



# School's Out Gazette



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## Message From 2022-2023 President Janet Craig

Dear Friends of ERTA:

I think for many of us the transition from summer to fall cannot come soon enough. While the shift from summer to fall is one of my favorites, I'm aware that not everyone loves the shorter days or the return to normal work and school schedules. As a self-professed *fall obsessive*, I love that autumn calls us to engage in new activities. These include returning to school, sporting events, reunions, and other social events like a visit to a pumpkin patch and eating a sausage burger at the Westside Nut Club Fall Festival (sorry but I am just not into eating a brain sandwich, even though my mother said it would make me smarter).

I am writing this article before I attend the IRTA Fall Conference in Montgomery, Indiana, on Sept. 21. Hopefully, I can bring back some news regarding IRTA and our pension.

Our ERTA members are an integral part of our organization, especially in volunteering for different events. The ERTA Board and I want to thank you for your important volunteer contributions throughout the year. During the December 8 meeting/luncheon, we will ask you to fill out a form of your volunteer hours. Your contributions and your precious time to provide volunteer service on behalf of ERTA is much appreciated.



I was amazed at the Frog Follies volunteer turnout on both Friday and Saturday. This project was a huge success due to both Jim Sharp's leadership and organizational skills, and the giving of your precious time as volunteers.

Remember to save the October 13 date when we will gather together to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. ERTA has existed since 1962 with Alma Martin serving as the first president. Come and join us as we celebrate and honor all the past and present retirees who have made us to where we are today.

As a retired Art teacher, I found this quote by Stanley Horowitz, which I wrote down in a journal book. "*Winter is an **etching**, spring a **watercolor**, summer an **oil painting**, and autumn a **mosaic** of them all.*" This quote sums up everything I love about living in Southern Indiana, where we get to experience all four seasons

Wishing each of you **joy** in the autumn season ahead.

Warmly,  
Jan

## Message From 2022-2023 President-Elect Doris Beard



Happy Anniversary, ERTA! Come help us celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Evansville Retired Teachers Association on Thursday, October 13, at Embrace Church. Darla Olberding will be speaking on the history of ERTA. Several of our former presidents will be reminiscing on their year as president. A few other surprises are in store for our members.

Veterans Day is coming up on November 11. Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11. It's a holiday honoring men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces, on the anniversary of the end of World War I. We will recognize our members who have served in the military. Thank you for your service.

Our meeting for Evansville Retired Teachers Association is at noon on Thursday, October 13, at Embrace Church, located at 6300 Washington Avenue. Come early for social time at 11:30 am. Lunch is being prepared by the Golden Corral.

### October Luncheon Menu:

Sliced Roast Beef in Au Jus  
 Chicken and Dumplings  
 Mashed Potatoes/Gravy  
 Green Beans  
 Glazed Carrots  
 Salad/Dressings  
 Rolls/Butter  
 Desserts  
 Beverages

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

ERTA Website ..... [www.erta.info](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.retiredteachers.org)  
 ISTRF Website ..... [www.in.gov/trf](http://www.in.gov/trf)

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### ERTA CALENDAR October 2022-May 2023

IRTA Legislative Committee .....October 5  
 October Board Meeting.....October 6  
 October Luncheon/Program – 60<sup>th</sup> 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, Indianapolis..... June

## Message From 2022-2023 Membership Chairman Janet Leistner

### Membership Reminders

We had a record number of members last year and want to continue that again this year. If you have not renewed your membership, 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 October luncheon. Be sure to complete your membership form by October 10, 2022, (or at October 13 luncheon) 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 Link](#)

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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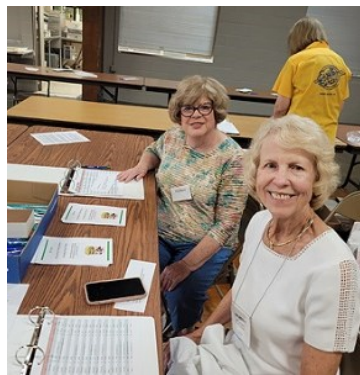
Retired Teacher--\$15 (2022 new retirees – free)	
Associate Member--\$10	
Additional Scholarship Fund Donation	
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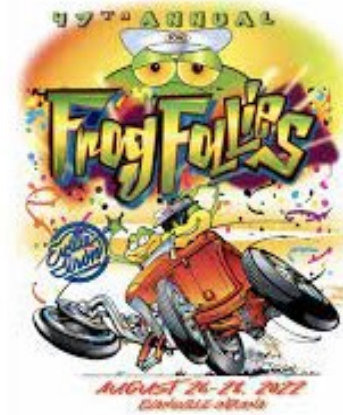
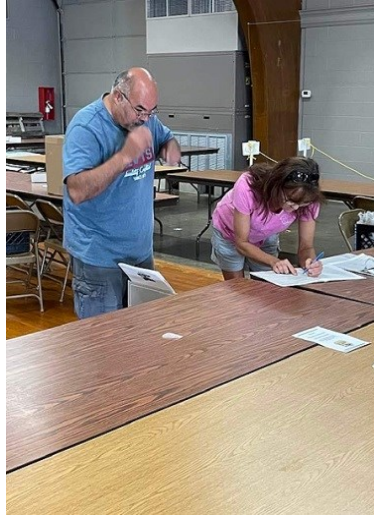
Make checks payable to: **EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (ERTA)**

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

# Frog Follies 2022

We enjoyed lots of smiles from volunteers and participants at Frog Follies. Special thanks to our members and families for working the registration and tee shirt tables. The funds that ERTA receives for working this event will be placed in our Special Projects Funds to be donated to a nonprofit organization chosen by the immediate Past President. Special thanks to Jim Sharp who organizes our work for this event and to Darla Olberding for organizing the great lunch.





Evansville Retired Teachers Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
August 4, 2022

Call to Order: President Jan Craig called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. at Embrace Church. She spoke about giving thought to what gift she could bring to ERTA that would tell who she is. Then Jan gave a refrigerator magnet with the dates of the upcoming ERTA Executive Board meetings to those in attendance and read a selection about patience from Everyday Blessings,

Attendance: In addition to the president, the following were present: Doris Beard, Fred Bullinger, Steve Fritz, Judy Isaac, Janet Leistner, Diana Luck, Donna Lutz, Diane Meier, David Pfetscher, and Sandra Schmidt.

Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2022: The minutes were approved as printed.

Officer Reports:

President-elect: Doris Beard spoke about this year's luncheon programs. New UE Basketball Coach David Ragland will speak in August. ERTA will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October. Bosse's Choir will entertain us in December. Mesker Park Zoo will present a slide presentation in March. May's program will feature Philharmonic Director Roger Kalia.

Doris reported that reservations for next week's luncheon number 113 at this time. The menu is in this month's newsletter.

Treasurer: Jan distributed the following report as of July 29, 2022, that was submitted by Lynn Arteberry: Checking Account Balance: \$2,897.99                      Savings Account Balance: \$240.87  
Scholarship Account Balance: \$13, 493

Committee Reports:

Auditing and Budget: Darla Olberding notified the president that the books were audited on July 20, 2022, and found to be in good order.

Necrology: A progress report was given on John Wessel and his wife.

Membership: At this time, 88 have completed the membership form. Janet Leistner will work at the membership table at the luncheon. Jan and Janet have contacted new retirees. Janet reported that a message was left for those who couldn't be reached. Allyson Green will serve as chair of the Membership Committee.

Reservations: Janet announced reservations were going well. Lunches will be \$14.00 this year.

Scholarships: Diane Meier reported that several recipients from 2020 have not used their Hensley money yet. They can use it in 2023.

Legislative: Diane announced that the IRTA Legislative Committee will meet in Indianapolis on October 5, 2022.

Information Items:

Karen Ragland, who is the mother of UE Basketball Coach David Ragland and a member of the EVSC School Board, will be our guest at next week's luncheon.

ERTA's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated at our luncheon on October 13, 2022. Doris welcomes any historical ERTA input from members.

Janet Leistner will continue to handle reservations for the luncheons.

Old Business:

The United Way Grant Committee has met and will be accepting applications from August 4 to September 12, 2022.

The IRTA Reconnect Workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 21, at the Gasthoff Restaurant in Montgomery, IN.

New Business:

Review of ERTA By-laws: A committee will be meeting to review the by-laws. The committee consists of Jan Craig, Janet Leistner, Doris Beard, Darla Olberding, and Sandra Schmidt.

Welcome Back Candy Baskets: For a number of years, a basket of candy has been delivered to EVSC Schools to welcome the teachers back to the classroom. At today's meeting, there was a discussion about whether we should continue this project. The decision was to continue. A date of delivery was not decided.

Announcement: The next meeting of the ERTA Executive Board will be on Thursday, October 6, 2022.

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

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



Evansville Retired Teachers Association  
Luncheon Meeting  
August 11, 2022

Call to Order: President Jan Craig called the meeting to order at 12:13 P.M. She welcomed everyone and announced that there were magnets listing this year's meetings on the tables for the members. She then asked new retirees to stand.

Introduction of the Head Table: Jan introduced President-elect Doris Beard and EVSC School Board member Karen Ragland. Her son David Ragland, the new UE Basketball Coach and today's speaker, was on his way.

Pledge of Allegiance: Vic Doty led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blessing: Steve Fritz spoke about relationships and their significance especially with teachers and their students. Then he prayed.

Minutes of May 12, 2022: The minutes were accepted as printed.

Recognition: Jan recognized Lana Burton, the recipient of the Helen Klamer Philip Award from the Junior League of Evansville.

Notes of Appreciation: Jan read a note of thanks from the Culver Family Engagement Center for items donated by members at our luncheon in May. She also read a note of thanks from Darlene Brockriede, a former member of the ERTA Board, who had been awarded a certificate and gift card at a previous luncheon.

Membership Dues: Dues need to be in by October 10, 2022. Jan added that birthday, month and day only, need to be noted so members can be recognized. She asked those who have a birthday in August or September to stand.

ERTA Officers Installed in May: President Jan Craig - 1 year, President-elect Doris Beard - 1 year, Secretary Sandra Schmidt - 2 years, and Directors Fred Bullinger, Donna Schmidt, and Karen Bippus – 2 years, were asked to stand.

IRTA Area 9 Representative: Gene VanStone encouraged members to attend the IRTA Reconnect Workshop on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at the Gasthof Restaurant House in Montgomery, IN.

IRTA Scholarship: Sylvia Blice announced that Ansly Epperson was awarded an IRTA Scholarship. She will be a fourth-generation educator.

Welcome: David and Ann Ragland were welcomed upon their arrival.

Volunteer Opportunities: Jan mentioned several volunteer opportunities which included Teacher Locker, Hangers, Frog Follies, AARP, etc. She reminded members who wanted to volunteer at Frog Follies should contact Jim Sharp.

Keely Adams of AARP spoke about volunteers going into Title 1 Schools in Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties to work with students who need assistance.

Volunteer Hours: Jan reminded the members to keep track of their hours. Jan Staton will collect the hours at the meeting in December.

Luncheon: Doris Beard dismissed the Head Table and then member tables. Member tables were labeled by items found on a Bucket List.

Program: David Ragland, a graduate of Harrison High School, was introduced as UE's 16<sup>th</sup> Basketball Coach. He spoke about his education in Evansville's schools and said that he learned life skills, good habits, and problem solving. Coach Ragland closed by thanking those who taught him lessons while he was growing up and for supporting him. He was given a certificate and a \$25 gift card.

Drawing for Door Prizes: Three door prizes were awarded.

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

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary





## August Memories

We had a good start to the year with a large crowd and a great program by David Ragland, head basketball coach at U of E. We welcomed David's wife, Annie, and his mother, Karen, as our guests. ERTA President Jan Craig and President-Elect Doris Beard did a great job of organizing the luncheon and program!





Pictures by Walt Gleim and Janet Leistner

### In Memoriam

“Always in Our Hearts”

Ethel Weston..... July 24, 2022

<https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc036930>

Larry Frazee.....August 2, 2022

<https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/in/evansville/larry-eugene-frazee-15032546>

Sue Reel-Batteiger.....August 6, 2022

<https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/in/evansville/sue-catherine-reel-batteiger-15049866>

Marcella Stein .....August 12, 2022

<https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc037341>

Carolyn Dunville.....August 26, 2022

<https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc037577>

**From Lynn Arteberry, Treasurer**

<b>ERTA Finance Report</b>	
<b>as of 8/31/2022</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 3,546.01
Savings Acct. Balance	\$ 240.89
Scholarship Acct. Balance	\$ 13,849.67
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 17,636.57</b>



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HAPPY 60<sup>th</sup>   
*anniversary*