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Message from Janet Leistner, 2025-2026 President

As the weather finally has become more tolerable, we are looking forward to our fall luncheon on October 2. While it is a little earlier in the month than past years, it may allow you to enjoy your fall vacations and support the West Side Fall Festival. Join us this year to make more great memories of the Evansville Retired Teachers Association.

Our members continue to give back to our community in so many ways. Thank you to everyone who worked at Frog Follies, and special thanks to Jim Sharp and Darla Olberding for organizing and feeding our members. We are a fun loving and hard working group of people.

Thank you for all of your support for each other and our association.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in October.

Message from Jan Craig – President Elect

Veterans Day is a meaningful occasion to honor and express our heartfelt gratitude to the brave souls who have dedicated their lives to protecting our nation. This day is about recognizing their courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment.

Although we do not meet around or on Veterans' Day in November, at our October ERTA luncheon, we want to take the opportunity to honor and thank our ERTA member veterans for their service.

If you can or cannot personally attend our meeting on Oct. 2nd, would you please email Janet Leistner (leistnerjanet@gmail.com) or me (jlraig7@gmail.com) your name, branch of service, and dates of service. We will honor you by reading your service information out loud on that day.

Our guest speaker will be **Bruce Green**. He grew up in Evansville and graduated from USI (ISUE) in 1982 with a bachelor's in secondary education. He received his Master's degree from Indiana State University. He was a history teacher in the South Spencer School Corporation for 34 years retiring in 2018. He has been a volunteer and member of the Board of Directors at the Evansville Wartime Museum since 2021. He is currently President of the Spencer County Retired Teachers Association.

Let's honor our ERTA veterans and make a reservation to attend and hear our guest speaker, Bruce Green.



Reservations for October 2:

The ERTA luncheon will be October 2, 2025 at Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center at 1901 Lynch Road, Evansville, IN

The cost of the luncheon, which is provided by Golden Corral, is \$15. Payment will be collected at the luncheon. We will start at 11:30 for socializing, and we will begin the luncheon at 12:00 noon followed by the program.

Please Click the link below to submit your reservation if you plan to attend and include your name(s) and number of reservations.

Click this link [ERTA Luncheon Reservation Form](#) to submit your reservation by 10:00 a.m. on September 29. **If you submit a form for two people, please list both names on the form.**

If you have any issues trying to submit your reservation, please email Janet Leistner at j.leistner@twc.com or call 812-455-0384.

Reminder: If you need to make changes or cancel a reservation you made, please contact Janet Leistner at j.leistner@twc.com or call 812-455-0384. Monday, September 29 is the deadline to cancel your reservation without being charged since ERTA will have to pay for any meals after that date.

We are looking forward to seeing you in October.

Membership - Janet Leistner, Membership Chairman

We continue to encourage current members to renew and new members to sign up. We want to continue to increase our membership each year. You should have received the information below in a recent email. Please submit your membership through the link or you can submit in person at the August luncheon. We are happy to be able to keep our dues at \$15.00.

We are ready to begin taking memberships for the 2025-2026 year. I have copied the link below to complete your membership online and have also attached a copy if you wish to print it out. We will also have copies available at the first luncheon. Be sure to complete your membership form before October 10, 2025 to ensure that your contact information is updated and to continue receiving the emails and newsletters. We have added a field for birthday month and day (do not need year) so that we can celebrate birthdays throughout the year.

We have two categories on the membership form if you choose to donate to the Scholarship Fund or the General Fund. **You will see the descriptions below on the membership form link.**

If you wish to make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, please list your donation amount below. The Scholarship Fund is money that ERTA awards annually to junior and senior students at U of E and at USI majoring in education. The scholarships are administered by the two universities. The funds will be distributed evenly between the two universities.

If you wish to make a donation to the General Fund, please list your donation amount below. The General Fund is the money ERTA uses to help pay for office supplies, luncheon supplies including luncheon speakers/entertainment, luncheon decorations, luncheon door prizes, and other expenses as needed.

Please let me know if you need assistance with the membership form.

Click the link below to complete your ERTA 2025-26 Membership.

[ERTA 2025-2026 Membership Form](#)

MENU

-  Sliced Roast Beef Au Jus
-  Chicken and Dumplings
-  Green Beans
-  Corn
-  Mashed Potatoes
-  Salad/Dressings
-  Rolls/Butter
-  Desserts
-  Beverages

Memories from the August 2025 Meeting

The Evansville Retired Teachers Association began another year with our August luncheon and program. So great seeing everyone and enjoying a delicious meal. Ron Eaton, publisher of Maturity Journal, presented a great program about his experience in sports and publishing.





ERTA DATES 2025-2026

- August Board Meeting..... August 14**
- August Luncheon/Program..... August 21**
- Welcome Back Candy to Teachers..... July 31**
- Frog Follies..... August 22, 23, 24**
- October Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck.... September 15**
- IRTA Fall Workshop..... September 16**
- October Board Meeting..... September 25**
- October Luncheon..... October 2**
- December Newsletter Article to Diana Luck.... November 17**
- December Board Meeting..... December 4**
- December Luncheon..... December 18**
- March Newsletter to Diana Luck..... February 16**
- March Board Meeting..... February 26**
- March Luncheon..... March 5**
- May Newsletter to Diana Luck..... April 13**
- May Board Meeting..... April 30**
- May Luncheon..... May 7**
- IRTA Representative Workshops..... June TBA**

In Memoriam

“Always in Our Hearts”

Victor Doty September 6, 2025
<https://www.boonefuneralhome.net/obituary/Victor-Doty#obituary>

Charles E. McWilliams September 10, 2025
<https://www.boonefuneralhome.net/obituary/Charles-McWilliams#obituary>

Mary Kay Klipsch September 5, 2025
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/evansville-in/mary-klipsch-12513476>

Frog Follies 2025

The Evansville Retired Teachers Association had a great weekend working at Frog Follies. Special thanks to Jim Sharp for organizing our registration volunteers, Darla Olberding for providing our lunch, and Jodi Monarch from the E'ville Iron Street Rods for overseeing the entire registration process. Special thanks to all our members who helped. The Frog Follies participants were very complimentary of our community. Great work ERTA!



Evansville Retired Teacher Association

Executive Board Meeting
August 14, 2025

Evansville Retired Teachers Association Board Meeting August 14, 2025

Members present: Janet Leistner, Debra Forrest, Diane Meier, Judy Isaac, Linda Henderson, Brenda Beeler, Fred Bullinger, Dave Pfettscher, and Jan Craig

Minutes from the previous meeting approved.

Janet mentioned a couple of corrections needed for the newsletter - date for 13th check was listed as September and October. Diane Meier clarified the up to date information was September.

Officer reports:

Secretary - Debra Forrest

Luncheon minutes will be brief and only cover major events and special events. 81 people are coming to the luncheon. Sandy Schmitt will be honored at the luncheon for her long service to ERTA.

President Elect - Jan Craig

Jan reported that Ron Eaton, editor and owner of *The Maturity Journal*, will be speaking at the luncheon.

Auditing and budget - Lynn Atteberry

Lynn presented the 2025-26 fiscal budget. Jan motioned the budget be approved; Judy Isaac seconded the motion.

Books were audited and cleared by Diane Walker. Tax reported on July 14. IRS received our 99 N report; tax exempt organizations must report to show they have no more than a \$50,000 income. Suggested inclusion of statement "Treasurer will make audited fiscal reports available if requested."

It was suggested and approved that all speakers will receive \$100 for their services.

Community service/volunteer hours: Jane Staton will report volunteer hours to IRTA.

Membership - Janet Leistner

We have 100 or so members that have submitted applications at this time. We have 19 new members. The membership list will be finalized in October.

Publications/publicity - Janet Leistner for Diana Luck

Newsletter sent to all members. Janet sends press releases.

Special Projects - Janet Leistner for Vic Doty (Frog Follies)

ERTA will receive \$2000 for working the Follies. The board will decide in March how to spend those monies.

Scholarship: It was suggested that the scholarship committee be taken off the agenda.

IRTA Liaison/Indiana Legislature Diana Meier attended the summer In legislature on 6/10/25. Legislature changed dues structure. Dues are now \$42; association to \$20. Lifetime membership is available. Bob Kraft will receive the Legacy award for long term service IRTA.

Historian - Janet Leistner for Darla Olberding

Janet mentioned she has digital copies of all materials such as agendas and minutes for the past few years.

Information items

Frog follies discussed (see Special Projects above)

Museum docent information was shared.

IRTA Fall membership is Sept.16 at Spring Mill State Park in Mitchell, IN

Janet provided a list of board meeting and luncheon dates.

Thanks to Scott Riley for his work on our website.

Old business

Board members attended the new retirees reception. We received 19 new members from Google form to new retirees.

Janet read a thank-you note from EVSC for our gift of baskets for new teachers. The cost of the basket was \$49.73.

New business

David Pftetscher and his helpers delivered candy to all schools. Dave wrote thank-you notes to his helpers.

By-laws and EVSC calendar was distributed. Members will review by the next board meeting. It was suggested to change the word "gift" to "stipend" in policy and procedures.

Teacher Locker is now being monitored by the EVSC Foundation. Volunteers needed. Most of the orders are now online and volunteers are needed to fill orders.

There was discussion of giving \$100 to SICTC (not to the custodian) for allowing us to use the assembly hall for our luncheon. A decision was made until the next board meeting until more information is available.

Announcements: Next board meeting is Thursday, September 25, 2025.

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

Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Luncheon August 21, 2025

Minutes (Business Meeting)

First time members were welcomed at the luncheon.

Dave Pfettscher was praised for his work delivering candy to the schools.

Diana Luck was recognized for her good work on our newsletter, and Scott Riley was praised for his help on our website.

The head table members were recognized and birthdays were celebrated. Cindy Shoulders gave the prayer for the meal from Golden Corral.

Members were given an update regarding legislative action, including receipt of the 13th check in late August. They were also encouraged to attend the IRTA fall workshop on Sept. 16.

Members were encouraged to report their volunteer hours.

They were reminded of the upcoming Fall Follies on August 22-24, and to see Jim Sharp to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed for the Teacher Locker.



ERTA FINANCE REPORT as of 9/1/2025

Checking Account	\$2,538.77
Scholarship Account	\$4,383.58
General Fund	\$530.90
TOTAL	\$7,453.25
Reported by: Lynn Arteberry, Treasurer	

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

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RECORD YOUR 2025-2026 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Month	Activity	Date
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
TOTAL HOURS		



Service/Volunteer Hours

Please, please, please...keep track of your volunteer hours as we use these hours when we lobby the Legislators. **You will be asked to turn in your hours at the December meeting or email them to Jane Staton (mymomjane@aol.com). Volunteer hours give us clout with the legislature.**

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 Jane Staton (mymomjane@aol.com)



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