



News Sheet "Update" November 11, 2025 ~ #52

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Lambs Farm Magnolia Café & Bakery ~ Noon

Charlie Carpenter

"The Beginning of the Merchant Marines & Merchant Marines in World War II"

Veterans—Thank you for your service!



Charlie was born and raised in Charleston, Illinois, graduating from Charleston HS in 1961. He continued to live at home while he attended Eastern Illinois University as a math major and journalism minor. In 1965, he started teaching math in Milford, Illinois. In 1976 he got a master's in Guidance and Counseling and in 1977 got Administration credentials, all from EIU, but his first love was teaching math, coming to Waukegan Schools in 1980-81 where he retired in 1999 with 30 years of teaching.

Retirement: The next two years he was a math book editor for Prentice Hall. During the bowling league season, he bowls in three leagues, bowling another three times a week with an assortment of senior bowlers year-round! His sister Vera Pratt turned 104 on October 8, 2025. She is lucid, but has memory problems and is in hospice care in a nursing home.



2025 LAKE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Dec. 9	Holiday Fun
Jan. 2026	NO MEETING!
Feb. 10	Linda Clifford ~ <i>Bricks of History, Mortar of Imagination, How an Historical Fiction is Built</i>
March 10	Kimberly Ortega ~ <i>Great Lakes Women Navy Museum</i>
April 14	Attorney Michael A. Goldberg <i>Encore Presentation: Important Documents</i>
May 12	Lida Rivera ~ <i>Discovering Elawa Farm, Lake Forest</i>
June 9	Lake County Forest Preserves: Woodpeckers of Lake County
July	NO MEETING!
Aug. 11	TRS Trustees: Doug Strang, Rainey Kaplan
Sept. 8	Marti Swanson: Meet the Candidates
Oct. 13	Edizon Dayao



Congratulations
to ...

Linda Davis ~
LCRTA Retired
Teacher of the
Year



Wendy Wiegers ~
W.C. Petty Award

TRS (Teachers Retirement System)

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LCRTA (Lake County Retired Teachers Association)

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Congratulations to . . .
LCRTA ~ 2025 IRTA Unit of Distinction Award
Wendy Wiegers ~ LCRTA's 2025 IRTA Unit Honoree
Thank you for attending IRTA's 70th
Anniversary Biennial Convention:
Wendy Wiegers, Deborah Lawson, Hillary
Sylvester, Linda Davis, Charlie Carpenter,
and Ethel Tsausis



**Thank you,
 Angel Barry,
 for your photography!
 We are "thankful" for
 you!**

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