

## **AARTA** Aurora Area Retired Teachers Association

Over 60 years of working for retired teachers in Kane County

## News Briefs February 2022

- Because the State of Illinois has decided to reduce payments toward TRS Health Insurance by \$100 million per year, IRTA has brought suit against the TRS Board of Trustees, the Pritzker administration, the comptroller, the treasurer, and the leaders of the House and Senate to restore adequate funding of TRIP and TRAIL. The state's decision worsens the financial footing of the fund, which is already on the verge of default, and places the health benefits of retired teachers in dire jeopardy. **If you are not a member of IRTA, now is the time to join!** Numbers make a huge difference. Joining the IRTA is easy. Learn more at **irtaonline.org/membership**.
- The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation is offering a total of \$36,500 in grant money to public school educators (Pre-K through 12) for special classroom projects statewide. Use this link to get more information: <u>irtaonline.org/index.php/foundation/Grants</u>
- Be sure to visit the AARTA website <u>auroraarearta.org</u>. Leave us a message on the blog page—click on "Messages/Blog" in the menu bar. Be sure to look at other pages on the site. Thanks to Meg Safarik for creating and maintaining this site!
- **New directories** will be published in 2022; be sure we have your correct address and phone number.
- Stats: 358 members for 2022; \$9,217 in our checking account
- Next luncheon: April 5, 11:30, Gaslite Manor 🤞



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If there are ice cream trucks in the summer then

why aren't there hot chocolate trucks in the winter?