



# School's Out Gazette

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## From Our 2017-2018 President, Terry Becker

AND WE'RE BACK! Ready to celebrate one of the most momentous days of our year as retired teachers. The day we DON'T go back to work in the classroom. As with most holidays, we all have our special traditions to honor this important day. Some of us run away to exotic vacations in Florida, the Caribbean or Cruise Ships to Europe. Some of us just kick back and watch the Today Show with a second cup of coffee. Some of us think fondly back to the excitement of a new school year, and some even pine for the days when they were facing the new room full of students. After 40-some-odd years, it's hard to look at this time of year without some emotional reaction. So, however you "celebrate" this day, I wish you a wonderful "Not Going Back to School" day.

Having said that, there is plenty that we can do to stay involved. Membership in the ERTA and attending our luncheons is one of them. Not only are they an opportunity to stay connected with the friends and colleagues we have enjoyed over the years, but it's a chance to stay "plugged in" to the community. Like it or not, teachers are looked to as leaders. To this end, last year our group heard from both candidates for State Superintendent of Schools, the Mayor of Evansville, the Public Education Foundation and the North High School Concert Choir. And surprisingly (to me at least) all of them were pleased to be asked and excited to talk to (and perform for) this group of community leaders. In addition to being well informed and well entertained, our organization provided volunteers for the Frog Follies, delivered "Good Luck" bags of candy to returning teachers, and served an appreciation lunch for the staff of AIS. We helped lobby the legislature in support of a COLA and our 13th check, and we acted as an advocate for retired teachers. And that's just a partial list! Evansville's group was recognized statewide for our newsletter, Web site and news releases at the IRTA representative assembly in June.

And NOW we're ready to start the fun again. Our president-elect has a great program line-up and wonderful lunches planned. Officers and Committee Chairs are already looking for volunteers to help with various projects to keep you as busy as you want to be. We're just waiting for your reservation. Remember, first year retirees get a complimentary August lunch AND a complimentary first-year membership. All we need now is YOU! Hope to see you at the first meeting, August 10.



The first ERTA luncheon for this school year will be held on **Thursday, August 10, 2017**, 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 \$12.

Please reply to my e-mail invitation by **Monday, July 31**, 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 me at [dianaeluck@gmail.com](mailto:dianaeluck@gmail.com) ASAP.

We are looking forward to another successful year and seeing you in August. Diana

The photos are from Diana Luck. ERTA logo is by Jon Siau. Other graphics are from Google Images.

### Our Menu/Wolf's

- Hamburger/Cheeseburger
- Bratwurst
- American Potato Salad
- Baked Beans
- Sweet & Sour Slaw
- Chips
- Pie (Variety)
- Dessert
- Drinks

## Message from Our President-Elect, Walt Lewis

Welcome to our current members and a special welcome to those recently retired, prospective members.

Where did the endless summer go? Was not the passage of time supposed to slow in retirement? Well, retirement has not changed the speed of time for me, but one change that certainly has occurred, likely for many of us, is the close relationship with colleagues. We spent years, if not a career lifetime, with loved and respected professional friends, seeing them daily. We shared life's joys and tragedies--birthdays, grandchildren, sicknesses, funerals--and vowed through good-bye hugs and sniffles to stay in touch. But once the common denominator, our jobs, was gone, so went some close friendships. Many of you have surely sensed this same loss.

Membership in organizations such as ERTA is one of the ways to remain "in touch." Many other practical and professional benefits also arise from being part of such a group. As one of the senior retirees, I truly recommend that all of you become or remain members.

Our August 10 meeting promises to be a good start to ERTA's year. Why not contact other retired colleagues that you know and ask them to attend. For 2017 retirees, both the first year's dues and the tasty summer lunch are free.

The speaker for our first meeting will be the former Vanderburgh County prosecutor, Stan Levco. Those of you who know Stan are aware of how humorous and still informative he is. If you do not know him, you are in for a treat.

See you there.



### 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

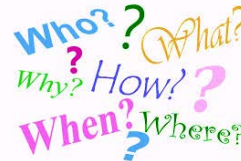
**Church:** preparation, teaching, youth groups, VBS  
**Community Service:** Scouts, 4-H, coaching, CASA, Special Olympics  
**Education:** classroom, libraries, speech meets, Read Across America

#### Other Hours

**Church:** boards, committees, teaching, mission, calling committees, choir practice, choir, food preparation  
**Community Service:** Kiwanis, VFW, Lions, Rotary, SWIRCA 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](mailto:kraft@aftinc.net)



August 3, 2017	Board Meeting at American Baptist East 1:00 p.m.
August 7, 2017	Welcome Back Baskets Delivered to Schools
August 10, 2017	Luncheon Meeting American Baptist East 11:30 a.m.
August 25 and 26, 2017	Frog Follies
September 8, 2017	Newsletter articles to Diana Luck
October 4, 2017	IRTA Fall Leadership Workshop, Montgomery, IN
October 5, 2017	Board Meeting at American Baptist East 1:00 p.m.
October 12, 2017	Luncheon Meeting American Baptist East 11:30 a.m.
November 10, 2017	Newsletter articles to Diana Luck
December 7, 2017	Board Meeting at American Baptist East 1:00 p.m.
December 14, 2017	Luncheon Meeting American Baptist East 11:30 a.m.
February 9, 2018	Newsletter articles to Diana Luck
March 1, 2018	Board Meeting at American Baptist East 1:00 p.m.
March 8, 2018	Luncheon Meeting American Baptist East 11:30 a.m.
April 13, 2018	Newsletter articles to Diana Luck
May 3, 2018	Board Meeting at American Baptist East 1:00 p.m.
May 10, 2018	Luncheon Meeting American Baptist East 11:30 a.m.

TBD Legislative Lobby Day  
TBD UE and USI Scholarship Banquets  
TBD IRTA Representative Assembly, Indianapolis, IN



**Evansville Retired Teachers Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
May 4, 2017**

Call to Order: President Tom Wiggers 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: Brenda Beeler, Terry Becker, Judy Isaac, Walt Lewis, Diana Luck, Diane Meier, Don Mosbey, Fred Naab, Darla Olberding, David Pfetscher, Donna Schmidt, Sandra Schmidt, Brenda Weber, and Lino Wiseman.

Meditation: Tom requested a moment of silence in memory of Bob McIntosh and Mary Tremper.

Acceptance of Agenda: Tom asked that the agenda be accepted with flexibility. Diane Meier made a motion to accept the agenda with flexibility. Don Mosbey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of March 2, 2017, Executive Board Minutes: The minutes were accepted as printed.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed the financial report for March 31, 2017. He explained that \$70 for the seven ERTA members who passed away this year has been deposited into the Hensley account, and a dollar for each of the 274 paying members has also been deposited into that account. The 2016/2017 Budget was listed on the financial report as well as the 2017/2018 Proposed Budget. Items were color-coded to show which amounts in the current budget would remain the same in the proposed budget and which would increase or decrease. Lino made a motion that the 2017/2018 Proposed Budget be accepted. Judy Isaac seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President-Elect: Terry Becker reported on next week's picnic. Wolf's Bar-B-Q is the caterer. He also announced that the board meetings are set up for next year.

Immediate Past President: Brenda Weber spoke about the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon that will be held tomorrow in the former North building on Stringtown Road for the middle school and high school teachers of AIS. She chose this as her project because there is no PTA at AIS to provide lunch for these teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. J & B Barbecue of Henderson is the caterer.

President: Tom expressed his thanks to board members for their work this year and spoke about Ed Rusk's retirement as our chaplain. Brenda Weber suggested that a gift of \$200 be given to American Baptist East in Ed's name. Darla Olberding made a motion to give \$200 to American Baptist East in Ed's name. Brenda Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Audit/Budget: Darla Olberding reported that an audit would take place in July.

Fellowship/Necrology: Due to the passing of Mary Tremper, Judy Isaac is now sending get well cards to members who are ill and sympathy cards to families of members who have passed.

Membership: Tom discussed ways to increase membership.

Publications: Diana Luck verified with the board that the membership form would only be printed in the newsletter in August and October. Board members will only be listed in August.

Reservations: Diana Luck reported 131 reservations at this time.

Publicity: Judy Isaac said that she sent a notice to the newspaper about our meeting.

Tom added that he had sent a copy of our newsletter to IRTA.

Special Projects: Brenda Weber noted that any money left over from this year's luncheon at AIS will be given to the teachers at AIS for next year.

Scholarships: Diane Meier spoke about the issue that board members discussed at the March board meeting concerning several of the Hensley applications. Several applicants submitted older applications that had different requirements and were still on the website. Those applications will now be accepted, and the old applications on the website will be removed. Those receiving the scholarships, the amounts awarded, and the projects are listed below.

- Keri Anslinger, \$1,000..... National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Innov8 Conference
- Amanda Batts, \$1,090..... Conversational Solfege Certification Training
- Lisa Boeglin, \$1,000..... International Literacy Association Annual Conference
- Courtney Browder, \$1,000..... Advanced Placement Annual Conference
- Lori Hardwick, \$1,000..... International Literacy Association Annual Conference
- Andrea Kneubuhler, \$1,000..... National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Innov8 Conference.
- Adrienne Mayse, \$500..... Iowa Summer Writing Festival
- Leah and Corey Simon, \$400..... Legoland Florida (use experience for geometry)
- Daniel Watson, \$704..... Indiana Google Summit

Diane said that fewer are applying for the Hensley.

IRTA/Legislative: Diane Meier announced that the "13<sup>th</sup> check" has been approved by the Indiana Legislature for two years. The top amount is still \$450. IRTA will take the COLA back to the Indiana Legislature in 2019.

Historian: Darla Olberding spoke about her work as historian. ERTA's archives are stored at Willard Library.

Old Business: At today's meeting Diane Meier took the motion that she requested be tabled at the last meeting off the table. The motion was that principals should sign each Hensley scholarship application.

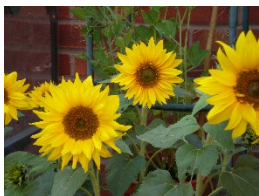
New Business: There was none.

Information Item: The \$12 charge for the luncheon not only pays for the food but also for the room and table decorations.

Announcement: The next ERTA Executive Board Meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on August 3, 2017.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



**AUGUST**



**BEAUTY**



**Evansville Retired Teachers Association  
Luncheon Meeting  
May 11, 2017**

Call to Order: President Tom Wiggers called the meeting to order at noon at the American Baptist East Fellowship Hall and welcomed everyone.

Introductions: Tom introduced Ed and Ruby Rusk, IRTA Executive Director Tom Mellish, ERTA President-Elect Terry Becker, Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, and Trista Lutgring of Evansville Living Magazine, who was following the mayor for a day.

Pledge of Allegiance: Jon Siau led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement: Tom announced that Ed Wessel will be our next chaplain.

Meditation: Ed Wessel asked that we pause for a moment of silence for the family of Bob Aiken who had passed away. He then read a meditation about change being one thing that is a constant in our lives and how we should deal with it. Ed closed by reading II Corinthians 4:14 and praying.

Recognition: Tom recognized Ed Rusk for his years of service as our chaplain. Members and guests gave Ed a standing ovation. Tom added that a gift of \$200 would be given to American Baptist East in Ed's honor.

Candidate for President-Elect: Tom announced that Walt Lewis is our candidate for president-elect. Bob Kraft made a motion for Walt Lewis to be our president-elect. Andy Guarino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Acceptance of March 9, 2017 Luncheon Meeting Minutes: The minutes were accepted as printed.

A Word of Appreciation: Tom thanked Ella Shelton, David Pfetscher and his crew, Brenda Weber, Ed and Ruby Rusk, and Don and Susan Mosbey for their help with the luncheon.

Installation of Officers for 2017/2018: Tom Mellish read the Purpose of ERTA before installing the following officers: Terry Becker as president, Walt Lewis as president-elect, and Lino Wiseman as treasurer. Andy Guarino and Don Mosbey were installed as directors.

Frog Follies: Jim Sharp spoke briefly about the upcoming Frog Follies to be held on August 25, 26, and 27. He encouraged members to volunteer.

Lunch: Those seated at the head table were dismissed for meal service first. Members and guests were then called by tables.

Committee Chair Vacancies: Terry announced that we still need a member to chair Reservations and one to chair Community Service.

Program: Terry introduced Mayor Lloyd Winnecke, our guest speaker. Mayor Winnecke reminisced about his school experiences and said that speaking in schools is what he likes to do the most. He spoke about the many projects going on in Evansville, including the building of another hotel and a research and development center. Also, he spoke about the future renovation of our airport and the future construction of an indoor pool. Mayor Winnecke concluded by answering questions from those in attendance. He thanked members for what we had done for public education.

Door Prizes: Three gift cards were awarded.

August Luncheon: The next luncheon will be August 10, 2017.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



**EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**  
 July 2017-June 2018 Membership Dues

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
                     Last                    First                    Middle Initial

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
                     Street                                    City                    State                    Zip+4 numbers

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Retired Teacher (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_

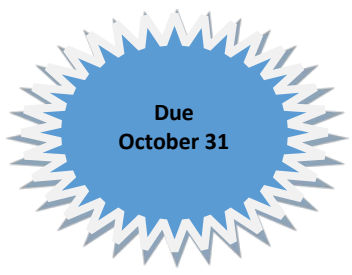
Associate Member (\$5.00) \_\_\_\_\_

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**



**IN MEMORIAM**

May 11, 2017 .....Bob Aiken  
July 11, 2017 .....Gerald Boyd

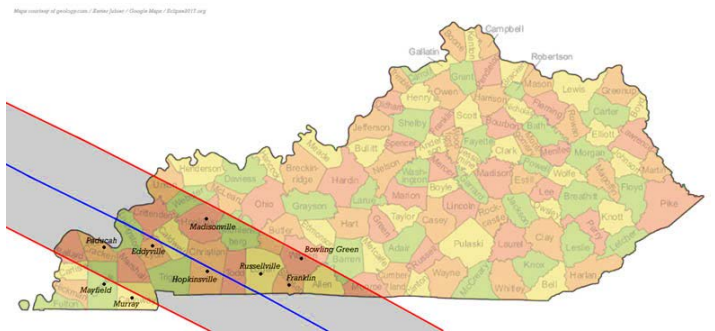
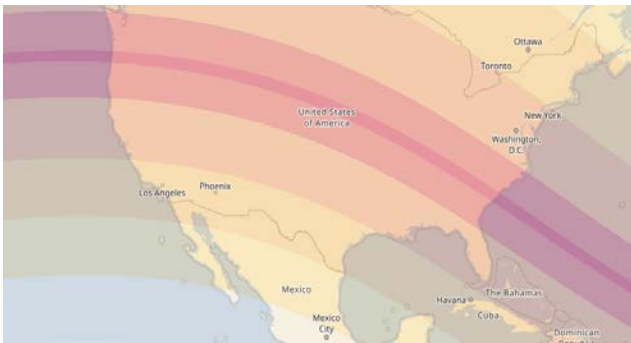
**Gone But Not Forgotten**

**ERTA TRIVIA NO. 8**

Mr. E. Allen Hensley was a long-time Central speech teacher. He also coached the debate team. He began teaching at Central in 1935 and retired from Central in 1973. He continued to give to education after his death. He left money to the ERTA for Professional Development Scholarships. These scholarships are still awarded to teachers yearly for professional development.

Written by Pat Eager  
Submitted by Darla Olberding

**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.**



- <https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/solar/2017-august-21trivia>
- [http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/communities/states/KY/Madisonville\\_413.htm](http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/communities/states/KY/Madisonville_413.htm)
- <http://visitmadisonvilleky.com/eclipse>
- <http://www.eclipseville.com/>

**EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Treasurer's Report by Lino Wiseman**  
**June 30, 2017**

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>		
<i>Beginning Balance June 1, 2017</i>		<u>\$3,434.26</u>
<i>Interest</i>	0.15	
<i>Income</i>	\$22.00	
<i>Disbursements</i>	1,457.26	
<i>Ending Balance June 30, 2017</i>		<u>\$1,999.15</u>
<b>REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT</b>		
<i>Beginning Balance June 1, 2017</i>		240.00
<i>Interest</i>	0.02	
<i>Ending Balance June 30, 2017</i>		<u>240.02</u>
<b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT</b>		
<i>Beginning Balance June 1, 2017</i>		\$15.00
<i>Ending Balance June 30, 2017</i>		<u>\$15.00</u>
<b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26</b>		
<i>Beginning Balance June 1, 2017</i>		444.14
<i>Interest</i>	0.05	
<i>Donations</i>	1457.26	
<i>Ending Balance June 30, 2017</i>		<u>1,901.45</u>
<b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 2 CD's</b>		
<i>Beginning Balance June 1, 2017</i>		36,881.70
<i>Interest</i>	66.69	
<i>Ending Balance June 30, 2017</i>		<u>36,948.39</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$41,104.01</b>

**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

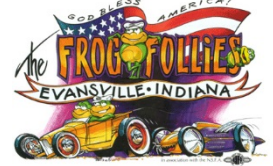
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**EVSC Website**..... <http://evscicats.com/evscnewsletter/category/latest-news/evsc-news/>  
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**Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield**..... 1-800-368-9354  
**Group Insurance Policies** ..... 1-800-258-7041  
**IRTA Website** ..... [www.retiredteachers.org](http://www.retiredteachers.org)  
**ISTRF Website** ..... [www.in.gov/trf](http://www.in.gov/trf)



## ERTA FUNDRAISER: FROG FOLLIES



**Message from Jim Sharp:** I am looking forward to seeing and working with all of you who have volunteered to work the 43rd Frog Follies on August 25 & 26, 2017. If anyone would like to volunteer who has not been contacted, call me at [812-454-2720](tel:812-454-2720) or email [Katsharp623@aol.com](mailto:Katsharp623@aol.com).



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