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From Our 2016-2017 President, Tom Wiggers

I certainly hope your summer has gone very well and you are ready for the approaching of falling leaves and cooler temperatures. ERTA is anxious to see you at our October luncheon on Thursday, October 13, at 11:30 at American Baptist East.

Our membership deadline is nearing, and we need your membership and involvement to remain a strong voice for retired educators in our area and in our state. It was your voices that moved the state legislature to issue the "13th check" that we just received. It will be our voices that will push the legislature to increase the COLA for our pensions in the upcoming legislative session (this hasn't been increased for ages and is crucial to all of us). ERTA membership is a mere \$10 per year. Please make certain you pay at our October meeting or send your dues to Lino Wiseman, whose address is on page 8. I also encourage you to join our state organization, IRTA, which provides direct lobbying on our behalf. IRTA dues are only \$35 per year.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from Dr. Glenda Ritz, our State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Democratic candidate for re-election at our October luncheon. Those who attended our August luncheon heard Dr. Jennifer McCormick, the Republican candidate. We will also be recognizing our veterans at our October meeting. We are so grateful for their service.

Due to increased expenses in purchasing and preparing our meals, we have to increase our lunch price from \$10 to \$12 per meal. We will also have to charge members for their meals when reservations are not cancelled before the Tuesday before the luncheon. To help facilitate checking in at our remaining luncheons, please remember to bring exact change or write a check. This will be greatly appreciated.

I want to acknowledge Jim Sharp, chair of our volunteer effort at the Frog Follies, and all of our members who give their time in this important fundraising effort. You are all appreciated greatly!

See you all on October 13!



The second ERTA luncheon for this school year will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016, 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. The cost is \$12. Dr. Glenda Ritz, our State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Democratic candidate for re-election, will be our speaker. Fortunately there will be no conflict with the West Side Fall Festival this year.

Please reply to this e-mail by Monday, October 3, only if you plan to attend and include your name and number of reservations. As you know, I always send out a draft list of the reservations. Please be sure to check that and email any corrections to me.

Reminder: If you need to cancel a reservation you made, please call Brenda Beeler (812-422-1637) or e-mail dianaeluk@gmail.com ASAP. If we have not received your cancellation before Tuesday, October 11, which is the day we will turn in the final reservations count, you will need to pay the \$12 for your reservation. If you do not have e-mail, please keep this newsletter for reference because, in an effort to conserve paper and postage, I will not be repeating some of the information in future newsletters this year.

We are looking forward to seeing you in October. *Let's have another large turnout.*
D. Luck

Our Menu

- Pasta – Marinara Sauce
- Pasta – Alfredo Sauce
- Green Beans
- Glazed Carrots
- Garden Salad
- Dinner Rolls
- Dessert Variety
- Beverages



Graphics are from Google Images. Thanks, Mary Bryan, for the photos.

Message from Our President-Elect, Terry Becker



Indiana State Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz has been an educator since 1978, and until her election in 2012 as the Superintendent of Public Instruction, she served as a Library Media Specialist at Crooked Creek Elementary School in Indianapolis, Indiana. Superintendent Ritz is a National Board Certified Teacher. She holds two masters degrees with licenses to teach elementary, middle and high school in the areas of special education, general education, and library science. Superintendent Ritz is dedicated to working with educators, parents, policy makers, business leaders, and community leaders to ensure that the Department of Education provides the support needed to our public schools to give Indiana children an education of the highest quality.



October 6, 2016	Board Meeting at American Baptist East
October 13, 2016	Veterans Recognition Luncheon Meeting
November 7, 2016	Newsletter article to Diana Luck
December 1, 2016	Board Meeting at American Baptist East
December 8, 2016	Christmas Luncheon Meeting
February 6, 2017	Newsletter article due to Diana Luck
March 2, 2017	Board Meeting at American Baptist East
March 9, 2017	Luncheon Meeting
March 2017	Legislative Lobby Day in Indianapolis (Dates TBD)
April 3, 2017	Newsletter article due to Diana Luck
April 2017	UE and USI Scholarship Banquets (Dates TBD)
May 4, 2017	Board Meeting at American Baptist East
May 11, 2017	Luncheon Meeting/Install new officers
June 2017	IRTA Representative Assembly, Indianapolis, IN (Dates TBD)



We welcomed our newly-retired teachers/friends to the August luncheon.

Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Executive Board Meeting

August 4, 2016

Call to Order: President Tom Wiggers called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at American Baptist East Church. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Terry Becker, Darlene Brockriede, Fred Bullinger, Judy Isaac, Diane Meier, Don Mosbey, Fred Naab, David Pfettscher, Ed Rusk, Brenda Scheidler, Sandra Schmidt, Brenda Weber, and Lino Wiseman.



Meditation: Chaplain Ed Rusk read a meditation entitled “Be Careful of Your Thoughts. They May Become Words Any Minute.” Then, he read Proverbs 16:23 and prayed.

Acceptance of Agenda: The president asked that the agenda be accepted with flexibility. David Pfettscher made a motion to accept the agenda with flexibility. Brenda Weber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of May 5, 2016 Executive Board Minutes: The minutes were accepted as corrected to read that two hundred dollars was allocated for candy to fill over 40 baskets.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed the financial report for June 30, 2016. He reported \$1,368 was withdrawn from the checking account and deposited into the Hensley Scholarship Account, leaving \$1,998.82 in checking. (Note: The balance must be under \$2,000 at the end of our fiscal year.)

President: Tom spoke about awards that were presented at the IRTA Representative Assembly held in Indianapolis on June 15, 2016. The IRTA Public Relations Committee selected ERTA as “Outstanding” in the following areas: Press Release, Newsletter, Website, and Group Project. Lino Wiseman was selected as the “Outstanding Volunteer” in our area and received the AMBA Clock Award. Earsie Kelly, Diane Meier, and David Pfettscher received “Honorable Mention” as volunteers.

ERTA received a note from the IRTF Board thanking us for the generous contribution to the Silent Auction held during the Representative Assembly. The proceeds will fund many of the Foundation’s programs. (ERTA’s contribution was a blanket purchased from Unchartered International.)

Immediate Past President: Brenda Weber read a thank you note from American Baptist East thanking us for the \$200 contribution to the church.

President-Elect: Terry Becker reported the Rescue Mission can no longer provide lunch for the price they have been charging. In addition, we must pay for the number of reservations made, even if the member or members didn’t come. What we charge needs to cover the cost of the room and paper products used. Brenda Weber made a motion to charge \$15 if the Rescue Mission provides a dessert. Lino seconded. The motion didn’t pass. David Pfettscher made a motion to raise the price to \$12. Diane Meier seconded. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Auditing and Budget: The books were audited and found to be in order.

Community Service: Members of ERTA volunteered over 30,000 hours last year. Tom suggested having members turn in their hours periodically instead of at the end of the year. This might give us an increased number of volunteer hours to report to IRTA.

Membership: Darlene Brockriede reported that 100 August newsletters were mailed. Fourteen new retirees will be attending this month's luncheon. Tom said that he would like to have all dues paid by the October luncheon.

Reservations: There were 149 reservations for next week's luncheon.

Special Projects: Immediate Past President Andy Guarino selected Hangers as his project. A check for \$1,266 was awarded to Hangers at a recent school board meeting. Tom reported the total amount donated to the clothing bank for our fiscal year was \$2,404, which included the \$1,138 that members donated at the December luncheon.

Scholarships: Diane Meier announced that information about the availability of the Hensley won't be distributed to teachers until December. The funds in the Hensley will be depleted in four years.

IRTA Liaison/Legislative: Diane said IRTA will continue to work for a COLA, which teachers haven't received since 2007. She noted that IRTA is non-partisan. Diane reported that she will be attending a meeting next week.

Old Business:

There was none.

New Business:

There was none.

Announcements:

1. Baskets filled with candy will be distributed to all of the EVSC schools on August 8, 2016, to welcome teachers back to school.
2. Dr. Jennifer McCormick, who is a candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the speaker at next week's luncheon.
3. The next ERTA Executive Board meeting will be on October 6, 2016.
4. Tom welcomed Fred Bullinger, Terry Becker, and Don Mosbey to the board.

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

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Luncheon Meeting

August 11, 2016

Call to Order: President Tom Wiggers called the meeting to order at noon at American Baptist East Fellowship Hall and welcomed everyone.

Introductions: Tom introduced members and guests seated at the head table: Ed and Ruby Rusk, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Candidate Dr. Jennifer McCormick, Campaign Coordinator Amanda Ellers, and

President-Elect Terry Becker. Also, Tom introduced EVSC School Superintendent Dr. David Smith, who was seated with the membership.

New Retirees: Those newly retired were asked to stand.

Information: Walt Lewis informed members about an opportunity offered by the University of Evansville called the Continued Learning Program. Sheets with information and a registration form had been placed on each table.

Pledge of Allegiance: Walt led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meditation: Chaplain Ed Rusk read "The Best Antique Is an Old Friend." Then, he read Proverbs 27:10 and prayed.

President's Report: Tom spoke briefly about the IRTA Representative Assembly held in Indianapolis on June 15, 2016. ERTA was one of three associations in the state named "Outstanding" in all of the following areas: Press Release, Newsletter, and Website. Lino Wiseman was named "Outstanding Volunteer" for our area due to his volunteer efforts with Hangers. He received the AMBA Clock Award.

Tom announced that a check for \$1,266 was awarded to Hangers at a recent school board meeting. Adding the \$1,138 members donated at the December meeting, our total donations to Hangers this fiscal year were \$2,404.

Lunch: Those seated at the head table were dismissed for meal service followed by members and their guests.

A Word of Thanks: Tom thanked Rescue Mission, Ed and Ruby Rusk, and Don and Susan Mosbey for getting everything ready for our luncheon.

Approval of May 12, 2016 Luncheon Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

Luncheon Price: Tom announced that the board voted to increase the price of lunch to \$12 beginning with the October meal. He asked that members bring correct change or pay with a check.

Frog Follies: Jim Sharp, chair of this committee, reported 94 volunteers had signed up to register cars on August 26 and 27.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. David Smith reported that this school year is off to a great start. He announced that retired EVSC teachers who substitute will be paid \$100 a day.

Program: President-Elect Terry Becker introduced Dr. Jennifer McCormick, our guest speaker. One of the reasons Dr. McCormick said that she is a candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction is that she believes leadership is lacking at all levels. When it comes to standardized tests, she thinks that all Indiana school corporations should be surveyed about the type of test to be given. On the topic of merit pay, she said that she is not a supporter. Dr. McCormick concluded by answering questions.

Door Prizes: Three door prizes were awarded.

Announcement: The next meeting will be October 13, 2016.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



Service/Volunteer Hours

Please, please, please...keep track of your volunteer hours as we use these hours when we lobby the Legislators. Give those numbers to Jan Kraft. 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



FROG FOLLIES FUNDRAISER FOR ERTA



We had 93 of our members volunteer to work the Frog Follies registration this year. We registered 3,554 cars. Attendance was down a little this year, but it was estimated that on Saturday there were 20,000 spectators. The Iron Club uses the proceeds to benefit several charities. Their two main charities are the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center in Evansville and Wendell Foster in Owensboro. They also give to Riley, Santa Clothes Club, Indiana State Police Alliance and several others. ERTA received a check for \$1,634 for the efforts of our volunteers. As you can see, Frog Follies is a great event for our community and Iron Club officials are quick to say, "We could not do it without the help of the Retired Teachers." Thanks to all who volunteered. Anyone else who would like to be put on the list to work next year give me a call at [812-454-2720](tel:812-454-2720). Jim Sharp



With honor, respect, and gratitude, our
veterans will be recognized at the
October luncheon.

Message from Diane Meier, IRTA Liaison/Legislative

In this election year, we need to focus on issues that are important to retired teachers. IRTA does not endorse candidates; we work with candidates of both parties; however, we do need to be aware of those candidates who are supportive of retired teacher issues and to support those candidates who support us. It is imperative that we be aware of how the candidates for governor, senate, and representative feel about the issues of a COLA, a 13th check, and other retiree issues. Tom Melish, Executive Director of IRTA, is going to send a letter to each governor candidate regarding positions on COLA, 13th check, DB/DC, etc. The responses will be published in the Fall Bulletin Board. Please read the responses of each of the candidates. Locally, we will attempt to get information to you about our area senators and representatives.



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

IN MEMORIAM

Lois Ossenburg.....August 4, 2016
Raleigh McGary.....September 6, 2016
Patricia Thompson.....September 6, 2016

Darlene Brockriede maintains the ERTA database of members. If any of your personal information has changed, please email her at brockriede@twc.com.



EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report by Lino Wiseman
July 31, 2016



CHECKING ACCOUNT				
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016				<u>\$1,990.19</u>
Interest		0.13		
Income		0		
Disbursements			400.00	
Ending Balance July 31, 2016				<u>\$1,590.32</u>
REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT				
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016				239.78
Interest		0.02		
Ending Balance July 31, 2016				<u>239.80</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT				
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016				\$15.00
Ending Balance July 31, 2016				<u>\$15.00</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26				
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016				4,384.12
Interest		41.00		
Ending Balance July 31, 2016				<u>4,425.12</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 2 CD's				
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016				38,622.97
Interest		72.9		
Ending Balance July 31, 2016				<u>38,695.87</u>
TOTAL ASSETS				\$44,966.11

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 _____

TOTAL: _____

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

Mail to: **Lino Wiseman**

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PAY YOUR DUES

By October 31, 2016

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2016-17

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