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From our 2020-2021 President, Janet Leistner

Hello, everyone, and welcome to our new retirees who will hopefully be joining us this year. As we navigate these uncertain times, I am honored to represent ERTA as your president for the 2020-2021 year. I am so proud that we have such a great leadership team of our local chapter as well as devoted members to attend our luncheons.

We hope to be able to begin our luncheons again in October. The most important task at hand at this time is for everyone to take care and stay healthy as we all try to move forward. Our thoughts are with our school administration, teachers, and students as they try to begin the school year.

I would like to recognize our Board members and committee members who work so hard to make sure we have a great organization. We had a Zoom meeting in June and will meet again on Zoom in August. Hopefully, we will all be back together again in October. Although we have not yet had our installation of Board members and officers for this year, our leadership team includes:

- * Janet Craig, President-Elect, will organize our luncheons and programs.
- * Sandra Schmidt, Secretary, records minutes for our meetings.
- * Lino Wiseman, Treasurer, has for the past 12 years kept our financial records with expertise.
- * Steve Fritz, Past President, whom I greatly respect as a colleague and who will guide me this year.
- * Walt Lewis, Past Past President, to whom I still look for guidance as we navigate this different year.
- * Fred Naab, Fred Bollinger, and Don Mosby serve as Board directors to provide nominations for the Board of Directors.
- * Diana Luck produces our excellent newsletter and provides needed communication to our members.
- * Brenda Beeler assists Diana Luck with the newsletter.
- * Diane Meier represents ERTA at the Indiana Legislature and keeps us informed of state issues that affect retired teachers. Diane also works diligently with the scholarships and grants from our organization.
- * Darlene Bockeride keeps our membership list accurate and up to date and assists with newsletter mailings.
- * Doris Beard will be the Board member to move into the President-Elect position next year and also serves as our Publicity Committee Chairman.
- * Darla Olberding is our Historian and maintains the history of our organization.
- * Dave Pfetscher provides great insight for our meetings as a Board director.
- * Donna Schmidt works with Diane Meier on the Scholarship Committee.
- * Jane Staton will serve on the Reservations Committee and the Community Service Committee.
- * Donna Lutz will serve on the Necrology Committee as we regularly report to IRTA, our state organization.
- * Judy Isaac will serve on our Fellowship Committee and our Luncheon Check-In Committee to organize our luncheon reservations.

- * Mike Madriaga, Sandra Madriaga, and Vic Doty serve as ERTA representatives on the Teacher Locker Board.
- * Ed Wessel and his brother John Wessel, our ERTA chaplains, provide prayer and inspiration prior to all luncheons.
- * Ruby Rusk and Ella Shelton organize the kitchen area and table settings for all our luncheons. We are grateful to them and the staff of the Embrace Church for providing such a great meeting facility.
- * Don and Susan Mosbey organize the dessert and beverage table at all our luncheons and always have a smile for everyone.
- * Earsie Kelley, Frankye Calloway, and Doris Beard have created beautiful table decorations for our meetings.
- * Jim Sharp has for many years organized our membership to work at Frog Follies. Unfortunately, that event was canceled this year, but Jim communicated and organized workers before it was canceled.
- * Scott Riley designed and maintains our ERTA Web site, which has received state-level awards.
- * President Janet Leistner feels very fortunate to have such a great group of colleagues and friends to work with, and I will be relying on all the expertise of these valuable educators as we forge through this challenging year.

Hope to see you all in person soon!



Message from President-Elect Jan Craig

With the COVID-19 pandemic keeping Evansville students out of the classroom for the remainder of the school year, many EVSC retiring teachers saw their decades-long teaching careers abruptly ended. Sadly, teacher careers ended from a distance. In EVSC, 59 teachers and administrators retired this year at this point.

Usually, at this time, we are gearing up and planning our first luncheon meeting the second week in August. A consensus from the ERTA board though has moved our start date back.

Currently, we plan to have our first luncheon on Thursday, October 8, at noon with Dona Bone from the Evansville Wartime Museum presenting the program. Boxed lunches will be provided by Golden Corral and social distancing will be maintained as much as possible. Masks may be required depending on state and local mandates.

Please Note: As part of the program we will show a slideshow of our members who served in the armed services. If you were a member of any US service or had an immediate family member who served, please email or text me a photograph of yourself or a family member in uniform for the ERTA Veterans slideshow. You need to list your name, the family member's name, the branch of services like Coast Guard, and your relationship to that person like myself, father, brother, etc.

My email is: jlraig7@gmail.com and my cell # is (812) 459-1356.

It would be great to receive the veteran pictures by September 11, 2020. Any submissions after September 18 will not be included in the slideshow.

We cannot wait to meet when it is safe and healthy to get together.

Warmly,
Jan Craig
2020-2021 President-Elect

From Jan Craig:

Please Keep These Dates Clear!

You do not want to miss any ERTA luncheons, so mark your calendars now.

October 8, December 10, March 11, 2021, and May 13, 2021

(Yes, we are keeping our fingers crossed.) 🙌

ERTA 2020-2021

IRTA Leadership Wksp/Springmill Park ... Cancelled
 August Board Meeting Zoom Meeting
 Welcome Back Candy Bags to Teachers. Cancelled
 August Luncheon/Program Cancelled
 Frog Follies..... Cancelled
 October Gazette Articles to D. Luck..... September 7
 October Board Meeting..... October 1 -Pending
 October Luncheon/Program ... October 8 - Pending
 December Gazette Articles to D. Luck..November 9
 December Board Meeting.....December 3 - Pending
 December LuncheonDecember 10 - Pending

Legislative Brunch Indianapolis Pending
 March Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck February 8
 March Board Meeting March 4 - Pending
 March Luncheon/Program March 11 - Pending
 May Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck April 5
 USI Scholarship Banquet April - TBA
 UE Scholarship Banquet April - TBA
 May Board Meeting May 6 - Pending
 May Luncheon/Program May 13 - Pending
 IRTA Rep. Assembly, Primo Center, Indy....June 17

Evansville Retired Teachers Association
 May Executive Board Meeting and Luncheon were cancelled.



IN MEMORIAM

“Always in Our Hearts”

- Mark Freece..... May 4, 2020
- Robert (Bob) Rogers May 30, 2020
- Alfred (Al) Buck June 5, 2020
- Betty Jo Adams June 9, 2020
- Gloria Sue Strott June 12, 2020
- James Sanders June 25, 2020
- Charles (Ed) Marlin June 27, 2020

RECORD YOUR 2020 VOLUNTEER HOURS		
Month	Youth	Other
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
TOTAL HOURS		
Name		
Email		
Phone		
<i>Turn your hours in at the December meeting or email to: Jane Staton, mymomjane@aol.com.</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 delivering cookies to a friend can be counted. Hours can be counted if 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.

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

Facebook by Doris Beard: Search Evansville Retired Teachers Association



From Jeffrey Berger - Teacher Locker
 When - August 7-9 – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
 Time – As long as we can have volunteers
 Locations – We have the two Evansville Walmarts

We are partnering with the Salvation Army in Evansville. This is a nationwide program. Salvation Army is taking care of the Warrick County Stores. Everything we collect over the three days at the two stores is for Teacher Locker!!!

EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

2020-2021 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

		ERTA	
		TREASURER'S REPORT	31-May-20
CHECKING ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance May 1, 2020			\$6,756.69
Expenses		1100	
Interest		0.02	
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2020</u>			<u>\$5,656.71</u>
REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance May 1, 2020			240.61
Interest		0.01	
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2020</u>			<u>240.62</u>
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance May 1, 2020			1,010.27
Interest		0.17	
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2020</u>			<u>1,010.44</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT			
Beginning Balance May 1, 2020			\$15.00
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2020</u>			<u>\$15.00</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26			
Beginning Balance May 1, 2020			13,111.81
Interest		0.56	
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2020</u>			<u>13,112.37</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			
			\$20,035.14

**ERTA EXECUTIVE BOARD
2020-2021**

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"It takes a village!"

