



# School's Out Gazette

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## From Our 2019-2020 President, Steve Fritz

Greetings fellow teacher retirees, friends, and a special shout out to all new retirees who we hope will be joining our special retiree fellowship.

Our new season of entertaining and informative programs, as well as our delicious lunches and fellowship, are set to begin on August 8, 2019, at American Baptist East Fellowship Hall.

It is my honor to represent ERTA as your president for the 2019-2020 season. In my short tenure as a member of the ERTA Board, and last season as President-elect, I have been struck by the myriad of individuals who truly make this organization thrive. At the risk of leaving someone out, I want to recognize these unsung heroes. First, there are the Board Members who faithfully attend board meetings the week prior to each luncheon meeting. Then, there are those who take on special duties.

1. Sandra Schmidt, Secretary, takes meticulous minutes from each board meeting and luncheon.
2. Lino Wiseman, Treasurer, maintains our financial records and always knows where every penny is spent.
3. Diana Luck designs our award-winning newsletter and, along with Jane Staton, keeps track of our luncheon reservations.
4. Tom Wiggers, whose vast experience with ERTA, can offer sage advice and wisdom to new ERTA presidents when needed.
5. Jim Sharp, Frog Follies Chair, organizes and recruits all workers for the annual Frog Follies.
6. Diane Meier for years has represented ERTA to the Indiana Legislature and has been instrumental in retirees receiving an annual 13th check.
7. Andy Guarino continues to represent ERTA to the IRTA.
8. Gene VanStone has represented ERTA to the IRTA and has been instrumental in organizing a fund-raising golf scramble.
9. Mike Madriaga, Sandra Madriaga, and Victor Doty represent ERTA to the new Teacher Locker.
10. Dave Pfettscher organizes a group each luncheon to receive membership and luncheon fees and accounts for all attendees.
11. Darla Olberding is our historian and maintains the history of the organization.
12. Darlene Brockriede keeps track of our ERTA membership list.
13. Pat Claybaugh keeps track of and reports ERTA volunteer hours to IRTA.
14. Judy Isaac oversees Necrology—registering and acknowledging member deaths.
15. Fred Naab, Fred Bullinger, and Don Mosbey serve with the president-elect to provide board member nominations to the ERTA Board of Directors.
16. Ed Wessel, our ERTA chaplain, provides prayer and inspiration prior to all luncheons.
17. Ruby Rusk and Ella Shelton, whose church Fellowship Hall we are so fortunate to use, also provide our table settings, assist the caterers, and maintain the kitchen.
18. Don and Susan Mosbey are at each luncheon early to set out the desserts and prepare and provide our beverages.
19. Earsie Kelley, Frankye Calloway, and Doris Beard create and place a festive decoration on each table.
20. Jan Wiggers, for many years, provided lovely table decorations as well.
21. Past President Walt Lewis will work closely with your new president to make certain he doesn't "mess up."
22. President-elect Janet Leistner plans the luncheon menus and all luncheon programs. She will also monitor Walt Lewis to make certain he doesn't allow the president to "mess up."
23. President Steve Fritz--if all the people listed above do their duties exceedingly well, as they always have done, then there will be very little for Steve to do, and therefore it should be a great season of fun and fellowship.

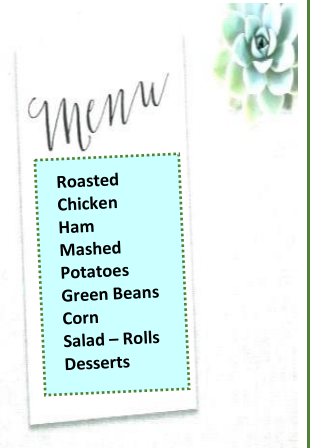
Please come and join us!

The first ERTA luncheon for this school year will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2019, at the American Baptist East Church at 6300 Washington Avenue. The cost of the lunch provided by Golden Corral is \$12. Dues of \$15 (\$10 Associate) will be collected also. The August lunch for the 2019 retirees is free. Also, the first year's ERTA dues are complimentary for the 2019 retirees.

Special Program: The August 8 program will be a visit from members of the Evansville Radio Control Model Aircraft Club (ERCMAC) who will share information about their club and how they support school and community initiatives. They will bring samples of their airplanes and explain how they build and prepare their planes for flight. The club always welcomes spectators at their facility and works closely with prospective members who wish to learn more about this exciting hobby, suitable for all ages.

Please "reply all" to Jane Staton's and my e-mail invitation by Monday, July 29, 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 Jane at 812-480-5289 or e-mail her at [mymomjane@aol.com](mailto:mymomjane@aol.com). Monday, August 5, 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 another successful year and seeing you in August. Diana Luck

The photos are by Walt Gleim and Janet Leistner. ERTA logo is by Jon Siau. Other graphics are from Google Images and Pinterest.



**Message from President-Elect Janet Leistner**

My name is Janet Leistner, and I am looking forward to serving as president-elect this year. It is an honor to work with such great people and a good organization. Collectively, our group represents many years of education for many students.

I am an Evansville native and a graduate of EVSC and Indiana State University. During my 41-year career with EVSC, I was privileged to serve as an English teacher, media specialist, assistant principal, principal, and completed my career as the Director of the EVSC Virtual Academy. Throughout the years, I was also a coach, a sponsor of various student groups, and I taught computer workshops at the local, state, and national levels. My interaction with students, parents, colleagues, and members of the community was enjoyable, and I appreciate the guidance and support I received through the years.

Each of you could also share the many stories of your work and interactions throughout the years, and the best "pay" that all of us have received are the words of appreciation from former students and colleagues we have known.

Special thanks to each of you for your work in education and your continued support for this profession and the current teachers and students of our community.

**ERTA 2019-2020**

IRTA Leadership Wksp/Springmill Park .....July 22	Legislative Brunch Indianapolis ..... February 4
August Board Meeting .....August 1	March Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck February 7
Welcome Back Candy Bags to Teachers...August 5	March Board Meeting ..... March 5
August Luncheon/Program .....August 8	March Luncheon/Program ..... March 12
Frog Follies.....August 23-24	May Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck ..... April 8
October Gazette Articles to D. Luck.....September 9	USI Scholarship Banquet ..... April
October Board Meeting..... October 3	UE Scholarship Banquet ..... April
October Luncheon/Program ..... October 10	May Board Meeting .....May 7
December Gazette Articles to D. Luck..November 9	May Luncheon/Program .....May 14
December Board Meeting.....December 5	IRTA Rep. Assembly, Primo Center, Indy....June 17
December Luncheon/Program.....December 12	

Evansville Retired Teachers Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
May 2, 2019

Call to Order: President Walt Lewis called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m. at American Baptist East Church and welcomed everyone. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Doris Beard, Terry Becker, Darlene Brockriede, Fred Bullinger, Janet Craig, Steve Fritz, Judy Isaac, Janet Leistner, Donna Lutz, Diane Meier, Don Mosbey, Fred Naab, David Pfettscher, Sandra Schmidt, and Lino Wiseman.

President: Before beginning today's agenda, Walt asked Diane Meier to recap how the 13<sup>th</sup> Check was finally passed.

Acceptance of Agenda: Don Mosbey made a motion to accept today's agenda with flexibility. Diane Meier seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Executive Board Minutes from March 7, 2019: The minutes were approved as printed.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed the financial report dated March 31, 2019. He compared income and expenses with what was budgeted. The report will be filed for audit.

Immediate Past President: Terry Becker has chosen the Hensley Scholarship as the recipient of Special Project funds that remain in the account at the end of ERTA's fiscal year.

Committee Reports:

Community Service: Walt reminded members to keep track of volunteer hours this year. He reported that ERTA was off 1,000 hours from previous years. He thought maybe turning in our hours at each meeting might help; however, no decision was reached.

Membership: Darlene Brockriede suggested that we contact new retirees before school is out for the year. Janet Leistner reported that she has a list of those retiring.

Installation of Nominees: Walt read the slate of officers who will be installed by Area 9 Director Andy Guarino at next week's luncheon meeting. They are the following:

President – Steve Fritz (2019/2020)  
President-Elect – Janet Leistner (2019/2020)  
Treasurer – Lino Wiseman (2019-2021)  
Directors – Janet Craig, Diane Meier, and David Pfettscher (2019-2021)

Publicity: Doris Beard reported that representatives from ERTA will be on WEHT's *Lifestyles* in August or September.

Reservations: Walt announced 113 reservations for next week's luncheon.

Special Projects: Teams of ERTA members will deliver a basket of candy to each EVSC school the morning of August 5, 2019, to welcome teachers back to the classroom. Diane Meier made a motion to allocate \$250 from the Special Projects account to purchase candy for the baskets. Lino Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Scholarships: Diane Meier reported that she delivered the last Hensley awarded this year yesterday.

Old Business: In March the ERTA Executive Board voted in favor of having an ERTA member on the board of the Teacher Locker. At today's meeting, Steve Fritz announced that Mike and Sandy Madriaga are willing to serve on that board. Judy Isaac made a motion to recommend Mike and Sandy Madriaga for membership on that board. Doris Beard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business: There was none.

Luncheon Information:

1. Dr. Steve Becker, Associate Dean and Director of the IU Medical School-Evansville, will be the speaker.
2. Walt will introduce PEF Director Kate Reibel. She was unable to attend the March luncheon.
3. Dennis Rosebrough, representing the Indiana Lottery, will attend the luncheon to greet members and award a gift basket.

Announcement: The next meeting for the ERTA Executive Board will be on August 1, 2019.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



Evansville Retired Teachers Association  
Luncheon Meeting  
May 9, 2019

Call to Order: President Walt Lewis called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed everyone.

Introductions of the Head Table: Walt introduced ERTA President-Elect Steve Fritz, ERTA Chaplain Ed Wessel, Associate Dean and Director of the Indiana University School of Medicine – Evansville Dr. Steve Becker, and Public Education Foundation Director Kate Reibel

Information from the President:

1. Hoosier Lottery officials attended today's meeting to make teachers aware of lottery contributions to the Teachers' Retirement Fund. Flyers with information about how lottery funds were distributed in Vanderburgh County in 2018 were placed on each table. After today's program, a drawing for the gift basket from the Hoosier Lottery will be held.
2. IRTA Area 9 Director Andy Guarino will install the following ERTA officers today:

President – Steve Fritz -- President-Elect – Janet Leistner  
Treasurer – Lino Wiseman -- Directors – Janet Craig, Diane Meier, David Pfetscher



3. Kate Reibel was in attendance today because weather conditions kept her from attending the March luncheon. A check for the funds donated to PEF at the December meeting has already been sent.

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

Blessing: Chaplain Ed Wessel began by quoting Psalm 118:24, which is “Today is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” He asked that those in attendance observe a moment of silence to deal with any problem before he prayed.

Lunch: Steve Fritz dismissed those at the Head Table for meal service. Then, he dismissed members and guests by tables.



Recognition of the Decorating Committee: Steve thanked Earsie Kelley, Frankye Calloway, and Doris Beard for the table decorations.

Words of Appreciation: Walt thanked members for contacting their legislators and asking them to support the 13<sup>th</sup> Check. Also, Walt acknowledged Diane Meier and Andy Guarino for their work with IRTA.

Just a Reminder: Walt announced that anyone who wishes to work at Frog Follies on August 23 or 24 should contact Jim Sharp.

Approval of Luncheon Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2019: The minutes were approved as printed.

Teacher Locker: Steve Fritz announced that Mike and Sandy Madriaga have volunteered to serve on the board of the Teacher Locker. Also, Victor Doty has volunteered to serve as well.

Installation of ERTA Officers: Andy Guarino installed President Steve Fritz and President-Elect Janet Leistner for 2019/2020. Treasurer Lino Wiseman and Directors Janet Craig, Diane Meier, and David Pfettscher were installed for 2019-2021.

#### Program:

Members and guests moved to the sanctuary for today’s program where Steve Fritz welcomed Dr. Steve Becker, today’s speaker. Dr. Becker explained how he became involved with the development of the Indiana University School of Medicine – Evansville and how the project has developed over a number of years. He also spoke about the future development of various programs. Dr. Becker ended his presentation with a question and answer period.



Hoosier Lottery Basket: A drawing was held to award the gift basket.

Door Prizes: Additional drawings were held to award three gift cards.

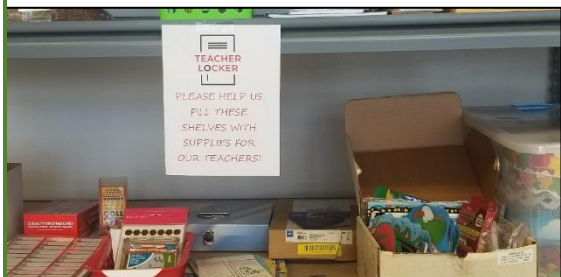
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

### **Photos Below from the Teacher Locker Press Conference on June 11, 2019, at 10 a.m.**


Our organization is part of a collaboration with the EVSC, Area Council PTA, EVSC Foundation, Public Education Foundation, and the ETA on a project called “The Teacher Locker.” The purpose of The Teacher Locker is to provide supplies and materials for which teachers have previously had to reach into their own pockets to provide. Mike and Sandra Madriaga along with Victor Doty represent ERTA to The Teacher Locker Board. Steve Fritz, Janet Leistner, photos





THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTERS FOR IN-KIND SUPPORT TO LAUNCH THIS PROJECT

EVANSVILLE AREA COUNCIL PTA  
 EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
 EVANSVILLE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
 EVANSVILLE VANDERBURGH SCHOOL CORPORATION  
 EVSC FOUNDATION  
 MATT WAGNER DESIGN  
 PAUL DAVIS RESTORATION OF EVANSVILLE  
 PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
 VECTREN, A CENTERPOINT ENERGY COMPANY  
 TRUCK CENTERS INC.  
 ROTARY CLUB OF EVANSVILLE




RECORD YOUR 2019 VOLUNTEER HOURS	Youth	Other
2019 Hours		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		
Name		
Email		
Phone		
<i>Turn your hours in at the December meeting or email to <a href="mailto:lclaybaugh@aol.com">lclaybaugh@aol.com</a> or Patricia Claybaugh, 5901 Hogue Rd. Evansville, IN 47712</i>		

### Volunteers Are Special!

Many had volunteer hours but did not turn them in at the December meeting. Hours that you serve in any organization or just deliver cookies to a friend can be counted. Hours can be counted as long as it does not involve a family member or you are being paid to do the job. You can even count the time it takes you to get there and return home from your volunteering. You may want to use this form to keep track of your volunteer time. You may add them up to turn in at the December meeting. P. Claybaugh

### ERTA FUNDRAISER: FROG FOLLIES



Frog Follies will be August 23-24, 2019. ERTA has in the past provided volunteers to help register 3,500 plus cars for the event. We provide 90 volunteers who work a 3-4-hour shift on Friday, August 23, and Saturday, August 24. You will be working in an air-conditioned building. If you have not been contacted and would like to volunteer, please contact me by phone, 812-454-2720 or email [Katsharp623@aol.com](mailto:Katsharp623@aol.com). Jim Sharp



Graphics from frogfollies.org

**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

**ERTA Website** ..... [www.erta.info](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.retiredteachers.org)  
**ISTRF Website** ..... [www.in.gov/trf](http://www.in.gov/trf)

**IN MEMORIAM**

“Always in Our Hearts”

Ned Conder..... May 16, 2019  
 Cuba Little-Heseman ..... June 24, 2019  
 Julia Heilman ..... June 30, 2019  
 Curtis Kinney..... July 8, 2019

**EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

2019-2020 Membership Dues

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Last	First	Middle Initial
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street	City	State	Zip+4 numbers
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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

**TREASURER'S REPORT BY LINO WISEMAN**



**May 31, 2019**

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>			
Beginning Balance May 1, 2019			\$5,687.79
Income	1390		
Interest	0.26		
Expenses		1936.57	
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2019</u>			<u>\$5,141.48</u>
<b>REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT</b>			
Beginning Balance May 1, 2019			240.46
Interest	0.02		
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2019</u>			<u>240.48</u>
<b>MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT</b>			
Beginning Balance May 1, 2019			1,008.24
Interest	0.17		
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2019</u>			<u>1,008.41</u>
<b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT</b>			
Beginning Balance May 1, 2019			\$15.00
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2019</u>			<u>\$15.00</u>
<b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26</b>			
Beginning Balance May 1, 2019			1,975.64
Interest	0.20		
Income	257.00		
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2019</u>			<u>2,232.84</u>
<b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 1 CD</b>			
Beginning Balance May 1, 2019			13,921.80
Interest	23.41		
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2019</u>			<u>13,945.21</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			
			<b>\$22,583.42</b>

**TRIVIA No. 15**

The IRTA and ISTA-R are not the same organization. Our ERTA is affiliated with the IRTA. We are in existence to promote the welfare of the retired teacher. Our by-laws prohibit us from campaigning for any political party or candidate as an organization. We have been in existence longer than ISTA-R. ISTA-R is an arm of ISTA. They deal with a lot more issues than IRTA. since they are still also promoting the welfare of the working teacher.



**ERTA EXECUTIVE BOARD  
2019-2020**

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<b>Secretary</b>	Sandra Schmidt	<a href="mailto:pineshore@wowway.com">pineshore@wowway.com</a>
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