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From Our President, Brenda Weber

Fall is right around the corner, leaves will begin to turn, and many of you are looking forward to the annual West Side Fall Festival. I hope you are able to attend ERTA's second luncheon on Thursday, October 8, 11:55 a.m., at American Baptist East. We will be recognizing our members who are Veterans. Wear your red, white, and blue in honor of our Veterans and show your pride for the great country we are blessed to live in. Our program will be presented by the American Red Cross and should be very educational.

Local ERTA dues need to be paid by October 30 to Lino Wiseman, treasurer. Dues are \$10 for the year. The membership list will be purged after October 30. In addition, I encourage all of you to join the Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) for \$35. Most of our members just received an additional one time \$450 in the September pension. IRTA is our voice at the state level for all retired educators and needs our support.

THANK YOU to Sandra Schmidt for organizing the back to school candy baskets for teachers. Thanks, also, to all the volunteers who delivered the baskets. We received many positive comments from teachers.

THANK YOU to the 196 members who attended our first meeting in August.

THANK YOU to Jim Sharp for chairing and securing the workers for the annual Frog Follies at the 4-H Center. Thanks, also, for the numerous volunteers who worked during the event.

THANK YOU to everyone who wrote a correspondence to Governor Pence, and our state legislators, requesting a Cola and/or 13th check for retired educators.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who work the registration tables, set up, clean up, decorate, and work at all our luncheons. Our luncheons could not take place without all of these awesome volunteers!

THANK YOU to our officers, board members, and committees for your service and involvement in ERTA. You are the best! A special thanks to Tom Wiggers for working with The Evansville Rescue Mission and taking the lead with all the changes that have been made.

THANK YOU to Walt Gleim for volunteering to take pictures at our meetings for the newsletter. The pictures add a great deal to the publication.

ERTA is for you! If you have any suggestions or comments, please do not hesitate to let me know. If you know of someone who deserves extra KUDOS, just let me know.

The first ERTA luncheon for this school year was a huge success with approximately 195 reservations. The second luncheon is **Thursday, October 8**, 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 \$10.

Please reply to my invitation e-mail by **Monday, September 28**, only if you plan to attend, and include your name and number of reservations.

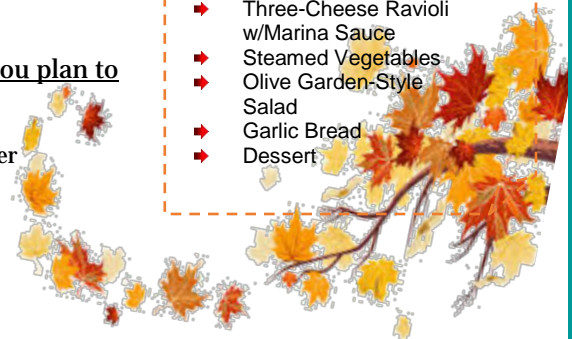
Reminder: If you need to cancel a reservation you made, please call Brenda Beeler (812-422-1637), or e-mail dianaeluck@gmail.com ASAP.

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

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Our Menu

- Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo
- Three-Cheese Ravioli w/Marina Sauce
- Steamed Vegetables
- Olive Garden-Style Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Dessert



Message from President-Elect Tom Wiggers

Friends,

First of all, I want to thank the 190+ members who attended our first ERTA luncheon of the year. It was wonderful to see all of you and to hear our state superintendent, Glenda Ritz, speak to us about the challenges that face public education in our state.

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, October 8 at 11:30. Our presenter will be Sherri Miller, Volunteer Coordinator for the Vanderburgh County chapter of the American Red Cross. She will give us an update on the ongoing program of the Red Cross and of some volunteer needs of the organization. Get those reservations in ASAP.

I also would like to extend another welcome to our new retirees who might have been out of the area for the last meeting. Remember, you are a very valuable person to us. Come join us on October 8 (also remember your first year dues to ERTA are a gift to you from ERTA).

I have been notified that the Evansville Rescue Mission is in need of some volunteers. If you would like to help this worthy agency, call them at 812-421-3800.



Calendar of Events 2015-2016

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| September 22, 2015 | IRTA Fall Leadership Workshop Gasthof Restaurant, Montgomery, IN |
| October 1, 2015 | Board Meeting |
| October 8, 2015 | Veterans Recognition Luncheon Meeting |
| November 5, 2015 | Newsletter article to Diana Luck |
| December 3, 2015 | Board Meeting |
| December 10, 2015 | Christmas Luncheon Meeting |
| February 4, 2016 | Newsletter article due to Diana Luck |
| March 3, 2016 | Board Meeting |
| March 10, 2016 | Luncheon Meeting |
| March, 2016 | Legislative Lobby Day in Indianapolis (Dates TBD) |
| April 7, 2016 | Newsletter article due to Diana Luck |
| April, 2016 | UE and USI Scholarship Banquets (Dates TBD) |
| May 5, 2016 | Board Meeting |
| May 12, 2016 | Luncheon Meeting/Install new officers |
| June, 2016 | IRTA Representative Assembly, Indianapolis, IN (Dates TBD) |

EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Dues

Name _____ Date _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address _____
Street City State Zip+4 numbers

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail _____

Retired Teacher (\$10.00) _____

Associate Member (\$5.00) _____

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

TOTAL: _____

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

Mail to: Lino Wiseman
5950 Knight Dr.
Evansville, IN 47715-3472

Reminder from Darlene Brockriede: Dues must be paid by October 31 in order to be published in the 2015-2016 membership roster. **Also**, if you have moved, dropped your landline, or changed your e-mail address, please e-mail your updated info to brockriede@twc.com.

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

Gone but not forgotten



Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Executive Board Minutes August 6, 2015

Call to Order: President Brenda Weber called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Phipps Center. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Darlene Brockriede, Andy Guarino, Diane Meier, Fred Naab, Darla Olberding, David Pfettscher, Ed Rusk, Sandra Schmidt, and Tom Wiggers.

Brenda Weber asked that today's agenda be accepted with flexibility. Diane Meier made a motion to accept the agenda with flexibility. Ed Rusk seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meditation: Ed Rusk read a meditation about some who climb the ladder of success only to find the ladder is leaning against the wrong wall. He then read Matthew 6:33 and prayed.

Approval of May 7, 2015 Executive Board Minutes: The minutes were accepted as received.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed the financial report and noted the following:

1. A check for \$1,000 was sent to Youth First, Bob Suhrheinrich's project.
2. Funds totaling \$2,023.56 was transferred to the Hensley Scholarship Account.
3. The end-of-the-year checking balance was \$1,998.82. (Note: The amount must be under \$2,000 at the end of our fiscal year.)
4. The \$130 fee for the rental of the post office box was paid.
5. Both the IRS and the Indiana Department of Revenue accepted our 2014/2015 Tax Statements.

David Pfettscher made a motion to accept the financial report. Tom Wiggers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President-Elect: Tom Wiggers said that the choir for the December meeting is yet to be determined. Also, he informed the board that he had met with the Rescue Mission about having different items on the menu for some of our luncheons. Tom ended his report by asking us to be on the lookout for new leadership and new members in order to keep our membership growing.

Past President: Andy Guarino reported that the IRTA Representative Assembly was well attended this year. He noted the Awards of Excellence that ERTA received and also mentioned that one of our members received the highest recognition award for community service in Area 9. (In the August Gazette, the awards and recipients were listed.)

President: Brenda Weber said that information provided by the EVSC Foundation would be on the side table at next week's luncheon.

Committee Reports:

Auditing: Darla Olberding reported that the books were audited on August 3, 2015, and they were found to be in good order.

Community Service: Members need to keep track of their volunteer hours.

Fellowship/Necrology: Mary Tremper should be contacted if cards need to be sent to any members.

Membership: Lino Wiseman will be at a table at next week's meeting so members can pay dues.

Publicity: An article about our upcoming August meeting with Dr. Ritz as our guest speaker appeared in the Evansville newspaper multiple times.

Reservations: Brenda Weber said reservations totaled 178 for next week's luncheon.

Special Projects: Andy Guarino announced that his project as immediate past president would be to donate money to Hangars, the clothing bank for EVSC students. (Note: Money earned by ERTA at the Frog Follies goes into Special Projects.) Brenda Weber added that her Christmas Project also will be Hangars.

Scholarship: Information about the Hensley will be sent out in December.

ISTA/Liaison: Diane Meier reminded members to write Governor Pence as IRTA Executive Director Tom Mellish requested. She said that everyone should remember that we are only getting a thirteenth check because of the work of IRTA.

Historian: Darla Olberding gave us an overview of our history as an organization.

Frog Follies: Lino Wiseman said that Jim Sharp requested the names of the new retirees.

Information: This morning five teams of retired teachers delivered 44 baskets of candy to EVSC schools to welcome the teachers back on their first day.

Old Business: At the last board meeting, there was a question about keeping the Historian Committee. Darla Olberding thinks that we need to keep this committee because it collects items relevant to our organization. There was no action taken.

Announcement: The next ERTA Executive Board meeting is October 1, 2015.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Luncheon Meeting August 12, 2015

Welcome and Call to Order: President Brenda Weber called the meeting to order at the American Baptist East Fellowship Hall and welcomed everyone. New retirees were asked to stand.

Introduction of the Head Table: Brenda Weber introduced Chaplain Ed Rusk and Ruby, EVSC Superintendent Dr. David Smith, EVSC School Board Member Andy Guarino, and ERTA President-Elect Tom Wiggers.

Pledge of Allegiance: Before Dr. Smith led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance, he spoke briefly on a number of topics.

Meditation: Ed Rusk read a devotion saying that it is more important what a person puts into the hours than the number of hours spent. He then read Colossians 3:23,24 and prayed.

Lunch: Members and guests were dismissed for meal service.

A Word of Thanks: As members and guests finished eating, Tom Wiggers thanked Diana Lynn and Jan Wiggers for the flowers on the tables and the Rescue Mission for today's food.



Program: Members and guests stayed in the Fellowship Hall to hear Dr. Glenda Ritz, Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction. Tom Wiggers introduced her by telling us that teachers have a friend in Indiana. Dr. Ritz began by speaking about the shortage of teachers and telling us about her plans to set up a commission that would determine ways to attract teachers. Her second topic dealt with the proliferation of schools in Indiana. Before she took questions, she discussed assessments and the need for them to be streamlined to show where students are performing, not whether they are passing or failing. Dr. Ritz was given a gift certificate as our thanks for being our guest speaker today.

Business Meeting:

Approval of the March 14, 2015 Minutes: The minutes were approved as received.

Frog Follies: Frog Follies are pretty-well staffed for August 28 and 29 according to Jim Sharp.

ERTA Awards: ERTA tied for the most awards in the state this year. They were presented at the June IRTA Representative Assembly and listed in the August Gazette. At today's meeting, Earsie Kelley and Jack Benjamin each received a Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Community Service.

Dues: Please pay ERTA dues and join IRTA if you haven't already done so. The thirteenth check will be included with the September check, thanks to the work of IRTA.

Community Service: Members should keep track of their volunteer hours.

Acknowledgements: Thanks to the following who helped set up today's luncheon: Ed and Ruby Rusk, Ella Shelton, Lino Wiseman, and Fred Naab. Also, thanks to Ruby Rusk, Susan Mosbey, and Don Mosbey for serving the drinks.

Door Prizes: Evelyn Hatfield drew the numbers for three door prizes.

Announcement: Our next luncheon will be on October 8, 2015. We will be honoring our veterans.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary





Service/Volunteer Hours

Please, please, please...keep track of your volunteer hours as we use these hours when we lobby the Legislators. Give those numbers to Jan Kraft. Listed below are *some* of the ways volunteer hours may be accumulated.

Youth Hours

Church: preparation, teaching, youth groups, VBS

Community Service: Scouts, 4-H, coaching, CASA, Special Olympics

Education: classroom, libraries, speech meets, Read Across America

Other Hours

Church: boards, committees, teaching, mission, calling committees, choir practice, choir, food preparation

Community Service: Kiwanis, VFW, Lions, Rotary, Meals on Wheels, Frog Follies, ERTA, Food Pantry, AARP, ETFCU, Ronald McDonald House

Health Care: hospital visits, nursing home visits/programs, fundraising for charities, chauffeuring others to appointments, Red Cross

Count your travel time for all volunteer effort!

Questions: Contact Jan Kraft at 812-760-8561 or email at kraft@aftinc.net

| RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS MONTHLY | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| NAME: _____ | | ADDRESS _____ |
| HOURS | YOUTH | OTHER |
| January | | |
| February | | |
| March | | |
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| December | | |



ERTA Historical Trivia #1

On October 23, 1952, a group of retired teachers met in Room 115 at Central High School. W.V. Mangrum presided and Lillian Sauer led a discussion which concluded that an organization of retired teachers was felt to be necessary. The objective of the group that year was to contact as many retired teachers in southern Indiana as possible and get them to affiliate with both the state and national retired teachers' associations. They felt that many things could be accomplished with a united group.

Written by Pat Eager

Submitted by Darla Olberding

EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2015

| | | | |
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| CHECKING ACCOUNT | | | |
| Beginning Balance July 1, 2015 | | | <u>\$1,998.82</u> |
| Interest | | 0.08 | |
| Disbursements | | | 136.74 |
| <u>Ending Balance July 31, 2015</u> | | | <u>\$1,862.16</u> |
| REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT | | | |
| Beginning Balance July 1, 2015 | | | 239.54 |
| Interest | | 0.02 | |
| <u>Ending Balance July 31, 2015</u> | | | <u>239.56</u> |
| HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT | | | |
| Beginning Balance July 1, 2015 | | | \$15.00 |
| <u>Ending Balance July 31, 2015</u> | | | <u>\$15.00</u> |
| HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26 | | | |
| Beginning Balance July 1, 2015 | | | 4,968.42 |
| Interest | | 0.46 | |
| Income | | 0.00 | |
| <u>Ending Balance July 31, 2015</u> | | | <u>4,968.88</u> |
| HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 2 CD's | | | |
| Beginning Balance July 1, 2015 | | | 43,098.04 |
| Interest | | 80.53 | |
| <u>Ending Balance July 31, 2015</u> | | | <u>43,178.57</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | | \$50,264.17 |



ERTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

2015-16

| Position | Name | E-Mail Address |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
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| Lunch Collection | David Pfettscher Caroline Pfettscher | dwpfetscher@att.net |

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