



# Grand Forks Area Retired Teachers Association

August, 2011

Welcome back to another year of fun, fellowship, and learning! Our planning committees have been busy and it should be an exciting year! We begin the year with the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual ND Retired Teachers State Convention in Bismarck. The dates are Aug 30- 31 and if you haven't received a registration form, e mail me or call and I will get information out to you.

**September through May we will meet on the third Tuesday of each month @ noon @ the Ramada Inn.** The cost of each luncheon will remain the same as the last few years -- \$11. This includes the cost of the luncheon, beverage & tip, use of the facilities, sound system, etc. Please be accurate when the calling committee contacts you for reservations each month as the treasury will be charged for all pre-ordered meals.

Our annual dues are \$29 (\$24 state + \$5 local) and can be mailed to Carol Fosse, 3104 Chestnut, or paid at the September meeting if you didn't already pay last spring. Checks can be made out to GFRTA. You may choose to have NDRTA deduct them for you automatically. Ask the treasurers about this convenient service.

This year we will continue our 50/50 fundraiser. Tickets will be \$1 each and you may purchase as many tickets as you wish each month. The person whose ticket is drawn will receive half of the money contributed. The other half of the money goes in the to-be-donated fund. Hope everyone participates!

I am excited and humbled to be your president again this year. I look forward to each meeting and fellowship with each of you. Cheryl Nyhlen and her program committee have some excellent programs lined up. Our treasurers are working with the Ramada to have delicious affordable lunches. What could be more fun!

Speaking of fun, we heartily encourage our new retirees and others who have not been a part of our organization to participate this year! We welcome you to join your colleagues in supporting TFFR lobbying efforts, learning about new things, and sharing common stories.

See you in September!

~Ginny Bollman, president of GFRTA



# GFRTA Programs for 2011-12

**Sep 20** -- John Reitmeier, radio personality and tech business, "Everything You've Heard Is Not True"

Menu: Grilled Chicken Salad with bread sticks

**Oct 18** -- Peter Gravdahl, high school student and son of Charles and Mary Gravdahl, "My IEP for Autism"

Menu: Lasagna, bread stick, tossed salad

**Nov 15** -- John Hanson, retired military, "The Forgotten Warriors"

Menu: Roast Beef on a Kaiser roll, tossed salad, dessert

**Dec 20** -- Leah Byzewski, Myra museum curator, "From Father Christmas to Santa Claus: Christmas Traditions for Victorian England to Post WWII America"

Menu: Turkey Tidbits and mashed potatoes, vegetable

**Jan 17** -- Emily Spicer, owner and entrepreneur, "My Wise Weight"

Menu: Beef Tips and Noodles, vegetable medley, salad

**Feb 21** -- Don Uhlenberg, retired UND and musician, "Too Old to Die Young"

Menu: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean almondine

**Mar 20** -- Chuck Haga, media reporter, "Stories, Stories, Stories"

Menu: Quiche, tossed salad, fruit/dessert

**Apr 17** -- Salawah Ahmed, "Egyptian Culture"

Menu: Sloppy Joe, chips, tossed salad, dessert

**May 15** -- Charlie Johnson, TV personality, "My Life in TV—the Changing Scene"

Menu: Chicken salad croissant, potato salad, ice cream

## Officers & Committee Chairs

President:	Ginny Bollman	775-3466
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E mail me with any suggestions, ideas, questions. I'll try to find answers,

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