

Williamson County Retired Teachers Association
General Meeting -- February 1, 2013 9:00 A.M.
Held at the Crab Orchard Golf Course Restaurant,
Carterville, IL

WCRTA met on February 1, 2013, at the Crab Orchard Golf Course
Restaurant with about 50 people in attendance including one first-timer.

President Dee Ozment welcomed all present. He gave an invocation,
followed by a breakfast buffet. The meeting began at 9:45 A.M.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the October 29,
2012, meeting. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of
\$3,257.99. Motion was made and seconded to file report for audit. Motion
passed.

John Harland gave the Nominating Committee report for officers for the
next two years: The slate of officers is:

President -- Dee Ozment
Vice-President -- Bob Campbell
Secretary -- Marge Mangan
Treasurer -- Don Kragness

Motion was made by Anna Morris and seconded by Jim Parker to accept the
slate of officers as presented. All in favor. Motion passed. Officers will
accept positions at the May 2013, meeting.

At this point in the meeting, Representative John Bradley addressed the
group. He is on the Finance Committee for the State of Illinois. Finance is a
big topic of discussion for the State of Illinois. In 2015 the temporary tax
increase will expire -- a 5 billion dollar loss to the revenues of the State of
Illinois.

Representative Bradley then opened the floor for a Question and Answer
session:

Concerns:

- * the cost shift -- to force local school districts to pay more.
- * Chicago Suburban schools -- to pay their fair share.
- * 2015 -- Illinois' fiscal cliff.
- * Reforming the tax system.
- * "If I made a sacrifice, would it matter?"

- * “If we sacrifice, can we depend on the legislators and the Governor to take the money and get rid of the debt?”

Mr. Bradley addressed other issues:

- * Medicaid roles need to be cleaned up.
- * Our concern should also be with pensions for the current teachers.

Following the Q&A session, Mr. Bradley left for his next appointment.

Mr. Ozment then told of the IRTAPAC. The Legal Defense Fund would pay lawyers to take our fight to the Courts. Donations are accepted by going to IRTA.org or giving them to John Harland.

Bob Campbell reported that there will be a doctor at our next meeting (May 7, 2013). Dr. Bernard Rerri, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, will address issues to maintaining our health. The May meeting will be at Mackie’s in Marion. Our August 14 meeting will have a speaker from the Insurance House.

Dee asked the Board to find out who is retiring from the local schools in our County.

Wanda Riley from Marion commented: “Thanks to Tom Oates for the excellent job he did.” Mr. Ozment reported that Connie Beasley has left the Board after many years of service.

There being no further business and a motion being made, seconded, and passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Marge Mangan, Secretary