

## IRTA Information

**IRTA's state headquarters**  
are strategically located near our state  
capitol.

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Email address: irta@irtaonline.org  
Legislative Hotline: (800) 660-3326

### IRTA Member Benefits Program

Administered by AMBA  
(Association Member Benefits Advisors)  
(800) 258-7041

www.amba-info.com

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Renewing and starting friendships



Meeting with legislators over lunch.

Visit our extensive website for  
information, action items,  
and links to helpful resources.

**[www.geocities.com/DuPageIRTA](http://www.geocities.com/DuPageIRTA)**

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# *DuPage* **I.R.T.A.**

**Working for the retired educators of  
DuPage County Area  
Affiliated with the  
Illinois Retired Teachers Association**



*For those who realize there is power in  
numbers and organization*

## Welcome to the DuPage Unit of the Illinois Retired Teachers' Association

There are over 90 local units within our state organization. DuPage is one the largest by membership. You do not need to live or have worked in DuPage to choose to join our unit. The IRTA serves all 31,000 members on state issues, while the local units provide a vehicle for action, advocacy, and communication to promote the interests of members. They also provide a social organization for members with very similar needs and interests.

As an active teacher, your association or union met many of those needs. As a retired educator, your needs have shifted--particularly on pension funding and health insurance. IRTA is the ONLY organization exclusively serving retired teachers.

DuPage-IRTA provides a complimentary year of local membership to all newly retired teachers through December of the year you retire. You will need to join state IRTA separately because membership is not "unified" as it is for IEA and IFT.

You know from your professional teaching experience the importance of having an organization to advocate for your interests. As you enter this new phase, you will see that remains important. We welcome you to the DuPage Unit and to IRTA.

Christine Turney  
President

## Our Leaders

Our organization has elected leaders and appointed committee chairpersons. We want to cultivate leadership by involving new members and invite your participation.

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\* also serves as Region 4 Director of IRTA

## Benefits of DuPage Membership

### Communication

Six newsletters each year keep our members informed about state and local issues.

The best unit web site in the state presents articles, resource information, photos of our meetings and activities, legislative contact information, and useful web links.

### Advocacy

An active legislative presence with our DuPage-area legislators via visits, phone calls, letters, and legislative speakers at our meetings

### Programs, Speakers, Group Tours

At each meeting we have informational and entertaining presenters on topics relevant to retired educators. Annual tours (e.g. China, Australia / NZ

### Luncheons

Each meeting is linked to a luncheon with good food and the opportunity to see old friends and make new ones. Our six meetings are on the first Wednesday of April, May, June, September, October and December, convenient to the travel schedule of many retirees. Site: The Greek Islands in Lombard.

**DUES: DuPage -- 1st Calendar Year Free**  
**\$10 Annual (Jan--Dec)**  
**5 years: \$45**  
**State: \$2 monthly TRS deduction or**  
**\$35 annual or \$400 life**