

PARTA

SOUNDINGS

JUNE 2018

Peoria Area Retired Teachers Association

LUNCHEON MEETING

Barracks Cater Inn
June 4 @ 11:30 A.M.
Luncheon – \$12.00

GREETERS

-  Dixie Wheeler
-  Marcia Becker

INVOCATION

-  Inez Norgard

PLEDGE

-  Inez Norgard

LUNCHEON

Roasted Chicken Breast
Potato
Vegetable
Assorted Salads
Assorted Desserts

PROGRAM

MORTON
CIVIC CHORUS



Denise Adams
Director

MEETING

Abby Humbles, *Chair*
PARTA President



ROGER HAMPTON, EDITOR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear PARTA Members,

Many folks think in calendar years. Those of us who worked in schools always think in academic years! I hope you are looking forward to our final luncheon of this school year. Think of a teacher friend who has not retired yet and invite them to come! They are most welcome. Most schools should be dismissed for the year leaving them available to join us.



We have a few tasks to complete for the organization. If your committee needs to complete a task, please be sure to touch bases with me and fellow committee members. Thank you so much.

Respectfully,

Abby Humbles, PARTA President

UPCOMING PARTA MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 10

IMPORTANCE OF IRTA
– PROTECTING YOUR PENSION
Jim Bachman,
IRTA Executive Director



OCTOBER 1

Know Your Candidates
- Candidates' Forum
MEET YOUR LOCAL
CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE



Check webpage for updates, menu, program, etc.

PA-RTA.WEEBLY.COM

Sally Weber, Webmaster

PARTA LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

If you do not receive a phone call regarding your PARTA luncheon reservation, please call Nancy Wing at 309.472.2536 before 11:00 A.M. on Friday prior to the meeting.

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General Luncheon Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2018

President Abby Humbles welcomed everyone. She thanked today's greeter, Susie Pierce. Dixie Wheeler gave the invocation and pledge. Seventy-six people were present, including the two speakers. Abby welcomed Beth Crider Derry, our Regional Superintendent, and Gerald Brookhart, our past Regional Superintendent. She also thanked John Rathbun, Mike Olsen, Pat Jackson, and Bobbie Schultz for taking care of the money. After the luncheon, Abby introduced Chris Mangold. Chris spoke about the World of Wonder



(WOW), a gifted children's summer program. Next, Jennifer Bass, Past President of OLLI, spoke about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Bradley University. OLLI offers a variety of learning experiences to those over 50 years old in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.



Abby opened the business meeting.

- The minutes were approved as in the *Soundings*.
- Copies of the Treasurer's reports were on the tables. A summary is in the *Soundings*. The report was filed for audit.

- Mike Olsen gave an update on the Chief's game outing. We will not go as a group, but he encouraged us to individually find a date that would be good for us and go.

- Sally Weber said that the Area 4 IRTA Conference is May 22. Everyone is welcome to attend. A breakfast buffet will be served. Registration is due very soon.

- Dan Walther spoke of a Manual student who has an opportunity to attend a weeklong nursing program at Harvard University. The cost is \$3,400, and \$1,250 has been raised so far to help her on GoFundMe page. Anyone is welcome to help this honor student and ROTC member who works at



- McDonald's and volunteers at her church.
- Laveine informed members that she had Nancy Wing's new cell phone number for anyone who needed her number.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Simpson, Recording Secretary

 Summary	Total Investment Balance	\$ 40,793.59
	Savings Balance	6,955.93
	Checking Balance	2,425.35
	Working Cash (cash boxes)	100.00
	Post Office Bulk Mail Fund <i>(No Change this month)</i>	182.63
	Post Office Returned Mail Fund <i>(No change this month)</i>	56.80
Jeff Vallosio, Treasurer	Grand Total	\$ 50,514.30

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO YOUR DIRECTORY

Betty J. Gustin, 96

Deceased: April 28, 2018

DATABASE MAINTAINED BY JOHN RATHBUN

PARTA Altruistic Committee Chair – Frances Farraher

Please contact Frances with any information regarding PARTA members who have passed.

Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too. ~ Yogi Berra

Board of Directors' Meeting

May 21, 2018

Present: Abby Humbles, Kathy Simpson, Peggy Shane, Sally Weber, Roger Hampton, Frances Farraher, Jeff Vallosio, Susan Leighty, and Ann Winget.

Abby Humbles welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.



New Business:

- Dates for future board meetings at 10:15 at Lakeview Library: August 27 and November 12.
- Kathy will be gone for the June meeting and Frances Farraher agreed to take minutes in her place.
- Roger Hampton suggested PARTA have matching officers with IRTA, such as the Legislative committee or Information Services. Roger will make a list of possible matching offices.
- Members of the Morton Civic Chorus will be performing at the PARTA June meeting. They perform annually to benefit the Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund.
- Ann Winget moved to donate a \$100 check to the Central Illinois Memorial Kidney Fund and to the Peoria Humane Society from the program budget. Frances Farraher seconded it. The motion carried. PARTA will be donating to non-profit speakers.
- PARTA's attendance has increased over the decades, but recently, it seems to be declining.

Ideas were suggested and will be given to the membership committee. Sally Weber will bring a plan back to the group.

- Abby appointed Kathy Simpson to head the Policies and By Laws committee. She will call those who Abby suggested being on the committee. The committee will look over the Policies and By Laws to determine which ones need to be changed or clarified.
 - After a date is chosen, the treasurer's books will be audited.
 - Ann heard from a possible speaker that he doesn't charge if he can sell his books at the meeting, but his presentation is 50 minutes. The board thought he should be held to 30 maximum, the same as other speakers.
 - Frances paid the \$10 dues for the Women's Civic Federation. Abby made a motion to reimburse her, Peggy Shane seconded it, and the motion carried.
 - Abby appointed Peggy Shane as chair of the Nominations committee. Peggy will check with those suggested for the committee.
 - To help explain the duties of each position, it was suggested that each office holder write a short job description and a timeline of when each job is done. The need for a master calendar was also mentioned.
- The meeting was adjourned.



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OBSERVATIONS FOR THE COLLEGE GRADUATE

You have committed the grave tactical blunder of acquiring enough university credits to graduate. So now you're leaving college and embarking on the greatest adventure - and the biggest challenge - of your young lives: moving back in with your parents. ~ Dave Barry



Your families are extremely proud of you. You can't imagine the sense of relief they are experiencing. This would be a most opportune time to ask for money. ~ Gary Bolding

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RETIRED EDUCATOR'S DAY

Monday, August 13, 2018 has been declared Retired Educators' Day in Illinois.

Plan to join fellow IRTA members in Springfield for a day of fun at the Illinois State Fair on August 13th.

ILLINOIS STATE FAIR DAY

Pictured left to right:
Membership Chair Mike Schmidt, President Roger Hampton, Vice President John Flaherty

STATE OF ILLINOIS PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, retired educators touched and influenced the lives of generations of young people, motivating and inspiring students to use their innate talents and abilities to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) dedicates its efforts to improving the welfare of retired educators; promotes group and individual involvement in charitable projects and activities, such as classroom grants; and maintains interest and participation in educational community activities; and,

WHEREAS, IRTA recognizes and honors education employees who have retired from active teaching, administration, or support positions; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois' retired educators continue to devote their time, energies, and talents to public education, supplementing the academic development of millions of outstanding Illinois residents; and,

WHEREAS, Illinoisans are grateful for the work done by retired educators, who should be commended for their time and commitment to bettering our state and our nation;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim August 13, 2018, as RETIRED EDUCATORS DAY in Illinois and urge all residents to recognize the lasting contributions of our state's retired educators.



IRTA JANUARY 2019 CARIBBEAN CRUISE

ONLY 7 Veranda Staterooms LEFT!

Call 217-793-3733 for more information

or go online to: <https://form.jotform.com/80953994645170>

Book a Veranda Stateroom and receive \$100 per person savings plus one perk.

IRTA PERK CHOICES:

- Classic Beverage Package: Value \$385 p/p
- Unlimited Internet Minutes Package: Value \$269 p/p
- Prepaid Gratuity: Value \$101.50 p/p
- Onboard Credit: Value \$150 p/p

October 19-26: Join IRTA in Portugal for an Amazing Adventure!

Call 877.482.8747 – Ask for Anita and the IRTA Portugal Tour

Register by July 31 - <https://form.jotform.com/80805303845152>

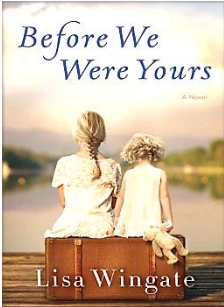


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PARTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT ILLINOIS CENTRAL COLLEGE (ICC)



I am so proud to be a part of such a generous and caring group. PARTA can now offer an additional ICC scholarship to a young person who has decided to enter the wonderful world of teaching.
Valda Shipp, PARTA Scholarship Chair



PARTA MEMBERS READ & RECOMMEND

Before We Were Yours

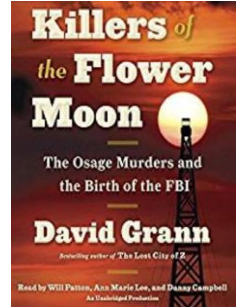
by Lisa Wingate

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country. Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI

by David Grann

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, they began to be killed off. One Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, watched as her family was murdered. Her older sister was shot. Her mother was then slowly poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more Osage began to die under mysterious circumstances.



PARTA MEMBERS: PLEASE email the name and author of a book that you have enjoyed. **HELP** keep this informational thread alive in future issues of *Soundings*. Send book name and author to: roger.hampton11138@gmail.com

In the last mid-term election, Americans age 45+ represented 70% of all voters.

34 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW TAX LAW

Join AARP IL to learn more about the new tax reform passed in late December 2017 and how it affects you and your family.

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
10 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Phone: 877.926.8300
Email: ilaarp@aarp.org

Bethel United Methodist Church
210 Richard Pryor Place, Peoria

MEN & DIRECTIONS

It is a well-documented fact that guys will not ask for directions. It is a biological thing. This is why it takes several million sperm cells to locate a female egg, despite the fact that the egg is, relative to them, the size of Wisconsin. ~ Dave Barry



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ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION (IRTAF)

\$23,000 AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The IRTAF has awarded ten scholarships to incoming juniors or seniors in college this fall who are pursuing a degree in education. The winners were chosen through competition with other applicants from their own area of the state.

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR IRTAF AREA 4 RECIPIENTS



ALYSA LAYDEN

Alysa attended Heartland Community College and will be starting her junior year at Illinois State University.

She is a Secondary Education English major and is minoring in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

ADRIENNE KLOCKENGA

Adrienne attended Lincoln College and Heartland Community College where she earned an Associate in Science Degree.

She is currently a junior at Illinois State University where she is majoring in Early Childhood Education.



\$36,500 AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION TEACHER GRANTS

Every Fall, the IRTAF awards \$36,500 in grant money to public school educators from across the state. This grant money allows these educators to enrich their instruction with materials not otherwise available to them. Their students are the real winners!

2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR IRTAF AREA 4 RECIPIENTS

Hannah Baker

United School District, Monmouth

Trista Barrett

CUSD #262 & CUSD #64, Chandlerville

Tracy Buscher

Springfield Southeast High School, Springfield

Laural Giesler

Illini Central Middle School, Mason City

Adrienne Graham

Lincoln Elementary, Macomb

Anna McBride

Jane Addams Elementary School, Springfield

Michael Martin

Payson High School, Payson

Dawn Peterson

Carlinville High School, Carlinville

Jeff Pfaffe

A-C Central High School, Ashland

Alyssa Walser

Illini Bluffs High School, Glasford

Stephanie Wilson

Gillespie Middle School, Gillespie

Brenda Zessin

Quincy Junior High School, Quincy

\$63,000 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN IN 2017

IRTAF provides financial assistance to retired educators who are living in times of acute financial stress. If you or anyone you know is having difficulties meeting financial obligations, please submit a financial assistance form for consideration.

Additional information about the IRTAF programs are online at: irtaonline.org

Mother kangaroos hate rainy days because their kids have to play inside!



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INFORMATION AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION:

SB 3046: This legislation would allow any eligible TRS benefit recipients or TRS dependent beneficiaries to re-enroll into TRIP if they had previously opted not to participate in the program.

On May 25th, Representative Gordon-Booth passed IRTA's Legislation, the bill out of the House Chamber 91-11-2, and it is now back in the Senate for Concurrence.

HB 3080: This legislation increases the amount of employment as a teacher that a retired teacher may perform without impairing retirement status and allows 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in a school year, but not more than 100 paid days in the same classroom.



This legislative session ends May 31.

A lot can happen in the last week, day, or minutes. If IRTA has your current email address, you will receive updates.

JOIN US

Not An IRTA Member? → Consider Joining Today!

IRTA needs YOUR membership to protect YOUR pension & benefits!

Participation Is Essential! → Only \$2.50 per month!

JOIN US

SPOTLIGHT ON IRTA MEMBER BENEFITS

ROAD SCHOLAR *Adventures in Lifelong Learning*

Road Scholar is the not-for-profit world leader in educational travel offering 5,500 educational tours in all 50 states and 150 countries. First-time Road Scholar participants are eligible for either a \$200 gift certificate good toward any international adventure, or a \$75 gift certificate good for any North American Adventure. When you sign up for a Road Scholar catalog, a gift certificate will be credited to your household for future use.

For a full list of IRTA member-only benefits and discount codes:

Login on to: www.irtaonline.org Click on: "Member Benefits"

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company. ~ George Washington

At Every PARTA Meeting

Book Exchange Table
Sally Weber, Supervisor

Used Battery Recycling Collection
Jo Trompeter, Supervisor



A mother mouse and her baby were walking along when suddenly a cat attacks them. The mother mouse shouts, "ARF, ARF", and the cat runs away. "See?" the mother mouse says to her baby. "Now do you see the importance of learning a foreign language?"

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AREA SUMMER SUGGESTIONS

PEORIA RIVERFRONT MUSEUM | FREE EVENT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Mornings features coffee, light snacks, and a 30-minute presentation. Doors open at 9:45 am, coffee and snacks at 10 am, program begins at 10:30 am. These educational events take place every other month on Wednesday morning and cover topics from Museum exhibits to educational movies.



Wednesday, July 11 | *Solar Superstorms* in the DOME Planetarium



Peoria First Friday is a smorgasbord of art for both the novice and the aficionado. With 18 studios to choose from you can make your own masterpiece or marvel at some of the talented work made by some of the amazing artists that choose to make Peoria their home. The Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau offers their Enjoy Peoria Bus to First Friday attendees FREE! The bus runs in a continuous loop to the downtown studios from 5- 9 P.M.! Some studios occasionally offer after parties with special musicians, masquerades, dances, or even late-night dinners. Many studios will have complimentary wine and appetizers to entice the community to stay awhile, take a look and buy original works of art.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

THE PEORIA CHIEFS GAMES | ST. LOUIS CARDINALS SINGLE A AFFILIATE

Members of the Midwest League, the Chiefs, are proud to be Central Illinois' most affordable family entertainment. Over 5 million fans have enjoyed top quality baseball and non-stop entertainment over the last 27 years. More than 120 former Chiefs have gone on to play in the Major Leagues, including Mark Grace, Greg Maddux, Joe Girardi, Yadier Molina, Dan Haren and Albert Pujols. <https://www.milb.com/peoria>



FREE Concerts

PEORIA MUNICIPAL BAND

Glen Oak Amphitheatre
Sundays @ 7:00 P.M.

Water Street Warehouse
Wednesdays @ 7:00 P.M.



Find Other Events Online:

- www.peoriaevents.com/
- www.enjoyillinois.com/

FOREST PARK NATURE CENTER

A place to observe and learn about the natural realms of the Illinois River. 500-acre Illinois nature preserve offering 7 miles of hiking trails ranging from rigorous uphill courses to flatter, less strenuous paths. The center also features a natural history museum, spacious bird watching room, nature hikes, guided walks and a nature store.



Plan to attend PARTA's Luncheon Meeting on September 10 to share with your table-mates the events you were able to attend this the summer.



If heat makes things expand, I don't have a weight problem, I'm just hot!