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Message From 2022-2023 President Janet Craig

We're almost 60 years young!

In honor of our Big Birthday, this October, we have much to REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, and BUILD UPON.

ERTA began serving Evansville retired educators during the social turbulence of the 60's, and our association has remained a steady partner through the changes marking the decades that followed. As retired educators, we continue even today, serving our community as leaders and volunteers.

Oh, to be "a fly on the wall" during those 60 years of board and luncheon meetings. We are so grateful for the past and current ERTA members like you, who made your careers in education and chose to join this association during your "golden years."

Thank you for belonging, attending, and serving.

As we plan our 60th Birthday Bash in October, we need your help. TAKE A STEP BACK and email or text any stories, memories or reflections that meant something to you personally. It could be a particular program speaker, a funny story (of course, no embarrassing ones), photos, or a particular event that stood out from the crowd. So, refresh your memories of ERTA and send them to either Janet or to me.

My email is: jlraig7@gmail.com or text me at (812) 459-1356.

Janet's email is: leistnerjanet@gmail.com or text her at (812) 455-0384

I am truly humbled to be your president this year, and I feel so fortunate to follow Janet Leistner. As president last year, Janet "set the bar very high" (at least, pole vault height) for any incoming officer like me. Her outstanding technology and leadership skills have been a welcome gift to our association. A big thank you to Janet for all her dedication and hard work during these past few years. Doris Beard, the current president-elect, has planned five delicious meals and five informative and interesting programs for you. We hope you will like them. We appreciate all the leadership strengths and experiences that Doris brings to this board position.

Let's enjoy and be proud as our chapter celebrates another year of good friendships, good food, good programs, and a good laugh or two. Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend our first meeting on Thursday, August 11.

Please stay safe and stay connected through our newsletter, emails, texts, website and Facebook.

Warmly, Jan

Thank you

We are so grateful to Darlene Brockriede, Don Mosbey, and Fred Naab for their many years of service on the ERTA board. They were incredibly dedicated, hardworking, and contributed in many unique ways to our association's success.



Message From 2022-2023 President-Elect Doris Beard

“ERTA wants to continue to be your Professional Community during Retirement.”

Our first meeting for Evansville Retired Teachers Association is Thursday, August 11, at noon at Embrace Church, located at 6300 Washington Avenue. Come early for social time at 11:30 am, with lunch being prepared by Golden Corral.

The Evansville Retired Teachers Association wants to be a professional connection in your retired life, and we hope that you will continue to be an integral part of our professional community. If someone you know has an interest in ERTA, please let us know as we are always happy to have new or previously retired teachers involved. We also desire to stay connected to our current members, and we can't wait to see you at our first meeting on August 11.

Our guest speakers this year come from a wide range of organizations. The first speaker is David Ragland, the new UE head men's basketball coach. We will also have speakers from the Mesker Park Zoo and the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra.

In October, our organization will celebrate its 60th anniversary. We also look forward to The Bosse High School choir entertaining us with Christmas music at the December meeting.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Frog Follies! Enjoy the rest of your summer and try to stay cool.

Don't forget to join us in August for our first meeting!

See you then! Doris

August Luncheon Menu:

Baked Ham/Pineapple Sauce
Roasted Herb Chicken/Gravy
New Potatoes
Green Beans
Corn
Salad/ Dressings
Rolls/Butter
Desserts
Beverages

Exciting August 11 Program:



David Ragland was named the 16th head men's basketball coach in University of Evansville history on May 24, 2022. The announcement of the 8th Division I head coach in Purple Aces history was made by Director of Athletics Dr. Kenneth "Ziggy" Siegfried.

Graduating from Harrison High School, Ragland was named an All-State Honorable Mention basketball player. He began his collegiate career at Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, where his team went on to the NCAA Division II Final Four during his freshman year. Following his sophomore year, he transferred to the University of Southern Indiana where he played two seasons, propelling the Screaming Eagles to a total of 47 victories and leading the team in assists both years.

In a coaching career that has spanned nearly two decades, Ragland's experience has seen him contribute to an impressive group of programs that includes Butler, Utah State, Valparaiso, Vincennes, Northern Kentucky, Bowling Green, Indiana State, and Frank Phillips College. He joins the Evansville program following a 1-year stint as an assistant coach at Butler University.

Ragland and his wife, Annie, have two children: Ava and Joshua



Reconnect Workshop for IRTA Areas 8 and 9 on September 21, 2022, at Gasthoff Restaurant in Montgomery, IN.

ERTA 60th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at noon (social time at 11:30 am) Embrace Church, 6300 Washington Ave., Evansville, IN 47715



FILL THE BUS for TEACHER LOCKER

Volunteers needed to help collect at all locations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All donations made at the Evansville Locations will go to Teacher Locker. Please see the information below if you are able to work an hour or two on either August 5 or August 6 to help pass out flyers.

Click a link below to see the different sign-up spots at the specific locations

Westside - <https://signup.com/go/JupzsPe>

Eastside - <https://signup.com/go/cFHqaPd>

Evansville Wartime Museum

Volunteers are needed for the following positions: docents, admissions desk or gift shop helpers, cataloguing donated items, facility and maintenance helpers (electrical, mechanical, etc.)

If interested please go to the following link to provide your volunteer information.

<https://www.evansvillewartimemuseum.org/become-a-volunteer>

Message From 2022-2023 Membership Chairman Allyson Green (Janet Leistner)

We had a record number of members last year and want to continue that again this year. We are ready to take memberships for the 2022-23 year. You may use the link below to complete your membership online or use the form if you wish to print it out. We will also have copies available at the August luncheon. Be sure to complete your membership form before October 10, 2022, to ensure that your contact information is updated and to continue receiving the emails and newsletters. We have added a field for birthday month and day (do not need year) so that we can celebrate birthdays throughout the year.

Please let us know if you need assistance with the membership form.

Click the link below to complete your ERTA 2022-23 Membership.

[ERTA Membership Form](#)

If you wish to print and mail the form, please use the form below.

EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION 2022-2023 Membership Dues

Name _____ Date _____
Last First MI

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Cell (____) _____ Birthday - Month/Day _____

Amount Pd.

Retired Teacher--\$15 (2022 new retirees – free)	
Associate Member--\$10	
Additional Scholarship Fund Donation	
TOTAL	\$ _____ CHECK # _____

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

Mail to: Lynn Arteberry, 3399 Westhampton Dr., Newburgh, IN 47630

Message from Gene VanStone, IRTA Area 9 Director

Indiana Retired Teachers Association



FALL WORKSHOP

Areas 8 and 9

September 21, 2022

Location: Gasthof Conference Center
6747 E Gasthof Village Rd, Montgomery, IN 47558

Join us for a day of information
regarding leadership and the future of IRTA.

Guest speaker on Elder Care Law
Justin Schuhmacher
Indiana Estate and Elder Law

Presidents and local leaders are encouraged to attend
to get most current information.
All IRTA members are welcome.

NO COST FOR IRTA MEMBERS.

Others may attend, as well.

Mileage for 2 cars from each local group
will be reimbursed at 80% of Federal mileage.

Please send NAMES, EMAIL ADDRESSES, AND PHONE NUMBERS
FOR ALL WHO PLAN TO ATTEND by **SEPTEMBER 3, 2022**,
to: Gene Van Stone, Area 9 Director
Phone: 812-480-2000
Email: genevanstone@gmail.com

Memories from the May 2022 Luncheon

The Evansville Retired Teachers Association had a great luncheon and program today. Our new officers and Board members were installed. We also received a state award for Outstanding Newsletter and Outstanding Website. Special thanks to Diana Luck our newsletter editor, and Scott Riley, our Webmaster.

Bill Bussing was our featured speaker who spoke about his work in Evansville and the Otters. We also listened to meaningful original song by member David Elfreich. Our members generously donated items for the Culver Personal and Essentials Closet to benefit families that utilized the services at the Culver Family Center.





--Photos by Walt Gleim and Janet Leistner--



Just a reminder to keep track of your volunteer hours that you serve in any organization. Just delivering cookies to a friend can be counted. Hours can be counted if they do not involve a family member or you are being paid to do the job. You can even count the time it takes you to get there and return home from your volunteering. You will be asked to turn in your hours at the December meeting or email them to Jane Staton (mymomjane@aol.com). Volunteer hours give us clout with the legislature.

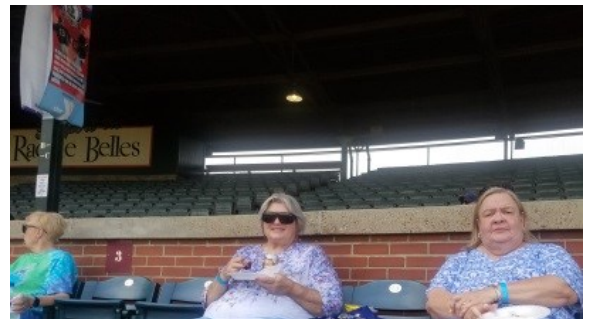
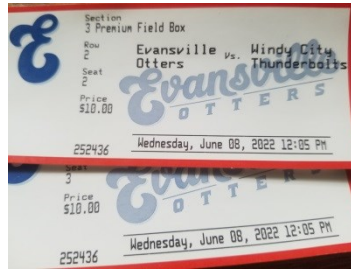
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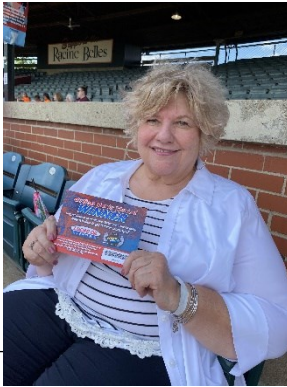
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- IRTA 1-888-454-9333
- IRTA E-mail irta@retiredteachers.org
- ISTRF (Retirement Benefits) 1-888-286-3544
- Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield 1-800-368-9354
- Group Insurance Policies 1-800-258-7041
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ERTA Otters Outing – June 2022

The Evansville Retired Teachers Association enjoyed a fun day at the ballpark. Otters won! Great food, door prizes, and camaraderie! Special thanks to member Jan Craig for all her work to organize this event.





I was so humiliated!!

I was at the Evansville Otters game with ERTA minding my own business when about halfway through the game a picture of my car from the back was flashed on the huge electronic billboard for several minutes! I had won this!

It would be different if I weren't already paranoid about my dirty car from living in the middle of a corn field.

Little did they know, it was much cleaner that day than usual! Haha!!

Thank you, Lucas Oil Center – Fun Times!



Message from Jim Sharp, Frog Follies 2022

I am working on the volunteer work list for the Frog Follies.

I do not need volunteers for the August 26 8:00 to 11:15 shift.

I do need volunteers for Friday, August 26:

Shifts 11:15 to 2:30

2:30 to 6:00

Saturday August 27:

Shifts: 8:00 to 10:30

10:30 to 1:00



If you have not been contacted or have never volunteered before and would like to work this year, please contact me.

Phone: 812-454-2720

Email: Katsharp623@aol.com

For your efforts our ERTA chapter will receive approximately \$1,500 to be used for various projects.

Thanks, Jim

Evansville Retired Teachers Association
Executive Board Meeting
May 5, 2022

Call to Order: President Janet Leistner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at Embrace Church. She welcomed everyone and thanked members for their support during the past two years of her presidency. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Lynn Arteberry, Doris Beard, Brenda Beeler, Darlene Brockriede, Fred Bullinger, Jan Craig, Steve Fritz, Judy Isaac, Walt Lewis, Diana Luck, Donna Lutz, Diane Meier, Don Mosbey, and David Pfetscher.

Thanks on Behalf of the Board: Diana Luck thanked Janet for her use of technology to streamline membership and the reservation process.

Executive Board Minutes from March 3, 2022: The minutes were accepted as printed.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lynn Arteberry distributed the financial report as well as the projected budget for 2022/2023. She wondered if in the future she could present the projected budget in May. Janet was not sure.

The financial report listed the balance as of May 1, 2022, for each of the following accounts:
Checking: \$2,991.90 Savings: \$240.85 Scholarship: \$14,772.89 Total: \$18,005.64

Lynn noted that there is still money to be spent in the Hensley account. One recipient has yet to cash a check.

Lynn continued her report by explaining that she had deposited \$143 into the Scholarship account for USI and the same amount for UE for each paid membership at fifty cents per member. She also said that \$10 was put into a Memorial Fund for each of the 25 members who passed away this year. That money was equally divided between USI and UE as well.

Janet said that she would check on the month that the projected budget needed to be presented. She thought it was March. She asked those in attendance if we needed to change that to May. A motion was made by David Pfetscher to change the Bylaws to allow the proposed budget to be presented in May. Jan Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

(It was later determined that the motion was not needed. The current ERTA Bylaws, which were approved in May of 2015, said that the proposed budget was to be presented at the last meeting of the fiscal year which is May.)

President-elect: Jan Craig reported that next week's luncheon will have a picnic theme. She said that Bill Bussing will be the speaker.

Then Jan discussed the possibility that the price of the meal will need to be increased. There was Board support if that needed to be done. Jan said that she would contact vendors and present choices to the Board.

The last item concerned the upcoming Otters game on June 8th. Jan said that there will be a sign-up sheet at the luncheon for those interested in attending.

Past President: Steve Fritz reported that John and Diane Wessel are recuperating from an auto accident and are expected to make a full recovery.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Janet announced that we have a list of new retirees which will be shared so members can contact them.

Publications: Diana Luck thanked everyone who provided photos for the newsletters.

Reservations: Janet reported reservations are going well. We will continue using Google Form.

Special Projects: Jim Sharp will chair the committee for Frog Follies. Janet said that we need to get more people involved.

Scholarship: Diane Meier discussed allowing Eric Hormuth to utilize the Hensley money he had been awarded to attend a conference instead be used to help fund his project to go to Tunisia. His original conference had not taken place. In Tunisia Eric would be living with a host family, visiting a school, and experiencing the culture. The Board voted to allow Eric Hormuth to utilize the Hensley to help fund his project to go to Tunisia.

Diane ended her report saying that she would like to give the 13 people who have not yet been to a conference until August of 2022.

IRTA Liaison/Legislative: Diane updated the Board on the discussion at the Legislative Meeting concerning a 13th Check. The House voted to award the 13th Check, but the Senate decided on a COLA. Some proposals were offered including increasing the COLA or giving a stipend for years served to those who retired years ago. Diane believes it would take a strong majority to have anything but a COLA.

Information Items:

IRTA Public Relations Nominations: Janet read letters of congratulations from the IRTA Public Relations Committee that awarded an Outstanding Award to the ERTA Website and to the ERTA Newsletter. The awards will be presented at the meeting of the Representative Assembly on June 8, 2022.

Janet also announced the following:

Donations for the Culver Early Learning Center: Donations for the Personal and Essential Opportunity Shoppe at the Culver Early Learning Center will be collected at next week's luncheon.

Volunteer Opportunities: The Red Cross and the Teacher Locker are both in need of volunteers.

Installation of Officers: David Lennen, the incoming President of IRTA, will conduct the installation of officers at the luncheon.

Old Business: Janet reported that dues will be collected this year. New retirees will receive a free year.

New Business: ERTA has been asked to provide a gift basket for a prize at the EVSC New Teacher Meeting in July. Jane said that it was suggested that we spend \$50 for its contents. Doris Beard made a motion to spend \$50 for the contents. Diane Meier seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jan Craig said that she has a basket that could be used.

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

Notes taken by President Janet Leistner
Minutes written by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

Evansville Retired Teachers Association
Luncheon Meeting
May 12, 2022

Call to Order: President Janet Leisner called the meeting to order at noon. She welcomed those in attendance and thanked the membership for supporting her during her two terms.

Introduction of the Head Table: Janet introduced President-elect Jan Craig and David Lennen, the incoming President of IRTA. Janet explained that Mr. Lennen would be conducting today's installation of officers. Bill Bussing, our speaker, would be arriving later.

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

Luncheon Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2022: The minutes were accepted as printed.

Donations for the Culver Family Center: Janet called attention to the collection box located near the gym entrance where members could place their donations.

New EVSC Retirees: A list of those who retired as of May 9, 2022, was on each table. Janet asked the members to contact those we knew and invite them to a meeting.

Frog Follies: Janet said that a signup sheet was on each table for those who wanted to work at the event. Workers are needed to register participants.

United Way: A list of retired teachers who have volunteered to serve on the Expert Task Force was on each table.

Red Cross: The Red Cross needs volunteers. Janet said that she will send out an e-mail.

Award Recognitions: Janet recognized the following award recipients:

1. Scott Riley for Outstanding Website and Diana Luck for Outstanding Newsletter - IRTA Public Relations
2. Lana Burton for Community Service - Junior League
3. Darlene Brockriede and Don Mosbey for Service to ERTA – President Janet Leistner

Installation of Officers: David Lennen installed the following officers:

Janet Craig – President
Doris Beard – President-elect
Karen Bippus, Fred Bullinger, and Donna Schmidt - Directors
Sandra Schmidt – Secretary

Blessing: Steve Fritz updated attendees on the progress of John Wessel and his wife. Then he prayed.

Luncheon: Jan Craig dismissed the Head Table and then members by tables for meal service. Each table was labeled with a food or beverage popular at baseball games. Jan thanked Debbie and the crew from Golden Corral.

After lunch, members and guests moved to the Sanctuary for the program.

Program: Donna Schmidt introduced David Elfrich who sang a song he had written entitled “You Changed My Life Forever.” Jan Craig then introduced Bill Bussing, today’s speaker. In addition to speaking about Bosse Field and its history, Mr. Bussing showed videos documenting the changes that had taken place over the years. He reported that Bosse Field opened in 1915 making it the third oldest ballpark in the nation behind Fenway Park and Wriggly Field.

Jan Craig presented Mr. Bussing with a certificate and a \$25 gift card.

Door Prizes: Drawings were held for three gift cards.

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

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



In Memoriam

“Always in Our Hearts”

<u>Jack F. Tyner, Jr.</u>	July 19, 2022
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc036807	
<u>Michael Lynn Shore</u>	July 12, 2022
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc036741	
<u>Reno B. “Duke” DeMuth</u>	July 1, 2022
https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/evansville-in/reno-demuth-10816302	
<u>Janice “Jan” Kinney</u>	June 22, 2022
https://www.boonefuneralhome.net/obituary/JaniceJan-Kinney	
<u>Wilma Selzer</u>	June 28, 2022
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<u>Mary Frances McGill</u>	May 29, 2022
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<u>Frances Lenore Thompson</u>	May 16, 2022
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc035779	
<u>Eleanor “Jean” Bernhardt</u>	May 6, 2022
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc035494	



ERTA Finance Report	
as of 6/30/2022	
ASSETS	Actual
Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 2,198.86
Savings Acct. Balance	\$ 240.87
Scholarship Acct. Balance	\$ 13,774.64
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,214.37



From Lynn Arteberry, Treasurer

ERTA CALENDAR

August 2022-May 2023

August Board Meeting	August 4
Fill the Bus for Teacher Locker.....	August 5-6
August Luncheon/Program	August 11
Frog Follies	August 26-28
October Gazette Articles to D. Luck	September 9
IRTA Reconnect Workshop – Areas 8 and 9	September 21
October Board Meeting	October 6
October Luncheon/Program – 60 th Anniversary	October 13
December Gazette Articles to D. Luck	November 11
December Board Meeting.....	December 1
December Luncheon	December 8
Legislative Brunch Indianapolis	TBA
March Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck.....	February 10
March Board Meeting	March 2
March Luncheon/Program	March 9
May Newsletter Articles to Diana Luck	April 14
USI Scholarship Banquet	April - TBA
UE Scholarship Banquet	April - TBA
May Board Meeting	May 4
May Luncheon/Program	May 11
IRTA Representative Assembly, Indy.....	June - TBA



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