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From Our President, Brenda Weber

With summer approaching, we are celebrating the season by firing up the grills for a picnic at our last luncheon of the school year on Thursday, May 12. We will still eat inside, at American Baptist East, while enjoying the picnic menu. Feel free to wear your shorts, flip flops, or whatever makes you comfortable. We will hear about CASA and our new officers will be installed.

A special thank you to our state organization, Indiana Retired Teachers Association, for their hard work lobbying for the 13th check this year. You will receive your check in September. Thanks, also, to all of you who wrote letters and emails to our legislators. The 13th check would not be a reality without the efforts of our members.

Dues for the 2016-17 school year are due in August. At the December board meeting, it was decided to change the October date to August to help with the accuracy of membership lists, etc.

Since this is my last newsletter, I want to thank the many volunteers who have served Evansville RTA this year. All of the names are listed in the newsletter and what a blessing they are to me and ERTA! From the officers, board members, committee chairs, luncheon team, set up and cleanup crews, they all give of themselves to serve our organization. THANK YOU, ERTA VOLUNTEERS! You are a blessing!

American Baptist East and the Evansville Rescue Mission are incredible to work with. They always go out of their way to make sure we have everything we need for our luncheons. They go over and above in all they do for ERTA. What a blessing!

I wish Tom Wiggers the best as he serves as president next year. Tom has been a great president-elect, and I have enjoyed working with him this year. He, and his officers and board, will serve our organization well.

See you at our last meeting. Enjoy your summer and don't forget to count your blessings!

The fifth ERTA picnic lunch will be on Thursday, May 12, 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, May 2, 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 May! 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.

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Our Picnic Menu

-  Hamburgers
-  Brats
-  Potato Salad
-  Trimmings & Other Sides
-  Assorted Desserts
-  Beverages

News from President-Elect Tom Wiggers

Happy spring to all! I hope to see all of you at our May Cookout Indoor Picnic on Thursday, May 12, at American Baptist East. We will have a menu of hamburgers, brats and all of the picnic trimmings (and desserts, of course). Be sure to be part of the fun.



Suzanne Draper from the Vanderburgh County CASA program will share information and the needs of that program with us. Make sure you get your reservations in ASAP.

I also want to welcome our newly elected or re-elected officers and board members for 2016-17: Terry Becker, President-Elect; Sandra Schmidt, Secretary; Fred Bullinger, Fred Naab and Don Mosbey, board of directors. Please share your ideas with them and always give them your support.

Next year will be another outstanding one for ERTA!



April 2016.....UE and USI Scholarship Banquets (Dates TBD)
May 5, 2016ERTA Board Meeting
May 12, 2016Luncheon Meeting/Install new officers
June 2016.....IRTA Rep. Assembly, Indianapolis (Dates TBD)

ERTA Trivia No. 4

Allen Fitzsimmons was president (1981-82) when a decision was made to place a \$10.00 memorial gift in the scholarship fund for each deceased member.

When Ruth Adams was president (1982-83) dues for ERTA was increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50. The additional \$.50 was given to the scholarship fund.

Note: In March 2014, the membership voted to place these funds in the Hensley's Scholarship fund instead of the college scholarship funds.

Researched by Pat Eager
Submitted by Darla Olberdina





March

Lunch Bunch



Message from Jim Sharp, King of the Frog Follies

The annual Frog Follies event featuring over 3500 Street Rods will be August 26, 27. For the past several years our chapter has provided each year at least 90 volunteers to assist in registering the entries. While it may be hot and/or rainy outside, we work in a dry, air-conditioned building. Each worker works for approximately 3 hours in shifts on Friday, 8:00 A.M.-11:15 A.M., 11:15 A.M.-2:30 P.M., 2:30P.M.-6:00 P.M. and on Saturday, 8:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

In June I will be contacting those who worked last year for confirmation that you will be working this year. If you know now that you will not be able to work this year please inform me at this time. If you did not work last year or never have worked and would like to do so, please email me at katsharp623@aol.com or phone me at [812-454-2720](tel:812-454-2720).

While we as individuals volunteer our time, our chapter will be reimbursed around \$1,500 for our services to be used for our various projects. Also, you will get some of my world famous cookies (made by Katherine)!





**Evansville Retired Teachers Association
Executive Board Meeting
March 3, 2016**

Call to Order: President Brenda Weber called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at American Baptist East. In addition to the president, the following members were present: Brenda Beeler, Andy Guarino, Judy Isaac, Diana Luck, Diana Lynn, Diane Meier, David Pfettscher, Ed Rusk, Brenda Scheidler, Sandra Schmidt, Richard Sprinkle, Ron Talley, Tom Wiggers, and Lino Wiseman.

The president asked that today's agenda be accepted with flexibility. Tom Wiggers 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 "Knowing and Not Knowing Are Equal to Not Knowing at All" and James 4:17. Then, he prayed.

Approval of December 3, 2015 Executive Board Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed the financial report for January of 2016. He called the board's attention to the budgeted dues and the actual dues. Brenda asked about the money in miscellaneous. Lino responded that it was the money board members donated to purchase poinsettias for the December meeting. The financial report was accepted as printed.

President-Elect: Tom Wiggers announced that the Nominating Committee met by e-mail to determine the following slate of candidates for 2016/2017: Terry Becker for president-elect and Fred Naab, Don Mosbey, and Fred Bullinger for directors. The slate was amended to include Sandra Schmidt for secretary. Diane Meier made a motion to accept the amended slate. Andy Guarino seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

President: Brenda received a note of thanks from Hangers Director Barry Jones acknowledging our contribution of \$1,138.00 that was donated by members at the December meeting. Mr. Jones said that Hangers is extremely grateful for our support.

Committee Reports:

Community Service: Volunteer hours were sent to state.

Fellowship/Necrology: Members should continue to send information to Mary Tremper.

Membership: An updated list was sent to members.

Publications: Diana Luck suggested that the various forms and the list of board members be included in only a few issues of the newsletter next year instead of every issue.

Publicity: Judy Isaac reported assembling information to be sent to IRTA.

Reservations: Brenda Beeler noted that there were 139 reservations for next week's luncheon.

Special Projects: Andy Guarino said that money from Frog Follies will go to Hangers, his designated project as immediate past president.

Scholarships: Diane Meier announced that the application for the Hensley was sent out in December and January. A scholarship was awarded to each teacher who applied. The recipients are the following: Joy Alldredge, Reitz; Lisa Boeglin, Cedar Hall; Christina Cunningham, Lincoln; Lori Hardwick, Oak Hill; Andrea Kneubuhler, Data Coach; Jeff Tron, Reitz and District Data Coach; and Tim Wilhelmus, Technology and Innovation Center. The total awarded was \$7,320.

IRTA Liaison/Legislative: Diane Meier reported that the COLA for this year is dead; however, there is enough for a COLA. The emphasis next year when members write their legislators should include what is affecting seniors the most: the cost of prescription drugs and hospitalizations and the cost of food.

Old Business:

IRTA Luncheon: Diane Meier said that ERTA members who attend the summer session where associations and members receive awards pay \$25 for the luncheon. She thinks that ERTA should pay. It is in the budget.

New Business: There was none.

Announcements:

1. Tom Mellish and Jane Boultinghouse probably will attend our May luncheon. We will have an indoor picnic that day.
2. The Hangers Garage Sale will be held on the evening of June 10 and during the day on June 11. Ribs and pork butts will be sold. Orders will be taken in advance.

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

**Evansville Retired Teachers Association
Luncheon Meeting
March 10, 2016**

Call to Order and Welcome: President Brenda Weber called the meeting to order at noon at the American Baptist East Fellowship Hall. She welcomed everyone and asked if anyone was there for the first time. There wasn't.

A Word of Thanks: Brenda extended thanks to Diana Lynn and Jan Wiggers for the flowers on the tables.

Information Table: Flyers about the following items of interest were located on the information table: The Public Education Foundation is sponsoring a concert by Liverpool Legends on April 15, 2016. Pre-orders for Jon Siau's book entitled The Harper Hornet will be taken until March 31, 2016. Volunteers are needed for the Philharmonic Guild House Tour to be held on May 21, 2016.

Meditation: Chaplain Ed Rusk read a meditation entitled "Wisdom Is a Quality That Keeps You from Getting into Situations Where You Need It." He then read Proverbs 4:11 and 4:12 and prayed.

Lunch: Those at the head table were dismissed for meal service followed by members and guests who were called by tables. After lunch, attendees moved to the sanctuary.

Program: President-Elect Tom Wiggers introduced EVSC Superintendent Dr. David Smith. Dr. Smith asked those in attendance for questions, and he said that he would use those as a guide for his presentation. His presentation included information about the new school that will be completely paid for by savings, teacher evaluations, the new compensation model, and the corporation's operating balance.

Business Meeting

December 3, 2015 Executive Board Minutes: Tom Wiggers reported that the board minutes were accepted as printed at last week's meeting.

December 10, 2015 Luncheon Minutes: Tom asked for the approval of the December luncheon minutes. They were accepted as printed.

Nominating Committee Report: As chair of this committee, Tom presented the following slate for next year's officers: Terry Becker, president-elect; Sandra Schmidt, secretary; and Fred Naab, Don Mosbey, and Fred Bullinger, directors.

Announcement: The next meeting will be May 12, 2016. It will be an indoor picnic.

Door Prizes: Three door prizes from Barnes and Noble were awarded.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary





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

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

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 EVSC Website..... <http://evscicats.com/evscnewsletter/category/latest-news/evsc-news/>
 IRTA 1-888-454-9333
 IRTA E-mail irta@retiredteachers.org
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 Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield 1-800-368-9354
 Group Insurance Policies 1-800-258-7041
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 ISTRF Website..... www.in.gov/trf

IN MEMORIUM

02/29/2016 Robert Koehl
 03/07/2016 Ruth Nichol
 03/10/2016 Theodore (Ted) Hitch
 03/11/2016 James Schmidt
 03/24/2016 Shirley Cree

Gone but forever in our hearts.





EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report from Lino Wiseman

February 16, 2016

CHECKING ACCOUNT				
Beginning Balance Feb 1, 2016				<u>\$5,899.74</u>
Interest		0.23		
Income		20		
Disbursements			17.40	
Ending Balance Feb 29, 2016				<u>\$5,902.57</u>
REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT				
Beginning Balance Feb 1, 2016				239.68
Interest		0.02		
Ending Balance Feb 29, 2016				<u>239.70</u>
SPECIAL PROJECT				
Beginning Balance Feb 1, 2016				5.19
Ending Balance Feb 29, 2016				<u>5.19</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT				
Beginning Balance Feb 1, 2016				\$15.00
Ending Balance Feb 29, 2016				<u>\$15.00</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26				
Beginning Balance Feb 1, 2016				10,005.77
Interest		0.87		
Ending Balance Feb 29, 2016				<u>10,006.64</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 2 CD's				
Beginning Balance Feb 1, 2016				38,769.79
Interest		67.59		
Ending Balance Feb 29, 2016				<u>38,837.38</u>
TOTAL ASSETS				\$55,006.48

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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2015-16

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Happy 4th of July!