

RTA Longford Meeting June 12th, 2014

A meeting of Longford Branch of the Retired Teachers' Association was held in place on Thursday, June 12th, 2014 at 12.00 noon in the Richmond Inn, Clondra. Denis Desmond, General Secretary, RTAI, attended. There were 22 members present.

Chairperson, Leo Donlon, presided and welcomed all to the meeting. He welcomed, in particular, Denis Desmond, General Secretary, RTAI.

Dennis addressed the meeting.

He discussed the following topics:

Medical Card Review:

Medical cards allocation has been means tested since 2009. All information regarding salary and other incomes must be sent with application

Croke Park 2 /Haddington Road Agreement:

An alliance of all retired public servants has been formed to put pressure on the Government to repeal the FEMPI (Financial Emergency Measure in the Public Interest) legislation and to restore pension.

Health Insurance:

There are four Health Insurance companies. VHI alone has 23 plans. Dermot Goode, an expert on Health Insurance, is an independent adviser.

Trauma:

There is a trained counsellor available on the phone or face to face for RTA members who are experiencing trauma. The first three sessions are free. For more information contact RTA Ireland at 01-2454130

Comhar Linn:

Members were advised to join Comhar Linn Credit Union

Financial Services:

Padraig O'Connor is a certified financial planner. Consultations with Padraig are free for the first year and will cost €20 per month thereafter. He can be contacted through RTA Ireland

Travel Insurance:

A new travel insurance deal is being negotiated by RTA Ireland

Breast Cancer Research:

Dr. Terri McVeigh conducted research, on those who volunteered, by taking DNA samples.

This concluded the business of the meeting

