



# School's Out Gazette

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## From Our 2018-2019 President, Walt Lewis

It is hard to believe that my term as ERTA president is ending this month. I think that fact requires a few comments.

First, it reminds me that one of the greatest gifts provided by my lifetime as a professional educator was the opportunity to deal with quality colleagues. Throughout my career, my professional associates and friends personified kindness, concern, and generosity. And serving in a position of leadership in ERTA and working with our officers and board members have vividly reinforced my awareness of those qualities. Your ERTA leaders are dedicated to this organization, its membership, and all teachers--both retired and active.

Secondly, I have been reminded of the commitment that my fellow retirees make to our community. If not for these folks, non-profit organizations such as hospitals, libraries, YMCAs, churches, Kiwanis, Frog Follies, etc., etc., would suffer greatly and in some cases disappear completely. Our fellow retirees volunteer their skills, time, leadership, and money. It is truly impressive.

Lastly, I encourage you to personally get involved with ERTA. Both you and this organization will be the winners. Thanks to all of you for your help these past years.



The fifth ERTA luncheon for this school year will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2019, 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 and will be catered by Golden Corral.

Informative May Program: Dr. Steve Becker, Head of the new IU Medical Center in Evansville

Please "Reply to All" to my e-mail invitation by Monday, April 29, only if you plan to attend, and include your name and number of reservations. Jane will report the count at the Board meeting on May 2.

Reminder: If you need to cancel your reservation, please call Jane at (812) 480-5289 or email her at [mymomjane@aol.com](mailto:mymomjane@aol.com). Monday, May 6, 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 as you have done this year. Thank you, Jane, for taking over this responsibility. I will continue to send the invitations and newsletters.

We are looking forward to seeing you in May! Diana Luck



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## Message from Our President-Elect, Steve Fritz

On March 21, 2019, my dear friend, teacher, mentor, and colleague passed away. Mr. Jerry Hoover taught and also served as a high school counselor collectively for 48 years. I am convinced that in the EVSC's history there has never been an educator who has more profoundly affected the lives of as many students.

Although he retired a number of years ago, he never stopped learning, teaching, and sharing his vast knowledge with his students.

When those of us who were in his concert choir graduated from high school, he gave us a plethora of quotations and poems that had been important to him and that helped to shape his philosophy and his life. Over the years I have committed most of those quotes and poems to memory and they helped to shape my own philosophy and life.

The following little poem was included in those he gave us. I have recited it many times during my career for the benefit of others.

Isn't it strange that beggars and kings and clowns that caper in sawdust rings,  
and common people like you and me are builders of eternity?  
Each is given a set of tools, a working plan and a book of rules,  
and each must build ere day is done  
a stumbling block or a stepping stone.

Mr. Jerry Hoover has laid enough stepping stones to reach all the way to the pearly gates. I am sure when St. Peter greets him, he will say "Welcome good and faithful servant, the heavenly choir awaits your instructions."



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## ERTA Speaker for May 9, 2019, Steven G. Becker, MD

Dr. Becker is the Associate Dean and Director and Koch Professor of Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville campus. He is also a Professor of Clinical Radiology and Imaging Sciences and has instructed students at IUSM-Evansville since 2001. He serves on the Indiana Graduate Medical Education Board and is the chair for the Southwestern Indiana Graduate Medical Education Consortium.



Dr. Becker has been a practicing radiologist in the tristate area since 1986. He was formerly the Medical Director of Radiology and Vice President of the medical staff at St. Vincent Warrick (previously St. Mary's Warrick Hospital) in Boonville, as well as the Medical Director and Clinical Instructor of Radiology Technologists at St. Vincent Evansville (formerly St. Mary's Medical Center) and Welborn Hospital. He was the founding member and president of Southern Indiana Imaging Consultants, which provides radiology services to St. Vincent Evansville and Gibson General Hospital. He continues to practice radiology part-time at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Indiana and Methodist Hospital in Henderson, Kentucky.

Dr. Becker received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Brown University and his medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He completed an internship in obstetrics and gynecology at Ohio State University Hospital and his residency in diagnostic radiology at Vanderbilt University Hospital. He resides in Vanderburgh County with his wife Carol. They enjoy spending time with their four children and six grandchildren. Dr. Becker is very active in his community and passionate about strengthening the future of southwestern Indiana. He was awarded the 2015 Leadership Evansville Visionary Award and the 2017 Evansville Rotary Club Rotary Civic Award for his efforts and innovation.



**May Board Meeting ..... May 2**  
**May Luncheon/Program ..... May 9**  
**IRTA Representative Assembly, Indy ..... June 12**

**Trivia #14 – Darla Olberding**

Two ERTA members have served as president of IRTA. Kenneth Cheek served from 1989-1991. Bob Kraft served from 2012-2013.

Who's next?

**Message from Diane Meier**

**Congratulations** to the following Hensley Recipients:

- Mara Cravens Washington Middle School
- William Gumula: North District E Learning Coach
- Andrea Kneubuhler Harrison District Data Coach
- Nikki Leslie, Melissa Austin, Kristen Brayfiled, Stacie Inman, Justus Ludlow, Gretchen Raben  
Stringtown Elementary School
- Jeff Thornton Scott Elementary School
- Deanna Howard North High School
- Zachary Mattingly Stringtown Elementary School

A total of **\$11, 500** was awarded to these recipients

**Message from Jim Sharp, Frog Follies**

Frog Follies will be August 23, 24, 2019. Anyone who has NEVER worked at Frog Follies and would like to do so this year should contact me at 812-454-2720 or [Katsharp623@aol.com](mailto:Katsharp623@aol.com). Work consists of working in an air-conditioned building for a maximum of three and a half hours either Friday or Saturday.



The ERTA Board has approved joining in partnership with The Public Education Foundation, ETA, EVSC Foundation, and area council PTA to sponsor the Teacher Locker.

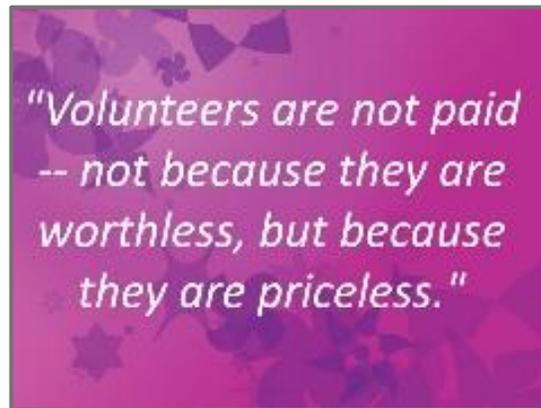
The Teacher Locker Mission Statement is as follows: Teacher Locker will be a place where the community can come together to provide classroom supplies in order to support teaching, promote student achievement, and drive school success.

ERTA is asked to provide three members to the Teacher Locker Board. Anyone interested in serving please contact Steve Fritz, Walt Lewis, or any ERTA Board member to let them know.

## Volunteers Are Special!

Many have volunteer hours, but don't turn them in at the December meeting. Hours that you serve in any organization or just delivering 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. Patricia Claybaugh

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



### Message from Gene Van Stone, Area 9, IRTA Member Concerns Representative:

- 1) The Hands Up program assistance is available to any Indiana Retired Teacher who is a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. The guidelines are on p. 5; contact Gene for any additional details.
- 2) Jonelle Broshears, a retired Evansville teacher, is being recognized by the Indiana Retired Teachers Association for her work in CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate). Hopefully, this award will be given to a member of ERTA who is also a member of IRTA in the future.

### Retired Teacher CASA Award for Area 9

- Nominated by CASA director from Area 9, Due May 4 at State CASA
  - 1) Nomination form filled out by local CASA Director (IRTA web site)
  - 2) Retired teacher from anywhere in Area 9 (preferably EVSC)
- Send form to Carol Grieser at home address



## PROGRAM GUIDELINES

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

Our mission is to give financial assistance through A Hand UP to IRTA members in an effort to uplift their quality of life when a need or emergency impedes their life.

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this program is to address and provide assistance for an immediate financial need of an IRTA member who is undergoing temporary or emergency hardship. This help is intended for a one-time, short term need and not for extended support. The maximum amount awarded will be one thousand dollars (\$1000) per application.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

An IRTA member receiving a pension from the TRF portion of INPRS who has encountered a short term financial hardship may apply for a grant. Examples of these needs may include, but are not limited to: housing expenses, health care, transportation, legal assistance, nutrition.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Applications can be submitted at any time. The application may be initiated by a local IRTA organization or member, by someone representing the IRTA member, or by the grant seeker him/herself. An Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation (IRTF) Committee will consider the application and determine if the grant will be awarded.

After completion, submit the application to:

Indiana Retired Teachers Association, A Hand UP  
Julie Green, Office Manager  
2629 Waterfront Pkwy. E. Dr. #105  
Indianapolis, IN 46214

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Within a week of receipt of the application, the person requesting the grant will hear from the committee whether or not the requested funds will be awarded.

At this time, there is no set number of grants that will be awarded. Funds may dictate the availability of grants.

Applications will remain as confidential as possible and will be retained by the IRTF for as long as is legally necessary.

## Evansville Retired Teachers Association

### Executive Board Meeting

March 7, 2019

Call to Order: President Walt Lewis 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:

Doris Beard, Terry Becker, Brenda Beeler, Darlene Brockriede, Fred Bullinger, Steve Fritz, Judy Isaac, Janet Leistner, Diana Luck, Donna Lutz, Diane Meier, Don Mosbey, Fred Naab, Darla Olberding, David Pfetscher, Donna Schmidt, Sandra Schmidt, and Lino Wiseman.

Acceptance of Agenda: Diane Meier made a motion to accept the agenda with flexibility. Lino Wiseman seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of December 13, 2018, Executive Board Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

#### Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed the March 1, 2019 Financial Report. He noted that membership dues totaling \$3,400 have been paid. The report also included the 2019/2020 Proposed Budget, which the board accepted. The March Financial Report will be filed for audit.

Past President: Terry Becker was contacted by Ruth Jenkins of The Salvation Army. The organization needs tutors and would like a member of ERTA to be on The Salvation Army Board. Walt suggested setting up an information table at the luncheon.

#### Committee Reports:

Community Service: Walt announced that we had a low number of volunteer hours turned in this year; therefore, no one was nominated for Volunteer of the Year from ERTA.

Fellowship/Necrology: Members should notify Judy Isaac or Donna Lutz when cards need to be sent. When notifying this committee, please include an address where the card is to be sent.

Membership: Darlene Brockriede reported that ERTA has 290 members. We are down 16. She also reported that 36 newsletters are being mailed.

Program: President-Elect Steve Fritz said that the speaker at the May luncheon will be Dr. Steve Becker, who is head of the new IU Medical Center in Evansville.

Nominations: The board approved the nomination of Janet Craig to serve as director for one year. She will serve in place of Janet Leistner, who will serve as president-elect in 2019/2020.

Publicity: WEHT Lifestyles wants representatives from ERTA to appear on the Lifestyles program at the end of April to speak about our scholarship. Walt and Diane will be the representatives.

Reservations: Brenda Beeler announced 110 reservations for next week's luncheon.

Hensley Scholarships: Diane Meier reported that eight teachers have applied for the scholarships. Committee members who reviewed the applications included Sylvia Blice, Judy Isaac, Donna Lutz, and Donna Schmidt in addition to Diane Meier, who chairs the committee. The board voted to accept all eight applications as recommended by the committee.

IRTA Liaison Legislative: Diane Meier said that she doesn't think retired teachers will receive a COLA unless there is a change in the Indiana Statehouse. She announced that the Legislative Brunch will be held on April 9, 2019, and the Legislative Session will conclude at the end of April.

Information Items:

1. Earsie Kelley, Frankye Calloway, and Doris Beard have volunteered to help with table decorations at the luncheons.
2. An ERTA member is needed to serve as liaison between ERTA and IRTA.
3. Public Education Foundation Executive Director Kate Reibel will be at next week's lunch to accept the donations collected at the December luncheon.

Old Business: None

New Business: The EVSC Foundation is setting up a store to be called The Teacher Locker at the old North building. The goal is to help teachers reduce the amount of money they have to spend out of their own pockets on classroom supplies. The launch date is August of 2019. Both EVSC Foundations will be involved. ERTA's role is to encourage members to volunteer at the store and to support having an ERTA member on the board. Darla Olberding made a motion to have a member on the board. Diane Meier seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



**Evansville Retired Teachers Association**

**Luncheon Meeting**

**March 14, 2019**

Call to Order: President Walt Lewis called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. after a delay due to numerous tornado warnings.

Introductions of the Head Table: Walt introduced President-Elect Steve Fritz, Chaplain Ed Wessel, and Sharon Sorenson, who is today's speaker.



Approval of December 13, 2018, Luncheon Meeting Minutes: The minutes were accepted as printed.

Volunteer Hours: Walt announced that volunteer hours were down for the past year. He encouraged members to keep track of their hours this year and to submit them in December.

District 9 Director's Report: Andy Guarino said that the 13<sup>th</sup> check had passed the House and was now in the Senate. IRTA is working to get a \$50 increase. Andy also reported that the IRTA scholarship for students

who are juniors in college and who plan to be teachers is now open to anyone, not just relatives of teachers. Andy encouraged members to attend the Legislative Brunch in Indianapolis on April 9, 2019.

This is Andy's last year as regional director. Jim Isaac from Pike/Gibson will be his replacement.

President Elect's Report:

President-Elect Steve Fritz reported that The Teacher Locker concept was approved by the ERTA Board at its last meeting. He also submitted officer nominations for the coming year.

- President-Elect - Janet Leistner (1-year term)
- Treasurer - Lino Wiseman (2-year term)
- Directors - Janet Craig, Diane Meier, and David Pfettscher (2-year terms)
- Steve Fritz will move up to president.

The officers will be installed at the May meeting by IRTA President Jane Boultinghouse.

A Note of Thanks: Steve thanked the Decoration Committee of Earsie Kelley, Frankye Calloway, Jan Wiggers, and Joan Finch.

Program: After the luncheon, Steve introduced speaker Sharon Sorenson. Her topic was "Miracle of Migration."

Door Prizes: Gift cards were awarded.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane Meier, Acting Secretary



**IN MEMORIAM**

Jerry Hoover .....March 21, 2019  
 Sharon Roberts.....April 10, 2019

**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)



March 14: Severe weather system brings tornado warnings to Evansville, Tri-State – made things interesting!



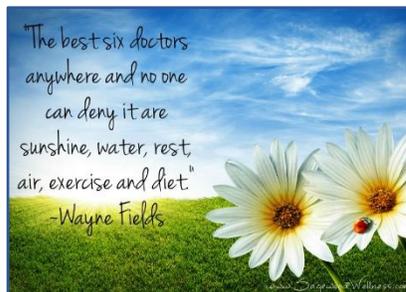
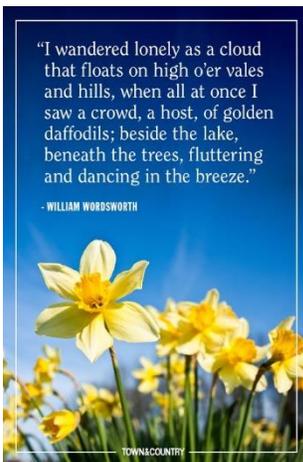
**EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

**Treasurer's Report by Lino Wiseman**

**February 28, 2019**



|   |  |       |                    |
|---|--|-------|--------------------|
| <b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>                 |  |       |                    |
| Beginning Balance February 1, 2019      |  |       | \$5,875.44         |
| Interest                                |  | 0.23  |                    |
| <u>Ending Balance February 28, 2019</u> |  |       | <u>\$5,875.67</u>  |
| <b>REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT</b>            |  |       |                    |
| Beginning Balance February 1, 2019      |  |       | 240.40             |
| Interest                                |  | 0.02  |                    |
| <u>Ending Balance February 28, 2019</u> |  |       | <u>240.42</u>      |
| <b>MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT</b>             |  |       |                    |
| Beginning Balance February 1, 2019      |  |       | 10,005.47          |
| Interest                                |  | 1.92  |                    |
| <u>Ending Balance February 28, 2019</u> |  |       | <u>10,007.39</u>   |
| <b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT</b> |  |       |                    |
| Beginning Balance February 1, 2019      |  |       | \$15.00            |
| <u>Ending Balance February 28, 2019</u> |  |       | <u>\$15.00</u>     |
| <b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26</b>      |  |       |                    |
| Beginning Balance February 1, 2019      |  |       | 1,975.11           |
| Interest                                |  | 0.17  |                    |
| <u>Ending Balance February 28, 2019</u> |  |       | <u>1,975.28</u>    |
| <b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 1 CD</b>         |  |       |                    |
| Beginning Balance February 1, 2019      |  |       | 16,378.64          |
| Interest                                |  | 24.88 |                    |
| <u>Ending Balance February 28, 2019</u> |  |       | <u>16,403.52</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                     |  |       | <b>\$34,517.28</b> |





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