



West Lake Shore Unit

West Lake Shore Unit, is one of the original seven founding locals of the IRTA, and is primarily comprised of members who taught in Cook County. WLSU prides itself on being an activist group. We attempt to keep our members informed and up-to-date on important issues affecting their retirement and pensions through:

- ☐ **Quarterly newsletter,**
- ☐ **Informative and entertaining membership meetings and luncheons,**
- ☐ **Phone and email tree, and**
- ☐ **the WLSU web site: www.wlsu.weebly.com**

The main goals of the WLSU are:

- ☐ **the welfare of our members, the continued success of the IRTA,**
- ☐ **the dissemination of relevant legislative information, and**
- ☐ **the protection of our pension and health benefits.**

To join complete and return the application found on the web site. Contact Tom Szot (Emeritus) at jtszot@comcast.net with any questions regarding membership. Keith Bailey, the Membership Recruitment member can address other concerns or questions at 630-926-0742 or at kmldbaleiy@ameritech.net.

Annual dues is \$12 and new members pay nothing for the first full year of membership.

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Annual dues is \$15 and new members pay nothing for the first full year of membership. Thereafter, dues for 3 years are \$30, 5 years are \$45, and Life membership is \$125.



Benefits for WLSU members



Members receive the quarterly Direct Line news letters that are sent out in November - December, August - September **and** May - June. In addition, an updated website keeps you informed on relevant issues (<http://wlsu.weebly.com>)



Guest speakers have been brought in to both entertain during luncheons and inform members on legislative issues.



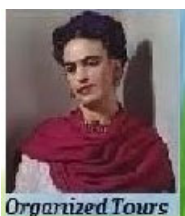
The IRTA and WLSU remain active with legislative issues concerning Pensions and Retirement benefits, ie. Insurance.



Twice a year Membership Luncheons are held. At the luncheons, members have an opportunity to socialize, be entertained as well as be informed by invited guests.



In conjunction with the IRTA, WLSU members support and promote Scholarships/Grants and Financial Aide to current and retired teachers. WLSU also implemented an "Adopt a School" program. Each year WLSU selects a school from the area and members are able to donate financial aid and/or classroom materials to the school.



WLSU members have enjoyed organized tours to the College of DuPage for presentations on Frida Kahlo and Andy Warhol. Members also went to a Cubs game organized by WLSU.