



Champaign County Retired Teachers Association Summer Newsletter

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From Co-Presidents Joan Jordan and Linda Meachum



Dear Friends,

We hope that all of you had some fun this summer! We'd like to welcome you to the second half of the 2017 membership year. We would also like to welcome new retirees into the wonderful life of being a retired educator with a good retirement! One of our major goals as a retired group is to keep that "good" retirement, in spite of our present governor's plan to reduce the debt of Illinois on the back of present and retired educators. It is very important to keep up with what is going on in Springfield, and CCRTA helps us do that.

If you have any questions about membership, the benefits of joining the Champaign County Retired Teachers (CCRTA) or the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, please see page 2 of this newsletter, check the website at irtaonline.org, or ask any of the current board members. **We are asking all members to join the political action committee IRTA/PAC.** If you sign up, an extra dollar will be deducted from your TRS check to fight for the continuation of our benefits by supporting the legislators that are understanding and supportive of our goals.

We hope you'll join us for lunch the first Thursday of September, October, November, and December to finish out 2017! Our lunches are \$13.00 and begin at 12:00 noon. We allow our members time to socialize with fellow teachers and have a good lunch before our brief meeting and program. If we do not fulfill those goals, let us know.

Sincerely,
Joan Jordan, co-president
Linda Meachum, co-president



Our callers are a vital part of the success of the CCRTA luncheons. They are also people with busy lives. If you have not heard from your caller by phone or email by the Saturday before the luncheon, please feel free to **contact Liz Jackson at 367-9945 or henryliz4147@comcast.net**. All information passes through Liz so you don't have to worry about making a double reservation.

If you need to cancel your reservation, please contact Liz by noon the Monday before the luncheon. After that time, you will be responsible for paying for the luncheon, even if you are unable to attend.

If you have not made a reservation, you can come to Hawthorn Suites to see if someone has not been able to attend and if there is room for you.

Why join both CCRTA and IRTA?

It is important to be a member of both the Champaign County Retired Teachers Association (CCRTA) and the Illinois Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) because they work together to improve the benefits and quality of life for retired teachers.

Every county in Illinois has a local RTA unit. Together these units make up the IRTA. IRTA officers, committees, and board are members from local units. Delegates from all local units meet at the IRTA biannual State Conventions to obtain information, discuss issues, and give their input.

CCRTA members get to see old friends and make new ones at the seven luncheons held each year and hear legislative, health, and insurance updates and other information that is important to retired teachers.

IRTA also offers many benefits including access to dental, vision, and life insurance, long-term health care, and medical air service to its members.

September 7th Luncheon

Greeters: Bette Holmes and Roberta Lindstrand

Program: Rich Frankenfeld, TRIP Director of Outreach, will relay important information regarding our health insurance and the latest information about the status of our pensions and school funding.

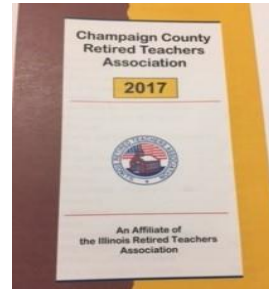


CCRTA Directory

The 2017 CCRTA Directory is available for purchase or by requesting online. In addition to including the names and contact information for all CCRTA members, it includes: CCRTA officers and board members, IRTA officers and contact information, legislators' information, luncheon meeting dates and programs, and the CCRTA Constitution.

There are three ways to get a directory:

1. Purchase one at the fall lunch meetings for \$5.00.
2. Send a check for \$5.00, payable to CCRTA, to:
Andrea Johnston, Treasurer
P.O. Box 6875
Champaign, IL 61826.
3. Request a copy by going to the CCRTA website. Go to www.irtaonline.org, and click on "Local Unit Websites." Then click on "Champaign RTA", and follow the directions. Once Andrea Johnston verifies you are a member of CCRTA, an electronic copy will be emailed to you without charge.



Has your contact information changed?

If you have moved or changed your email address or phone number, please contact Janet Ellis-Nelson at janetnelson1994@gmail.com, 202-3898, or 1905 Moraine Drive, Champaign, IL 61822-5258.



Last spring, Tara Pink gave a very interesting presentation to CCRTA about Alzheimer's. Please consider joining their walk in Champaign on Saturday, October 7 at Centennial Park, 2202 W. Kirby Avenue.

Registration: 8:30 am Ceremony: 9:30 am Walk: 10:00 am

Go to act.alz.org/site, and click on Find A Walk to register or donate.