

After School...

The Newsletter of Minneapolis Retired Teachers Inc.

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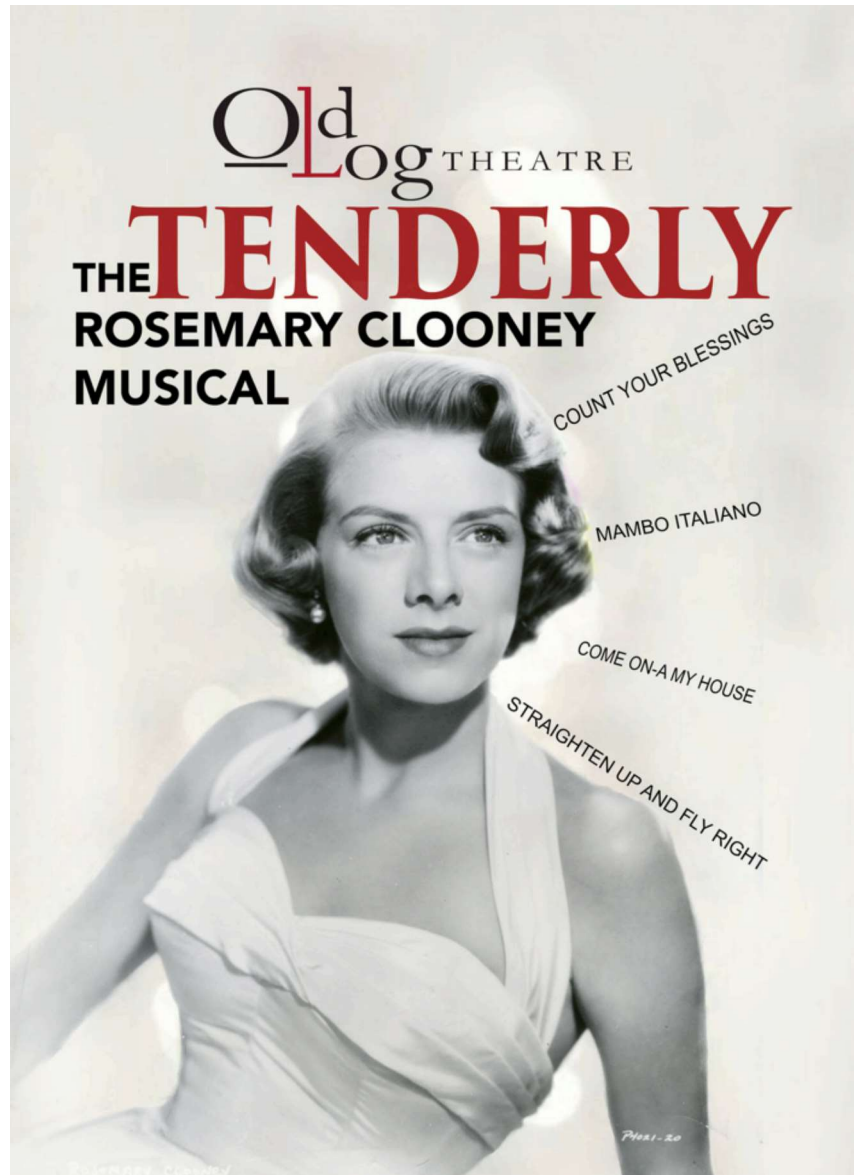
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Our End-of-the-Year Field Trip

June 5, 2019

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Tenderly cont.

Tenderly, the Rosemary Clooney Musical is not a typical “juke-box musical.” It offers a fresh, remarkably personal and poignant picture of the woman whose unparalleled talent and unbridled personality made her a legend.

Tenderly follows Rosemary’s journey from Maysville, Kentucky to Hollywood stardom. With her signature songs woven in and out, we learn both the story of her successes on film, radio, and TV, as well as her struggles in her personal life – a career fading during the advent of rock-and-roll, her battles with addiction and depression and her triumphant comeback as a jazz singer.

What a great field trip to end our school year! Reservations are required and places fill up quickly because the \$52.00 covers the cost of your ticket to the show, a lovely lunch in the Cast & Cru Restaurant at the Old Log and round trip bus transportation.

What a bargain!

Date: Wednesday, June 5

Cost : \$52.00 includes Theater ticket, lunch and bus

**Bus leaves from Eagles Club at 10:30 AM
People not taking the bus should arrive at the Old Log by 11:30**

Taking reservations beginning April 17th at the MRTI meeting

**For questions, call Denny Lander
612-926-8478**



Bill of Fare

April - Taco bar

May - Hamburger on a bun, cole slaw, chips

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.



If you have moved within the past year, you should probably contact TRA (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.

■ 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

Winter & Spring Program Schedule



April 16 - "Grand Mound Indian Burial Site." Mattie Harper from the MN Historical Society, shares the story of this unique site in northern Minnesota and its status as a public area.



May 21 - "Music in the Schools," a performance by a group of Washburn High School students.



June 5 - "Tenderly - The Rosemary Clooney Musical" at the Old Log Theater.

Interested in political activity?

Retired Teachers Council 59 (RTC 59)

Soup, Salad & Substance Luncheons

April 23, May 28 11:30 am

MFT Local 59 Office,

67 8th Avenue NE, Mpls



In an effort to support our active classroom teachers, the MRTI Board established a program of Grants through which teachers could apply for funds to provide their students with equipment or special programs to enhance their students' learning.

Grants are awarded in April, to be used during the following school year.

In the three years since the program began, we have seen an ever-increasing number of applicants across all grade levels and disciplines. The following teachers received MRTI grants in April 2018:

| <u>Teacher</u> | <u>School</u> | <u>Discipline</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Dawn Banken | Hmong Int. | Pre-K |
| Susan Bowen | Washburn | ELL |
| Erin Clarke | Marcy | Science |
| Elizabeth Halback | Page | Science |
| Christina Johnson | Bethune | Reading |
| Tara Kennedy | Edison | ESL |
| Anthony Leonhart | Stadium View | Art |
| Lynn Lurvey | Longfellow | English |
| Laura Lost Manthey | South | English |
| Chad Martin | Northrop | Science |
| Katie Murphy-Olson | Washburn | ESL |
| Sarah Rose | Windom | Media |
| Kris Shaban | Hmong Int | Math |
| Cary Sifkas | Lake Harriet | Upper DCD |
| Kirsten Vezina | Seward | Music |
| Kirsten Wolf | Anthony | ELA |



Out and About

by Bob Ryder

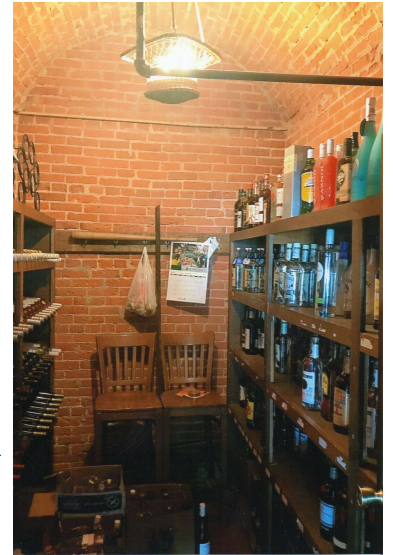
Got the "too much snow & ice" Winter blues?

Looking for something fun to do?

Along with my son, Chris, I recently visited and spent a night at the Calumet Inn Hotel in the south western Minnesota city of Pipestone. The hotel is 130 years old and in the process of restoration. It features a part that used to be a



bank, complete with a former bank vault now used to store wine & liquor. It's beautiful inside and the rooms include a full wall mural. Paranormal activities have frequently been observed, including shadowy sightings and mysterious bathroom-mirror-writing in shower steam. A lobby counter is devoted to notebooks for comments from overnight customers about their ghostly encounters. There is a restaurant-bar and an "order off the menu"



Former bank vault now houses liquor & wine

breakfast is included. Our Saturday night stay cost \$89.00.

In addition, the nearby Pipestone National Monument merits a visit to see where Native Americans have



and still do harvest the unique stone for pipes and other items. There's a walking trail to see where the stone is obtained and a beautiful Visitors Center to learn more about the activity. Combine a visit to the monument and a stay at the hotel and you've got a



great way to spend a couple of days.

Record your ghost-sightings here!

Happy Touring!

The MRTI Scholarship Committee proudly announces the seven scholarship recipients for 2019 . They are: **Mackenzie Brill**, currently a Special Education Assistant at Lake Nokomis Community School in the Autism program; **Laurie Meyers**, choir director at South High; **Jeremiah Schedegg** , the Student Support/Behavior Dean at Clara Barton Open School; **Vanessa Smith**, an Associate Educator at Anishinabe Academy; **Angelica Torralba-Olague**, ESL teacher at South High; **Rebecca Totzke**, Music Specialist at Kenny Elementary; and **Carmen Gavin Vanegas**, bilingual and science teacher at South High. They will be recognized at the MRTI luncheon meeting on April 16.

MRTI Grants in Action

Breath, Movement & Healing

Katie Murphy-Olson, an ESL teacher at Washburn High School, was awarded an MRTI grant to bring a guest artist, Jennifer Pray, into her classroom. Jennifer led exercises in Breath, Movement & Healing, a unique combination of Yoga and dance for Katie's ESL women students.

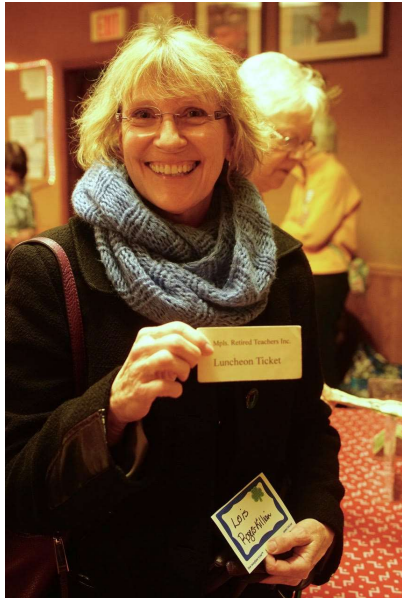


Katie is in grey in the top photo and the dancer/yoga teacher, Jennifer Pray, is on the right, forming a circle with her arms.

The broad smiles of the students display their enjoyment of this new form of self-expression.



Think there's no free lunch?



Just ask Lois!
Every month, two MRTI luncheon guests win a free lunch coupon in the drawing at the end of the meeting. Lucky Lois looks delighted at her win, which she may use at any future lunch. Join us on April 16 and you may be our newest winner!



Legislative Update

Gov. Walz's Education Budget

The Minnesota legislative session is moving toward decision time as the session must end near the end of May. The Minneapolis Teacher's Committee of Thirteen is pleased with Governor Walz's proposed budget which makes recommendations for major improvements in public education. The following key items outline positions that the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers, Education Minnesota and the Committee of Thirteen supported in the 2018 elections and brought into office a progressive governor and Democratic control of the Minnesota House of Representatives, but Republican control of the Minnesota Senate. This means that we need to be politically active with our elected legislators to advocate the passage of Governor Walz's budget requests given below.

1. Increase the E-12 basic per-pupil funding by 3% (\$189) the first year to \$6300, by 2% (\$130) the second year to \$6500.
2. Increase the E-12 special education budget by \$77 million so that the average Cross Subsidy is \$830/ student
3. \$59 million for pre-K education state programs
4. \$26 million for school safety
5. \$8 million to recruit and retain teachers of color
6. \$8 million to restore full funding for Full-Service Community Schools
7. TRA funding increase (\$36 FY20 and \$70 million FY21) for the 2018 pension bill.

To fund these requests Governor Walz proposes some changes in taxes.

1. Increase the road and street user fees by increasing the motor fuel taxes by 5 cents per gallon for each of the next four years
2. Increase the low-income tax credit to off set the gas tax increase
3. Local county and city property taxes would be reduced by increasing Local Government aids to all cities and counties
4. Adjustment of Minnesota state Incomes taxes to conform to the new federal tax bill that will not allow further reductions in taxes to the top income levels
5. A small increase in the metro area sales taxes to pay for transit projects.
6. Increase the income tax exception on social security and pension benefits.

These proposals along with a Capital Fund proposal for 2019 will benefit all Minnesota citizens in all areas of the state of Minnesota. Please support this program with your legislators.

- Ed Andersen
MRTI Legislative Chair

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**Have you renewed your
MRTI membership for 2019?
It's not too late!**

Your \$25 dues will provide you
with:

- the 2019 Yearbook
- the MRTI Newsletter - 3 times each year
- the opportunity to share our monthly luncheons, excellent programs and special events
- access to our MRTI website
- the chance to stay connected to our wonderful profession, re-connect with colleagues and make new friends.

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***** Cut this out & staple into your Yearbook*****

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