

# After School...

## The Newsletter of Minneapolis Retired Teachers Inc.

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### Monroe Crossing Rings in the Holidays!

On December 19, a capacity crowd of MRTI members filled the Eagles Club to enjoy a special holiday-themed concert by Monroe Crossing. Their blue-grass music is a favorite of our members and their popularity around the world makes any time they can entertain us a special treat. In honor of the holiday season, they offered foot-stomping, high-energy renditions of both sacred songs ("Joy to the World," "O Holy Night") and secular favorites ("Winter Wonderland," "Let it Snow," "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays,") that had everyone singing along with joy in our hearts.

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## Winter - Spring Program Schedule



January 16 - Steve Chicoine  
will speak on World World I



February 20 -  
Stone Arch Band



March 20 - Laura Mackenzie  
presents Irish Music



April 17 - "Meet Minneapolis"  
A Tourist & Resident  
Information Center



May 15 — MPS Washburn  
students will present  
excerpts from "Hairspray"

June Field trip - "Guys and Dolls" at  
the Old Log Theater - Date and  
time to be announced

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## Bill of Fare

January - Make-your-own sandwich bar

February - Chicken pot pies

March - Corned Beef & Cabbage

April- Hamburger on a Bun

May- Chicken breast stuffed with  
broccoli & cheese

As always, a vegetarian option is  
available; just let your caller know or  
contact Gayle Marko. No other options  
are possible. Phone callers record both  
names and phone numbers for  
reservations which will be checked off at  
the ticket table. No-shows will be billed for  
the cost of the luncheon.

If you have **NOT** been called by **Monday, a  
week before the luncheon**, and you wish  
to attend, please call **Gayle Marko** to  
make a reservation: **952-920-1395**.

### Interested in political activity?

**Retired Teachers Council 59 (RTC 59)**

**Soup, Salad & Substance Luncheons**

**Feb 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, 2018  
11:30 am**

**MFT Local 59 Office, 67 8th Avenue NE, Mpls**

# 2017 MRTI Scholarship Fund Report

Each year the MRTI Scholarship Fund offers up to five \$2000 scholarships to current teachers and paraprofessionals pursuing additional degrees or licensure. As of December 26, 2017, we have received 192 donations totaling \$10,061.00. THANK YOU, THANK, THANK YOU!!!

Contributions can still be made for the 2017-2018 school year. Mail your check to MRTI Scholarship Fund, 5208 West 111<sup>th</sup> St., Bloomington, MN 55437. If you have made a contribution, but do not see your name on this list, please contact Sylvia Farrells, Scholarship Co-Chair.

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A contribution was made in memory  
of Joan Pickney by Carole  
Cranborook.

An anonymous contribution and one  
unidentified contribution have also  
been received.





## Greetings from Gayle

Happy 2018! I hope you enjoyed the holiday season and are fully recovered from it! I am looking forward to being President of MRTI. I have a great Board to work with, all of whom are eager to continue supporting things that have been working for MRTI and to find ways to improve on things which have not worked as well as we'd hoped.

I do not have a computer - yet I function in this world. Please feel free to call me at 952-920-1395 with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. I will return your calls as soon as possible.

Lunch is an important part of our meetings. We try to respond to your concerns; the Eagles are very easy to work with and listen to our requests.

Feel free to contact me or any Board member - we're all listed in the Yearbook.

Hope to see you at a future meeting!

- Gayle Marko

## **Educating the Educators**

As all teachers know, retirement from active teaching does not mean retirement from the need to be informed and aware of events and actions in the social and political world, since they may have a bearing on our lives in retirement. In addition to the delightful, transporting entertainments that we enjoy at many of our monthly luncheons, MRTI also strives to provide us with timely and important educational opportunities, both at our luncheons and at seminars offered outside the luncheon schedule.

## Did You Know...

MRTI contributes to many programs that support Minneapolis children? Your dues support annual contributions to:

- The Assistance League
- Mary's Place
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Minneapolis
- Jeremiah Program
- Harriet Tubman Center
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Twin Cities
- St. Joseph's Home for Children
- People Serving People
- Minneapolis Recreation Development

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If you have moved within the past year, you should probably contact TRA ([info@MinnesotaTRA.org](mailto:info@MinnesotaTRA.org) or 800-657-3669) to give them your new address, insuring that you get your MRTI membership materials in a timely manner.



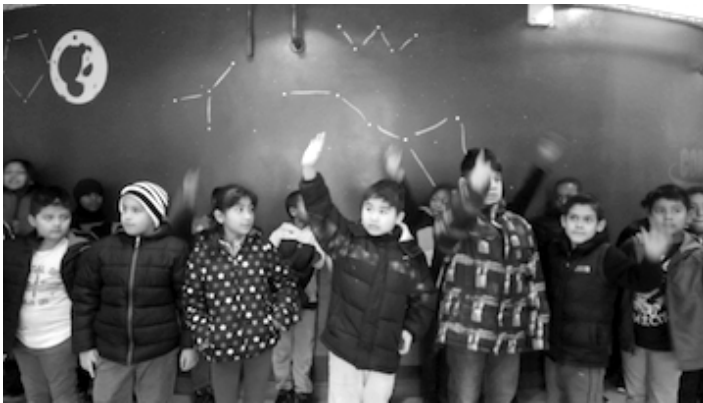
# MRTI Grants at Work

Thanks to a grant from MRTI, third graders at Richard R. Green Central Park School were able to go to the Como Planetarium.

At Green, third grade teachers struggled with a lack of hands-on materials to support the fall unit on the sun, moon and stars. While they went outside to see the sun and the sun's shadows, students were not able to understand the movement of the earth, sun and moon as well as the planetarium show was able to demonstrate.

Urban students rarely get to see the stars in the night sky. The show gave students a feel for the night sky and the millions of stars that make up a part of our universe.

Students seemed impressed. In the words of one student, Ahmed, "Wow, this is just like what we learned about!"



- Text and photo by Jan Wahl

## Monroe Crossing, cont

Special solos included "Sound the Bells," written and performed by violinist Lisa Fuglie and "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," from the animated version of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," performed by the astonishingly low bass voice of banjo player, David Robinson.

In a touching moment, the band acknowledged the presence of Mercedes Tuma, daughter of our Board member, the late Margaret Tuma, whose enthusiasm for Monroe Crossing and Bluegrass music first brought them to us over 3 years ago. As a tribute to Margaret's enthusiastic involvement in the Twin Cities' music and fine arts scene, the concert was a wonderful way to bring us all into a joyful glow of anticipation for a wonderful holiday season.



Happy  
Holidays!

Do you have an interesting hobby, collection or travel experience you'd like to share with fellow MRTI members? The Program Committee would like to talk with you about presenting a luncheon program. The Twin Cities has an amazing amount of art and cultural activities going on all the time and retired teachers are among the most active - as docents, sponsors, concert-attendees and volunteers. Did you know that some of our members have volunteered to help with the upcoming Super Bowl at US Bank Stadium in February?

Call or email **Program Chair - Deb Becker** 612-339-4772 [beledeb@aol.com](mailto:beledeb@aol.com) to talk it over. It's such fun and so encouraging to share your hobbies with friends!

■ **Help fund the efforts to Preserve our Pensions! Contribute to the Committee of Thirteen!**

■ **Donations may be sent to:**

■ **Committee of Thirteen**  
■ **P.O.Box 1414, Lakeville, MN 55044**



On November 2 about 90 MRTI members gathered at the Eagles Club to hear from Leslee Gold, of Minnesota Medicare Consultants.

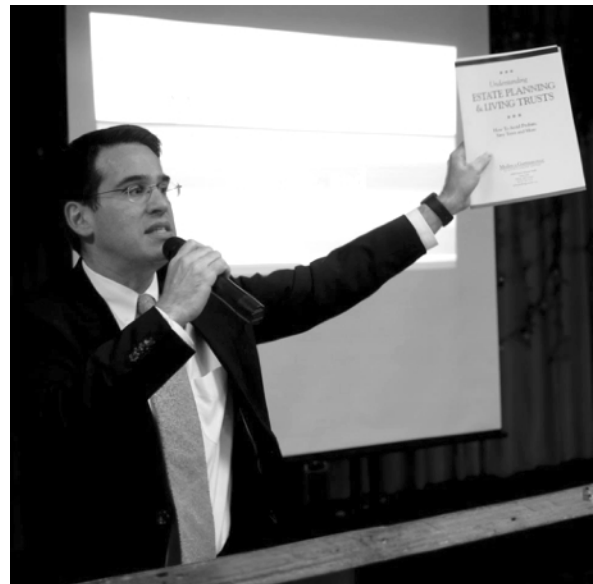
This was an enlightening seminar, providing information about pending changes to Medicare Supplemental Insurance offerings. Leslee reviewed and clarified much of the language surrounding Medicare, the kinds of insurance available to Minnesotans in the past and what to expect in the future. The goal was to help attendees become better informed



when making their decisions about what supplemental insurance would be right for them as individuals for 2018 - 2019.

The MRTI Board is pleased to work with Ms. Gold as a resource for our members. We will be sponsoring similar informational meetings in the future as every year seems to bring new challenges to this important issue.

An estate planning seminar was the program for our November luncheon. A presentation by Matt Guttman, attorney with Mullen & Guttman,



an estate planning law firm, covered a number of topics of interest to retired individuals. These topics included: wills vs. trusts, probate, asset protection, Minnesota estate tax, cabin ownership related to beneficiary designations, and minimizing estate settlement costs.

This was a great learning opportunity for everyone and got several people thinking about these issues if they had not already done so. As Matt pointed out, for those who had already made some of these plans, it is important to revisit them periodically to be sure they keep pace with family/personal needs and changes. Follow up consultations with the law firm were offered to those who were interested.



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## Yearbook Update

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**Have you renewed your MRTI  
membership for 2018?**

**It's not too late!**

Your \$20 dues will provide you with:

- the 2018 Yearbook
- the MRTI Newsletter - 3 times each year
- the opportunity to enjoy our tasty monthly luncheons, excellent programs and special events
- access to our MRTI website
- the chance to stay connected to our wonderful profession, reconnect with colleagues and make new friends.

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