



North Dakota State Retired Teachers Convention Program
“STICKING TOGETHER, WE STAY SHARP”

Hosted by Greater Grand Forks Retired Teachers Association at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks
Tuesday, September 9, and Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

- 7:30 AM **Registration -- Coffee w/ Muffins – Ballroom 4 Pre-Function**
- 9:15 Tour Bus Leaves **Outside of Entrance 5**
UND Aerospace Center
- 9:15 Concurrent Workshop Session
Workshop 1 – Eric Ripley, Career & Technical Education--Oriole Meeting Room
Workshop 2 – Dr. Shelbie Witte, Dean of UND College of
Education and Human Development –
Mourning Dove Meeting Room
- 10:15 Concurrent Workshop Session
Workshop 1 – Eric Ripley -- Oriole Meeting Room
Workshop 2 – Dr. Shelbie Witte – Mourning Dove Room
- 11:15 **Tour Participants Return to Alerus**
- 11:30 **Regional Advisory Council Meeting – Pheasant Meeting Room**
(Representatives from the 12 Local ND Retired Teachers Units Meet to Share News from each Local -- Major Events, Regular Meetings, Scholarships, Recruitment, Publicity, Volunteer and Charitable Activities ...).
If representing your local unit, your Reservation on the Registration Form, is appreciated.
ND RTA provides lunch for representatives
- Noon Lunch on Own
- 1:00 PM - **Opening Session – Ballroom 4** (Door Prize Drawings throughout Convention)
Presentation of Colors - JROTC
National Anthem OR Pledge of Allegiance - All
GGFRTA President, Brad Srur, Welcome
Welcome from Mayor of Grand Forks
ND RTA State President, Sherryl Weisenberger, Welcome / Information
TFFR -- State Retirement and Investment Reports
North Dakota United – Nick Archuleta
- 2:15 PM **Coffee Break – Pre-Function Ballroom 4**
- 2:30 PM **NDRTA Business Session – Ballroom 4**
Call to order, NDRTA President, Sherryl Weisenberger
Secretary’s Report
Treasurer’s Report
Other Officers’ Reports and Resolutions
AARP Update / Presentation – Margaret Fitzgerald
- 6:30 PM **Banquet – Ballroom 4**
Entertainment – Tamara Bertram and Little Dakota Celtic



Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:00 AM **Registration – Ballroom 4 Pre Function**
Coffee



(Before Attending Sessions -- Reminder: Motel Room Check-Out)

9:30-10:20 Concurrent Workshop Sessions --
**Workshop 3 – Lillian Ellsinga, My Family’s Part in WWII
Resistance Movement – Oriole Room**
**Workshop 4 – All Seasons Gardening Center—Succulents
and Cacti-- Mourning Dove Room**

10:30-11:20 Concurrent Workshop Sessions --
Workshop 5 -- Exercises for Strength and Balance, Oriole
**Workshop 6 – Connie Sherwood, Journey Home-Pet
Rescue & Fostering--Mourning Dove**

11:30 AM **Luncheon & Closing Session – Ballroom 4**
Awards, Volunteer Hours Drawing,
ND Retired Teachers Memorial –
Installation of Officers,
Invitation to 2026 Convention,
President NDRTA, Sherryl Weisenberger –
Closing Comments and Adjournment