



News Sheet "Update" Feb. 13, 2018

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The LCRTA's "Fab Four" reelected by acclamation!



Wendy Wiegars
President



Bob Kohler
V. President



Cathy Dier
Associate V. President



Debby Lawson
Secretary

A special thanks to all those who visited me (especially Wendy) and sent get well cards and letters. I'm home now learning how to walk again from an Oct. 31st broken left femur. Rehab made house calls for six weeks. When I can navigate without limping too much, I'll be back at LCRTA meetings. And please don't ever say "Break-a-leg" when wishing me well. Been there, done that!

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As stated in our buy-laws, all of the other board members are appointed by the president with board approval and will also serve a second two-year term.

TODAY: Candidates and Legislation. A primary forum for candidates in contested primary races. Prior to the forum you'll be able to meet the candidates and ask questions. Later they'll address questions on proposed pension "reform." The second part will feature our own Marti Swanson. Stay tuned!

My car salesman was pushing me to buy an extended warranty because I put a lot of miles on my car per year. Should I?

You might be tempted to roll out the cost of an extended warranty into your new car purchase, but that means you're paying up front—including interest—for a service you may not use for years.

Wait until your car is near the end of its original warranty and then shop around for a factory-backed extended warranty if you want one. By then you'll know how reliable your car is and how much repairs cost.



Check our new car reliability ratings at CR.org/reliability. Get quotes from several dealers.



The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to TRS for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. This was the 28th consecutive year that the System has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government or government entity must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current Comprehensive Annual Financial Report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

TRS Executive Director Dick Ingram

A block of complimentary tickets is being reserved for members of the LCRTA for the Lake Forest Symphony concert of Sunday, April 8th, at 2:00 pm at the James Lumber Center, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL
Call (857) 295-2135 (L.F. Sym. Office)



Vladimir Kulenovic conductor; Jay Campbell, cello soloist
Haydn Symphony #4;
Hyden Cello Concerto #1;
and Beethoven Symphony #2

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): **Feb. 26th, 2018**)
- **SE** (Southeast Area): co-chairs:
Betty Carbol (847) 234-2539;
kensicarbol@hotmail.com
and
Anne Lindahl (847) 926-0555
lindnutt@bowery.com
Change of venue TBA



Watch this space for details

On February 1st of 2018, when all of us over 61 got a compounded 3% increase from TRS, let's remember that it was the IRTA that brought the lawsuit that made that possible: **Doris Heaton v. Pat Quinn**: **"Crisis is no excuse to violate the Constitution."** The IRTA's own Doris Heaton and Pamela Keller were plaintiffs in this challenge to Senate Bill 1. Senate Bill 1 reduced automatic annuity increases (AAIs), placed caps on pensionable salaries, increased the retirement age, and made other changes that diminished pensions. The Court unanimously ruled that Senate Bill 1 was unconstitutional. (Thanks to Marti Swanson for reminding us. Go Marti!)

February Is
THE BEST TIME TO BUY ...



Humidifiers

Toward the end of the Month, you'll start to see good discounts on these and other winter items like shovels.

Mattresses

Presidents' Day sales are a great time for deals on bedding. Wait until January for White Sales.

Snow Blowers

The lighter the winter in your area, the lower the prices on all winter items.

Top Ten Breakfast Cereals (US):

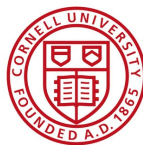
1. Honey Nut Cheerios
2. Kellogg's Frosted Flakes
3. Honey Bunches of Oats
4. Cheerios
5. Cinnamon Toast Crunch
6. Kellogg's Special K
7. Frosted Mini Wheats
8. Lucky Charms
9. Fruit Loops
10. Raisin Bran (number one with adults)

The Top Ten Universities in USA:

1. MIT
2. Stanford University
3. Harvard University
4. Cal Tech.
5. University of Chicago
6. Princeton University
7. Columbia University
8. Yale University
9. Johns Hopkins
10. Cornell University



Massachusetts
Institute of
Technology



(U.S. News and World Report)

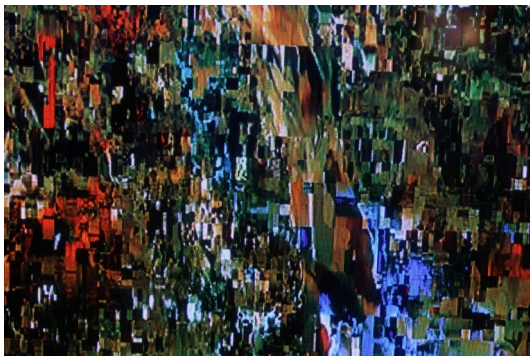
Donate to the IRTA Legal Defense Fund

Legal action is very expensive which is the reason IRTA started the Legal Defense Fund almost two years ago. The outpouring of support from our membership has been fantastic for the fund, and it continues to grow. The amount needed will be large, especially if repeated legal battles must be fought. So, we thank everyone who has contributed and ask those who have not to do so. This money is in a dedicated fund and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Here is the address for sending donations to the Legal Defense Fund.

IRTA, 828 S. Second St., 4th Floor, Springfield, IL 62704

Please make your check payable to IRTA and write "Legal Defense Fund" on the check memo line.



If you can correctly identify this abstract occasion, you'll also be able to pick winning lottery numbers.