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Message from Janet Craig, 2022-2023 President

National Volunteer month takes place in April. This month is dedicated to honoring all the volunteers in our communities as well as encouraging volunteerism throughout the month.



All our members' volunteer work last year is greatly appreciated. ERTA's volunteer hours were reported to IRTA by Jane Staton. Thank you, Jane, for stepping up to take over this important committee.

Jane wants us to know that we had an increase in reported volunteer hours in 2022. We had an increase of 1,915.5 hours from the previous year; up a total of 27%. The total reported hours for 2022 were 7,015.5 hours.

In a day and age where time is a precious commodity, it's important to thank our ERTA members who take time from their busy lives to help out and serve others.

Serving on the board of directors or heading up a committee for ERTA takes time and effort. Members who share their time and expertise to this extent deserve a special big thank you. Board members are the lifeblood of ERTA. Thank you so very much to our current board and committees for agreeing to serve in this capacity. Their commitment has made a difference.



We welcome any current members who would like to volunteer for any vacant board or committee positions. Please let a current board member know that you are interested in serving the organization.

For me, this past year as ERTA president, which is quickly coming to an end, has been a true blessing and a unique growing experience. Thank you for your generous support.

We have two luncheons left, March 9 and May 11. Mark your calendars and we hope you can attend.

Warmly,
Jan



ANNE MCKIM, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ARTS COUNCIL OF SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA, WILL BE OUR GUEST AT THE MARCH LUNCHEON. SHE WILL ACCEPT ERTA'S DONATION FROM THE MONEY COLLECTED AT OUR DECEMBER MEETING. THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO HELP SPONSOR THEIR UPCOMING "YOUNG IN ART" EXHIBIT HAPPENING FROM MARCH 14 – MARCH 31.

Message from Doris Beard, 2022-2023 President-Elect



The ERTA luncheon will be March 9, 2023, at the Embrace Church at 6300 Washington Avenue. Our program will feature a speaker from the Mesker Park Zoo to share their programs and updates on the zoo.

The cost of the luncheon, which is provided by Golden Corral, is \$14. We will start at 11:30 for socializing, and we will begin the luncheon at 12:00 noon followed by the program.

Please Click the link below to submit your reservation if you plan to attend and include your name(s) and number of reservations.

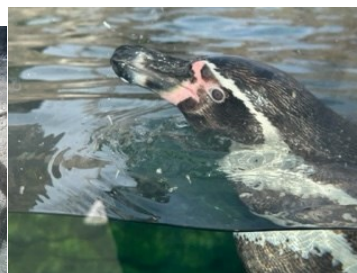
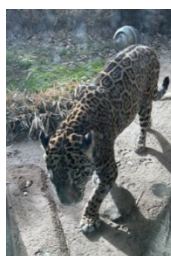
MENU
•Baked Ham/Pineapple Sauce
•Roasted Herb Chicken & Gravy
•New Roasted Potatoes
•Baked Beans
•Macaroni & Cheese
•Salad/Dressings
•Rolls/Butter
•Desserts
•Beverages

Click this link [ERTA Luncheon Reservation Form](#) to submit your reservation by **Noon on Monday, March 6. If you submit a form for two people, please list both names on the form.**

If you have any issues trying to submit your reservation, please email Janet Leistner at j.leistner@twc.com or call 812-455-0384.

Reminder: If you need to make changes or cancel a reservation you made, please contact Janet Leistner at j.leistner@twc.com or call 812-455-0384. Monday, March 6 at noon, is the deadline to cancel your reservation without being charged since ERTA will have to pay for any meals after that date.

Spring is Here (almost)



Our speaker for the March meeting will be Lauren Norvell. Lauren is the Conservation Education Curator at Mesker Park Zoo. Lauren will enlighten us on the role zoos play in education and conservation.

The pictures above are of a Mexican gray wolf and one of the orchid exhibits in the Amazonian rain forest exhibit. The last picture is of one of the penguins of Patagonia.

Also, some of our past presidents will be sharing a little from their year as president of ERTA.

Message from Diane Meier, IRTA Liaison

February 14, 2023 - HB 1028 has passed the House, and it goes to the Senate with Jon Ford as sponsor and Sen. Mishler as co-sponsor. Thank you to Rep. Cherry for authoring this bill in the House. Please reach out to your Representative thanking them for his/her support and letting them know how much the 13th check means to you. Please reach out to your Senator asking for support of this bill. The Legislative Committee will meet in person on March 21; the bill will be in the Senate by this time and hopefully it will have at least passed the first reading. To stay up to date for what’s happening in this Legislative Session, go to the following website: retiredteachers.org and click on Advocacy.

In Memoriam

“Always in Our Hearts”

- Terri Lynn Williams** **December 16, 2022**
<https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc039670>
- Sharon Tuggle** **January 2, 2023**
<https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc040112>
- Wylene Morse** **January 12, 2023**
<https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc040131>
- Virginia Byrne Adye** **January 21, 2023**
<https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc040218>
- Teresa Matchem** **January 18, 2023**
<https://www.masonbrothersfuneralservices.com/obituaries/Teresa-Matchem/#!/TributeWall>
- Natalie Elaine (Garibay) Jones** **January 16, 2023**
<https://www.boonefuneralhome.net/obituary/Natalie-Jones>

**ERTA CALENDAR
March 2023-June 2023**

March Board Meeting.....	March 2
March Luncheon/Program.....	March 9
Legislative Meeting in Indy in Person.....	March 21
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

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

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Evansville Retired Teachers Association
Executive Board Meeting
December 1, 2022

Call to Order: President Jan Craig called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. at Embrace Church and welcomed everyone. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Lynn Arteberry, Karen Bippus, Fred Bullinger, Judy Isaac, Janet Leistner, Diana Luck, Donna Lutz, Diane Meier, and David Pfetscher. Sandra Schmidt attended by phone.

Approval of October 6, 2022, Executive Board Minutes: The minutes were accepted as written.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lynn Arteberry gave the following financial report as of November 30, 2022:

Checking Account: \$4,895.42 Savings Account: \$240.90 Scholarship Account: \$12, 319.24

Total Assets: \$17, 455.56

Lynn also reported that ERTA now has a policy through Shepherd Insurance for the bonding of the treasurer at the cost of \$147 for one year.

President-elect: Jan reported for President-elect Doris Beard. Currently there are 102 reservations for lunch. Poinsettias donated by the EVSC Board will decorate the tables. One member at each table will take a poinsettia home.

Past President: Janet Leistner announced that the Special Project money from Frog Follies, totaling \$1,317.28, is being awarded to the United Methodist Home.

Janet also announced that there are plans for a committee to revisit the ERTA Bylaws in January or February.

President: A collection box will be on each luncheon table for members who wish to donate to the president's selected non-profit. Last year the Tri-State Food Bank was the recipient. No decision as to this year's recipient has been made yet.

Committees:

Community Service: Forms will be on the luncheon tables for the members to report their volunteer hours. The Indiana Legislature is made aware of the number of hours that teachers volunteer.

Fellowship/Necrology: Donna Lutz updated those in attendance on cards she had sent to members.

Membership: Janet announced that 247 have renewed their membership at this time. She added that 52 have not responded. Janet said that she will be sending out a new membership list.

Publications: It was noted that our newsletter follows state standards.

Scholarships: Diane Meier reported that some Hensley recipients are no longer teaching. She plans to send out more confirmations this summer. She also reported that Mike Kelly would like to attend the National

Science Teachers Conference in March. The cost for registration, travel, hotel, and meals adds up to \$1,805.00. The committee's recommendation is to award this amount so Mike can attend the conference.

Diane added that before deducting the \$1,805.00, the Hensley fund total is \$10,470.19.

Old Business:

United Way Grants: Janet reported that a review of applications has been completed by a committee. The committee made suggestions after meeting eight to ten times. United Way will decide which applications to fund.

New Business:

Reception for New Retirees: A reception for new retirees will be held in early May at EVSC. Janet asked if ERTA could attend. ERTA has been given permission to attend to acquaint the new retirees with our organization. Jan said that she would like to make a banner. Fifty dollars is needed for supplies. Diane made a motion for \$50 to be allocated for supplies. Judy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Doris Beard will be meeting with the committee, so a slate can be presented to the ERTA Board at the March meeting.

Announcement: The next ERTA Executive Board Meeting will be on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

Evansville Retired Teachers Association
Luncheon Meeting
December 8, 2022

Call to Order: President Jan Craig called the meeting to order shortly before noon and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She recognized those who celebrate a birthday in December, January, or February and asked them to stand.

Introduction of the Head Table: Jan introduced EVSC Superintendent Dr. David Smith, President-elect Doris Beard, Laura Brown and Shelby Powell of the United Methodist Youth Home, and Past President Janet Leistner.

Pledge of Allegiance: Tom Wiggers led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Luncheon Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2022: The minutes were accepted as written.

Blessing/Prayer: Steve Fritz read a version of 'Twass the Night Before Christmas and prayed.

Recognitions: Jan recognized Veterans who were not in attendance at the luncheon in November. Doris Beard recognized Mike and Sandra Madriaga and James Sharp who have been selected to be members of the EVSC Hall of Fame.

Lunch: Those at the Head Table went through the line first. Members were called by Christmas carols that labeled each table. Poinsettias on the tables were donated by members of the ERTA Board. Someone at each table took home a poinsettia.

Update by Dr. Smith: Dr. Smith spoke briefly on the importance of telling good news with so much negativity spoken today.

Presentation of Special Project Money: Past President Janet Leistner and Frog Follies Coordinator Jim Sharp presented a check for \$1,317 to United Methodist Home Development Officer Laura Brown and Marketing/Communication Manager Shelby Powell. The funds will be used to help at-risk youth and will benefit work in this community.

Collection for a Non-Profit: A total of \$428.00 was donated by those in attendance at the luncheon. The recipient has not yet been determined.

Door Prizes: Drawings were held for three door prizes. Dr. Smith drew the numbers.

Program: A choir from Bosse High School entertained members and guests with a variety of holiday music. A \$100 check for the Vocal Music Department was given to Director Madeline Beeson.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned was 1:07 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



ERTA December Holiday Celebration – Photos by Janet Leistner and Walt Gleim

We celebrated the holidays with a great luncheon and a program provided by the Bosse High School Choir. Dr. Smith shared a Holiday welcome. We presented a check from the Special Projects fund of monies raised from our Frog Follies participation to Laura Brown and Shelby Powell from United Methodist Youth Home.



ERTA TREASURER'S REPORT – LYNN ARTEBERRY – MARCH 2023

ERTA SAVINGS ACCOUNT 2022-23

	Date	Description	Acct	Debit	Credit	Balance
	1-Jul	Balance forward				\$ 240.87
	7/31/2022	Interest			0.01	\$ 240.88
	8/31/2022	Interest			0.01	\$ 240.89
	9/30/2022	Interest			0.01	\$ 240.90
	10/31/2022	No Interest				\$ 240.90
	11/30/2022	No Interest				\$ 240.90
	12/31/2022	No Interest				\$ 240.90
	1/31/2023	No Interest				\$ 240.90

ERTA SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT 2022-23

Date	Description	Acct	Debit	Credit	Balance	Hensley Remaining			
1-Jul	Balance forward				\$13,774.64	7/1/2022	Balance		\$12,831.19
8-Jul	Transfer from checking			\$ 198.87	\$13,973.51	7/15/2022	Laura Clark	\$ 700.00	\$12,131.19
15-Jul	Scholarship Laura Clark		\$ 700.00		\$13,273.51	10/6/2022	Heather Swader	\$1,661.00	\$10,470.19
26-Jul	Donations			\$ 220.00	\$13,493.51	12/2/2022	Michael Kelley	\$1,805.00	\$ 8,665.19
31-Jul	Interest			\$ 0.58	\$13,494.09	1/25/2023	Daniel Watson	\$ 696.00	\$ 7,969.19
8/17/2022	Transfer from checking			\$ 105.00	\$13,599.09				
8/19/2022	Transfer from checking			\$ 185.00	\$13,784.09				
8/31/2022	Transfer from checking			\$ 65.00	\$13,849.09				
8/31/2022	Interest			\$ 0.58	\$13,849.67				
9/8/2022	Transfer from checking			\$ 80.00	\$13,929.67				
9/30/2022	Interest			\$ 0.57	\$13,930.24				
10/6/2022	Scholarship Heather Swader		\$1,661.00		\$12,269.24				
10/25/2022	Transfer from checking			\$ 35.00	\$12,304.24				
10/31/2022	Interest			\$ 0.12	\$12,304.36				
11/9/2022	Transfer from checking			\$ 25.00	\$12,329.36				
11/30/2022	Transfer from checking			\$ 15.00	\$12,344.36				
11/30/2022	Interest			\$ 0.10	\$12,344.46				
12/2/2022	Scholarship Michael Kelley		\$1,805.00		\$10,539.46				
12/31/2022	Interest			\$ 0.09	\$10,539.55				
1/25/2023	Scholarship Daniel Watson		\$ 696.00		\$ 9,843.55				
1/31/2023	Interest			\$ 0.09	\$ 9,843.64				



FORM FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS – 2023 - Jane Staton

RECORD YOUR ERTA VOLUNTEER HOURS Year: _____		
Hours	Youth	Other
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total Hours		
Name:		
Email:		
Phone:		
Options:		
1. Turn in your hours at the December meeting		
2. Email your hours to Jane Staton at mymomjane@aol.com		
3. Mail by USPS before December 31 to:		
Jane Staton		
116 S. Alvord Blvd - Evansville, IN 47714		



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