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From 2019-2020 President Steve Fritz

How do you define success...?

When I was a young college student, I thought that I wanted to someday be a rich man. In order to do so, I reasoned that I would need to study finance, investing, and accounting. Also, I would need to connect with the right people, particularly those with outstanding acumen. In addition, I felt there would likely be corners to cut in order to take full advantage of those opportunities.

Fast-forward a couple of summers spent on staff at YMCA Camp Carson and my ambitions were altered by the joy I was experiencing serving, mentoring, and working on behalf of children.

Needless to say, I never became wealthy but instead became rich in love, friendships, life experiences, and memories.

The following poem, which I came across in high school and have read to myself numerous times through the years, helped to solidify my thinking about success and what is really important. I hope you have discovered the truth of the poem's message and can find joy in sharing it with someone who is contemplating his own path.

Success

How can I express the meaning of life in terms of success?

Some say it's money, some it's power to rule;
some say it's knowledge acquired in the schools;
some say achievement, some the work you perform
conquering the tempest and riding the storm.
But none of these answers suffice to express
the things that I feel when I think of success.
When one thinks of success in this world filled with
strife

I think you should have a philosophy of life.
It's not what you do not what is your task,
not what kind of work—all you need do is ask.
Is it something worthwhile, does it need to be done?
Not how hard is the race but should it be run?
It's what you become, what your job does to you,
what service you give, what for others you do.
Choose and get if you can a job where you fit,
and then make yourself a master of it,
remembering always that you never lose
though you can't get the job that at first you would
choose.

It was Jesus who said as you may recall,
"he who would be greatest must be servant of all."
Do your best to serve all in whatever you do;
this much it seems clear is expected of you.
Success requires no one to do more than he can,
but that it seems should be required of every man
remembering always (let it be understood)
that you must do only what you know to be good.
You must learn, and it's true, and really believe
that it is more blessed to give than to receive.
Then giving all that you have in whatever you do
and service to others will bring success to you.
It's not what you do, or you get while you live
but what you become in the service you give.
Your doing and giving are the process of living;
your success is achieved by becoming and giving.
What kind of a person are you becoming each day?
What kind of a world will result from your way?
Answer these questions put yourself to the test;
by your answers alone can you measure
success.





The October ERTA luncheon for this school year will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at the American Baptist East Church at 6300 Washington Avenue. The cost of the luncheon, which will be provided by Golden Corral, is \$12. We will start at 11:30 for socializing, and the lunch will follow at 12 noon.

Dues of \$15 will be collected also, \$10 for associate members. Also, the first year's ERTA dues are complimentary for the 2019 retirees.

Special Program: The October 10 program will be a visit from Dr. Ronald Rochon, president of the University of Southern Indiana. We will hear about the growth and progress of this valuable educational institution.

New!

Menu: Catered by Golden Corral

- 🍁 Sliced Roast Beef in Au Jus
- 🍁 Chicken and Dumplings
- 🍁 Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
- 🍁 Green Beans/Mushrooms
- 🍁 Glazed Carrots
- 🍁 Salad/Dressings
- 🍁 Rolls/Butter
- 🍁 Desserts
- 🍁 Beverages

“The Ins and Outs of Making Reservations”

What’s different about our new ERTA luncheon reservation procedure? We are sure many of our members are asking this question. We understand that change is never easy, even for former teachers and administrators.

I personally still have nightmares thinking about the first time I was told I had to give up my green gradebook for an electronic one on the computer. Of course, it got easier after some training. So, here is some basic training on how to make an ERTA reservation.

Step 1: Open email titled:

Re: ERTA October Luncheon Invitation

(month will change accordingly)

Step 2: Within the email will be a link called [ERTA Reservation Form](#).

Simply click on the link. (it will be highlighted in blue or red)

Step 3: The form to the right will open.

Step 4: Fill in all required information.

- A. Last Name*
- B. First Name* (if coming as a couple, list both first names)
- C. No.# of Reservations*
- D. Email Address to Receive a Reservation Verification*

ERTA Reservation - October, 2019

Complete each item and select Submit. Include your email address in order to receive a verification of your reservation.

* Required

Last Name *

Your answer

First Name *

Your answer

No. of Reservations *

Your answer

Email Address to Receive Reservation Verification *

Your answer

SUBMIT

Step 5: Final step is to click on the word SUBMIT (located in a blue box).

Step 6: You did it! Now pat yourself on the back for a job well done. 🖐

Step 7: Shortly, you will receive an email verifying your reservation/s.

If all else fails, please email **Jan Craig** at jlccraig7@gmail.com. Simply provide the attendee/s name/s with the number of individual/s coming, and I will enter your reservation for you.

Lastly, If you need to cancel a reservation you made, please call **Jane Staton** at [812-480-5289](tel:812-480-5289) or e-mail her at mymomjane@aol.com.

Monday, October 7, is the **last day to cancel** your reservation without being charged since ERTA will have to pay for any meals after that date.

Jan Craig, ERTA Director, Reservations

From 2019-2020 President-Elect Janet Leistner

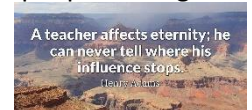
As the weather finally begins to cool, our thoughts turn to another changing season. We are fortunate in the Midwest to experience all four seasons with the changes in weather, the colors of the leaves, and the seasonal activities of our families and community.

I also reflect how our educational backgrounds and experiences have affected our lives and the lives of so many others. It seems while we may forget what chore we were going to do tomorrow, we never forget that special teacher who encouraged us to learn and grow. The students who called you their “favorite” teacher will always remember the encouragement or the extra effort that you provided to help them move forward and perhaps follow the path to become an educator as well.

As evidenced by the many volunteer hours that each of you provide for your family interests, your church, your community, and our organization, teachers never quit giving of their time and expertise. We need to be sure to submit our volunteer hours at each meeting to share the work that we do.

Although the news media and social media frequently shows otherwise, I truly believe that people throughout history and even today respect and revere education and especially their teachers.

Henry Adams, a historian in the 19th century, stated, “A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.” His words are still true today!



Change in Reservations Procedure

As I mentioned in the August meeting, we are using a new procedure (see steps above from Janet Craig) for the meeting reservations beginning this month. In the past year everyone replied to the invitation email from Diana Luck, then Jane Staton would go through all the emails and type a list of reservations. Diana Luck would then go through all the emails to check the list and verify for Jane. At our board meeting, I proposed that we use a Google Form which would appear as a link in the email that members would click, type their name and the number of reservations, as well as their email if they wish to receive an automatic verification that it was received. The form would generate all the reservations on a spreadsheet and even time stamp when it was received. We could then use that list to send to the members for verification instead of Jane and Diana having to type a list. Janet Craig will initiate the email for each meeting and the spreadsheet that is generated will be assembled by Jane Staton. If you need to cancel your reservation, you will still need to contact Jane by email by the date listed in the email. If you have any issues or questions, don't hesitate to reply to the email or email me. We feel that this procedure will save some time and work for the committee as well as provide an accurate list of attendees.

Message from Jim Sharp, Frog Follies



Great job to our members on volunteering to help with registration for Frog Follies. We had 92 volunteers and for their efforts ERTA received \$1,500. Thanks to all who gave of their time for this worthwhile project.

Graphics from frogfollies.org – Photos from Janet Leistner – Thanks to the Sharps for the wonderful treats.



ERTA Trivia No. 16 – Darla Olberding

The last time retired teachers received a COLA increase was in 2007. (Did you notice?) We have been receiving what the legislature calls a "13th" check" instead. At best, it is a stipend, since most of us receive more in one monthly check than we do in September as a "13th check". The September "check" is not something that is given by the legislature yearly to retired teachers. The IRTA and its legislative committee (ERTA's representative is Diane Meier) must "lobby" for it. Since it not a priority for the legislature, it usually isn't ratified until the last minutes of the congressional session. Fortunately, the legislature passed a two-year payout for this year and next. What then? Please join IRTA so they can continue the "fight" for a COLA and/or a September extra check! You can join on line at <https://www.retiredteachers.org/membership>.

IN MEMORIAM

"Always in Our Hearts"

Jean Florence Lutterman	July 21, 2019
Lois Schmidt	August 7, 2019
June Purcell	August 29, 2019
Daryl Wepfer	September 1, 2019
Guy Andress	September 2, 2019

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

Evansville Retired Teachers Association
Executive Board Meeting
August 1, 2019

Call to Order: President Steve Fritz called the meeting to order at 12:59 P.M. at American Baptist East Church and welcomed everyone. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Darlene Brockriede, Fred Bullinger, Pat Claybaugh, Janet Craig, Steve Fritz, Judy Isaac, Janet Leistner, Walt Lewis, Diana Luck, Donna Lutz, Diane Meier, Don Mosbey, Fred Naab, Darla Olberding, Dave Pfettscher, Donna Schmidt, Sandra Schmidt, and Lino Wiseman.

Approval of Minutes from May 2, 2019: The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Lino Wiseman distributed his report dated August 1, 2019, that gave the following information:

1. At the discretion of Immediate Past President Terry Becker, funds totaling \$1,159.42 were transferred from the profit of Frog Follies to the Hensley Account in June.
2. Also, in June, \$2,007.50 was transferred from checking and deposited into the Hensley, so the checking account would be below \$2,000, a requirement of the IRS and Indiana for nonprofit organizations. The Hensley Account has \$20,391.58, which is enough for the next two years.
3. Form 990N was submitted electronically to the IRS in July to cover our status as a nonprofit organization for the past 12 months.
4. Form NP-20 was submitted to the Indiana Department of Revenue to cover the nonprofit tax requirement for the last fiscal year. Postage to insure the mailing was \$6.30.
5. The rental fee of \$154 for our post office box was paid in July for the coming year.
6. A check for \$270 to cover the bonding of the treasurer for three years was written to Schulthesis Insurance Company.

The report was approved and will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Auditing and Budget: Darla Olberding reported that the books are being audited tomorrow.

Community Service: Pat Claybaugh spoke about the dramatic difference in the number of volunteer hours submitted by ERTA members last December. The numbers were much lower than in recent years.

Membership: Darlene Brockriede reported that there are 27 new retirees this year.

Programs/Luncheon/Reservation Process: President-Elect Jane Leistner announced that the Evansville RC Model Aircraft Club will provide next week's program. She also informed the board about the programs for the next four meetings, which will be the following:

October - USI President Dr. Ronald S. Rochon
March - Monte Skelton, musician

December – a school choir
May – Rolling Thunder

Golden Corral will cater next week's luncheon. Janet said that decorations will be bags of school supplies which will be donated to the Teacher Locker after the luncheon.

Then, Janet spoke about the current reservation process that can be difficult for those collecting the reservations. She distributed a sample of the new reservation form and explained how it was to be completed. Walt asked that the new process be explained at the luncheon. Janet said that Janet Craig will be helping Jane Staton with reservations.

Publicity: Doris Beard announced that our president and president-elect will be on WEHT's Lifestyles with Ange Humphrey during "Back to School Week." They will also appear on WFIE's Midday with Mike at noon on August 21. She also said that the ERTA web page is open.

IRTA Liaison/Legislative: Diane Meier reported that a legislative meeting will be held on August 20, 2019. IRTA is searching for a new executive director since Tom Mellish is leaving that position. Diane explained the next session is a short one; therefore, there is little chance of a COLA.

Historian: Darla Olberding said that our newsletters are a record of our history. They are stored at Willard Library.

Information Items:

IRTA Membership Drive: Steve spoke about the IRTA Membership Drive. Membership is low in this area. Retired teachers would not be receiving the 13th Check without the efforts of IRTA. IRTA is being confused with ISTA.

Candy Basket Delivery: Baskets of candy will be delivered to all the schools in the EVSC to welcome teachers back for a new school year. The candy will be delivered on August 5, 2019, the first official day for teachers. Diana Luck asked that pictures be taken for the next newsletter.

Frog Follies: Steve reminded the board that Frog Follies will be held in August. Members from ERTA will volunteer their time registering participants on August 23 and 24.

Website Recognition: IRTA recognized our website, which is managed by Scott Riley, and awarded a certificate to ERTA.

New Retiree Communication: Steve reported that he had sent e-mails, made phone calls, and left messages for new retirees this summer.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: There was none.

Next ERTA Executive Board Meeting: The board will meet on October 3, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

Candy Basket Delivery Organizer – Sandra Schmidt



Pictures from Janet Leistner

Evansville Retired Teachers Association
Luncheon Meeting
August 8, 2019

Call to Order: President Steve Fritz called the meeting to order at noon at American Baptist East Church and welcomed everyone. He asked those who were attending for the first time to stand.

Introduction of the Head Table: Steve introduced Chaplain Ed Wessel; Evansville RC Model Aircraft Club members Chris Blake, Bill Zimmerman, Bruce Nix, and Howard Leistner; and President-Elect Janet Leistner.

Pledge of Allegiance: Immediate Past President Walt Lewis led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blessing: Ed Wessel asked those in attendance to observe a moment of silence to present their personal concerns or give thanks before he prayed.

Lunch: Steve called attention to bags of school supplies on each table. The bags of supplies will be donated to the Teacher Locker after the luncheon.

Janet recognized Golden Corral, who is catering the luncheon today, before she dismissed members and guests by tables.

Business Meeting

Acceptance of Luncheon Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2019: The minutes were approved as printed.

Frog Follies Reminder: Each year a large number of ERTA members volunteer their time to register participants at Frog Follies. Jim Sharp announced that a few volunteers are still needed for Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24. Steve explained that ERTA receives funds from Frog Follies that is put into our Special Projects Account.

Volunteer Opportunities: Steve Informed those in attendance about additional volunteer opportunities available to members.

1. Volunteers are needed at the Teacher Locker to help stock shelves.
2. The IU School of Medicine in Evansville needs people to play the part of "standardized patients" in their Standardized Patient Program. Starting compensation is \$15.00 an hour. The program is part of the training for interns. There is no pay for attending the introductory session. An information sheet was on each table.

Announcements from the President:

1. Scott Riley and ERTA were recognized by IRTA for our website. A certificate was awarded to ERTA.
2. Members who have not joined IRTA were encouraged to do so. IRTA is the association that works to get our 13th Check. Some confuse IRTA with ISTA.
3. Members were encouraged to turn in their volunteer hours in December. We were down quite a bit last year.

4. Ruth Baize believes that teachers should have more say. She has been working to get out that message.

Announcements from the President-Elect:

1. Baskets of candy were delivered last Monday to all schools in the EVSC to welcome the teachers back on their first official day.
2. The importance of submitting the volunteer hours in December was emphasized.
3. There will be a change in the way luncheon reservations are made. The new method was explained.

Program

Janet introduced Chris Blake, Bill Zimmerman, Bruce Nix, and Howard Leistner representing the Evansville RC Model Aircraft Club. Then, Howard Leistner spoke about how he started with the club and about flying the aircraft. Information sheets were on each table.

Janet said that those in attendance would have a chance to examine the aircraft on display. Then, she awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card to Chris Blake, the club's president.

Door Prizes: Drawings were held for three gift cards.

October Luncheon: The next luncheon will be at noon on October 10, 2019.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



Evansville RC Model Aircraft Club

Pictures from Walt Gleim



Position	Name	E-Mail Address
President	Steve Fritz	sustfritz@yahoo.com
President-Elect	Janet Leistner	j.leistner@twc.com
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Publicity	Doris Beard	dorisbeard@roadrunner.com
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Special Project	Walt Lewis	Waltjl39@gmail.com
Hensley Scholarship	Diane Meier Donna Schmidt	demeier@aol.com donna.schmidt1212@icloud.com
Chaplain	Ed Wessel	N/A
IRTA Liaison/Legislative	Diane Meier	demeier@aol.com
Historian	Darla Olberding	olberdingdj@aol.com
Frog Follies Coordinator	Jim Sharp	katssharp623@aol.com
Luncheon Decorations	Earsie Kelley Frankye Calloway Doris Beard	earsiek@wowway.com w4calloway@gmail.com dorisbeard@roadrunner.com
Lunch Collection	David Pfettscher	dwpfetscher@att.net

ERTA 2019-20 Membership Dues

Name _____ Date _____

Last First Middle Initial

Address _____

Street City State Zip+4 numbers

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail _____

Cell: (____) _____

Retired Teacher (\$15.00) _____

Associate Member (\$10.00) _____

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

TREASURER'S REPORT BY LINO WISEMAN



July 31, 2019

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019			\$1,998.71
Income	180		
Interest	0.08		
Expenses		430.3	
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2019</u>			<u>\$1,748.49</u>

REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019			240.50
Interest	0.02		
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2019</u>			<u>240.52</u>

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019			1,008.58
Interest	0.17		
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2019</u>			<u>1,008.75</u>

HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019			\$15.00
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2019</u>			<u>\$15.00</u>

HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019			5,400.10
Interest	0.51		
Income	55.00		
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2019</u>			<u>5,455.61</u>

HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 1 CD

Beginning Balance July 1, 2019			13,967.90
Interest	23.49		
<u>Ending Balance July 31, 2019</u>			<u>13,991.39</u>

TOTAL ASSETS

\$22,459.76

ERTA CALENDAR 2019-2020

October Board Meeting..... October 3
 October Luncheon/Program October 10
 December Gazette Articles to D. Luck ..November 9
 December Board Meeting.....December 5
 December Luncheon/Program.....December 12
 Legislative Brunch IndianapolisFebruary 4
 March Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck February 7

March Board Meeting..... March 5
 March Luncheon/Program..... March 12
 May Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck April 8
 USI Scholarship Banquet April
 UE Scholarship Banquet April
 May Board MeetingMay 7
 May Luncheon/ProgramMay 14
 IRTA Rep. Assembly, Primo Center, Indy.....June 17



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