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From Our President, Brenda Weber

Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to HANGERS at the Christmas luncheon. We had over 200 people in attendance. In addition, ERTA members donated \$1,138 to help clothe and provide hygiene items to EVSC students. All contributions are greatly appreciated and will go a long way to help our community. THANK YOU for continuing to make a positive difference in the lives of students. A special thanks to Lino and Pam Wiseman, who continue to give thousands upon thousands of hours and items to HANGERS each year. They are an inspiration to all of us.

Spring is right around the corner and so is our March 10 luncheon. Please make sure you have the date on your calendar. I hope you can attend. Also, encourage your fellow retired teachers to join us as well. The more the merrier.

Just a reminder if schools are closed, the luncheon is cancelled. If there is a school delay, the luncheon will still take place. While there will most likely be a few students who have a test March 10 and wishing for a snow day, we will keep our fingers crossed for a beautiful, sunny and warm day! **Happy spring!**



The fourth ERTA luncheon will be on Thursday, March 10, 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.

Please reply to my e-mail invitation you received or give your caller your reservation by Monday, February 29, if you plan to attend. Clicking the "reply" on that e-mail 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 looking forward to seeing you in March! 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.

Our Menu



- * Baked Ziti
- * Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, Cheese Casserole
- * Kielbasa Au Gratin Casserole
- * Tater Tot Casserole
- * Salad with dressings
- * Dinner Rolls
- * Assorted Desserts
- * Beverages

Message from President-Elect Tom Wiggers

We are all eagerly anticipating the arrival of spring. I have been working hard to get an excellent slate of officers to present to our ERTA board in March and on to our membership in May. I have been very pleased with the response of folks willing to serve.

Our March speaker will be EVSC Superintendent Dr. David Smith, who will give us a glimpse at the state of our schools. Please come and hear this important information and join us for fellowship, food and fun.



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| 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 Trivia No. 3

During the presidency of Raymond Kendall (1974-1976), ERTA voted to honor their past presidents by giving them a life membership in the organization.

During the 1976-77 year, ERTA historian Carl Lyles Sr. was appointed as a member of the Board of School Trustees of the EVSC.

Submitted by Darla Olberding



Brenda Weber welcoming
Dr. David Smith



Andy Guarino discussing
his HANGERS Past-
President Project



Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Executive Board Meeting

December 3, 2015

Call to Order: President Brenda Weber called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. at the Phipps Center. In addition to the president, the following board members were in attendance: Brenda Beeler, Darlene Brockriede, Judy Isaac, Diana Luck,

Diane Meier, Fred Naab, Darla Olberding, David Pfettscher, Ed Rusk, Brenda Scheidler, Sandra Schmidt, Ron Talley, and Lino Wiseman.

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

Meditation: Chaplain Ed Rusk read a meditation entitled "God Never Asks About Our Ability or Inability – Just Our Availability" and Isaiah 6:8. Then, he prayed.

Approval of October 1, 2015 Executive Board Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed the financial report for October of 2015. Members didn't have any questions.

Brenda said that she believes the board needs to address the cost of mailing the newsletters next year since it is so expensive. At this time sixty-seven are being mailed. Some discussion followed; however, no definite decision was made.

Lino suggested setting a specific time frame, say August and September, when dues would be paid. Some discussion followed, but no definite decision was made.

Secretary: Sandra Schmidt reported sending a note of thanks to Mayse Farm Market for donating 30 pumpkins and a basket of gourds. The pumpkins and gourds decorated our tables at the October luncheon.

President-Elect: Brenda reported for Tom Wiggers. The Nominating Committee will consist of Directors Brenda Scheidler, Diane Meier, and David Pfettscher. Tom will serve as chair of the committee, which will meet after the first of the year.

A group from Washington Middle School will provide the entertainment at the December luncheon and will receive a \$100 stipend. Today, the board learned that \$80 of that will go for bus transportation. (See New Business.)

President: Brenda reported that she and Tom attended a luncheon at USI to recognize scholarship recipients. She read a thank you note from Laura Davis, ERTA's recipient.

Committee Reports:

Community Service: Volunteer hours need to be turned in at next week's luncheon.

Fellowship/Necrology: Members should continue to contact Mary Tremper when cards need to be sent.

Membership: Darlene Brockriede announced that an up-dated membership list will be sent after the December meeting.

Reservations: Diana Luck reported the number of reservations for next week's luncheon currently stands at 199.

Special Project: Andy Guarino has selected Hangers as his immediate past president's project.

Scholarship: Diane Meier announced that the deadline for the Hensley is January 15, 2016. Those applying will submit their applications electronically.

IRTA Liaison/Legislative: Diane had nothing to report until she attends a meeting in Indianapolis next Tuesday.

Old Business: The item concerning how to handle the numerous requests for retired teachers to fill volunteer and paid positions was tabled at the last board meeting. At today's meeting Darla Olberding suggested that a policy was needed for this. Brenda will talk with Tom concerning a policy.

New Business: Darla made a motion to give the \$100 to Washington Middle School and also pay the transportation bill. Diane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcement: The next meeting of the ERTA Executive Board will be on March 3, 2016; however, the board will meet at American Baptist East since the room at the Phipps Center will be occupied that day.

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

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

Evansville Retired Teachers Association

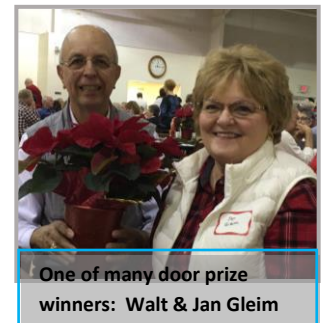
Luncheon Meeting

December 10, 2015

Call to Order and Welcome: President Brenda Weber called the meeting to order at noon at the American Baptist East Fellowship Hall. She welcomed the over 200 in attendance and asked those attending their first meeting to stand.

A Word of Thanks: Brenda thanked members of the board for donating the poinsettia centerpieces on each table and Jan Wiggers and Diana Lynn for the table decorations. The poinsettias were awarded as door prizes.

Introduction of the Head Table: The following members and guests were seated at the head table: Barry Jones, president of Hangers; Lino Wiseman, treasurer of ERTA; Dr. David Smith, superintendent of EVSC; Tom Wiggers, president-elect of ERTA; and Ed Rusk, chaplain of ERTA and his wife Ruby.



Acknowledgments: Brenda acknowledged Don, the facility manager of American Baptist East; Evansville Rescue Mission personnel for food preparation; and Gretchen Irons of the Evansville Courier & Press.

Pledge of Allegiance: Ed Rusk led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meditation: Ed read a meditation entitled "Birthdays Are Good for You. Statistics Show That the People Who Have the Most Birthdays Live the Longest." He then read Psalm 90:12 and prayed.

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

Recognitions: Jim Sharp was recognized for all of his work with Frog Follies. Brenda presented him with a King Frog statuette and informed him that he had been given the title of "" by the board.

Lino and Pam Wiseman also were recognized for individually donating over 1,000 hours to Hangers each year and together donating over 6,000 items as well. Those in attendance made monetary donations to Hangers in honor of Lino and Pam.

A Special Thank You: A special thanks goes to the set-up and clean-up crews: Ed and Ruby Rusk, Susan and Don Mosbey, Lino Wiseman, and Fred Naab. Also, a special thanks goes to Walt Gleim for taking pictures for our newsletter.

Reminder: Before moving to the sanctuary for our musical program, Brenda reminded members to turn in their volunteer hours to Jan Kraft.

Program: President-Elect Tom Wiggers introduced Patrice Villines, choral director of the Washington Middle School Choir. A select group of choir members performed a number of songs of the season. A check for \$100 to be used by the vocal music department was presented to Ms. Villines.

Donations for Hangers: Those in attendance today donated a total of \$1,138.00 for Hangers. Barry Jones accepted the check and gave the following figures on the number of students who have visited the clothing bank the last few years: 1,435 were served two years ago; 2,190 were served last year; and 1,688 have been served so far this year.

Approval of October 8, 2015 Luncheon Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

Announcement: The next luncheon will be on Thursday, March 10, 2016.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



Message from Jan Kraft



Thanks to everyone who turned in volunteer hours for 2015. ERTA folks have really given back to the community with their services. A total of 32,037 hours was recorded. These hours are used when we talk to the legislators lobbying for them to remember us when they are making budget decisions. Last year throughout Indiana more than one million hours were volunteered by Indiana teachers.

Please keep a record of your 2016 hours. Practically everything counts unless you are caring for your own family members. I will be collecting your hours next December. Let's try to reach 35,000 hours this year.

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, Otters, United Caring Services

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

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



**Holiday fellowship, food,
entertainment, and fun!!**



Student Scholarship Information

Recipient Name Alie Duff
Age 21
Hometown Evansville, IN
Gender Identity Female
Year in School Junior
Major(s) Elementary Education
Minor(s)



Dear Donor,

I am writing to thank you for your contribution towards my education. I am grateful for your support and your confidence in me. I rely on financial aid and student loans to help pay for my college experience, and receiving this generous scholarship has helped to decrease my financial burdens as I continue to pursue my dream of becoming an elementary school teacher. I graduated from Harrison High School with honors in 2013 and am proud to follow in my older sister's footsteps by furthering my education at the University of Evansville. Your generosity has truly made a difference in my college experience, and I hope one day to be able to help another UE student fulfill their dreams just as you have helped me to fulfill mine.

Sincerely,

Alie Duff



IN MEMORIAM

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| 07/10/2015..... | Louise M. Schnakenburg |
| 07/23/2015..... | Kathryn Amelia Wills Lawson |
| 11/06/2015..... | Deloris Riley |
| 11/07/2015..... | Carol Kiel |
| 12/11/2015..... | Norbert Woolley |
| 12/20/2015..... | Gregory Wilhelm |
| 12/28/2015..... | Joann Hudson |
| 12/28/2015..... | Genevieve Ford |
| 01/11/2016..... | Barbara Robertson |
| 01/14/2016..... | Delores Heeger |

Gone but forever in our hearts.



EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report from Lino Wiseman
December 31, 2015



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|------------------------------------|--|-------|----------|--------------------|
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | | | | |
| Beginning Balance Dec 1, 2015 | | | | <u>\$5,875.84</u> |
| Interest | | 0.27 | | |
| Income | | 2170 | | |
| Disbursements | | | 2,146.62 | |
| <u>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2015</u> | | | | <u>\$5,899.49</u> |
| REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT | | | | |
| Beginning Balance Dec 1, 2015 | | | | 239.64 |
| Interest | | 0.02 | | |
| <u>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2015</u> | | | | <u>239.66</u> |
| SPECIAL PROJECT | | | | |
| Beginning Balance Dec 1, 2015 | | | | 5.19 |
| <u>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2015</u> | | | | <u>5.19</u> |
| HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT | | | | |
| Beginning Balance Dec 1, 2015 | | | | \$55.00 |
| <u>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2015</u> | | | | <u>\$55.00</u> |
| HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26 | | | | |
| Beginning Balance Dec 1, 2015 | | | | 5,165.74 |
| Interest | | 0.48 | | |
| Income | | 15.00 | | |
| <u>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2015</u> | | | | <u>5,181.22</u> |
| HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 2 CD's | | | | |
| Beginning Balance Dec 1, 2015 | | | | 43,496.96 |
| Interest | | 81.28 | | |
| <u>Ending Balance Dec 31, 2015</u> | | | | <u>43,578.24</u> |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | | | \$54,958.80 |

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** _____

Mail to: Lino Wiseman

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2015-16

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