



News Sheet "Update" August 8, 2017

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Do you think of your empty soda cans and food cans as a natural resource? They are. Americans currently discard about 2.7 million tons of aluminum each year. Of that, about 50 percent is recycled. Apart from the economic impact, the environmental savings of recycling metal are enormous. Recycling steel and tin cans, for example, saves 74% of the energy used to produce them.



Who ordered 10,000 copies of
"How to Conserve Paper?"

TODAY

August 8: Marleane Rampale on Recycling

- September 12: Larry Pfeiffer,
our TRS recently elected annuitant
- October 10: Annual Fall Luncheon at
"Reflections" in Lake Villa
- November 14: "Women in the Military"
- December 12: Barrington H.S. Madrigal Singers

TOP 10 SELLING CARS IN THE WORLD:

1. Toyota Corolla
2. Hundai Elantra
3. Wuling Sunshine (Chinese)
4. Ford Focus
5. Kia Rio (Korean)
6. Ford Fiesta
7. Volkswagon Jetta
8. Toyota Camray
9. Chevrolet Cruze
10. Volkswagon Golf



"Your Last Chance!" If you want a new LCRTA Directory for 2017 contact Dave Dier at (847) 526-5599 or email: dier@writeme.com Leave your name and address. No charge, but hurry. Do it now! Don't delay! Rush! Rush!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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phone: 1 (800) 728-4782. Website:
www.irtaonline.org

TRS (Teachers' Retirement System): P.O. Box
19253, Springfield, IL 62702-9253, email:
members@trs.illinois.gov. Website is
www.trs.state.il.us. Phone: 1 (800) 877-7896

LCRTA (Lake County Retired Teachers Association)
LCRTA, Box 8107, Gurnee, IL 60031
Our website is: www.lcirta.com (sign on!)
Membership questions? Call 1-847-541-1903

Important date:

**Mon/Tues, October 30-31 IRTA Convention in
Springfield. See the other side of this sheet.**

**There's still time to nominate a retired teacher
for an annual award: Teacher-of-the-Year,
Community Service, or the W.C. Petty Award.**

Area Council Breakfast Meetings:

- **NW** (Northwest Area):
Bob Kohler; phone: (847) 587-0145; robtkoh@att.net
(Next meeting: at "Dino's Den" 9:00 am
Fox Lake. (4th Mon. of every month): **August 28th**
- **SE** (Southeast Area): co-chairs:
Betty Carbol (847) 234-2539;
kensicarbol@hotmail.com) and
Anne Lindahl (847) 926-0555
lindnutt@bowery.com. at "Max and
Benny's" at 9:00 am in
Northbrook. **Monday, Sept, 25th**



In conjunction with the passage (finally!) of a state budget for fiscal year 2018, the Illinois General Assembly approved a new law that significantly changes the Illinois Pension Code by creating an optional "Tier III" benefit structure and changing the way state government funds TRS.

None of the Pension Code changes enacted on July 6, 2017 affect active Tier I members or retired members in any way. There are **no changes** to benefits, active member contributions, or health insurance coverage for Tier I and retired members. There are no changes to Tier II *except* that these members will have the opportunity to switch to Tier III.

The legislature did not extend the state's income tax to retirement income!



Convention 2017

What: The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Biennial Convention.

Where: The Crown Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois.

3000 South Dirksen Parkway., Springfield, IL 62703

Phone: (217) 529-7777

Room: \$109 plus tax (double occupancy).

E-mail address: afiler@cpspringfield.com

When: Monday and Tuesday, October 30 and 31, 2017.

Who: any retired teacher who belongs to the IRTA in good standing.

Why: to be enlightened and brought up-to-date on issues that concern us.

What **you** need to do:

Make your own hotel reservations (see above). You pay for this.

Make travel arrangements (**you** pay for this UNLESS there are three or more in your vehicle then you will be reimbursed for \$75.00.)

The LCRTA will pay for the registration fee of *\$45.00.

The LCRTA will pay for the Monday buffet lunch of \$25.00.

The LCRTA will pay for the Monday evening banquet on Oct 30th: \$32.00.

You pay for all "other" meals, raffle tickets, cocktails, gratuities, souvenirs, etc.

Join LCRTA, Monday, October 30th and 31st in Springfield. The convention will have its share of business with committee reports, legislative updates, TRS reports, recognition of past presidents, recognition of outstanding unit members (Jim Benton), elections, and other items. But, there will also be plenty of fun with expanded exhibits from numerous firms and organizations.

Give a *check to our treasurer, Ray Reidel (or send to LCRTA, PO Box 8107, Gurnee 60031) for \$102.00 and you will be reimbursed following the Convention.

***Spouses or other non-members will NOT pay the registration fee of \$45.00**

See Jim Benton for a detailed itinerary of the convention.