you.

Rene' will talk briefly at our business meeting at 11:45, then continue to assist people one on one throughout the luncheon. Just head over when she or Colleen are set up. The luncheon will be buffet, so some may want to go to CPR first, rather than waiting in the buffet line. It only takes a few minutes. They will be available until 12:45/1:00.

MCRTA DISTRICT HONOR PROGRAM

We are inviting district retirees to be honored at upcoming meetings. If you are a retiree from these districts, please come and let us honor you. We will reserve a table and will have a small gift of appreciation for you. You are also welcome to invite non MCRTA members to come with you. Call your fellow teachers and come out as a group!

September Meeting: Crystal Lake Elementary #47, Huntley #158, Prairie Grove #46

October Meeting: McHenry Elementary #15, McHenry HS #158, Johnsburg #12, CUSD #300

November Meeting: Woodstock #200, Harvard #50, Marengo Elementary #165, Marengo HS #154, Alden Hebron #19, Riley #18, Harrison #36

December Meeting: Crystal Lake/Cary High School #155, Cary Elementary #26, Nippersink #2, Richmond/Burton #157

DID YOU KNOW?

You can get newsletters and meeting information on our website.

mchenryrta.org

Information Services

Kathy Speaker

We now have a Facebook Page! Follow us at McHenry County Retired Teachers

Legislative Report

Norb Wolter

MCHENRY COUNTY EARLY VOTING NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

All ballot styles for McHenry County are available at all Early Voting Centers so voters may choose to vote at the site that is most convenient. Early Voting begins on September 26, 2024 at the McHenry County Election Center, 410 S. Eastwood Dr., Woodstock, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday (closed on October 14, 2024 for Columbus Day). Voting at satellite locations commences on Monday October 21.

Locations are available at the County clerk's website.

Invitations to participate in our candidate's forum have been sent out to the nine local candidates vying for election as Representatives to the General Assembly. The forum will be held at our regular meeting on Wednesday, October 16, at the McHenry V.F.W. As always, we need to gauge the candidates' support for pension funding and continued appropriations for our insurance programs.

Excellence in Education

Peggy Hart

2024 Excellence in Education Grants

Do you know teachers who need a way to fund unique activities for their students? The McHenry County Retired Teachers Association is working toward the future by offering grant money to Pre K -12 public school educators in McHenry County.

How the Program Works

Excellence in Education grants will provide additional funds, enabling students to participate in special projects. These enduring projects should impact students year after year.

What Qualifies for an Excellence in Education Grant

Suggested materials include, but are not limited to:

- Trade Books to support specific projects or related curriculum
- High interest books to support student reading
- Manipulatives and interactive materials to support STEM
- Reference books
- Learning games
- Digital cameras
- Software

Interested teachers can download an application at www.mchenryrta.org and submit between September 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024

Historian

Bob Frenz

Questions? Bob Frenz at 815-219-2350. robert.w.frenz@gmail.com.

One Room School House Tour is Saturday September 7. We have just a few seats left if you would like to join us. We will be going into 5 school houses and will have lunch at Niko's in Marengo.

Please contact Bob Frenz ASAP if you would like to join us. The cost is \$65 and we will be leaving from MCC promptly at 9:00 am.

Member Benefits

Rose Turk

Welcome back to a new year with IRTA. As a member of IRTA you are entitled to many benefits from AMBA. Are you looking for computers, laptops, iPads or other electronics? As IRTA members AMBA offers special pricing through the Employee Purchase Programs (EPP). Go to Passportcorporate.com or AMBAdiscounts.com.

(If you are not signed into Passportcorporate, go to the bottom of this report and follow the directions there to sign up.) Sign into the website and put "computers" in the Search offers. This will take you to a page that has different computer brands. In each brand it will ask you to sign up for EPP to get the discounts. Do this to get the employee discounts.

Here are a few computer brands that offer discounts.

- Hewlett-Packard has discounts up to 55%.
- Apple has EPP discounts.
- Go to the DELL website and click on "Deals". Here you will find deals on laptops, desktops, monitors, etc..
- Samsung has discounts on many of its products.

Passportcorporate

To get all the AMBA discounts that you are entitled to as a member of IRTA, go to Illinois Retired Teachers Association (irtaonline.org) website. Click on **Members Only** and Login. Go to **MEMBER BENEFITS!**

You will see the list of Member Benefits. You can also download a 2-page document about benefits IRTA offers. The link is located in the first paragraph. At the bottom right of that document, you will see **myAMBAdiscounts**. Follow the 3 steps to activate your AMBA membership. Once you have finished the 3 steps for the AMBA discounts you are able to find all the discounts you want. Y

Anytime you want to go back to AMBA discounts after you have signed up, just go to **Passportcorporate.com website**. You can also download an app for your phone.

**PARTIAL LIST OF 2023 AND 2024 RETIREES FROM McHENRY COUNTY
SCHOOLS**

<i>Yr. Rtd.</i>	<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>City</i>
2024	12	Aschbacher	Christine	Spring Grove
2024	12	Canevello	Kathleen	Spring Grove
2024	12	Frey	Brad	Crystal Lake
2023	12	Seydel	Beth	Johnsburg
2024	12	Smerecky	Mary	Crystal Lake
2023	12	Szramek	Terri	McHenry
2023	12	Wilson	Beth	McHenry
2024	15	Clingingsmith	Christine	McHenry
2024	15	Hanrahan	Carla	Johnsburg
2024	15	Penn	Elizabeth	McHenry
2024	15	Stanard	Joeleen	Woodstock
2024	15	Vannoy	Richard	McHenry
2024	15	Wrobel	Anne	Grayslake
2024	15	Wuerger	Amelia	Crystal Lake
2023	26	Butkus	Janice	Crystal Lake
2023	26	Coleman	Brian	Cary
2023	26	DeRaedt	Kathleen	Cary
2023	26	Gray-Butkus	Janice	Crystal Lake
2023	46	Vinton	Elizabeth	Crystal Lake
2023	47	Alberth	Cathy	West Dundee
2023	47	Arredondo	Salvador	Crystal Lake
2023	47	Barnard	Patricia	Algonquin
2023	47	Fanella	Laura	Huntley
2023	47	Fennell	Lynette	Crystal Lake
2023	47	Hoffman	Lori	Crystal Lake
2023	47	Johnson	Margaret	Crystal Lake

2024	47	Johnson	Rachelle	Crystal Lake
2023	47	Kaiser	Fred	Crystal Lake
2023	47	Kelley	Gail	Lakewood
2023	47	Maule	Eileen	Crystal Lake
2023	47	Meyer	Scott	Cary
2023	47	Mootz	Tammy	Crystal Lake
2023	47	Morrissey	Brad	Des Plaines
2023	47	Paolella	Mary	Roselle
2023	47	Parker	Marguerite	Crystal Lake
2023	47	Pawlicki	Mary	Crystal Lake
2023	47	Pottala	Jodi	Crystal Lake
2024	47	Ryan	Mary	Crystal Lake
2024	47	Salas	Sharon	Woodstock
2023	47	Thurston	Catherine	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Aldridge	Jeff	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Britt	Dean	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Buxton	Katherine	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Ernd	Eric	Elkhorn
2023	155	Eschman	Marni	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Finkle	Mary	Schaumburg
2024	155	Gilbert	Kathy	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Gilbert	Mark	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Greiner	Steve	Crystal Lake
2023	155	Guthrie	Karen	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Karblom	Steven	Crystal Lake
2023	155	Keaty	Valerie	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Kelly	Jim	Fontana
2023	155	Knulty	Pam	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Langelund	Amy	Lake Geneva
2024	155	MacDonald	Kelly	McHenry

2023	155	Miller	Annette	Crystal Lake
2023	155	Olson	Steve	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Otto	Stefanie	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Pourchot	Kathleen	Fox River Grove
2024	155	Saffert	Rodney	Crystal Lake
2023	155	Sargeant	Jay	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Skach	Patricia	Cary
2023	155	Smalley	Michael	Crystal Lake
2024	155	Stevenson	Rebecca	Crystal Lake
2023	155	Sullens	Catherine	Crystal Lake
2023	155	Wilbrandt	Doug	Woodstock
2024	156	Wilm	Paula	McHenry
2023	158	Beam	Jeffrey	Crystal Lake
2023	158	Brummer	Laura	Crystal Lake
2024	158	Buchweitz	Bruce	Lake in the Hills
2024	158	Johnson-Neie	Martha	Lakewood
2023	158	Kent	Sharon	Crystal Lake
2023	158	Lamb	Jill	Huntley
2024	158	Lawless	Jane	Crystal Lake
2024	158	Lorinczi	Elaine	Schaumburg
2024	158	Meyer	Kayrn	Barrington
2023	158	Montello	Michele	Streamwood
2023	158	Neumann	Diane	Woodstock
2023	158	O'Malley	Mary Cathie	Belvidere
2024	158	Pyan	Lorelle	Crystal Lake
2024	158	Riley	Janice	Crystal Lake
2024	158	Robbins	Mary	Carpentersville
2024	158	Slattery	Michael	Lake Geneva
2024	158	Sunderlage	Jean	Hampshire
2023	165	Keenum	Stephanie	Marengo

2023	165	Rowe	Dour	Marengo
2023	200	Jensen	Margaret Hoak	Woodstock
2024	300	Westermeier	Laura	McHenry
2023		Biallas	Bethany	Algonquin

PASS ALONG THIS MEMBERSHIP FORM TO ANY RETIREES YOU SEE ON THE LIST!

IRTA AND MCRTA need to remain strong in order to protect our pensions and our insurance!

McHenry County Retired Teachers Association

You have three choices:

- 1) Annual dues, \$10 for 2025 & the remainder of 2024
- 2) 3-year dues, \$25 for 2025-2027 & the remainder of 2024
- 3) LIFE membership for \$150

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Phone _____

WRITE CHECK PAYABLE TO MCRTA. MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO

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