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From our President, Bob Suhrheinrich

At the end of our August 8 luncheon, Mrs. Irene Saucer told me how much she enjoyed coming to our meetings because she was “able to see so many of her friends.” Diana Luck also received an email from another member saying how much she appreciated the invitation and the opportunity to see friends she had not seen in some time.

No doubt about it, seeing old friends and former colleagues is a significant part of being a member of the Evansville Retired Teachers Association! The relationships we have gained throughout the years are so important to all of us as we move through our more “mature” portion of our lives.

But as we think about our friends, we should be thinking about others as well. As noted in the August newsletter, there are many ways to volunteer our service. In fact, the many activities we already do can be counted as volunteering for ERTA. Count your hours and give them to Jan Kraft or Charlotte Reitz who head up the Community Service portion of our organization.

A big thank you is in order to Dr. David Smith for being our first guest speaker of the new year. David has a huge job, and his knowing he has the support of ERTA is important.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the October 10!



Happy Autumn! The first ERTA luncheon in August for the 2013-14 school year was a huge success with 190+ attendees. This number included several newly retired teachers.

The second luncheon will be held at the American Baptist East Church at 6300 Washington Avenue on Thursday, October 10, at 11:30 for socializing and lunch at 12 noon. The cost is \$10.

Please reply to my September 8 e-mail only if you plan to attend, and please include your name/names and the

number of reservations. If you have not been contacted by e-mail or phone by Monday, September 30, please call Brenda Beeler at 422-1637, or e-mail me at dianaeluck@gmail.com to give one of us your reservation. We will need this information to take to the board meeting on Thursday, October 3. If you need to cancel a reservation you made, please e-mail Diana Luck.

ERTA will meet three more times during the school year (December 12, March 13, and May 8). You will be receiving an invitation about a month before each one.

We are looking forward to seeing you on **Thursday, October 10!** Diana Luck

Our Menu

-  Roast Beef in Au Jus
-  Chicken & Dumplings
-  Mashed Potatoes
-  Green Beans with Mushrooms
-  Glazed Carrots
-  Salad
-  Desserts
-  Dinner Rolls



EVSC Teachers “Welcomed Back to School” by ERTA

Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation teachers were welcomed back to the classroom with a basket of candy from the Evansville Retired Teachers Association. Five teams of teachers delivered the baskets to the schools on August 12, 2013. Each team of two members was assigned a high school district. Team members included Pat and David Eager, Ruby and Ed Rusk, Diane and Marion Meier, Bob Suhrheinrich, David Pfetscher, Darla Olberding, and Sandra Schmidt.

It is estimated that “Team Candy” volunteered over 42 hours on this project. This included selecting 44 baskets of various sizes, preparing them, filling them with candy, and making a delivery to each school. All of the schools were very appreciative of this token of support and encouragement displayed by ERTA.

A special thanks to EVSC Superintendent Dr. David Smith for giving us permission to do this project and to Sandra Schmidt for organizing ERTA’s first “Welcome Back to School” event.

Program/Speaker October 10, 2013

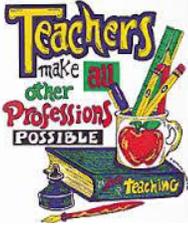
Derrick Stewart, CEO, YMCA Southwestern Indiana



During Derrick’s nearly 12-year career with the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana, he has served in a variety of capacities including Program Director, Community Outreach Branch Director, Chief Development Officer and Chief Operating Officer prior to becoming the Chief Executive Officer. Derrick is deeply committed to supporting and encouraging the development of a healthier and more vibrant community, and providing opportunities for young people from all walks of life to achieve their full potential.

Derrick is active in leadership throughout the community and with the YMCA movement. He is a member of the YMCA of the USA National Board of Directors and serves as chair of the YMCA of the USA Small to Mid-Size YMCA Cabinet. He is past president of the Board of the Evansville Regional Airport Authority, and the Public Education Foundation of Evansville, Inc. He is a member of the Regional Board of Trustees for Ivy Tech Community College, the Old National Bank Evansville Region Board of Directors and the Evansville Christian School Board.

He is a graduate of the Indiana University Kelley School of Business with a degree in Business – Finance. Derrick and his wife, Chotsani, reside in Vanderburgh County with their two daughters.



EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2013



President Bob Suhrheinrich called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Phipps Center. The following were in attendance: Brenda Beeler, Darlene Brockreide, Pat Eager, Linda Hape, Diana Luck, Mike Madriaga, Diane Meier, LaVonne Miller, Fred Naab, Nancy Noland, Jerry Noland, Darla Olberding, Charlotte Reitz, Ed Rusk, Sandra Schmidt, Linda Staley, Bob Suhrheinrich, Gene VanStone, and Lino Wiseman.

Chaplain Ed Rusk read "Happiness Is a Perfume You Cannot Pour on Others without Getting a Few Drops on Yourself." He then read Matthew 5:6 and prayed.

The May 2, 2013 Minutes were approved as printed.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed the 2012/2013 Year-end Report and the Proposed 2014 Budget. He informed the Board that the 2012/2013 Federal Tax Form as well as the 2012/2013 Indiana Department of Revenue Tax Form had been submitted. Also, to keep the checking account balance under \$2,000, he transferred \$1,226.00 to the Hensley Scholarship Fund. The current checking account balance is \$1,999.20.

Lino then went over the year-end report saying the items highlighted in green were the positives; the items highlighted in tan were the negatives. He noted that our insurance bond is due this year, the amount being \$270.

Darla Olberding asked if the proposed budget for postage and office supplies is sufficient since we no longer mail the number of newsletters required for bulk mailing. Bob reported that it cost \$69 to mail the 150 August newsletters. Almost half were sent to newly retired teachers. Diana Luck said that the newly retired teachers are used to e-mail and will elect to receive the newsletter that way. Diane Meier made a motion to approve the 2012/2013 Year-end Report. Sandra Schmidt seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Diane then made a motion to approve the 2014 Budget. Sandra seconded. That motion also passed unanimously.

Secretary: No report

President-Elect: No report

President: Bob said EVSC Superintendent Dr. David Smith will speak at next week's luncheon.

Committee Reports:

Auditing and Budget: Darla announced that the treasurer's books were audited and found to be in good order.

Community Service: Bob emphasized the importance of reporting our volunteer hours to Jan Kraft.

Fellowship/Necrology: Necrology Chair Linda Hape reported that five members have passed away since the newsletter was sent.

Membership: Darlene Brockriede said that a list she received from Debbie DeBaillie listed 73 newly retired teachers.

Nominating: Directors Fred Naab and Charlotte Reitz will meet with President-Elect Richard Sprinkle in January to prepare a slate of officers.

Publications: Jerry Noland, reporting on the website, said that there will be a \$200 charge unless we get another host. He said that he would like someone to work with him this year, so that person can take over next year.

Reservations: Diana reported 186 reservations for the luncheon. That number includes 30 newly retired teachers.

Scholarship: Mike Madriaga announced that last year's recipients of the Hensley, with one exception, have completed their work. He made a motion on behalf of the committee for \$10,000 to be made available for the Hensley Scholarship in 2013/2014. The motion unanimously passed.

Special Project: Gene VanStone asked the Board to think about some ideas for humanitarian projects. Money from Frog Follies supports the special projects. The Christmas Project is supported with contributions given at the luncheon in December.

IRTA/Legislative: Diane said Governor Pence has decided that excess funds will not be going into the Pension Stabilization Fund but into prison construction. She reminded us that the extra money in the September check is a stipend, not a 13th check. Diane said the most important steps that ERTA members can take are joining IRTA and turning in our volunteer hours. IRTA will be lobbying with the state legislature for a COLA and a stipend. Half of the retired teachers belong to IRTA.

Publicity: Nancy Noland announced a State Publicity Committee Meeting will be held on August 15, 2013.

Discussion Items:

Frog Follies: There are enough volunteer workers for Frog Follies. ERTA volunteers will work on August 23 and 24, 2013.

Review of Current Policies: A committee consisting of Carol Koehler, Darla Olberding, Pat Eager, Betty Schmitt, and Sandra Schmidt will review ERTA policies.

Welcome Back Baskets: Baskets to welcome teachers back to a new school year will be delivered on August 12, 2013, by five teams of two ERTA members.

E-Newsletter: Besides going green, money will be saved by e-mailing the newsletter.

Board Member Replacement: Director Garland Aramowicz has resigned from the Board because she is working. Bob asked for recommendations to fill the vacancy. The vacancy will be filled at the next Board meeting.

Announcements:

*** IRTA Awards for Fiscal Year 2012;** (1.) Group Project – File for Life (2.) Honorable Mention for Hours Helping Others -Jack Benjamin, Phyllis Fitzgerald, and Gene Van Stone (3.) Public Relations Honorable Mention– Jerry Noland (website) and Phyllis Fitzgerald (newsletter)

***IRTA Fall Leadership Workshop** on September 19, 2013, at Spring Mill State Park

***Next Board meeting** at 1:00 p.m. on October 3, 2013; next luncheon at noon on October 10, 2013

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Luncheon Meeting

August 8, 2013

President Bob Suhrheinrich called the meeting to order at noon at American Baptist East Church. He welcomed everyone to the first of five meetings for the year and reported today's attendance of around 190. Bob asked members and guests to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Ed Rusk read "Authority without Wisdom Is Like a Heavy Axe with an Edge, Fitter to Bruise than Polish." Then, he read Proverbs 28:16 and prayed.

Bob introduced those seated at the head table: Ed and Ruby Rusk, EVSC Executive Director of Development Gail Long Kiesel, and EVSC Superintendent Dr. David Smith, today's program speaker.

Announcements:

Bob acknowledged Phyllis Fitzgerald and Diana Luck for putting together the first ERTA E-Newsletter. He then reviewed the following key points in the newsletter: membership information on ERTA and IRTA, the importance of volunteer hours, the stipend from the state that is added to the September check, the names of members who have passed, and information about volunteering to work at Frog Follies.

Candy-filled baskets from ERTA will be delivered to all EVSC schools on August 12, 2013, to welcome teachers back to the classroom.

Marion Reisinger's name was omitted from the UE/USI Scholarship Committee. She will continue to chair that committee.

Bob said that there is an information sheet explaining the first "Annual Campaign for EVSC Schools" as well as other items on the information table.

Before dismissing members and guests for meal service, Bob introduced Irene Saucer and her guest Dr. Carol Hawkins, an instructor at Miami Dade College.

As members finished eating, Bob thanked Ed and Ruby Rusk, Ella Shelton, and Susan Mosbey for setting the tables and serving drinks. He also thanked Jane Whitehouse for handling the table decorations. Attendees were then asked to move to the sanctuary for the program.

Program:

Bob introduced Dr. Smith by telling about the time they worked together. Using a power point presentation entitled "What We Believe," Dr. Smith spoke about EVSC's "Continuous Improvement Process" with the ultimate goal of having every student on grade level and on track for college or a career. He listed three priorities of the school corporation to help students achieve this goal. Also, Dr. Smith briefly discussed financial constraints for the corporation due to

decreasing revenue and rising costs. He said that the School Board has no discretion in the budget any longer. The “Annual Campaign for EVSC Schools” will give principals some discretionary funding needed to help students and staff. Dr. Smith finished by opening the floor for questions. A number of members asked questions. Bob presented Dr. Smith with a gift card.

May Luncheon Meeting Minutes: The May 9, 2013 Minutes were approved as printed in the August newsletter.

Door Prizes: Drawings were held for three gift cards.

October’s Luncheon Speaker: Bob announced that Derrick Stewart, the CEO of the YMCA, will be our speaker at the October 10, 2013 meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



IRTA Scholarship Update

Up until this year, the Indiana Retired Teachers Association awarded scholarships under the guidance of the IRTA Scholarship Committee. This year, the scholarship fund has been moved to the IRTA Foundation and will no longer be under the direct control of the scholarship committee. The IRTA Scholarship Committee will no longer exist as a standalone committee but will serve as an entity of the foundation in order to determine scholarship winners. Our very own Sylvia Blice is a member of this committee. Why is this important to you? Essentially there are no differences other than a concerted effort by IRTA to consolidate fundraising and the ability to sustain scholarship opportunities for college students in the future.

About the scholarship itself:

- one scholarship awarded yearly to a student from each of the nine areas of the state (\$3,000 this past year)
- applicant must be a direct descendent or legal dependent of an Indiana teacher (teacher can be active, retired or deceased)
- applicant must be enrolled in an education program at an Indiana college or university
- applicant can apply as either a sophomore or junior
- applicant must have at least a “C” average GPA in the first three semesters of his college work

If you would like to know more about this scholarship opportunity, please see Sylvia.

Please do not confuse the IRTA scholarship with our very own ERTA scholarship. Each year ERTA awards scholarships to a University of Evansville student and a University of Southern Indiana student. Both of these selections are education majors.

Invitation to our Area Legislators



As occurs each year in October, an invitation has been extended to our area Indiana State Representatives and State Senators to have lunch with us during our October meeting as a token of our appreciation for their representation of retired teachers in the State House. Each elected official who attends will be introduced but will not be making any remarks. Therefore, if you have any questions for these folks, please do so before the luncheon starts at noon.

ERTA Executive Board 2013-2014

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Publicity	Nancy Noland	jbnoland@yahoo.com

EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2013



CHECKING ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance July 1, 2013			\$1999.20
Interest	0.09		
Income	270.00		
Disbursements	6.11		
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2013</u>			\$2,263.18
SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance July 1, 2013			\$1.06
Interest	0		
Disbursements	0		
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2013</u>			\$1.06
REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT			
Beginning Balance July 1, 2013			239.06
Interest	0.02		
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2013</u>			239.08
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT			
Beginning Balance July 1, 2013			\$15.00
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2013</u>			\$15.00
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26			
Beginning Balance July 1, 2013			\$3,455.38
Interest	0.32		
Donations	135.00		
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2013</u>			\$3,590.70
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 3 CD's			
Beginning Balance July 1, 2013			54,163.28
Interest	96.26		
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2013</u>			54,259.54
TOTAL ASSETS			
			\$60,368.56

EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Dues

Name _____ Date _____

 Last First MI

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 Drive

Evansville, IN 47715-3472

ERTA Membership

If you haven't joined the Evansville Retired Teachers Association, please do so at our October luncheon. Membership is only \$10 per year. Just think of the benefits you get by being a member; such as, seeing your old friends, meeting new folks who have just retired, reminiscing with both while telling stories of days gone by, enjoying a good lunch, and hearing really good programs.

Now that we have had our first meeting, there are only four luncheons left. Mark the following dates down: October 10, December 12, March 13 and May 8. Remember our luncheons are the second Thursday of October, December, March and May. In all cases, if you have paid your dues by the October luncheon, you will continue to receive reminders either by email, E-Newsletter, newsletter via USPS or by telephone.



IRTA Membership

In our August newsletter, we mentioned the importance of joining IRTA from the perspective of receiving the 13th check. The 13th check, along with favorable insurance rates of various kinds, cell phone discounts with AT&T and Verizon, and auto rental discounts are just a few of the ways you can save money by joining IRTA. IRTA is just \$35 per year! Just ***do the math! You will see the payback.***



Your 13th Check Follow-Up

We hope you noticed some additional money in your September retirement check! But in case you haven't looked it over, please do so, because your stipend money is there! In the Payment Summary of the "check stub" you received for September, it is identified as the 13th check.

A big thanks to immediate IRTA Past-President Bob Kraft for spear heading the lobbying effort with our state legislators to make this happen! Remember, this doesn't happen automatically! Membership in IRTA goes a long way in the effort to help insure we continue receiving what is due retirees, year after year.

CALLING ALL DEDICATED TEACHERS, BECAUSE TEACHERS NEVER STOP CARING!

Our old school district is doing great under the leadership of Dr. Smith. School spirit is strong. Students are dressed for success and their test scores are going up!

I want to help the EVSC stay strong and I hope you do too. Please join me in helping.

Budgets are finally up to the 2009 level but prices are definitely higher than 4 years ago. This means there is less money for everything from classroom supplies, musical instruments, sports equipment, field trips, and just about anything.

With donations of \$10 to \$250, you can give teachers the resources to go beyond the basic needs of the students.

I have great memories of my school and I want to help others have a great time in school too. Please join me in making that happen with a donation to the Annual Campaign for EVSC Schools. Your donation will go directly to the schools in the high school attendance district you designate. Just put Bosse CommUNITY, Central Bear Country, Harrison Family, North Husky Nation, or The Reitz Mighty Nation to donate to a high school district, or give to EVSC District for your donation to be divided among all the schools

You can be part of making school a great part of a student's day.

To donate online, go to <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/EVSCFoundationInc/OnlineDonation.html> now.

Or, text "EVSC" to 20222 right now to donate \$10 on your cell phone bill!

Jack B. Schriber, Community and Alumni Outreach

Service/Volunteer Hours



Please, please, please...keep track of your volunteer hours as we use these hours when we lobby the legislators and give those numbers to either Jan Kraft or Charlotte Reitz. Indiana educators, once again, contributed over one million hours of volunteer service. ERTA members contributed approximately 30,000 hours. Our goal for 2013 is 40,000 hours. 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 efforts.

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

RECORD YOUR 2013 VOLUNTEER HOURS MONTHLY

2013 HOURS	YOUTH	OTHER
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

Name _____

Address _____

ERTA CALENDAR

2013-2014

June 19, 2013, IRTA Representative Assembly, Indianapolis, IN

August 1, 2013, Board Meeting

August 8, 2013, Luncheon Meeting

August 23, 24, 25, 2013, Frog Follies

September 19, 2013, IRTA Fall Leadership Workshop, Spring Mill State Park

October 3, 2013, Board Meeting

October 10, 2013, Luncheon Meeting

December 5, 2013, Board Meeting

December 12, 2013, Luncheon Meeting

February 4, 2014, Meet Your State Legislators, State House, Indianapolis, IN

March 6, 2014, Board Meeting

March 13, 2014, Luncheon Meeting

May 1, 2014, Board Meeting

May 8, 2014, Luncheon Meeting

June (TBA), 2014, IRTA Representative Assembly, Indianapolis, IN

IN MEMORIAM

Byrdell Martin	May 17, 2013
Robert Charles Romain Jr.	July 8, 2013
Albert Raymond Scales Jr.	July 8, 2013
Jane Kuykendall	July 18, 2013
Imogene Morrison	July 29, 2013
Peggy Maria Durden	July 31, 2013
Marie Noelle Taylor	August 10, 2013
Jack Wesden Hasenmyer	August 21, 2013
Mary Ann Slade	August 30, 2013

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

Reminders:

- **If you have made any changes to your contact information, please be sure to notify Darlene Brockriede at brockriede@twc.com.**
- **If EVSC closes schools for inclement weather, the luncheon is cancelled. If there is a school delay, the luncheon will still be held.**

Trees

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast:
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray:
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair:
Upon whose bosom snow has lain:
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

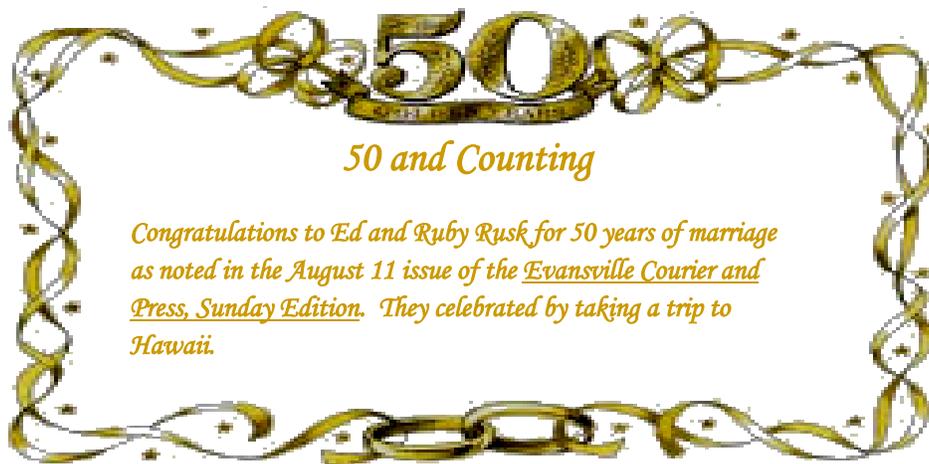
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If there are any other special events or celebrations regarding our membership, let us know, and we will try to include them in our newsletter.