



# School's Out Gazette

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## From Our 2017-2018 President, Terry Becker

### And then it was all over!

That's how I'm feeling these days. For the last two years I have worked with our incredible board to get the speakers, entertainment, caterers and volunteers in place for the Retired Teacher luncheons. And now I have one more newsletter article to finish before I become a past president. (I'm gonna get me a custom t-shirt!!) But before I go, just a couple of final pushes.

First is a reminder that at the last meeting we explained the need to increase the yearly dues from \$10 to \$15. We will have a vote on this at the luncheon in May. The money we pay at the door barely covers the cost of our lunch. Unfortunately, the many other practical and administrative costs that go with making this organization possible must be covered by our dues, and the income isn't matching the outflow.

The second "push" is an all-call to you to bring us some new friends!! We will be sending out an invitation to all teachers in the EVSC who are retiring to join us for the August meeting. Sometimes they respond - many times they don't. And, honestly, their mail boxes will be filled with "invitations" to fill their time in retirement. Beyond the fact that our membership needs to grow, I think we offer a great way to stay connected to the community we spent a good bit of our lives building. You know as well as I that a personal invitation from a friend for lunch is much more appealing than a blanket email inviting you to come on over. As much as I appreciate and enjoy the food, programs and speakers at our meetings, it's the time I get to reconnect with old friends that keeps me coming back. That is one reason we have so many of you who come early and stay late every time. So, we are asking you to reach out to old friends and new retirees and invite them to join us for a nice lunch. Fill a table with folks with whom you enjoy visiting. What the heck - be a big spender and buy their lunch! Our feeling is that once people get here and get involved, they will come back.

Finally, I need to say thanks to everyone for a successful year. Special recognition should go to all the members on the Board of Directors. Many of these people have worked in their current positions for years without a lot of recognition or "thanks," and they really keep our organization going. I started to name some of them who have made my job so easy, but this article suddenly started to become a small book. I certainly didn't realize before I came onto the Board just how much work was being done in the background to keep us moving forward. Walt Lewis inherits, as did I, a well-oiled machine that does some pretty incredible work.

### So.... One big Thank You to everyone and.....Curtain!!



The fifth and final ERTA luncheon for this school year will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at the American Baptist East Church at 6300 Washington Avenue. We will start at 11:30 for socializing, and lunch will follow at 12 noon. The cost is \$12. We are excited to have Patrick Shoulders for our speaker. This is another one you don't want to miss!

Please reply to this email invitation by Monday, April 30, only if you plan to attend, and include your name and number of reservations.

**Reminder:** If you need to cancel a reservation you made, please call Brenda Beeler (812-422-1637) or email me at [dianaeluck@gmail.com](mailto:dianaeluck@gmail.com) ASAP. Monday, May 7, is the last day to cancel your reservation without being charged since ERTA will have to pay for any meals after that date.

FYI: In August you will be replying to Jane Staton for your ERTA reservations. Thank you, Jane, for taking over this responsibility. I will continue to send the invitations and newsletters.

Let's get together for a luncheon with good food and an amazing speaker, who is one of our esteemed EVSC graduates.

#### MENU BY COUNTRY CUPBOARD

Broasted Chicken

Pork Tenderloin w/Apricot Sauce

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans - Corn

Salad - Rolls - Dessert

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## Message from Our President-Elect, Walt Lewis

Can you recall the wonderful feeling you had as an elementary student when the calendar turned toward late May and the last day of school and the summer approached? I couldn't wait: Just imagine being barefoot every day. Remember? It was the best! It far surpassed trick or treating, Santa Claus, birthdays, or family trips to the St. Louis Zoo; it was in a class by itself.



I can still recall those last school days that preceded the "total freedom" of summer. The time was filled with mixed feelings: the fear of failing math, the bus trip to Mesker to see Kay the elephant and the monkey ship, the embarrassment of holding hands with a member of the opposite sex as we circled the May pole.

As the end neared, we had to clean out our desks, where we discovered crumpled lined tablet sheets of forgotten homework, a single mitten, a crumpled valentine, a signed parent permission slip for a polio shot, and numerous Double Bubble gum wrappers. I remember the sweaty end-of-the-year awards program, which went on forever and always resulted in the same clean-faced girl getting a certificate (suitable for framing, of course). Most of us just wanted it to be over. Really how could we get excited every year about the fifth-grade band playing "Red River Valley" and "America the Beautiful."

But, at last it arrived--the last day! It brought the fear of not being promoted to the next grade and the anxiety about next year's teacher. What great fear that it could be "old man Schwartz," who was grouchy and wore the same tie and dark slacks every day! We all wanted Miss Collins, who was two years out of college, had short hair, and smelled nice. She always said, "Good Morning!" and even hugged you if you were upset or just needed a hug.

Then it ended!! The bell rang, and all raced for the door, report cards in hand and a new brown paper sack filled with books and school "junk" to take home. School was out! Summer would last forever!

## ERTA Speaker May 2018

**Patrick Shoulders, the speaker for our May luncheon, has a longtime connection with the EVSC. He is the present corporate attorney for the corporation, a former student, the husband of a former student, and the parent of former students. He is also a longtime trustee of Indiana University. He is certainly a friend of teachers, past and present, and a very dangerous man when he has a live microphone in his hand.**



## ERTA Speaker for March 8, 2018



May 3, 2018 ..... Board Meeting at American Baptist East 1:00 p.m.  
May 10, 2018 ..... Luncheon Meeting American Baptist East 11:30 a.m.  
August 24 and 25, 2018 ..... Frog Follies  
June 13, 2018 ..... IRTA Representative Assembly, Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis  
TBA Legislative Lobby Day  
TBD UE and USI Scholarship Banquets

## Evansville Retired Teachers Association

### Executive Board Meeting

March 1, 2018

Call to Order: President Terry Becker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at American Baptist East Church and welcomed everyone. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Brenda Beeler, Darlene Brockriede, Fred Bullinger, Pat Claybaugh, Steve Fritz, Judy Isaac, Walt Lewis, Diana Luck, Diane Meier, Don Mosbey, Fred Naab, David Pfettscher, Donna Schmidt, Sandra Schmidt, Tom Wiggers, and Lino Wiseman.

Acceptance of Agenda: Terry asked that today's agenda be accepted with flexibility.

Diane Meier made a motion to accept today's agenda with flexibility. Tom Wiggers seconded the motion. The board passed the motion unanimously.

Approval of Executive Board Minutes from December 7, 2017: The minutes were accepted as printed.

#### Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed a financial report as of December 31, 2017, which will be filed for audit. Lino also distributed several charts showing that our expenses for 2016 and 2017 were greater than our income. Board members discussed the situation and decided that the dues needed to be increased. David Pfettscher made a motion to raise dues to \$15 for teacher members. Judy Isaac seconded the motion. Tom Wiggers amended the motion to read that the board recommended raising the dues for teacher members to \$15. Judy Isaac seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed unanimously.

(Note: Terry contacted board members by email after the meeting and asked about associate members. The response from board members was that dues for associate members should be increased to \$10.)

President-Elect: Walt Lewis announced the following slate of officer candidates: Steve Fritz for president-elect (2018/2019); Fred Bullinger, Don Mosbey, and Fred Naab for directors (2018-2020); and Sandra Schmidt for secretary (2018-2020). Steve Fritz will move up to president in the spring of 2019.

Immediate Past President: Tom Wiggers has selected ARC for the Special Project. Funds from the Special Projects account will be awarded at the luncheon in May. The exact amount is yet to be determined.

#### Committee Reports:

Community Service: Pat Claybaugh announced that ERTA members volunteered 31,051 hours last year. Of that total, 16,454 were for youth.

Fellowship: Judy Isaac reminded those in attendance to notify the committee if a card needs to be sent.

Membership: Darlene Brockriede reported that a few more memberships have been received.

Programs: Walt spoke about Dr. James MacLeod, who will speak on "Evansville During World War II" at next week's luncheon. Attorney Pat Shoulders will be our speaker in May.

Reservations: Diana Luck reported 138 reservations for next week's luncheon.

ISTA Legislative: Diane Meier said that next year there will be a big push for a COLA during the long session. It has been 11 years since members received a COLA.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

Report on the Hensley Scholarship: Diane Meier distributed a list of Hensley Scholarship recipients. A total of \$11,590 was awarded. The recipients and their projects are the following: Jane Elgin (Oak Hill), National Board Certification as an Early Childhood Generalist; Kimberly Elpers (North Junior High), Carnegie Melton Robotics Academy; Kellie Forney (Cynthia Heights) and Jenny Howard (Stringtown), Get Your Teach On Conference; Jane Gilbert (McGary), Art Education Association Conference; Kathy Heidorn (Bosse), School Climate and Culture Conference; Svitlana Reynolds (Itinerant ESL Teacher), School Climate and Culture Conference; Holly Thomas and Megan Bander (Oak Hill), I Teach K Conference; and Tim Wilhelmus (Technology and Innovation Center), Ed Camp Magic –Bringing creativity, STEM subjects, and brain-based learning together.

Sylvia Blice, Judy Isaac, Donna Lutz, and Donna Schmidt worked with Diane to determine the recipients and the amounts to be awarded.

Tom Wiggers made a motion to approve the list of recommended recipients. Don Mosbey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

LST Proposal: Earl Pfetscher submitted a proposal about scheduling a tour of the LST. There was some discussion, but no decision was made.

Announcement: The next ERTA Executive Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 3, 2018.

Adjournment: David Pfetscher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fred Bullinger seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



Please email any contact changes (including cell number if you dropped your landline) to Darlene Brockriede, brockriede@twc.com.

## Evansville Retired Teachers Association

### Luncheon Meeting

March 8, 2018

Call to Order: President Terry Becker called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. at the American Baptist East Church Fellowship Hall. He welcomed those in attendance and asked that we invite members who haven't been coming to the luncheons.

Introduction of the Head Table: Terry introduced President-Elect Walt Lewis and Chaplain Ed Wessel. Walt introduced Dr. James MacLeod, a professor at the University of Evansville and today's speaker. His topic is "Evansville During World War II."

Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Rogers led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blessing: Chaplain Ed Wessel asked that we observe a moment of silence in memory of the 17 young lives lost recently in Florida. He then prayed and asked that we join him in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Lunch Service: Walt dismissed those at the head table. Then, members and their guests were dismissed by tables.

#### Business Meeting:

Approval of December 14, 2017, Luncheon Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

Note of Thanks: Terry read a note of appreciation from The Salvation Army for ERTA's \$805 donation. The money was contributed by members and their guests who attended the December luncheon and meeting.

Dues: At last week's meeting, board members voted to increase the dues after learning that our expenses are greater than our income. The teacher member dues will increase to \$15, associate member dues to \$10. According to ERTA Bylaws, a vote must be taken at the spring meeting.

Installation of Officers: Terry reported that officer installation will take place at the next luncheon meeting. Walt announced the following slate of officer candidates: Steve Fritz for president-elect (2018/2019); Fred Bullinger, Don Mosbey, and Fred Naab for directors (2018-2020); and Sandra Schmidt for secretary (2018-2020). Steve Fritz will move up to president in the spring of 2019.

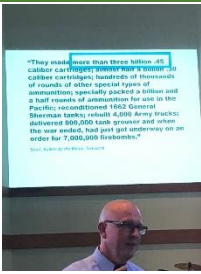
Information: Terry said that there is a possibility that a tour of the LST could be scheduled.

Door Prizes: Drawings were held for three \$10 Starbucks gift cards.

May Program: Attorney Pat Shoulders will be the speaker.

Today's Program: Dr. James MacLeod spoke about the transformation of Evansville for the war effort. Fifty to seventy companies switched to producing war materials. In addition, two new industries sprang up within a matter of months; one built the Landing Ship Tanks and the other built P-47 Thunderbolts.

Dr. MacLeod also spoke about how the number of industrial workers in prewar Evansville, about 18,000, increased to 60,000-80,000 at the peak of the war. Additional housing was built by the federal



government to help house the influx of workers. He added that this was a transformational time for women and the black population because they began working in the factories.

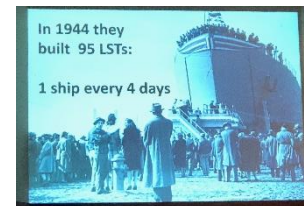
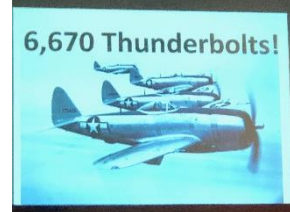
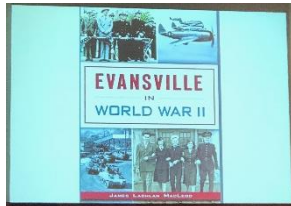


At the end of his presentation, Dr. MacLeod noted that there is an Evansville Wartime Museum.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

Just a fraction of the very interesting information from Dr. MacLeod's outstanding presentation



**Congratulations to the following EVSC educators who were awarded Hensley Scholarships.**

- Megan Bander, Jane Elgin, and Holly Titus - Oak Hill Elementary School
- Kimberly Elpers - North Junior High School
- Kellie Forney - Cynthia Heights Elementary School
- Jane Gilbert - McGary Middle School
- Kathy Heidorn, Svitlana Reynolds - Bosse High School
- Jenny Howard - Stringtown Elementary School
- Tim Wilhelmus - Technology and Innovation Center

**A total of \$11,400 was awarded in order for these professionals to pursue professional development opportunities.** Diane Meier

**Message from Jim Sharp, ERTA Frog Follies Coordinator**

Frog Follies has been a neat project for our chapter for many years. Our chapter provides 90 workers each year to register 3,500 plus number of cars for this event. Proceeds from this event benefit several charitable organizations in our community. Dates for Frog Follies this year are August 24, 25. You would work a maximum of 3.5 hours in an air-conditioned building. We need some new workers. If you would like to work either Friday morning, Friday afternoon or Saturday call me at 812-454-2720 or email me at [Katsharp623@aol.com](mailto:Katsharp623@aol.com). THIS APPLIES ONLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER WORKED FROG FOLLIES. Those who have worked previously, I will be contacting you in late June.



**ERTA Trivia No. 11**

Since ERTA'S inception in 1962, the organization has had 50 different presidents. In the 1960s and 1970s five presidents served two years. The last one to serve two years was Patricia Eager from 2009-2011.

Submitted by Darla Olberding, Historian

**IN MEMORIAM**

Jack Benjamin..... March 15, 2018  
 Richard "Dick" Houglund..... March 19, 2018

**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

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**EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**Treasurer's Report by Lino Wiseman**

**February 28, 2018**



CHECKING ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance Feb 1, 2018			\$4,298.38
Income			
Interest		0.16	
<u>Ending Balance Feb. 28, 2018</u>			<u>\$4,298.54</u>
REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance Feb 1, 2018			240.16
Interest		0.02	
<u>Ending Balance Feb. 28, 2018</u>			<u>240.18</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT			
Beginning Balance Feb 1, 2018			\$15.00
<u>Ending Balance Feb. 28, 2018</u>			<u>\$15.00</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26			
Beginning Balance Feb 1, 2018			1,316.30
Interest		0.11	
<u>Ending Balance Feb. 28, 2018</u>			<u>1,316.41</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 2 CD's			
Beginning Balance Feb 1, 2018			37,429.86
Interest		63.17	
<u>Ending Balance Feb. 28, 2018</u>			<u>37,493.03</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>\$43,363.16</b>



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