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Lamb's Farm Magnolia Café & Bakery ~ Noon

Be Well & Take Care!



Esther Gutiérrez-Sloan, *SALSAerobics, Inc.* Bri Barnlund, AMBA Benefits Representative



Esther Gutiérrez-Sloan is the President and founder of *SALSAerobics, Inc.* that she created 30 years ago with a commitment to keeping Latin music and dance alive in our culture.

A native Columbian, her family came to the United States in 1965 at age 12. In 1978 she received a B.S. in Computer Science with high honors from Northeastern Illinois University. In 1988, her love of people, music, and dance drew her to change her career and created aerobic exercise that combines authentic Latin rhythms with the steps to popular Latin dances.

She is currently a staff member with the Chicago Botanic Gardens Wellness Programs, the Gorton Community Center and the Recreation Department Fitness Center in Lake Forest (creating the FITKIDS fitness program), and was previously a fitness counselor at Women's Residential Services, a Lake County addiction recovery program for women and their children. She was a school board member/president for the Montessori School of Lake Forest; PTO volunteer in Lake Bluff; and so much more!



Bri Barnlund is the Benefits Representative for AMBA. She is originally from the Bloomington/Normal area, but has lived in Lake County for the past four years. She keeps busy with her family, her six children, boating, gardening, and camping.

She has a degree in art with an accounting background from work history. It is her "absolute pleasure to serve educators both actively teaching and retired."

WELCOME & Congratulations to our 2024 LCRTA Scholarship Winners!

These scholarships have been awarded to Lake County, Illinois high school seniors to recognize ability and achievement, and contribution to the community, who plan to pursue a career in education.

\$2000 Mary Abbott Scholarship - Jacob Strahan, Grayslake Central High School

\$1500 LCRTA Scholarship - Zoe Barnes, Zion Benton High School

TRS (Teachers Retirement System)

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LCRTA (Lake County Retired Teachers Association)

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2024 LAKE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

June 20 Virtual IRTA Area II Conference

JULY NO MEETING

August 13 DOUG STRAND ~ TRS Trustee
SHARON TEEFY ~ IRTA Political Action Chair

September 10 MARTI SWANSON ~ Meet the Candidates

October 8 EDIZON, Keyboard/Sax/Vocalist
Dover Straits
Mundelein
Reservations Required

November 12 THE GOLDEN 13 ~ National Museum of the American Sailor

December 10 Holiday Fun!



Robert Collins, Chef
Youthage Culinary
Specialist
May 14, 2024



Thank you,
Angel Barry!



Please join me for the
Virtual IRTA AREA 2 Conference
Thursday, June 20th—9:30



Look for your **Good Dog News** or **IRTA 2024 Area Conference** Hosted by Area II to pre-register. It is suggested to use a laptop or computer. Assistance will be available one hour before.

Sometimes, We Just Need a Reminder!

Wed, May 8 at 9:29 AM FRED KLONSKY from the June McHenry RTA Newsletter

Nine years ago, on May 8, 2015, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled on a law suit initiated by the Illinois Retired Teachers Association that the language of the state constitution which clearly stated that membership in any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired meant exactly what it said.

Nine years later, current and future public employees can depend on their promised and constitutionally protected pensions to arrive each month.

Legislators continue to wrestle with the pensions of employees hired after January 2, 2011. They are in a Tier 2 pension system that will not likely meet the federal requirements of safe harbor. That means their benefit will not even match what they would have received in the Social Security system.

We can look for more lawsuits when those public employees begin to retire. That will be soon.