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Message from Janet Leistner, our 2021-2022 President

Hello, everyone, and welcome to our new retirees who will hopefully be joining us this year. What a year it has been! We are looking forward to our August luncheon and continuing our luncheons this year.

With the approval from our membership at the August luncheon, we will have the installation of our officers and board members. With your approval, I have agreed to serve as President again, and Janet Craig will continue to serve as President-Elect so that we can actually have meetings and programs. Janet Craig has a great lineup of programs for this year that I know you will enjoy.

The other installations will include Doris Beard, Director - Diane Meier, Director - David Pfettscher, Director - Lynn Arteberry, Treasurer.

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 Zoom meetings last year but are looking forward to our in-person meetings this year. Although we have not yet had our installation of Board members and officers for this year, our leadership team includes:

“It takes a village!”



- * Janet Craig – President-Elect, will organize our luncheons and programs.
- * Sandra Schmidt, Secretary, records minutes for our meetings
- * Lynn Arteberry – Treasurer (Special thanks to Lino for helping the transition to a new treasurer)
- * Steve Fritz, Past President, whom I greatly respect as a colleague and who will guide me this year
- * Walt Lewis, Past Past President, whom I still look to for guidance as we navigate this different year
- * Fred Naab, Fred Bollinger, and Don Mosbey 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 newsletter and helps oversee our reporting of deceased members.
- * Diane Meier represents ERTTA 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 Brockriede keeps our membership list accurate and up to date and assists with newsletter mailings.

- * Doris Beard - Board member and 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 and Sandra Madriaga and Vic Doty serve as ERTA representatives on the Teacher Locker Board
- * 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.
- * Jim Sharp, who for many years, has organized our membership to work at Frog Follies. Frog Follies is back on this year. Jim has again agreed to organize our workers.
- * Scott Riley designed and maintains our ERTA website 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 we are all looking forward to seeing all of you on August 12.

WELCOME BACK! Our August ERTA Luncheon will be held on August 12, 2021, at the Embrace Church at 6300 Washington Ave. It is located at the corner of Washington Ave. and Burkhardt Road.

Social time will begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 followed by our business meeting and program. Jan Craig has planned a great program that I know everyone will enjoy. Watch for the newsletter next week for additional information.

The lunch for this meeting will be a box lunch from Golden Corral for \$10 each. The lunch will include a choice of sandwich, veggies, chips, plastic cutlery, and a dessert. Please click the link below to submit your reservation. If you are making a reservation for two or more, please submit a reservation for each individual so that we will have the correct sandwich option. You will pay for your lunch when you arrive and check in.

Click this link to submit your reservation: [**ERTA Luncheon Reservation - August 12, 2021**](#)

If you need to cancel your reservation or change your sandwich option, please contact Janet Leistner at j.leistner@twc.com by Monday, Aug. 9. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in August. Please let me know if you have questions.

If you have not yet submitted your membership for this year, please click the link below to complete the form. You may send your check to Lynn Arteberry at the address listed on the form, or you may pay at the August luncheon. If you need assistance submitting the form, please let me know.

Link: [**ERTA 2021-2022 Membership Form**](#)

Message from Jan Craig, our 2021-2022 President-Elect

ERTA wants to continue to be your Professional Community during Retirement.”

We look forward to **Thursday, August 12, at Noon** (11:30 a.m. social time) when we will finally be able to gather again at Embrace Church located at 6300 Washington Avenue and share physical connectedness. Our first meeting is being planned, and we will serve boxed lunches for your safety at \$10 each. Based on your sandwich/wrap preference, you will receive a printed index card with your luncheon selection indicated when you sign in at the church.

The Evansville Retired Teachers Association wants to be a professional connection in your retired life. We hope that you will continue to be an integral part of our professional community. If someone you know has an interest in ERTA, please do let us know as we are always interested in getting new or previously retired teachers involved. We also desire to stay connected to our current members, and we can't wait to see you at our first in-person luncheon/meeting.

Each guest speaker this year will share stories, perspectives, and lessons learned from their own experiences as leaders, both within their organizations and in our community. Our kickoff speaker will be **Mike Blake, WFIE**, who will speak on purpose and "refiring" (vs. retiring), and the story of his life.

I hope that you all have the opportunity to enjoy the rest of the summer and, most importantly, remain safe and healthy.



Warmly,
Jan



We want to make sure that you attend future ERTA luncheons, so here are the five dates to add to your calendar or phone:

1. August 12, 2021
2. October 14, 2021
3. December 9, 2021
4. March 10, 2022
5. May 12, 2022

Reminder from Diane Meier, IRTA Liaison/Legislative

As stated in the following Board minutes, there will not be a 13th check this year. A 1% COLA for retired teachers, effective January 1, 2022, is in the 21/22 Indiana Budget. For most retirees that is less than we received with the 13th check. She also reported that the Indiana Legislature appropriated \$600 million to buy down debt in the Pre-96 Fund, and the Legislature fully funded the Pension Stabilization Fund.

If you have any questions about this, please email Diane Meier at demeier@aol.com.

Evansville Retired Teachers Association
Executive Board Meeting
May 6, 2021

Call to Order: President Janet Leistner called the in-person and Zoom meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. at Embrace Church and welcomed everyone. In addition to the president, those attending in person were Lynn Arteberry, Darlene Brockriede, Fred Bullinger, Jan Craig, Judy Isaac, Donna Lutz, Diane Meier, Don Mosbey, Sandra Schmidt, and Lino Wiseman. Walt Lewis and Diana Luck were on Zoom. Janet noted that this is the final meeting of our year.

Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2021: The first sentence of the Membership Committee report that said Darlene reported sending 293 newsletters was corrected to read only that 293 newsletters had been sent since Darlene had not sent them. The minutes were approved as clarified.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman reported that he had sent the financial report to board members several days before today's meeting. The report will be filed for audit.

Lino said that he believes all members should be aware of the following information: There can be no more than \$2,000 in checking at the end of our year (end of June). Anyone who makes a purchase for the association cannot be reimbursed for sales tax unless a form has been completed. Fifty cents per paid membership goes to UE and to USI at the end of May. Ten dollars go to the scholarship fund for each deceased member. The Hensley is set to expire this year.

Lino said the checks sent for membership dues can be deposited in the ERTA account after June 30, 2021.

President-elect: Jan Craig said she had awarded a gift card to each of the following members: Karen Bippus, Beth Motley, and Scott Riley for March.

With plans to have the luncheon on August 12, 2021, Jan reported that she had contacted Golden Corral, Heavenly Ham, and Great Harvest about providing box lunches. She distributed menu selections for each of the three. The president wondered if \$12 was too much to charge and if the price should be lowered to \$10. After some discussion by the Board, Diane Meier made a motion to select Golden Corral and charge \$10 for the box lunch. Sandra Schmidt seconded. The motion passed.

Jan announced that she is currently contacting speakers and/or entertainment for the 2021/2022 ERTA meetings. The slate of officers listed in the May newsletter will be sworn in at the August meeting.

Presentation: Suzanne Williams, who retired as secretary at Embrace Church, was presented with flowers and a gift card.

Committee Reports:

Community Service: Janet announced that the number of volunteer hours for this past year numbered about 2,300. She asked that we keep track of our hours.

Fellowship/Necrology: Donna Lutz said that a sympathy card has been sent to Jim Sharp due to the loss of his wife.

Membership: Darlene Brockriede reported that Jeanine Minor, a teacher at the Tech Center, had mailed 28 newsletters.

Publications: Diana Luck said that the newsletter for August will be sent in July.

Reservations: Janet announced that the same reservation form will be used this year and will be sent out in July.

Special Projects: Janet reported that Jim Sharp will chair the committee for Frog Follies this year.

Scholarship: Diane Meier announced that she had mailed checks to four educators at Cedar Hall who are recipients of the Hensley.

IRTA Liaison/Legislative: Diane said that there will not be a 13th Check this year. A 1% COLA for retired teachers, effective January 1, 2022, is in the 21/22 Indiana Budget. That is less than we received with the 13th Check. She also reported that the Indiana Legislature appropriated \$600 million to buy down debt in the Pre-96 Fund, and the Legislature fully funded the Pension Stabilization Fund.

Historian: Janet announced that the association's filing cabinet has been moved to the old North High School and is located near Hangars.

Information Items:

- Frog Follies – August 27-29 (More information to come from Jim Sharp)
- EVSC Foundation held jewelry design meeting on March 9 (to sell)
- Volunteers needed for K-Camp and elementary schools (through United Way)
- Delegates needed for the Representative Assembly (to be held by mail-in ballot) 13 allowed

Old Business:

Janet reported that many are responding to the membership form that was sent. She added that the 2021 retirees have received an e-mail and a membership form.

New Business:

The plan for 2021-2022 is to try to return to normalcy.

Announcements:

- Next ERTA Executive Board meeting on Thursday, August 5, 2021
- Luncheon on Thursday, August 12, 2021

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



Message from Jim Sharp, Frog Follies Coordinator

Frog Follies is back! Our organization provides 90 volunteers to help with the registration of cars. If you have worked before and want to work this year and have not been contacted, please do so now by calling 812-454-2720.

If you have not worked Frog Follies before and would like to work this year, please contact me now.

Volunteers are needed for all the shifts:

Friday—8:00 to 11:15, 11:15 to 2:30, 2:30 to 6:00

Saturday—8:00 to 10:30

10:30 to 1:00

FYI from visitevansville.com: Since 1975, each August the E'ville Iron Street Rod Club has put on a rod run for street rod owners. At the first event we had 44 registered street rods. Since that time the Frog Follies has grown to average over 4000 street rods each year. The event became known as the Frog Follies after the club had a bull frog race at the first event. We've had entries from Alaska, Australia, Canada, and all 48 continental states over the years. Since 2010 we can boast that the Frog Follies "is THE largest PRE 49 Street Rod event anywhere in the world!"

IN MEMORIAM

“Always in Our Hearts”

Evelyn Hatfield June 20, 2021
<https://obits.courierpress.com/us/obituaries/courierpress/name/evelyn-hatfield-obituary?pid=199140113>

Jack Watson June 16, 2021
<https://obits.courierpress.com/us/obituaries/courierpress/name/jack-watson-obituary?pid=199102324>

Volunteers Are Special!

Just a reminder to keep track of your volunteer hours that you serve in any organization. Just delivering cookies to a friend can be counted. Hours can be counted if they do 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 will be asked to turn them in at the December meeting or email them to Jane Staton (mymomjane@aol.com). Volunteer hours give us clout with the legislature.

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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ERTA 2021-2022

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Welcome Back Candy Bags to TeachersAugust 6
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Frog Follies..... August 27-29
October Gazette Articles to D. Luck..... September 6
October Board Meeting October 7
October Luncheon/Program..... October 14
December Gazette Articles to D. Luck..... November 8
December Board Meeting December 2
December Luncheon..... December 9

Legislative Brunch Indianapolis TBA
March Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck February 7
March Board Meeting March 3
March Luncheon/Program March 10
May Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck April 4
USI Scholarship Banquet.....April - TBA
UE Scholarship Banquet.....April - TBA
May Board Meeting..... May 5
May Luncheon/Program May 12
IRTA Representative Assembly, Indy June - TBA

