

MRTI News

Minneapolis Retired Teachers, Inc.

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Founded in 1926

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Programs planned to engage and entertain

Program Committee: Becky Grover, chair
Elmer Koch, Margaret Tuma, Denny Lander,
Gladys Sheehan

December 14**Holiday Served Luncheon****The Commodores "Senior Edition" Finest of the Big Bands**

Reservations needed

With our own Charles Clarke, the Commodores will entertain us with popular selections from the Big Band Era. Also known as the "Swing Era" this kind of music filled our history with melodies from the early 1930's to the late 1940's. The Commodores "Senior Edition" plays throughout the Twin Cities for special occasions such as birthdays, receptions, and other fun gatherings.

January 18

An AARP representative will give an update on recent changes in medical legislation, and explain resulting ramifications.

November 16**"Traditional Folk Jazz" performed by Thomasina Petrus**

Petrus is a well-known singer and actress, having performed in many local venues such as Penumbra, Park Square Theatre, and the State Fair, where she sells her own cashew brittle. (Word has it that she will have it available on this occasion as well.) She is currently preparing for a role at Park Square Theatre, "Gee's Bend," opening Oct. 22.

February 15**"Kirsten and Dean" Partners In Mime**

A mime duo that has been working together since 2002, they are "united by a shared love of this timeless and wonderful art." Having studied with Marcel Marceau, and inspired by other great artists of mime, their sketches range from silly to the sublime, to entertain and challenge the viewer.

IMPORTANT NOTES TO REMEMBER!

*MRTI
P.O. Box 24034
Minneapolis, MN 55424-0034

*Report address changes and email addresses to membership chair Denny Lander, 612-926-8478 or dlander222@comcast.net

*Cheer and Service Committee: If you know someone who is ill, has experienced a loss, or just needs a cheer, contact Sharon Hollinbeck 612-916-1925 shollinbeck@gmail.com to have a card sent. Mary Karen Dorniden, 952-941-8833, mkdorniden@msn.com will send birthday cards.

*Food Shelf: Bring non-perishables to each meeting; monetary gifts are also welcome.

*We need you! Contact a Board member or any committee chair if you want to take an active role in MRTI.

*Do you have an interesting story? Do you know a fascinating retired teacher? Did you just take the trip of a lifetime or read a great book? Contact Judy Yung to contribute an article to the Newsletter. 612-374-5795 or judyjung@comcast.net

*Every year there are members who send in their membership dues with a "little extra" as a gift to the organization. Then, too, there are Honorary Members who continue to send dues even though they have become non-dues-paying members. These donations are appreciated, and the money is used to defray the costs of scholarships.

*Gifts or legacies given to the MRTI are welcomed and appreciated. You may use these gifts to honor departed friends or relatives. Direct contributions to treasurer Robert Ryder, MRTI, PO Box 24034, Minneapolis, MN 55424-0034

*Committee of 13 Website: Get updates on the Committee of 13: www.committeeof13.com

*Parking: Parking in addition to the church lots is available in the AA lot directly across 1st Avenue from the church and at Albin Chapel, 2200 Nicollet, a block west from the church.

Board of Directors

Officers	Jan. 1-Dec. 31 (2 year terms)	
Rebecca Grover	President	2010-11
Joanne Lambrecht	VP/President Elect	2010-11
Judy Yung	Recording Secretary	2010-11
Greg McDaniels	Asst. Rec. Secretary	2010-10
Elmer Koch	Corresp. Secretary	2009-10
David Rolek	Asst. Corr. Secretary	2010-11

Directors	Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 (3 year terms)	
Gayle Marko	Past President (2 yrs)	2010-11
Margaret Tuma		2009-11
Barbara Kuenne		2010-12
Josephine Bunton		2008-10

Board Appointments

Ed Andersen	Legislative Chair
Denny Lander	Membership Chair
Charles Dorniden	Investments Chair
Judy Yung	Newsletter Editor
Robert Ryder	Treasurer
Sylvia Farrells	Asst. Treasurer/Scholarship Chair

Lunch reminders

Lunch location: First Christian Church,
2201 First Avenue South, Mpls

All buffet lunches cost \$9.00; sit-down lunches in September and December are \$12.50.

Not Called: If you want to attend a lunch meeting, but have not been called for a reservation by the Wednesday preceding the Tuesday lunch, you may call Carol Lauder, the chair of the telephone committee: 763-557-6564. Accurate numbers are important.

Meatless Choice: Sandy Morgan, church volunteer in charge of the monthly lunches, has agreed to provide a meatless dish. When you are called for a reservation, you must request that option.

www.mrti.org

Be sure to visit the new website for MRTI.
Contact Denny Lander if you have any
suggestions to help make the site more
informative.

Invest. Believe. Achieve

Thank you all for dedicating so much of your lives to providing an excellent education for Minneapolis Public School students. And thank you for continuing to engage through your participation in MRTI. As former educators, you know how crucial a public education system is to the future of our city and the vitality of our community. You also know that students need the support of the entire community to help them succeed.

AchieveMpls is the strategic, non-profit partner of the Minneapolis Public Schools dedicated to harnessing the time, talent and financial resources of the community to produce outstanding outcomes for our students. When business leaders, government officials, civil servants, educators,

parents and community members come together, we:

- **Invest** in the potential of the 32,000 talented, capable Minneapolis Public School students.
- **Believe** all students can reach their highest academic potential and succeed in school, work and life.
- **Achieve** results by mobilizing community resources to enrich the education of our youth.

And it is working...

In 2009-10:

- **643** students secured jobs with **143** local employers in the public and private sector through the STEP-UP Summer Jobs Program.

- **7,600** high school students received services and hands-on support through the Career and College Centers to ensure that the next generation is truly "college-ready."

- Private sources invested over **\$3,000,000** to support student access to the arts, STEM education, early literacy initiatives, development of study skills and scholarships.

We are asking you all to join us as volunteers, advocates and supporters. Together, we can make a difference. Together, we can achieve.

Visit www.achievempls.org today.

2nd Reminder - If you have already paid, disregard this notice

Memberships due Nov 13th Duplicate renewals become gifts

2011 membership form - Minneapolis Retired Teachers, Inc. (MRTI)

Dues \$20 - payable to MRTI: Send to MRTI - PO Box 24034, Minneapolis, MN 55424-0034

Renewing Member: Name only, unless there is a change in the current
Yearbook information

New Member: Please complete the application information

Honorary Request: 85 or older in 2010 - No Dues - Birthdate _____

Already Honorary? Return form if there is a change in the current Yearbook information

Last Name, _____ First Name _____ Initial _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ (Please enter very carefully and clearly)

Welcome to the Class of 2010 retirees

Susan Aiken	Mohamed Farid	Dean Larson	William Pierson	Mary Stanfield
Rebecca Alonso	Cheryl Ficocello	Rebecca Larson	Joan Pinkney	Kathleen Sullivan
Kathleen Alvig	Tollie Flippin	Patricia Lee	Christine Poppe	Patricia Swanson-
Douglas Anderson	Enrique Fossati	Andre Lewis	Linda Radick	Proulx
Mary Arneson	Audre Gaer	Hermione Livermore	Jeanne Rahe	Kathryn Teegarden
Deb Becker	Gail Goulett-Meyer	Ronna Locketz	Barbara Rees	Patricia Teske
Marie Bell	Melissa Griggs	Enid Locketz	Cheryl Reid	Janet Thorp
Susan Bell	Christine Gurnoe	Mary Majors	Anita Rentz	Susan Townsend
Karin Berg	Barbara Gurovitsch	Lucille Maloney	Renea Roach	Kristen Trelles
Gary Berg	Kathleen Haines	Rodney Martel	Rosalind Robbins	Stephen Ullom
Linda Bergsma	Linda Hancher	Marie Martin	Howard Root	Karen Van Auken
Robert Boughton	Joan Hanson	Joan Matthews-	Joseph Rosenfield	Maxine van Ingen
Michael Bowers	Anne Harrington	Froemming	Colleen Ryan	Kuniko Voeller
Robert Brancale	Helen Heinen	Pamela McConville	Jane Sasaki	Brad Voves
Claudia Bredemus	Penny Helvey	Wendy Mckenzie	Judy Schaaf	Renaye Wagner
Cheryl Burns	Marion Hersey	Joann Meade	Eleanor Schultz	Diane Wallace-Reid
Cathy Carr	Michael Hillman	Ann Mikkelsen	Lois Shapiro	Jane Wheeler
Salomon Cejudo-	Jan Holland	Nathaniel Moore	Lynelle Shire	Belinda Williams
Reyes	Althea Hoogs	Jill Ness	Sara Siebold	William Wodarski
Susan Chaffee	Kathie Huettl	Carol Nixon	Patricia Skirka	Candace Wogsland
Linda Christensen	Joan Hultman	Mary Noble	Connie Skog	Roberta Woods
Barbara Coleman	Juanita James	Kristine Nordahl	Susan Smith	Nancy Zimmerman
Eleanor Coleman	Leonard Jensen	Marianne Norris	Jane Sprague	
Sandra Conboy	Perry Juenemann	Sara O'Brien		
Beth Cutting	Lesly Keaton	Gordon Olsen		
Joyce Daugaard	Barbara Keesey	Margaret Olsen		
Jennifer Davis	Stephen Kodluboy	Leon Oman		
Susan Dean	Nancy Kristensen	Claire Orenstein		
Leslie Distad	Carol Kroll	Ann Osterhus		
Wendy Dreis	Michael Krulich	Barbara Page		
Winston Dutchin	Kathryn Kvammen-	Nancy Paxson		
Clyde Eagle	McKinley	Helene Perry		
Walter Erickson	George Lansing	Philip Persons		

MRTI supports many community organizations

AchieveMpls \$1200

\$200 each to:

Boys and Girls Clubs of Mpls.

St. Joseph's Home for Children

Mary's Place

People Serving People

Bridging

Harriet Tubman Center

Mpls. Recreation Development

Jeremiah Program/Mpls. Campus

Don't forget the change in the lunch reservation process

Beginning with the January 2010 luncheon meeting, phone callers will record the names on the reservations, not just numbers. Those reservations will be held at the ticket table and names will be checked off. No-shows will be billed for the cost of the luncheon.

If you have NOT been called by Wednesday before the Tuesday lunch and want to attend, you may call Carol Lauder to make a reservation. You may also call by that day to cancel a reservation.

The Board has been struggling with this problem for years and hopes that this new policy will help us provide accurate numbers to the caterers.

2010 Scholarship Report:

The MRTI scholarship program awarded 13 scholarships this spring, from twenty-two applicants: nine valued at \$1000 and four at \$1500.

Sophia Berhane: Keewaydin School; she plans on attending graduate school at the University of Minnesota with a focus on Learning Disabilities and Emotional Behavior Disorders.

Erin Bohler: Northrop Urban Environmental Learning Center; presently she is enrolled in a Special Education license program at the University of St. Thomas for Minneapolis employees.

Eugenio Coronado: Windom Spanish English Dual Immersion School; has been accepted into the Master of Arts in Instruction (MAI) program at St. Marys University which is designed for those who wish to obtain a teaching license in Elementary Education (K-6); plans to be a Bilingual K-12 teacher in either a dual immersion setting or help students with their native language literacy in an English classroom.

*Rachel Erickson: Hiawatha Elementary DCD program; enrolled at the University of St. Thomas to obtain a teaching license in the areas of Learning Disabilities and Emotional Behavior Disorders, with a certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders; also working towards a Masters Degree in Special Education.

Natalie Fisher: Olson Middle School; attending Augsburg

College in the Teacher Education Program; intends to obtain a Special Education teaching license in Learning Disabilities and Emotional Behavior Disorders.

*Aja Halverson: transferring to Metro State University this fall; continuing course work in the Urban Teaching Program for Secondary Education with an emphasis on Life Sciences, including biological, physical and earth sciences for grades 5-12

Michael Hastert: Anishinabe Academy; enrolled in the Master of Arts in Instruction program at St. Marys University; wishes to receive a license in Communication Arts and Literature.

Karen Hudson: Occupational Therapy Assistant, providing services for preschool through middle school aged students; is pursuing a teaching license and masters degree in Early Childhood Special Education at the University of St. Thomas.

Debra McGovern: Lake Harriet Community School, working with students in the autism program; enrolled at Augsburg College in the Master of Arts in Education (MAE) program; pursuing a special education teaching license.

*Lindsey Sanders: Minneapolis SPAN program (HS SPAN @ W. Harry Davis) for high school students with EBD and other Learning Disabilities; recently began a teaching licensure and masters program for K-12 Special Education at Augsburg College with a

specialty in both Learning Disabilities and Emotional Behavior Disorders.

*Mamadee Sesay: South High School; wishes to pursue a license in Teaching English as a Second Language from Hamline University.

Eleanor Stoltz: Special Education Assistant in a high school and is currently in a kindergarten classroom, working with students with EBD; currently enrolled in the Augsburg College Master of Arts in Special Education program; is student teaching this semester.

Monie Tillman: bilingual licensed social worker, employed in the English Language Learners Department of MPS as an ELL Family Outreach Coordinator; also collaborating with the MPS Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program; is at the University of Minnesota with a goal to become a licensed parent and family educator.

***** *How can you help?*

****Help** keep lunch numbers accurate/call for a reservation OR cancellation.

****Call** AchieveMpls or your neighborhood school to volunteer.

****Write** a review of the last great book you read or trip you took.

****Contact** a committee chair to volunteer.

****Bring** food/money to support the food shelf.

****Write** a letter to ??? urging action.

****Provide** a ride for a fellow member.

****Find** those books/magazines cluttering your house and bring them for others.

Holiday Luncheon Reservation

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Name _____

Guest _____

Number of reservations @12.50 each _____

Make checks payable to MRTI
and send by December 7 to
Mary Ellen Gallick, MRTI
5520 Elliot Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Check number _____ Cash _____

Vegetarian meal requested? Yes No

Keep the Book Exchange active: Share a good read

*Bring books (and magazines which are not "time sensitive") to display on the provided table.

*Before, during, and after lunch, browse through the items others have brought and select any you want to take home.

*At the end of the luncheon, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING THE BOOKS AND MAGAZINES YOU BROUGHT, either to take home again or drop off at the nearest charity.

*You do not need to bring a book/magazine in order to take a book/magazine, although that would be nice.

The pension tsunami is coming

The "Ultra-Conservative" political agenda aims to destroy all public employee pension programs and also turn Social Security over to the Wall Street Bankers

In Minnesota, they want to cut taxes by drastically reducing public employee compensation and pensions. Private businesses, which outsource jobs to overseas providers and bring in low paid immigrant workers with no benefits, want to save tax money.

There is a Governor candidate who proposes to eliminate the Metro Council and the Metro Transit Commission. This would cut over 6000 public employment jobs and their pensions. He says public transit is a waste of taxpayer money.

The "Ultra-Conservatives" want to convert to "defined contribution pensions" and eliminate employer "defined pension" obligations. They want pension money sent to the Wall Street Bankers. I remind everyone that at the height of the 2008-2009 financial crisis, President Bush's TARP plan and the US Treasury obligated the Federal Government for 12.4 trillion dollars to back up Wall Street, yet these Wall Street Bankers received billions and billions in bonuses for their dirty work. Today that Federal obligation is reduced to 3.4 trillion as a back up for the Wall Street Bankers. These figures were reported Friday, September 3, 2010 by TPT.

The President Obama's Stimulus Plan spent billions to retain school teachers, firemen, policemen and city/county employees and repair roads and infrastructure. These one trillion dollars helped Main Street USA. Now the "Ultra-Conservatives" want to drastically cut public services and pensions.

We are public school teachers, not "evil-doers." We devote our professional lives to educate and nurture the children of Minnesota. Remember this as we go to the polls this fall.

Ed Andersen,
MRTI Legislative Representative

In memory of . . .

Carl W. Anderson 5/25/2010	Jean B. Griffin 12/27/2009	Audrey Larkin 1/4/2010	Judith Schaefer 9/3/2010
Bennett A. Asplund 6/4/2010	Leona H. Grivelli 1/28/2010	Florence B. Lind 12/31/2009	Bernard F. Schulte 8/16/2010
Doris O Ballintine 2/17/2010	Janet M. Halber 1/7/2010	Judith A Lindal-Hawkins 1/24/2010	Howard A. Severson 5/31/2010
Janice J. Berg 7/4/2010	Clarence Hansen 1/12/2010	Michael R. Lund 4/10/2010	Fred Sheridan 9/18/2010
Wayne Bigelow 6/12/2010	Twiligha H. Hansen 6/13/2010	Valerie J. Lyon 2/20/2010	Helle Silpala 6/5/2010
Astrid B. Bly 1/27/2010	Lucille E. Hanson 1/12/2010	Shirley N. Mahowald 2/24/2010	Charles L. Smith 2/9/2010
Eleanor H. Byrne 4/20/2010	James B. Hinshaw 6/10/2010	Joseph J. Matlon 2/20/2010	Maximillian Sporer Jr 4/26/2010
William Cossette 4/1/2010	Gertrude Hughes 2/11/2010	Ernest R. Mose 2/26/2009	Dorothy G. Thompson 4/9/2010
Helen L. Dotray 5/19/2010	Betty C. Humphreys 3/8/2010	Sonja O. Myers 1/4/2010	Roslyn B. Torgerson 8/5/2010
Lyle M. Eakins 6/30/2010	Marion M. Jacobsen 4/14/2010	Jeverna M. Nelson 7/25/2010	Mary C. Torkelson 3/11/2010
James W. Erickson 3/28/2010	Anton V. Johnson 1/18/2010	Jean A. Olson 2/14/2010	Bernice J. Vlahakos 4/6/2010
Harold Erickson 2/17/2010	Winifred L. Johnson 2/7/2010	Donald R. Paulson 4/26/2010	Wallace Wakem 6/14/2010
Alice F. Flink 7/25/2010	Marjorie Jurkovich 5/20/2010	Eloise L. Pederson 3/29/2010	Gary R. Wald 7/29/2010
Robert Frank 7/14/2010	Sereen Kane 1/21/2010	Theodore C. Pollard 5/23/2010	Sybil L. Wersell 12/16/2009
Arthur J. Fredrickson 5/21/2010	Calvin L. Knutson 6/2/2010	Mary Pyburn 2/9/2010	Mildred M. Wiste 7/1/2010
Donald D. Gleason 12/12/2009	Ambrose S. Lamin 3/25/2010	Olive P. Ronholm 3/9/2010	

Please utilize the Limited Medical Assistance Fund

Access the Limited Medical Assistance Fund to **help cover medical costs** according to the guidelines:

*Reimbursement is NOT for co-pays, prescriptions or office visits.

*The reimbursement is up to a "reasonable amount" of costs remaining after an insurance payment for **hospital care, out-patient surgery, treatments, etc.**

***You are eligible no matter your age and/or Medicare status**, with proper documentation.

*To receive application forms call TRA at 651-296-2409.

*Distribution of funds is made throughout the year, with no particular deadline.

At the end of the year, if more money is available from the trust than was needed for the health care reimbursement explained above, then the balance will be distributed for health care insurance premiums. This eligibility

is more strict than the process for medical expenses:

*A retiree must be 65 or older,

*must have retired from a Minneapolis school after May 1, 1974 and before January 1, 2000, AND

*must not be eligible for free Medicare Part A.

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should be directed to:

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Or

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**Become a member of the
RED INK CLUB**

The editors are offering a FREE MRTI LUNCH (for the regular meetings only, not the "sit-down" lunches in September and December) to one lucky reader who spots and reports a/the misspelled word (not a name) in this issue of the newsletter.

1. Use US mail to send a card to Editor Judy Yung (for fairness sake, no email or telephone).
2. Due to the vagaries of bulk mail delivery AND distances involved, a new process: All cards received within one week of the first to arrive will be eligible and a drawing will be made from those for the free lunch.
3. Board members are not eligible for the drawing.

The lucky winner for the February newsletter drawing was Janis Mayer, a regular contributor to the Club. Other members sending in a "word" were Mary Ellen Gallick, Debby Carlson, Nan Fraser, Darryl Carter, Rich Vigen, and Robert Larson.

