



Message from President-Elect Jan Craig

*Favorite Christmas Traditions*

One of the nicest things about the Christmas season is that everyone has special traditions that they excitedly return to. For many of us, those traditions are probably pretty similar: watching Christmas movies, playing Elf on the Shelf with the kiddos, waiting in line to take photos with Santa Claus at the mall and hanging stockings to be filled with gifts.

One of my favorite Christmas traditions consists of opening our presents on Christmas Eve after a car ride to look at “too many Christmas lights” with my father and brother. For some reason, my mother stayed behind to let Santa in since we did not have a fireplace for him to come down. After opening our presents, we shared having a glass of eggnog, read Luke’s story of the birth of Jesus, and enjoyed eating a piece of my mother’s famous Christmas Supreme pie. **I encourage you to pull up a chair, pour yourself some eggnog, and enjoy reflecting on your favorite Christmas traditions.**









One tradition of ERTA is gathering to enjoy the Christmas spirit with educator friends like you for our holiday luncheon and program. We hope to see you on Thursday, December 9, at Embrace Church, 6300 Washington Ave. (located at the corner of Washington and Burkhardt). **We need to start our meeting at 11:45 am instead of noon, so come and socialize between 11:15 am and 11:45 am.**

So, if you do not want to end up on Santa’s naughty list, go to your computer right now and register online or call your reservation/s into Janet Leistner at (812) 455-0384 to reserve your spot for our annual ERTA holiday tradition.

Warmest Holiday Wishes,  
Jan Craig



*The holiday buffet menu will consist of:*

-  *turkey and ham*
-  *mashed potatoes and gravy*
-  *green bean casserole*
-  *coleslaw*
-  *cranberries*
-  *dinner roll*
-  *drink*
-  *Golden Corral’s famous dessert table*

*The cost will be \$12.00 (exact change would be appreciated). For health reasons, all food will be dished out by servers, but drinks and desserts will be self-served.*

*The Reitz High School choir directed by Michael Miller will perform a dazzling collection of holiday musical songs to help get us in the holiday mood.*

# October Luncheon 2021

We enjoyed our luncheon and program in October at which we honored our veterans. We enjoyed a boxed lunch, the welcome return of the pie and cake table, and a great program featuring Dona Bone from the Evansville Wartime Museum. Her talk explained the history of the wartime museum and included information about the role of Evansville in the war efforts. It was a great day of friendship and learning about our community.

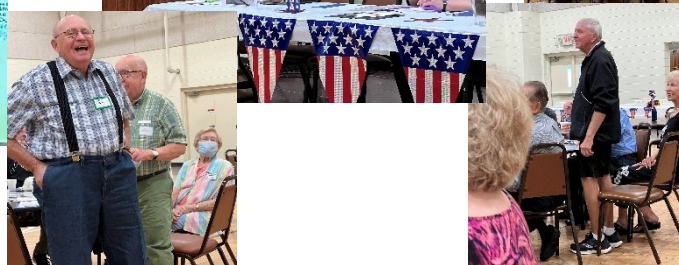


- In the 6 months after Pearl Harbor, 750,000 women applied for work in war plants, but only 80,000 were taken on. Industries were forced to reconsider due to a shortage of manpower.
- Deterrents included:
  - Myths, including "riveter ovaries" due to excessive vibration.
  - Wages that were 40% less than men in the same jobs.
  - Factory jobs added to domestic burdens.
  - Transportation
- When asked why more women didn't go into war work, one woman snapped "Because they don't have wives!"

19-year-old Marilyn Monroe was a "Rosie" in 1945 at a Radioplane munitions factory in Burbank, California, when her husband, James Dougherty, was sent overseas.

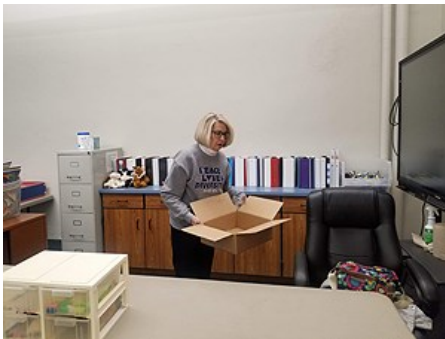


**Karl Knecht**  
Evansville Courier  
9-29-06 to 6-1-60  
18,000 cartoons



## Teacher Locker Workday

Several ERTA members worked at the Teacher Locker Workday on November 13 to organize and sort the book room. Teachers are invited to select free books to take to their schools and send home with their students to keep. We appreciate the many donations and hope that the books offer many great hours of reading for students. Thanks for all of the hard work of the volunteers to help create an inviting room.



RECORD YOUR 2021-2022 VOLUNTEER HOURS		
Month	Youth	Other
January		
February		
March		
April		
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June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Email</b>		
<b>Phone</b>		
<i>Turn your hours in at the December meeting or email to: Jane Staton, mymomjane@aol.com.</i>		



Please bring your volunteer hours to the December luncheon or email them to Jane Staton at [mymomjane@aol.com](mailto:mymomjane@aol.com) by December 31, 2021.

Volunteer hours give us clout with the State Legislature.

**Evansville Retired Teachers Association**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**October 7, 2021**

Call to Order: President Janet Leistner called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. at Embrace Church and welcomed everyone. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Doris Beard, Brenda Beeler, Fred Bullinger, Jan Craig, Diana Luck, Donna Lutz, Diane Meier, Don Mosbey, Darla Olberding, David Pfetscher, Donna Schmidt, Sandra Schmidt, and Jane Staton.

Thank You Note: Janet said that she received a note of thanks from IRTA Executive Director Laura Penman who attended our August Luncheon.

Approval of Minutes for August 5, 2021: The minutes were approved as printed.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: The financial report prepared by Lynn Arteberry and distributed by the president listed the following information:

	<u>July 31, 2021</u>	<u>August 31, 2021</u>	<u>September 30, 2021</u>
Checking:	\$1,970.51	\$2,354.51	\$4,825.91
Savings:	\$240.75	\$240.76	\$240.78
Scholarship:	\$15,987.77	\$16,407.47	\$16,763.86

The report will be filed for audit.

President-elect: Jan Craig announced that 81 had signed up for the luncheon so far. There will be a dessert table with a choice of pie or cake to go with the box lunches. The speaker will be Dona Bone of the Evansville Wartime Museum. We will move to the Sanctuary for a PowerPoint presentation. Jan noted that private tours of the museum can be arranged. There is a minimum of 15 required at the cost of \$11 per person.

Committee Reports:

Community Service: Jane Staton asked that we keep track of our volunteer hours.

Fellowship/Necrology: Donna Lutz said that Judy Isaac needs one more member to help check in those attending the luncheon.

Membership: Janet spoke for Darlene Brockriede. There are 244 paid or free members. Memberships will be accepted at the meeting.

Publications: Diana Luck thanked those who submitted pictures from Frog Follies.

Reservations: Janet pointed out that the luncheon held in October is usually our smallest gathering; however, reservations are going well.

Special Projects: Janet announced that ERTA was awarded \$1,555.31 from Frog Follies, and \$304.42 of that amount was used to feed our volunteers.

Scholarships: Diane Meier informed the Board that two of last year's recipients of the Hensley were no longer with EVSC; therefore, \$755 is available and can be given to other recipients who need additional funds. She said that the remaining \$16,000 will be awarded in 2022. If all of that amount is not used, Diane wondered if the remaining amount could be given to Teacher Locker.

Darla Olberding made a motion to give any remaining money to Teacher Locker. Doris Beard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IRTA/Liaison: Diane Meier reported that the Indiana Legislature met on August 17, 2021, but members did not meet in person. The 13<sup>th</sup> Check wasn't heard in the Senate, but work will continue. Diane said that the money is there for the 13<sup>th</sup> Check and a COLA.

Information Items:

Candy Basket Delivery: Janet announced that baskets full of candy were delivered by teams of retired teachers on Friday, August 6, 2021, to all schools in the EVSC. The baskets were happily received.

Hall of Fame Celebration: Brenda Beeler reported on attending the EVSC Class of 2020 Hall of Fame Celebration. Lana Burton, Carol Koehler, and Walt Lewis were honored for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Education. Archie and Louise Owen and also Mike Owen were honored. Amy Walker and Lilly King were also honorees. Janet and Jan were in attendance as well.

Frog Follies: Janet noted that a replacement for Jim Sharp will be needed next year. It's possible that two or three members will be needed. She added that Frog Follies benefits ERTA.

Old Business:

Communication with New Retirees: Janet has communicated with new retirees. Jane Staton has called 2020 and 2021 new retirees.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed at Teacher Locker and Hangars. Hangars needs items delivered occasionally.

New Business:

December Luncheon: Janet announced that Dr. David Smith will be our guest, and we are working to get a school music group. We need to decide on whether to have a buffet or box lunches. The board will make the decision at a later time.

Announcement: The next ERTA Executive Board Meeting will be on December 2, 2021.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

**Evansville Retired Teachers Association**

**Luncheon Meeting**

**October 14, 2021**

Call to Order: President Janet Leistner called the meeting to order at noon at Embrace Church and welcomed everyone.

Introduction of the Head Table: Janet introduced President-elect Jan Craig and Chaplain John Wessel and his wife Diane. She added that Dona Bone of the Evansville Wartime Museum, who is today's speaker, would be arriving later.

Recognitions: Janet congratulated Lana Burton, Carole Koehler, and Walt Lewis who were inducted into the EVSC Hall of Fame. Janet also recognized Ken Wempe, the coach of the North High Girls' Golf Team that recently won the State Championship.

A Note from the IRTA Executive Director: Janet read a note from Laura Penman complimenting ERTA for the number of members in attendance.

ERTA Anniversary: Janet sent an email to IRTA explaining that she thinks ERTA has been a chapter since the early 60's.

Business:

Approval of Minutes for August 12, 2021: The minutes were accepted as printed.

Frog Follies: Janet announced that this year's Frog Follies was a great success. She added that we will need several members to chair that committee next year.

Reporting of Volunteer Hours: Members were reminded to keep track of their volunteer hours. Janet asked that those hours be reported to Jane Staton near the end of December.

Recognition of Veterans: Jan Craig asked Veterans to stand. They were to identify themselves and tell their branch of service and the number of years served. Eight men stood and were recognized.

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

Blessing: John Wessel spoke of the recent passing of Ruby Rusk. Then he prayed.

Lunch: Jan thanked Bob Hammonds for items and information on the tables concerning Evansville's war efforts. Members were dismissed by tables to get their box lunches. After lunch, members moved to the Sanctuary for the program.

Program: Jan introduced Dona Bone, who explained that the purpose of the Evansville Wartime Museum is to tell of Evansville's contributions during World War II on the battlefield and home front. She noted the contributions of businesses and factories as well as the contributions of women and children to the war effort. At the end of her presentation, Dona Bone was presented with a gift card and Certificate of Appreciation.

Door Prizes: Drawings for three gift cards were held.

December Luncheon: The next luncheon will be on December 9, 2021.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary







**IN MEMORIAM**  
 “Always in Our Hearts”

<b>Sharon Diane Effinger</b> .....	<b>September 9, 2021</b>
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc030962	
<b>Harold Dean Malicoat, Sr.</b> .....	<b>September 19, 2021</b>
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc030596	
<b>Jane Ann (Freels) Young</b> .....	<b>September 26, 2021</b>
https://www.thegleaner.com/obituaries/evc031443	
<b>Nancy Mautz</b> .....	<b>October 3, 2021</b>
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc030940	
<b>Ruby Rusk</b> .....	<b>October 7, 2021</b>
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc030999	
<b>Carole S. Murray</b> .....	<b>October 10, 2021</b>
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc031088	
<b>Dorothy Bonar</b> .....	<b>October 22, 2021</b>
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<b>Clifta Jane Ridens</b> .....	<b>October 25, 2021</b>
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc031425	
<b>Sue Buthod</b> .....	<b>October 31, 2021</b>
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc031521	



**ERTA January to June 2022 CALENDAR**

March Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck .....	February 7
March Board Meeting .....	March 3
March Luncheon/Program .....	<u>March 10</u>
May Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck .....	April 4
USI Scholarship Banquet .....	April - TBA
UE Scholarship Banquet .....	April - TBA
May Board Meeting .....	May 5
May Luncheon/Program .....	<u>May 12</u>
IRTA Representative Assembly, Indy .....	June - TBA



**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

<b>ERTA Website</b> .....	<a href="http://www.erta.info">www.erta.info</a>
<b>EVSC Website</b> .....	<a href="http://evscicats.com/evscnewsletter/category/latest-news/evsc-news/">http://evscicats.com/evscnewsletter/category/latest-news/evsc-news/</a>
<b>IRTA</b> .....	1-888-454-9333
<b>IRTA E-mail</b> .....	<a href="mailto:irta@retiredteachers.org">irta@retiredteachers.org</a>
<b>ISTRF (Retirement Benefits)</b> .....	1-888-286-3544
<b>Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield</b> .....	1-800-368-9354
<b>Group Insurance Policies</b> .....	1-800-258-7041
<b>IRTA Website</b> .....	<a href="http://www.retiredteachers.org">www.retiredteachers.org</a>
<b>ISTRF Website</b> .....	<a href="http://www.in.gov/trf">www.in.gov/trf</a>

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