

# After School...

## The Newsletter of Minneapolis Retired Teachers Inc.

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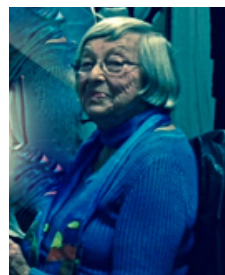
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## FANTASTIC FALL PROGRAMS

Entertaining...thought-provoking...informative...interesting. These are just a few of the ways to describe MRTI monthly luncheon programs. Program Committee members: MRTI President Gregory McDaniels, Margaret Tuma, Denny Lander, Elmer Koch, Mary Poulson and Program Chair, Becky Grover, search all over the Twin Cities (and beyond) to bring us a wide variety of high-quality programs each month. In September, Dr. Dale Anderson focused on the mental, physical and social health benefits of a positive attitude and gave us some techniques for creating that positive outlook.



In October, Eva Gross told us the story of her family's ordeal in Hungary during and after World War II. Following the arrest and murder of her father, teenage Eva and her mother, Ella, were deported to Auschwitz. Together they survived six concentration camps, forced labor and death marches before being liberated from Bergen-Belsen in 1945. She lost many members of her family but both Eva and Ella survived and eventually settled in Minnesota. Listening to the calm, gentle, good-humored voice of this woman who had endured and survived so much was truly inspirational.



November brought us the music and story-telling skills of Duluth residents Bill & Kate Isles. Their sweet harmonies and the stories of how they came to be a duet were both engaging and entertaining. Their duet, "Public Radio-(A True Story)," happily chronicles the beginning of their relationship.

Our December tradition is to invite performing groups from one of our Minneapolis Schools to provide musical



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entertainment. This year, Folwell Performing Arts Magnet School brought us the talents of two groups: the 3rd Grade string orchestra, directed by Beth Hulteng and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mariachi band,

directed by Stacy Aldrich. It's such a treat to see the musicianship and performance skills our teachers foster in even the youngest students.



But that was only the first half of the year. On page 6, you'll find a listing of the programs planned for the second half of the year.

From "Teddy Roosevelt" to recently-retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page, from photography to music, there is something for everyone's taste and interest - thanks to the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm of our Program Committee.



## Another Way to Get Involved: Retired Teachers Chapter 59

Retired Teachers Chapter 59 (RTC59) takes a special interest in public policy and the legislative deliberations that impact Minneapolis Public Schools' retirees, operating under a charter issued by the American Federation of Teachers and the Minnesota Federation of Teachers in 1997.

RTC59's focus is on political activity. Programs are informational, featuring guest speakers who address specific issues such as pending legislation, contract negotiations, pension and retirement issues and potential candidates for elective offices at the state or local level. RTC59 works

## AchieveMpls! Honors

### MRTI

Each year, MRTI makes cash donations to a variety of organizations in Minneapolis which directly benefit Minneapolis Public Schools' students. (see p. 6) Several of our Board members also serve on the Boards of these charities. Elmer Koch represents MRTI on the Board of AchieveMpls! - taking part in Career Fairs, student-advising opportunities and helping to maintain AchieveMpls! focus on students and schools. Last month, Elmer, as the representative of MRTI, received the following letter:

"In thanks for your unwavering support for AchieveMpls!, young people in Minneapolis and Minneapolis Public Schools, we have selected Minneapolis Retired Teachers, Inc. as an AchieveMpls! Program Ally for the 2015 fiscal year. Congratulations!

Our Program Ally designation recognizes organizations that have invested time and talent in at least one AchieveMpls! program, including our Career & College Centers, STEP-UP Achieve youth employment program, Graduation Coaches, Career Fairs, or other activities that directly support Minneapolis students.

We are making our public announcement of this honor today. We're delighted to honor your steadfast support of our mission to ensure that every student graduates from high school career and college ready.

In recognition of your partnership, your organization name is listed on our website: [www.achievempls.org/Community-Partners](http://www.achievempls.org/Community-Partners) and will be featured in our on-line annual report."

Thanks for being such a fine representative of Minneapolis Retired Teachers Inc, Elmer!

## *Luncheon Menus*

### *Winter - Spring 2016*

**January 19 - Soup & Sandwich**

Minestrone or Beer Cheese soup  
Ham, tuna or turkey croissants

**February 17 - Beef Stroganoff**

**March 15 - Corned Beef & Cabbage**

**April - Taco Bar**

**May - Fried chicken picnic lunch**

You may request a meatless entree when you are called for a reservation. Our 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.**

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the Central Labor Union in organizing political activities such as phone banks, literature drops or other support activities for electoral candidates and supports the Committee of 13's legislative efforts on behalf of active and retired teachers. Since the group's focus is primarily political, MRTI members who attend RTC59 meetings find that the two groups compliment each other in their mutual support of Minneapolis students and teachers, both retired and active. In fact, MRTI's Legislative Chair, Ed Andersen, is the President of RTC59!

RTC59 meets at the MFT office, 67 Eighth Avenue NE, Mpls in September, November, January, March and May. Meetings feature a soup & salad lunch provided by individual members and a program. No reservations are needed. Meetings begin about 11:45 am.

## A New Year...

## A New Name...

Last year, it was suggested that our MRTI Newsletter could use a more interesting name. Members were requested to submit ideas and, after some deliberation over the choices, the MRTI Board decided to adopt the name 'After School... The Newsletter of Minneapolis Retired Teachers, Inc.'

The name "After School" was submitted by one of our members in a telephone message. Somehow, I failed to get the name of the person who called and for that I apologize. We would like to acknowledge her contribution, if she would come forward by telephone (612-588-8722) or email ([chpop001@gmail.com](mailto:chpop001@gmail.com)).

In the meantime, we hope you like our jazzy new name!

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Members pay dues of \$15.00 per year or \$40.00 for 3 years plus a free-will offering toward the cost of lunch.

RTC59 will be meeting on February 23, March 22, April 26 and May 31, breaking for the summer and resuming in the fall.

For more information, contact:

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# CONSIDER MRTI

Are you a member of MPR or TPT? Have they, or your Alma Mater, suggested that you include them in your Will or estate plan? This not-too-subtle reminder that we can't take it with us seems to appear more frequently in fundraising appeals, and it's not a surprise to discover why.

The October 19, 2015 issue of the blog DQYDJ.net states that, "the retiree set is the wealthiest demographic in America... More than 60% of households headed by 65+ year old members have at least six-figures of wealth, and more than 10 percent are into the seven figures." Admittedly, a large portion of this wealth is tied up in real estate, (our homes). But, as we begin to downsize our homes and possessions we are reaping the benefit of the rising real estate markets. Even homes which lost significant value during the recession have largely recovered and, if you've owned your home for many years, the amount for which you can now sell it is probably double or triple the amount that you paid for it, or more.

Even after budgeting for new housing, support for our health and old-age issues and setting aside college funds for our grandchildren, the average retirees, 65 or older, will still have a sizeable chunk of discretionary funds available. Colleges, Universities and non-profits like MPR and the ASPCA have all recognized that retirees are a source of enormous potential for fund-raising and that "legacy giving" allows the donor to plan for the gift to be given when he or she has passed on and is no longer in need of the money!

MRTI has been the recipient of several such bequests over the years and the moneys we have received, carefully invested by our Investment Committee, help to fund the charitable and philanthropic activities we take on each year – from donations to Mary's Place and Achieve MPLS, to the classroom grant program we began last year. So....

When you're thinking about the donations which you want to include in your will or estate plan, think about adding MRTI to the list. It's a great way to insure that future Minneapolis Public Schools' teachers and students continue to get the support they need to teach and learn in the environment of tomorrow.



## **Do you have an interesting story?**

Did you just take the trip of a lifetime?  
Do you have a hobby you'd like to tell us about?

## **Contribute an article to "After School"!**

Contact Chris Poppe at  
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# 2016 Program Schedule



## January: Teddy Roosevelt

Presented by award-winning re-enactor, Adam Lindquist

## February:



## The Honorable Alan Page

Associate Justice (retired),  
Minnesota Supreme Court



## March: Bob Jibben's Scales

Larry Risser's photographs & Bob's narration show Jibben's collection of scales



## April: "Musical Trio" featuring Thomasina Petrus



May: Steven Marking, a nature & wildlife photographer and Opera singer will present a slide show with music and narration

June: Special End-of-the-year Event,

To be announced

Watch for information in the Spring issue of "After School"

## Did You Know...

MRTI contributes to many programs that support Minneapolis children?

Your dues support annual contributions to:

- Achieve! Minneapolis
- Mary's Place
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Minneapolis
- Jeremiah Program
- Harriet Tubman Center
- Groveland Food Shelf
- St. Joseph's Home for Children
- People Serving People
- Minneapolis Recreation Development

### Committee of 13

- Represents both active & retired teachers
- Functions as a political action committee, aiming to influence state legislators to (a) protect current TRA benefits and (b) gain vital TRA pension improvements solely in the Legislature's power.

Please give generously to help the Committee of 13 continue its important work.

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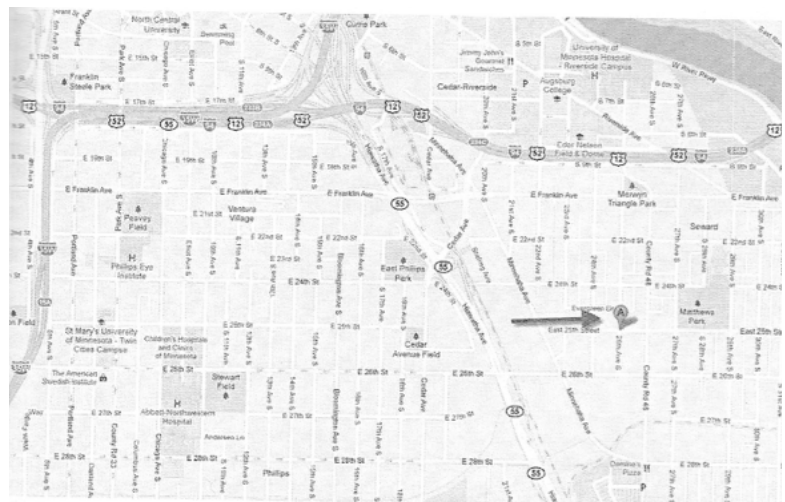
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Plenty of free parking!