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From Our President, Brenda Weber

The holiday season is upon us and during this busy time of the year, I hope you will find time in your schedule to attend the December 10 luncheon. The Washington Middle School Choir will perform and the traditional Christmas feast will be served.

At our luncheon we will be collecting contributions for the EVSC Hangers, the EVSC's former Clothing Bank. Hangers is now located in the old North High School. While the facilities are much improved, clothing and hygiene products are still very much in demand.

If you would like to donate clothes, shoes, socks or hygiene products, please bring them to the December 10 luncheon. If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution, please write your check to "HANGERS."

May you, your family and friends have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2016!

Looking forward to seeing you at the December luncheon.

As always, count your blessings!



The second ERTA luncheon for this school year was well attended, even though a lot of our members were volunteering at the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival. In 2016 our luncheon will not be the same week as the Fall Festival.

Our Christmas celebration is Thursday, December 10, at the American Baptist East Church at 6300 Washington Avenue. We will start at 11:30 for socializing, and lunch will follow at 12 noon.

Please reply to my e-mail invitation you received or give your caller your reservation by Monday, November 30, if you plan to attend. Clicking the "reply" on that e-mail really helps with the

organization and accuracy of the reservations. Please include the names and the number of reservations when you reply.

Reminder: If you need to cancel a reservation you made, please call Brenda Beeler (812-422-1637), or e-mail me at dianaeluck@gmail.com ASAP.

We are expecting a large turn-out and are looking forward to seeing you in December! Diana Luck

Reminder from Darlene Brockriede: If you have moved, dropped your landline, or changed your e-mail address, please e-mail your updated info to brockriede@twc.com.



Laura Davis,
ERTA USI
Scholarship
Winner

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Message from President-Elect Tom Wiggers

Holiday greetings to all of you,

As we head into the hectic holiday season, it is good to carve out an opportunity to take it easy, sit, relax, spend time with friends and enjoy the season. One of those opportunities is available to you on Thursday, December 10, at our ERTA holiday luncheon. This is always a great time of fellowship (it is traditionally our largest group) and time to enjoy some holiday music. This year, a wonderful group from Washington Middle School will be providing the entertainment.

Our menu will be our traditional turkey and dressing, baked ham, green beans, shoe peg corn, mashed potatoes with gravy, salad and dessert. This is a tremendous value for only \$10. I look forward to seeing you all there.

This is also the time of year we ask for your involvement in our organization. If you would be interested in serving on the ERTA board or committees, please let me or any of our officers or board members know of your interest. Our ERTA runs on volunteer leadership, and yours is needed to keep us growing and vital.



ERTA October Luncheon – Head Tables

Ed & Ruby Rusk, Area 9 Dir. Calvin Biddle & Bobbie, State Pres.-Elect Jane Boultinghouse, Sherry Miller (Red Cross), Tom Wiggers, Brenda Weber



Representative Wendy McNamara, Representative Ron Bacon, Senator Jim Tomes and his wife Margie, and Dr. David Smith, EVSC Supt.

Calendar of Events



December 3, 2015	Board Meeting
December 10, 2015	Christmas Luncheon Meeting
February 4, 2016.....	Newsletter article due to Diana Luck
March 3, 2016.....	Board Meeting
March 10, 2016.....	Luncheon Meeting
March, 2016.....	Legislative Lobby Day in Indianapolis (Dates TBD)
April 7, 2016.....	Newsletter article due to Diana Luck
April, 2016	UE and USI Scholarship Banquets (Dates TBD)
May 5, 2016	Board Meeting
May 12, 2016	Luncheon Meeting/Install new officers
June, 2016.....	IRTA Rep. Assembly, Indianapolis (Dates TBD)

ERTA Historical Trivia #2

The first newsletter was published in 1966. It was reported that the most frequent criticism from the members was lack of information. Mabel Weiss was the first writer/editor.

In 1967, under the leadership of Helen Schaal, the policy providing a free membership for each newly retired teacher was established.

Researched by Pat Eager

Submitted by Darla Olberding



THE INDIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

If you are not a member of both the local (ERTA) and state (IRTA) retired teachers organizations, please note the following:

1. All retired teachers who taught over ten years received the stipend or bonus in the September check. This takes time effort and money to find ways to convince the state legislators to fund the check. The check is not automatic and must be funded each year by a vote of the state legislature.
2. IRTA serves as your watchman for pension safety. Across the nation, public pensions are under attack. We are fortunate to have a stable budget in Indiana, but we need to be vigilant. IRTA not only lobbies each year during the legislative session but attends the meetings of the pension board and the state committee meetings for legislators that are held during the summer.
3. There are numerous benefits such as discounts for all phones, computers, car rentals, travel, insurance programs and a rebate for Life Alert to name a few.

To remain effective, we must continue to build our membership. Please join and encourage other retired educators to join both associations. Numbers talk. Brenda Weber



ERTA RETIRED TEACHERS PIONEERS OF TITLE IX
“Just six days after the Watergate break-in, Title IX — authored by Indiana Senator Birch Bayh — went into effect on June 23, 1972. No longer could anybody in the United States be discriminated against on the basis of sex.”

Read the article:

<http://www.courierpress.com/sports/high-school/lutterman-beeler-owen-stood-tall-among-siac-girls-coaching-pioneers-1f7fc01e-3ea4-188b-e053-0100007f-329657961.html>

PHOTO SUBMITTED The Southern Indiana Athletic Conference honored Pioneers of Women's Sports coaches with a Lifetime Achievement Award at its annual banquet. From left are Brenda Beeler, Reitz gymnastics, Linda Hudson, Central gymnastics, Jo Ann Rawlings, Harrison, Louise Owen, Reitz tennis, Edith Lyles, North, track and volleyball, and Ginger Lutterman, Castle volleyball, track and gymnastics. All of them were original coaches in 1973-74, except Rawlings, who later coached girls' track, gymnastics and softball at Harrison.



ERTA teachers are enjoying October lunch together.



Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Executive Board Minutes

October 1, 2015

Call to Order: President Brenda Weber called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Phipps Center. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Brenda Beeler, Darlene Brockriede, Andy Guarino, Judy Isaac, Diana Luck, Diana Lynn, Diane Meier, Fred Naab, Darla Olberding, David Pfettscher, Ed Rusk, Brenda Scheidler, Donna Schmidt, Sandra Schmidt, Richard Sprinkle, and Lino Wiseman.

Brenda Weber asked that today's agenda be accepted with flexibility. David Pfettscher made a motion to accept today's agenda with flexibility. Diane Meier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meditation: Chaplain Ed Rusk read a meditation entitled "Jesus Turned Water into Wine, but He Can't Turn Whining into Anything." He then read Philippians 2:14 and prayed.

Approval of August 6, 2015 Executive Board Minutes: The minutes were accepted as received.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed the financial report. He had nothing to add to the report.

Secretary: Sandra Schmidt reported sending a note of thanks to Dr. Glenda Ritz for being the guest speaker at our August luncheon.

President-Elect: Brenda Weber, reporting for Tom Wiggers, announced that several guests had been invited to the luncheon. Sherry Miller of the American Red Cross will be our speaker.

Past President: Andy Guarino explained the new IRTA membership form and website. Also, he reported that there is concern because membership across the state is down. Andy suggested that members recruit those in their second-to-last year or last year of teaching.

President: Brenda Weber received a thank you note from Bettye Effinger's family for ERTA's donation to the scholarship fund in Bettye's memory.

The Decoration Committee has asked that the board review the amount designated for table decorations because the \$100 in the budget is not adequate. After some discussion, Darla Olberding made a motion that the \$63.92 not used for the candy baskets and the \$100 not needed for name tags be added to the \$100 already set aside for decorations. Brenda Scheidler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Fellowship/Necrology: Mary Tremper should be contacted if cards need to be sent to any members.

Membership: Diane Meier asked that each member encourage others to join the local and state organizations. Because of the work of these organizations, retirees have received that extra check in September.

Reservations: As of this date, there are 116 reservations for next week's luncheon.

Special Project: Hangars is our special project this year.

Hensley Scholarships: Diane Meier said that she will be meeting with former co-chair Mike Madriaga to get the necessary paperwork from him.

IRTA Liaison/Legislative: Diane Meier reported that IRTA continues to work for the COLA.

Andy asked if anyone on the board knew of a member who needed to apply to the “A Hand Up” program? No one responded.

Frog Follies: Brenda thanked those who worked at Frog Follies. Lino reported that he had already received a check for \$1,680.00. Of that total, \$277.86 was used to feed our workers, and the remaining \$1,402.14 was put into the Special Projects account.

Information Item:

Brenda reminded the board that our veterans will be honored at next week’s luncheon.

Old Business:

There was none.

New Business:

Brenda informed the board that she receives numerous requests for retired teachers to fill volunteer positions as well as paid positions. She wanted to know our thoughts as to how to handle the requests. There were suggestions, but no motion was made. The item was tabled for now.

Announcement: The ERTA Executive Board will meet on December 3, 2015.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are so many organizations in our community asking for retired teacher volunteers to help in numerous ways. Here are some of the requests and contact information. Please contact the organization directly if you have time you can give back to the community.

Ronald McDonald House – Lydia Balbach, Volunteer Coordinator, 812 402-7642 Volunteers are needed for receptionist duties, cleaning, and helping with meals, especially on weekends.

Red Cross – Sherry Miller 812 471-7200 Numerous opportunities are available in different areas. Some are one time a year, others are more often.

Otters – Wilfred Bussing III, wcbussing@aol.com This volunteer opportunity involves helping the mascot at school visits. The mascot is an otter, so it can’t speak. A handler is needed to act as an interpreter. A small stipend is available.

United Caring Services – Lee Ann Shafer lshafer@usi.edu Numerous volunteers are needed and can be seen at www.unitedcaringservices.org They are looking for a team of folks that could pick up food items from local grocery stores and restaurants on a regular basis. They serve about 11,000 meals each month and need people to make food runs and bring back to the main campus. Other opportunities include their clothing bank, cooking and serving meals. Brenda Weber

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
October 8, 2015
Luncheon Meeting**



Welcome and Call to Order: President Brenda Weber called the meeting to order at the American Baptist East Fellowship Hall and welcomed everyone. New retirees were asked to stand.

Introduction of the Head Table: Brenda Weber introduced those seated at the head table: Senator Jim Tomes and his wife Margie, Representative Ron Bacon, Representative Wendy McNamara, Sherry Miller of the American Red Cross, State President-Elect Jane Boultinghouse, Area 9 Director Calvin Biddle and his wife Bobbie, Ed and Ruby Rusk, ERTA President-Elect Tom Wiggers, and Evansville Vanderburgh School Superintendent Dr. David Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance: All veterans were asked to come forward and receive a small token of our appreciation. Senator Tomes led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meditation: Chaplain Ed Rusk read a meditation entitled "A People That Values Its Privileges Above Its Principles Soon Loses Both" and Proverbs 14:34. Then, he prayed.

Lunch: The veterans were dismissed first for meal service followed by the head table and members and their guests.

Program: Tom Wiggers introduced Sherry Miller, the American Red Cross Volunteer Manager for Southern Indiana and today's speaker. She spoke of the variety of services offered by the Red Cross and the need for volunteers, who make up 95% of the staff. Brenda Weber thanked Sherry Miller for speaking at our luncheon and gave her a gift certificate.



Reminders:

Volunteer Hours: Those in attendance were reminded to keep track of their volunteer hours. That data is needed because it is presented to legislators when we are working to get a COLA.

Dues: Lino Wiseman will be collecting dues until the end of October.

Acknowledgements: Thanks to Ruby and Ed Rusk and Ella Shelton for setting up the luncheon, to Ruby Rusk and Susan and Don Mosbey for serving the drinks, and to Lino Wiseman, Fred Naab, and Susan and Don Mosbey for cleanup.

Luncheon Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2015: The minutes were accepted as received.

Announcements:

December 10, 2015 Luncheon: The Reitz Choir is scheduled to provide the entertainment.

Christmas Project: Money, clothing, or hygiene items will be collected for Hangars at our December luncheon, not only to help kids in need but to honor Lino and Pam Wiseman, who have each donated over 1,000 hours to Hangars.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary





Please be sure you give Jan Kraft your service/volunteer hours at the luncheon, or e-mail them to her at kraft@aftinc.net by December 10. These hours are very important for leverage for getting our extra check in September or a Cost of Living Adjustment.

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 effort!

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

RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS MONTHLY		
NAME: _____	ADDRESS _____	
HOURS	YOUTH	OTHER
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

FOR YOUR SAFETY: PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your home, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It is a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are they will not stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal will not want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

This could also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you cannot reach a phone. It has also been suggested that people carry car keys with them in case of a fall outside and no one can hear them call for help.

Brenda Weber



EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report from Lino Wiseman
September 30, 2015



CHECKING ACCOUNT				
Beginning Balance Sept 1, 2015				<u>\$3,622.11</u>
Interest		0.18		
Income		1,795.00		
Disbursements			326.46	
Ending Balance Sept 30, 2015				<u>\$5,090.83</u>
REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT				
Beginning Balance Sept 1, 2015				239.58
Interest		0.02		
Ending Balance Sept 30, 2015				<u>239.60</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT				
Beginning Balance Sept 1, 2015				\$15.00
Ending Balance Sept 30, 2015				<u>\$15.00</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26				
Beginning Balance Sept 1, 2015				4,969.34
Interest		0.45		
Income		175.00		
Ending Balance Sept 30, 2015				<u>5,144.79</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 2 CD's				
Beginning Balance Sept 1, 2015				43,259.25
Interest		78.22		
Ending Balance Sept 30, 2015				<u>43,337.47</u>
TOTAL ASSETS				\$53,827.69

EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Dues

Name _____ Date _____

Last First Middle Initial

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 _____

Make checks payable to: **EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (ERTA)** **TOTAL** _____

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ERTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

2015-16

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IN MEMORIAM

Carol KeilNovember 6, 2015
 Deloris RileyNovember 3, 2015

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

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