



School's Out Gazette



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From Our 2020-2021 President, Janet Leistner

Hello. My inspirational message this issue is this - I am hopeful that good times are on the horizon for our ERTA group. As we have endured the pandemic, I know that we are anxious to be able to resume our luncheons and programs. At this point, we plan to meet again in August 2021, so please mark your calendars now for our ERTA luncheon on August 12. We will plan a program, and we will also try to give everyone plenty of social time to talk.

We will keep everyone updated through our newsletter and emails. Please do not hesitate to email me or call me if you have any questions or concerns or just want to say hi. We will also have our officer slate for your approval and installation of officers and directors at the August meeting. Watch for more information and the luncheon invitation later this summer. Also be sure to let us know if your email or contact information changes so that we can keep our records updated.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy and enjoy the spring and summer weather. Hopefully, you will be able to be with your family and friends again. Please take care and stay healthy. We will have a great 2021-22 year!



KEEPING IN TOUCH

- ERTA Websitewww.erta.info
- EVSC Website.....<http://evscicats.com/evscnewsletter/category/latest-news/evsc-news/>
- IRTA 1-888-454-9333
- IRTA E-mailirta@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 Websitewww.retiredteachers.org
- ISTRF Website www.in.gov/trf

**Facebook by Doris Beard: Search
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Message from Jan Craig, Our 2020-2021 President-Elect

Happy Spring ERTA Members!



Daffodils are popping up in yards all around town, a sure sign of spring. Winter is eventually leaving. As much as some of us enjoy the winter and the changing of the seasons, springtime does make most of us smile.

Spring is a time of renewal. Next August we are looking for a renewal of our retired teacher's organization. We are so grateful to have shared past ERTA events at Embrace Church with you before the COVID-19 Pandemic. We are planning with anticipation to share more interesting ERTA luncheon programs with you in 2021-2022.

Congratulations to the following members who won a \$10.00 Target gift cards: Karen Bippus, Beth Mottley, and Scott Riley.

We want to congratulate Suzanne Williamson, as she retires after almost 20 years as secretary/receptionist at Embrace Church (formerly American Baptist East). She has been outstanding to work with since ERTA started meeting at the church. We send our best wishes on her upcoming May 1, 2021, retirement.

Please take a few minutes to explore the newsletter, and we cannot wait to see you at the first luncheon meeting on August 12, 2021. We would love to hear from you; feel free to share any comments and pictures.

Thanks, and enjoy the upcoming summer months.

Email: jlraig7@gmail.com

Message from Sandra Schmitt, ERTA Secretary

Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Executive Board Meeting

March 4, 2021

Call to Order: President Janet Leistner called the Zoom meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. and welcomed Lynn Arteberry, Doris Beard, Brenda Beeler, Darlene Brockriede, Fred Bullinger, Janet Craig, Judy Isaac, Walt Lewis, Diana Luck, Diane Meier, Don Mosbey, Darla Olberding, and Lino Wiseman. Sandra Schmidt was in attendance by phone.

Recognition: Janet gave a shout out to Lana Burton, Carol Koehler, and Walt Lewis for being inducted into the EVSC Hall of Fame. She also recognized Lynn Arteberry, who will become our next treasurer.

Approval of December 3, 2020, Executive Board Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman said that he had sent a financial report to board members in January. There were no questions. The report will be filed for audit.

He also said that he had sent the Proposed Budget for 2021/2022 in February. He noted that dues paid for 2020/2021 will carry over for 2021/2022.

Janet suggested that a membership form be sent to members by email or letter to those without a computer. The form would need to be returned by October 31, 2021, in order for members to be listed on the roster for 2021/2022. Members can donate or pay dues if any wish to do so.

Diane Meier made a motion to accept the Proposed Budget for 2021/2022. Doris Beard seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Janet thanked Lino for his hard work.

Secretary: Sandra Schmidt thanked Janet Craig for taking the minutes at the last four meetings.

Sandra announced that she had been sending the names of educators who had passed away to IRTA as the association had requested. Thanks to those members who have notified her of an educator's passing.

President-elect: Janet Craig suggested that ERTA give a gift to Suzanne Williamson, the secretary at Embrace Church, who is retiring. Darla Olberding made a motion to give a \$25 gift card. Brenda Beeler seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Janet said that ERTA had awarded ten gift cards in December. After some discussion, it was suggested that we go back to three gift cards each for March and May. Lino Wiseman made a motion to award three gift cards for each of the two months. Don Mosbey seconded. The motion passed.

Committees:

Membership: Darlene reported sending 293 newsletters. Those who send in a membership form receive a newsletter, even those who do not pay.

Janet complimented Darlene on a job well done.

Program/Luncheon: Janet said that the same reservation form will be used for the luncheons when we resume, possibly in May.

Publications: Janet related that she sees our newsletter as a very positive tool. She congratulated Diana Luck.

Publicity: Doris Beard is continuing to keep up the Facebook page.

Scholarship: Diane Meier will contact last year's recipients in December to learn if any of them are not going to attend the conference, workshop, etc., for which the money was awarded. The money awarded to those who will not be attending will be divided among those who will be attending. She noted that she had already heard from all but four.

IRTA Liaison/Legislative: Diane said that Bill 1227 has passed the House. This bill provides for the thirteenth check and a \$50 increase. She asked that members contact their senators.

Historian: Darla Olberding asked if the locked filing cabinet had been opened and learned that it had not.

Nominating: President-elect Janet Craig submitted the following names:

- Doris Beard – Director for two years
- Diane Meier – Director for one year
- David Pfetscher – Director for two years
- Lynn Arteberry – Treasurer
- Janet Leistner – President for one year
- Janet Craig – President-elect for one year

Darla Olberding made a motion to accept the slate. Judy Isaac seconded the motion. The motion passed. Installation will take place in August.

Information:

1. Janet Leistner reported on members receiving scam emails that were supposedly from her.
2. Area 9 Representative Jim Isaac resigned after one year.
3. Walt Lewis spoke about the Public Education Foundation and how the PEF helps teachers. He believes that ERTA needs to be on the list of donors. May fundraisers were cancelled. Anyone who wishes to donate can send a donation to PEF, P.O. Box 1163, Evansville, IN 47706.

Next Executive Board Meeting: May 6, 2021 {Zoom and in person}

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

Volunteers Are Special!

Remember to keep track of your volunteer hours for 2021. Questions? Contact Jane Staton at mymomjane@aol.com.

In Memoriam

“Always in Our Hearts”

Jane Reynolds.....February 21, 2021
<https://obits.courierpress.com/obituaries/courierpress/obituary.aspx?n=jane-ann-huffman-reynolds&pid=198010668&fhid=4750>

Ray Vescovi..... March 4, 2021
<https://obits.courierpress.com/obituaries/courierpress/obituary.aspx?n=raymond-bruno-vescovi&pid=197954459&fhid=24978>

Mary Day..... March 30, 2021
<https://obits.courierpress.com/obituaries/courierpress/obituary.aspx?n=mary-day&pid=198257833&fhid=10662>

ERTA 2020-2021

USI Scholarship Banquet..... TBA	May Luncheon/Program Cancelled
UE Scholarship Banquet..... TBA	IRTA Rep. Assembly, Primo Center, Indy....June 17
May Board Meeting May 6 - Zoom	



EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report by Lino Wiseman

February 28, 2021



CHECKING ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance February 1, 2021			\$7,336.69
Interest		0.03	
<u>Ending Balance February 28, 2021</u>			<u>\$7,336.72</u>
REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance February 1, 2021			240.70
Interest		0.01	
<u>Ending Balance February 28, 2021</u>			<u>240.71</u>
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance February 1, 2021			3,091.36
Interest		0.47	
<u>Ending Balance February 28, 2021</u>			<u>3,091.83</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT			
Beginning Balance February 1, 2021			\$15.00
<u>Ending Balance February 28, 2021</u>			<u>\$15.00</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26			
Beginning Balance February 1, 2021			11,039.59
Interest		0.42	
<u>Ending Balance February 28, 2021</u>			<u>11,040.01</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			\$21,724.27

Message from Former ERTA President, Walt Lewis

I have been on the board of the PEF (Public Education Foundation) for nearly twenty years and have observed and participated in the assistance granted to teachers, schools, and most of all, students. If you can, your tax-deductible donation would be greatly appreciated and very significant during this difficult year. Make checks out to PEF, PO 1163, Evansville, IN 47706. Thanks, Walt Lewis





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