



# News Sheet "Update" June 10, 2025 ~ #49

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## Lambs Farm Magnolia Café & Bakery ~ Noon

### MaryGrace Sharp, Alzheimer's Association of IL

#### Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body



MaryGrace received her Bachelor's degree in Biostatistics from Saint Louis University and her Master of Public Health (MPH Epidemiology) from Northwestern.

As a Preventative Medicine Epidemiologist Intern at NU, she used statistical software to mathematically find an association between the ratio of antidepressant drug level in fetal blood to level in maternal blood and three SNPs in the gene ABCB1, writing a journal article discussing the findings.

She was one of 4,000 professionals who was selected to join Teach America, committing two years to teach under-resourced public schools, hers being in St. Louis Case managed 18 students with varying medical or educational disabilities and created reflective IEP goals, collected data, and analyzed progression towards each goal.

Currently, she is the Alzheimer's Association Program Manager, managing all free education programs for various organizations, dementia caregiver support groups, and community volunteers in the northern half of Cook County and all of Lake County.

2025 LAKE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION	
Sept. 9	<b>Jessica Hoselton ~ IRTA Executive Director</b>
Sept. 16	<b>Area 1 and Area 2 Zoom Conference - 9:30 begins! Please come!</b>
Oct. 14	<b>Marshall Brodien ~ Professional Magician Dover Straits Restaurant</b>
Oct. 27—28	<b>IRTA 70th Anniversary , Crowne Plaza, Springfield</b>
Nov. 11	<b>Charlie Carpenter ~ WWII Merchant Marines</b>
Dec. 9	<b>Holiday Fun</b>



Questions on IRTA? Come meet Jessica, next month!



**PLEASE REGISTER YOURSELF! LCRTA will reimburse you for:**  
Registration fees (\$45.00); Monday Banquet (\$40); and  
Transportation (if 3 in car) **after you attend the Conference!**



2025 Biennial IRTA Convention – Celebrating 70 Years of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association!

**OCTOBER 27TH—28TH**

**Springfield Crowne Plaza Hotel  
3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy,  
Springfield**

For Registration, Hotel, & Meals, go to:  
<https://www.irtaonline.org/2025-irta-biennial-convention/>

**TRS (Teachers Retirement System)**  
P.O. Box 19253  
Springfield, IL 62702-9253  
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## IRTA ELECTIONS

### August 25 - October 10 (Midnight)

Yes! Elections has been hired for the electronic tabulation.

We are only voting on two Presidential Candidates and Constitutional Changes.

All election results will be announce at the Biennial Convention!

Ballots will be sent out in August.

**All Members with valid emails on file with the IRTA will receive their ballot via email unless you have requested a paper ballot.**

**If you need to update your email with IRTA please call the office at (217) 523-8488 or email: [irta@irtaonline.org](mailto:irta@irtaonline.org)**

### August 28 – Meet the Presidential Candidates



**Live Broadcast!**

**Hear directly from the candidates as they discuss the issues that matter most and share their vision for the future of IRTA.**

### September 11 – Meet the Candidates (Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer)

### September 16 - Area 1 and Area Virtual IRTA Conference

**Please come and join our [Area Rep, Wendy Wiegers!](#) IRTA Member Benefits, Travel Opportunities, Convention Updates & Much More! Plus a drawing for a gift card!**

