



AARTA

Aurora Area Retired Teachers Association

Over 60 years of working for retired teachers in Kane County

News Briefs

December 2021

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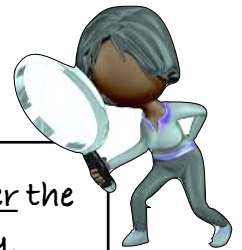
- On December 7, we had an **in-person lunch** at Gaslite Manor with close to 70 people in attendance! A choir from Marmion, directed by Bryan Birch, entertained us with Christmas songs and more.
- **Katelyn Schultz**, our 2021 scholarship winner, was introduced by Dick Schindel.
- Copies of our **proposed bylaws** were on each table. The revised bylaws will be voted on at the February meeting. One notable change is the reinstating of the position of vice president who would succeed the president after two years.
- **Meg Safarik** has accepted the role of IRTA Region V director.
- **Meg Safarik and Linda Weiss** have agreed to another two-year term as treasurer and secretary respectively. They will be voted on at the February lunch. We are still looking for a president and vice president for 2022-23. Let us know that you are willing to take on one of these responsibilities — please don't be too shy or humble to volunteer. We provide lots of help!
- Money raised from our **50/50 raffle** will go to the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry.
- **ASC:** Members brought in many winter clothing items and donated \$150 for Cities in Schools.
- **Kathy Navoata** writes: *Thank you for the nomination as an "Unit Honoree" to the Illinois retired Teachers Association. I have received a clear glass mug with an IRTA symbol on it. It was an honor to be nominated by the AARTA.*
- **New directories** will be published early in 2022; be sure we have your correct address and phone number.
- **The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley** has announced that applications for nearly 200 **scholarships**, including the AARTA scholarship, are due by January 18, 2022. Let your favorite area students know about this.
- **Stats:** 358 members for 2021; \$9,507 in our checking account
- **Next luncheon:** February 1, 11:30, Gaslite Manor



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We elves try to
stick to the four
main food groups:
candy, candy
canes, candy
corns and
syrup. — Elf



Watch for the next Reader the
first week of January.

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