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From Our 2018-2019 President, Walt Lewis

Remember . . . ?

Most of us Evansville natives who were teenagers in the 1950s remember the southeast corner of Sixth and Main. Others from that time period may recall similar spots in their hometowns. For you younger folks, this is a history lesson. Sixth and Main was a very popular spot, day and night, because it was a major point of transfer for the city buses. Since most of us rode the bus to school or work, we often changed buses there. A bus ride was such a step up from walking home, which for me was on Weinbach Avenue near the old Vogel School, quite a walk from downtown. Bus fare was a dime, and that included a paper transfer, if needed, which allowed us to ride another bus or buses to our destinations. Directly across the street from the bus stop was Evansville's premier theater--the Loew's Victory, currently the Victory. Just south of the theater was a Planters Peanut store--doors open wide with the freshly roasted peanut smell always in the air. Across from the peanut store were two popular shopping points, Neisner's and Woolworth's Five-and-Dime. At the bus stop was the Wax Works record store, the best place to buy the latest 45s or the newest tune on the hit parade. Also, at this corner was the Lib's downtown candy store. It was too enticing. The very finest chocolates were on display, but the real traffic stopper was the automated taffy puller, with its mesmerizing stretching of that day's flavor of delicious taffy. Standing there for fifteen to thirty minutes, salivating for the candy but with just enough money for the bus ride home, was pure torture.

When at last the bus arrived and we boarded, dropping in our dimes or tokens, we were on our way. Those were the days--or were they??



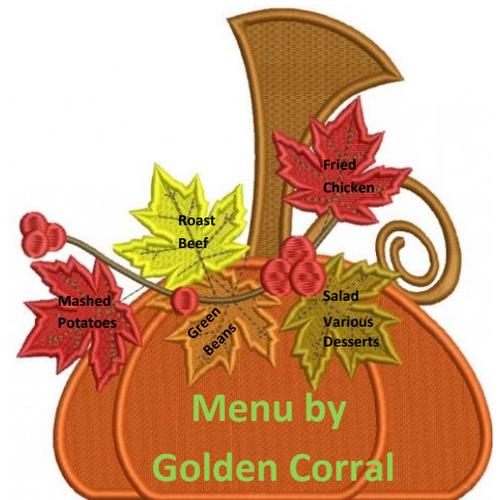
The second ERTA luncheon for this school year will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018, at the American Baptist East Church at 6300 Washington Avenue. We will start at 11:30 a.m. for socializing, and lunch will follow at 12 noon. The cost is \$12. Dues of \$15 (\$10 for associate members) will be collected also. Please pay your dues by October 31. Forms are available in this newsletter and at the luncheon. ERTA will pick up the cost of the membership dues for the first year for new retirees.

Important Program: The program will be provided by Jed Medler. Jed is a member of the ETFCU Fraud Division and will be letting us know how to keep our finances safe.

Procedure: Please "Reply to All" to my e-mail invitation by Monday, October 1, only if you plan to attend, and include your name and number of reservations. The count will be reported at the Board meeting on October 4.

Reminder: If you need to cancel a reservation you made, please call Jane at (812) 480-5289 (she no longer has a landline) or email her at mymomjane@aol.com. Monday, October 8, is the last day to cancel your reservation without being charged since ERTA will have to pay for any meals after that date.

We are looking forward to seeing you in October. Diana Luck



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Message from President-Elect Steve Fritz

“There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service,” announced the pastor. After the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the auditorium for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst—a visitor who had never attended their church before. “My friend,” said the pastor, “didn’t you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?”

“Yes,” said the visitor, “and after today’s sermon I suppose I’m just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting.”

I think this is a cute and amusing story; however, I would ask you to give serious consideration to the following. I would like you to think about a large room with beautiful tapestry, thick pile carpeting, a large rectangular-shaped mahogany table, and a dozen or so comfortable chairs. This room represents your personal Board Room around which you will seat your personal Board of Directors.



Your Board will represent those people who have been most influential in your life. People who have challenged you, stretched you, found ways to let you know they cared for you and supported you in a variety of meaningful ways.

For me, my mother sits at my left and my father at my right. In addition, I seat several educational professionals and a variety of other people.

Only you can seat your personal Board of Directors. No one gets to decline. Even death will not remove them.

If there are members of your Board still living, I would encourage you to let them know, before it is too late, that you have included them on your personal Board of Directors.

It is my wish for you that you serve on the personal Board of many of your former students, colleagues, family, and friends--and at some point, they inform you of such.

A study years ago indicated that when people were asked to seat their personal Board of Directors, nearly half of those listed were former educators.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, “The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you lived and lived well.”
(Happiness is a by-product.)

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS
ERTA 2018-2019

- October Board Meeting..... October 4
- IRTA Fall Workshops – Regions 8 and 9 - Location changed to Montgomery, Indiana October 8
- October Luncheon/Program October 11
- Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck November 10
- December Board Meeting December 6
- December Luncheon/Program..... December 13
- Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck February 10
- March Board Meeting March 7
- March Luncheon/Program March 14
- Legislative Brunch – Indianapolis April 9
- Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck April 10
- USI Scholarship Banquet..... TBD
- UE Scholarship Banquet..... April 20
- May Board Meeting May 2
- May Luncheon/Program May 9
- IRTA Representative Assembly, Indy June 12



Service/Volunteer Hours

Please, please, please...keep track of your volunteer hours as we use these hours when we lobby the Legislators. Pat Claybaugh will distribute forms in October for collection in December. See the sample form below.

Questions: Contact Pat Claybaugh at (812) 428-0586 or at lclaybaugh@aol.com.

Community Service Volunteer Hours

Your Name: _____
Your Telephone Number: _____

Please fill out the form below and return it to Patricia Claybaugh.

Volunteer Youth Hours: _____

Other Hours: _____

Total Hours of Service for 201 : _____

Anything you do, except caring for a family member, counts. Travel time to and from an event counts as well as time spent on the computer or telephone committee.

You may put this information in the basket on the check-in table at the December meeting.

You may send information to me by...

Email: lclaybaugh@aol.com

Phone: (812) 428 – 0586 (Please be sure to leave your name.)

Snail Mail: 5901 Hogue Road, Evansville, IN 47712

I need your hours by December 31, 201. Thank you for participating in this important activity. Volunteer hours count when talking to legislators.

Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Executive Board Meeting

August 2, 2018

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

Approval of May 10, 2018, Executive Board Minutes: The minutes were accepted as corrected to read that Donna Schmidt seconded the motion made by Tom Wiggers for the purchase of candy to welcome back teachers on their first day.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed reports containing the following information:

1. The IRS Tax Form and the Indiana Department of Revenue Tax Form were submitted on July 11, 2018.
2. ERTA ended the year with an excess of \$84.95 compared to \$694.19 last year.
3. The Hensley Account has \$27,818; therefore, money awarded to active teachers to attend conferences, workshops, etc., will last two or more years. Lino asked if the board wanted to change the amount awarded each year or keep the amount at \$10,000. If \$10,000 is awarded each of the next two years, the remaining amount could be given to UE and USI to fund scholarships. Diane Meier, who chairs the Scholarship Committee, said that the original intent of this scholarship was once the money was gone that was it.
4. Lino reported that Darla Olberding had audited the books on August 1, 2018, and found them to be in order.

Community Service: Pat Claybaugh announced that forms for listing volunteer hours will be distributed at the October luncheon and collected at the December luncheon.

Fellowship/Necrology: Judy Isaac said that members should send an address along with the name when a card is to be sent.

Membership: Darlene Brockriede informed the board that 65 newsletters were mailed to those who don't have e-mail or who have not given us an e-mail address.

There was some discussion about how to better reach newly retired teachers. A number of board members had contacted new retirees before the school year ended. Walt reported that he had sent a letter to each new retiree during the summer.

Programs: President-Elect Steve Fritz announced programs that are already scheduled. Jo Frohbieter-Mueller and Jim Zelle will provide a program featuring Civil War era music at the August meeting. Jed Medler, who heads the ETFCU Fraud Division, will speak in October. Sharon Sorenson, a retired teacher, will speak on "The Miracle of Migration" in March. Dr. Becker, the Dean of the new IU Medical School, will speak in May. The program for December is yet to be determined.

Publicity: Walt introduced and welcomed Doris Beard, who is now chair of this committee.

Reservations: Diana Luck reported 139 reservations at this time. Steve Fritz said that Wolf's will caterer the luncheon.

IRTA Liaison/Legislative: Diane Meier noted that we will receive a stipend this year in September but added that we haven't received a COLA since 2007. She reminded us that Indiana has borrowed from the Retirement Fund. Gov. Daniels did pay back some of the money, but much is still owed.

Historian: Darla Olberding informed the board that the ERTA Archives are stored at Willard Library.

Information Items:

1. Candy will be delivered to the schools on August 6, 2018, to welcome the teachers back on their first official day.
2. Frog Follies will take place on August 24-26, 2018.
3. The Fall Workshop for Areas 8 and 9 will held at the Career and Tech Center in Evansville on October 8, 2018.

Announcement: The next ERTA Board Meeting will be on Thursday, October 4, 2018.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Luncheon Meeting

August 9, 2018

Call to Order: President Walt Lewis called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed everyone. He asked the new retirees to stand.

Introduction of the Head Table: Walt Introduced Jo Frohbieter-Mueller and Jim Zelle, who will provide today's entertainment. He then introduced President-Elect Steve Fritz and Chaplain Ed Wessel.

Pledge of Allegiance: John Koehler led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blessing: Chaplain Ed Wessel prayed before the meal.

Lunch: Those seated at the head table went first. Members and their guests were dismissed by tables based on events of the Civil War.

Membership in Teacher Organizations: After lunch, Walt spoke about the importance of being a member of any organization that represents teachers to the General Assembly in Indianapolis. That is what the Indiana Retired Teachers Association does. The stipend teachers receive in September wouldn't happen without the work of IRTA.

A Word of Thanks: Walt thanked those who delivered bags of candy to schools in the EVSC on Monday, August 6, to welcome teachers back to the classroom. The candy delivery teams included the following: Terry Becker, Brenda Beeler, Pat Claybaugh, Steve Fritz, Judy Isaac, Donna Lutz, Diane Meier, Darla Olberding, Sandra Schmidt, and Bob Suhrheinrich.

Frog Follies: ERTA receives funds from Frog Follies because a number of our members volunteer to work at the event. Anyone who wishes to volunteer should contact Jim Sharp, chair of this committee.

Volunteer Hours: Walt reminded members to keep track of their volunteer hours, which will be collected at the December meeting.

Program: Steve Fritz introduced Jo Frohbieter-Mueller, also known as the Renaissance Lady, and Jim Zelle. The program was described as being a show-and-tell. Those in attendance listened to music of the Civil War era played on a drum, various fifes, and a piccolo; in addition, members learned about Drum and Fife Corps whose biggest job was to send information to troops while a battle was in progress. Each regiment had its own corps.

Door Prizes: Drawings were held for three gift cards.

Announcement: The speaker at the October luncheon will be Jed Medler from the Fraud Division of the Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary





Please e-mail any contact changes (including cell number if you dropped your landline) to Darlene Brockriede, brockriede@twc.com. She will be sending out an updated membership roster after October 31, the due date for dues.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

- ERTA Website www.erta.info
- EVSC Website..... <http://evscicats.com/evscnewsletter/category/latest-news/evsc-news/>
- IRTA 1-888-454-9333
- IRTA E-mail irta@retiredteachers.org
- ISTRF (Retirement Benefits) 1-888-286-3544
- Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield..... 1-800-368-9354
- Group Insurance Policies 1-800-258-7041
- IRTA Website www.retiredteachers.org
- ISTRF Website www.in.gov/trf

IN MEMORIAM

“Always in Our Hearts”

- Joyce Marlin..... September 4, 2018
- Louise Owen..... September 7, 2018

EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

2018-19 Membership Dues

Name _____ Date _____

Last First Middle Initial

Address _____

Street City State Zip+4 numbers

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail _____

Cell: (____) _____

Retired Teacher (\$15.00) _____

Associate Member (\$10.00) _____

I wish to make an additional contribution to the ERTA Scholarship Fund _____

Check # _____ TOTAL: _____

Make checks payable to: **EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (ERTA)**

Mail to: Lino Wiseman

5950 Knight Dr.

Evansville, IN 47715-3472

Message and Opportunity Shared by Tom Mellish, Executive Director IRTA:

September 22, 2018

Dear Retired Educators,

NRTA: *AARP's Educator Community* is honored to serve America's retired teachers and school personnel. We are incredibly proud of the work you have done to lift up generations of America's children through high-quality education and your continued service to your communities through tireless volunteerism.

I am writing today to make sure you and your members are aware of a volunteer opportunity in your area that is tailor-made to your experience and skills. **AARP Foundation Experience Corps** is a volunteer-based tutoring program that is proven to benefit students at a critical juncture in their education by helping them become great readers by the end of the third grade.

I've been hearing that a growing number of retired educators are volunteering for this important program, and I am excited that it is offered by the AARP family. AARP Foundation Experience Corps has more than **2,300 highly-trained volunteers** working in **20 cities**, serving **over 31,000 students** every year. Experience Corps puts your wisdom to work in your local community by helping young students become better readers.

If you or your members are interested in Experience Corps and would like to volunteer, please go to our website at <https://www.aarp.org/experience-corps/experience-corps-volunteer/>. If you would like to learn more about AARP Foundation Experience Corps, please feel free to go to <https://www.aarp.org/experience-corps/>.

You can also contact Tom Nicholls, NRTA Senior Legislative Representative, at 202-434-3765 or tnicholls@aarp.org if you have any questions. Once again, thank you for your dedicated service to America's children and for all that you do on behalf of your fellow retired teachers.

Sincerely,

Al Campos, Director

NRTA: AARP's Educator Community

TREASURER'S REPORT BY LINO WISEMAN



July 31, 2018

CHECKING ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance July 1, 2018			<u>\$1,998.10</u>
Income			
Interest		0.08	
Expenses			146.7
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2018</u>			<u>\$1,851.48</u>
REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance July 1, 2018			240.26
Interest		0.02	
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2018</u>			<u>240.28</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT			
Beginning Balance July 1, 2018			\$15.00
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2018</u>			<u>\$15.00</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26			
Beginning Balance July 1, 2018			1,708.89
Interest		0.16	
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2018</u>			<u>1,709.05</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 2 CD's			
Beginning Balance July 1, 2018			26,094.73
Interest		48.76	
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2018</u>			<u>26,143.49</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			\$29,959.30





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