



# School's Out Gazette



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## Message from Doris Beard, 2023-2024 President

As fall approaches, the days are getting shorter and cooler. The leaves are beginning to put on a spectacular display of color. The Fall Festival will soon be here and numerous foods that we only have once a year will soon add pounds to our waist. Football rivalries are seen across town. But our ERTA meetings are warm and welcoming. Our ERTA meetings promote our unity as retired members gather together at the meetings to fellowship and celebrate retirement life. We share good memories, celebrate wonderful company, and work together to help our community. Several members delivered candy to the EVSC schools to welcome teachers back to school. Thank you to David Pfettscher and those who helped deliver candy for making this event possible. The Frog Follies is another way that we help our community. Thanks to Jim Sharp for once again organizing this event and to all the members who came out to work in spite of the extreme heat. We have other members who volunteer their time at Teacher Locker and Hangers. These are just a few of the things that keep us busy. For recent retirees, there are many opportunities to get as involved as you want, to meet new people, and to socialize with former co-workers.

In October, our guest speaker will be Janice Hale from the African American Museum. Then in December, the Eykamp Quartet will provide Christmas music followed by our members singing some Christmas carols.

### ERTA October Speaker

Janice Hale will be our speaker for October. Janice is the Guest Services Coordinator for the Evansville African American Museum, located at 579 Garvin Street. She has been with the museum for 15 years. Janice enjoys working with students on her tours and introducing them to the history of Baptisttown. Her favorite part of the museum is the quilt, which highlights the struggles of African Americans through much of history. She has lived her entire life in the Baptisttown area of Evansville.

### Reservations for October 12:

The ERTA luncheon will be October 12, 2023, at the Embrace Church at 6300 Washington Avenue. Our program will feature Ms. Janice Hale, Guest Services Coordinator for the Evansville African American Museum.

The cost of the luncheon, which is provided by Golden Corral, is \$15. Payment will be collected at the luncheon. 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.

Click this link [ERTA Luncheon Reservation Form](#) to submit your reservation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 9. **If you submit a form for two people, please list both names on the form.**

MENU	
	Sliced Roast Beef Au Jus
	Chicken and Dumplings
	Green Beans
	Corn
	Mashed Potatoes
	Salad/Dressings
	Rolls/Butter
	Desserts
	Beverages

If you have any issues trying to submit your reservation, please email Janet Leistner at [j.leistner@twc.com](mailto: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](mailto:j.leistner@twc.com) or call 812-455-0384. Monday, October 9 at 10:00 a.m. is the deadline to cancel your reservation without being charged since ERTA will have to pay for any meals after that date.

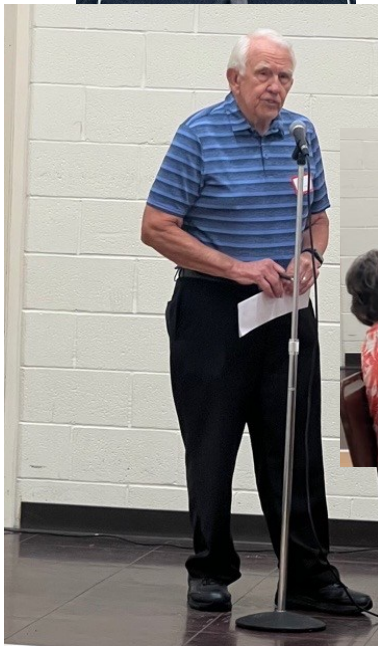
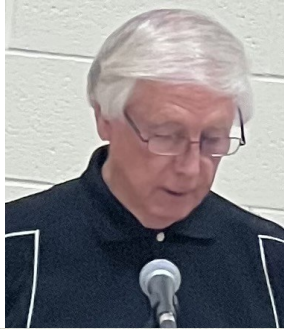
We are looking forward to seeing you in October.

## Memories from the August 2023 Meeting

The Evansville Retired Teachers Association enjoyed our first luncheon meeting and program for the 2023-2024 year. We had a large crowd for lunch and welcomed special visitors from the Evansville Museum Docents program and Teacher Locker. We presented a check to Jeffrey Berger from Teacher Locker to help purchase supplies.

Our own Jim Sharp, chairman of our Frog Follies workers, reported on the upcoming event. We heard a great program by Steve Haaf on the history and talents of Thomas Lincoln and his son, Abraham Lincoln. Lots of smiling faces, good food, and beautiful decorations. So proud of Doris Beard and Jan Craig for their leadership this year.





Photos by Walt Gleim and Janet Leistner



## ERTA 2023-2024

IRTA Presidents' Round Table.....	September 26
Area 9, Rockport United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m.	
October Board Meeting .....	October 5
October Luncheon.....	October 12
December Newsletter Article to Diana Luck.....	November 13
December Board Meeting.....	December 7
December Luncheon .....	December 14
March Newsletter to Diana Luck.....	February 12
March Board Meeting.....	March 7
March Luncheon .....	March 14
May Newsletter to Diana Luck.....	April 18
May Board Meeting .....	May 2
May Luncheon.....	May 9
IRTA Representative Workshops .....	June (TBA)

### In Memoriam

"Always in Our Hearts"

<u>Carol Jean (Rickard) Wellmeier</u> .....	July 20, 2023
<a href="https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc042928">https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc042928</a>	
<u>Cathy R. West</u> .....	July 21, 2023
<a href="https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc042956">https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc042956</a>	
<u>James Keith Gardner</u> .....	August 1, 2023
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<u>Stephanie Marie (Brown) Chase</u> .....	August 21, 2023
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<u>James Edwin Bratt</u> .....	August 21, 2023
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<u>Terry Becker</u> .....	August 29, 2023
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<u>Jack Schriber</u> .....	September 15, 2023
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<u>Jack Riley Weatherholt</u> .....	September 13, 2023
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<u>Ira Neal (Obituary Pending)</u> .....	September 20, 2023

## ERTA Membership 2023-2024

We are ready to begin taking memberships for the 2023-24 year. I have copied the link below to complete your membership online and have included a copy if you wish to print it out. We will also have copies available at the first luncheon.

Be sure to complete your membership form before October 9, 2023, to ensure that your contact information is updated and to continue receiving 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 me know if you need assistance with the membership form or have questions at this contact information: Janet Leistner 812-455-0384 or [j.leistner@twc.com](mailto:j.leistner@twc.com)

Click the link below to complete your ERTA 2023-24 Membership online or you can print the form below to complete.

## [ERTA Membership Form](#)

### EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

#### 2023-2024 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	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____ CHECK # _____

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

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

### **Message from Dr. Gene VanStone, IRTA, Area 9 Vanderburgh County**

Please consider this webinar suggested by **Laura L. Penman, Ed.S.**, Executive Director  
Indiana Retired Teachers Association:

### **Unlock the Full Potential of Your IRTA Membership!**

Join our trusted partner, AMBA, on **Tuesday, September 26, at 10 AM EST**, for our next exciting webinar in our monthly series, where we'll uncover the treasure trove of exclusive member savings waiting for you. We're talking about discounts on travel, mouthwatering dining experiences, unbeatable shopping deals, and so much more!

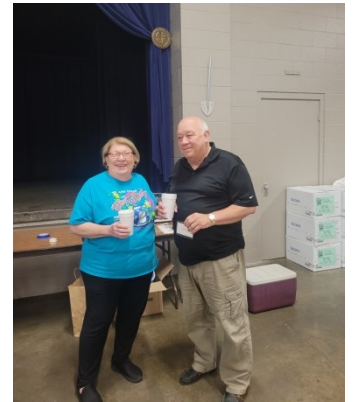
While I won't be able to personally attend this session due to my commitments with The Presidents' Roundtable, I want to emphasize the invaluable insights that will be shared. Your attendance at this event is **FREE** and highly encouraged, as the information presented will greatly enhance your IRTA membership experience.

[Reserve a Spot](#)

## Frog Follies 2023



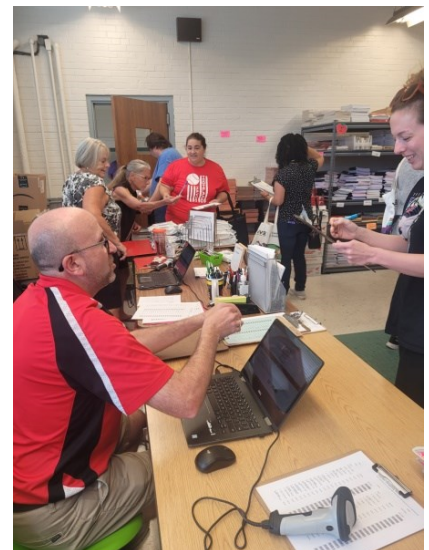
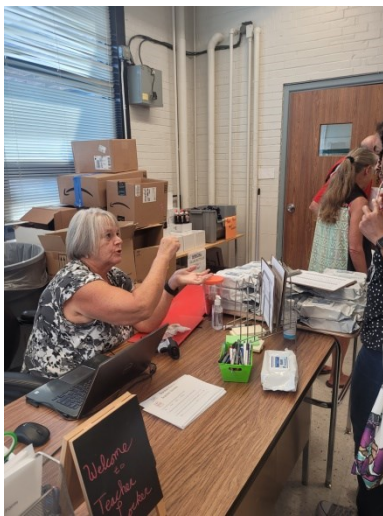
We enjoyed an amazing day with the Evansville Retired Teachers working at the registration tables. It is so fun to see all the smiles and hear the stories from the car owners. Hope the weather is cooler for them tomorrow and Sunday. Special thanks to Jim Sharp for his organization of our volunteer group and Darla Olberding who organized the food for lunch break.



**Teacher Locker** is adding workdays and Shopping Days in September - November. If you can assist on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:30 or Tuesday, September 19, from 9:00 am. - 2:00 p.m. or Saturday, September 23, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., please use the link below to sign up, or reply to this email and I will help you sign up. It is enjoyable to help with the supplies and assist teachers with shopping.

<https://teachersfreestore.com/Evansville/#>

Please contact Janet Leistner at [j.leistner@twc.com](mailto:j.leistner@twc.com) or 812-455-0384 if you have questions or need assistance with signing up for Teacher Locker.



Evansville Retired Teacher Association

Executive Board Meeting  
August 3, 2023

Call to Order: President Doris Beard called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at Embrace Church and welcomed everyone. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Lynn Arteberry, Brender Beeler, Karen Bippus, Fred Bullinger, Frankye Calloway, Jan Craig, Earsie Kelley, Janet Leistner, Diana Luck, Donna Lutz, Diane Meier, Darla Olberding, David Pfetscher, Donna Schmidt, Sandra Schmidt, and Jane Staton.

Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2023: The minutes were accepted as written.

Board Member Introductions: Doris asked Frankye Calloway and Earsie Kelley, who are new board members this year, to tell a little about themselves. The remaining members did the same.

Officer Reports:

Past President: Jan Craig spoke about magnets that list the board and luncheon meetings for 2023/2024. They will be available at next week's luncheon.

Treasurer: Lynn Arteberry gave the following report:

Form NP 20 was filed this year; however, it no longer needs to be filed annually. The next filing will be in 2025.

Form 990N was also filed, but it must be filed each year to remain exempt from filing income taxes.

Darla Olberding will audit the books after today's meeting.

The budget is ready to be approved.

Thank you notes have been received from UE and USI for our scholarship donations.

Financial Report as of July 21, 2023:

Checking Account: \$2,257.94    Scholarship Account: \$8,991.03    Savings Account: \$240.90

Income as of July 21, 2023:

Membership: \$450.00    Scholarship Contributions: \$160.00    No Expenses as of July 1, 2023

Committee Reports:

Community Service/Volunteer Hours: Forms to record volunteer hours will be available at a later date.

Fellowship/Necrology: Donna Lutz asked that members notify her if a card needs to be sent. She added that she needs to know what kind of card - Get Well, Sympathy, etc.

Membership: Janet Leistner said that she had received some membership forms. Dues will be collected at the August and October luncheons. New retirees have been contacted. Janet added that a new membership list will be distributed in October.

Publications: Diana Luck spoke briefly about the newsletter and said that some are being mailed. Brenda Beeler notifies her when an educator passes away.

Reservations: Janet Leistner reported that there are 91 luncheon reservations at this time.



Special Projects: Frog Follies will be held August 25-27, 2023.

Scholarships: Diane Meier recommended that the remaining funds in Hensley be given to the Teacher Locker. Lynn Arteberry said that the remaining amount totals \$7,219.19.

Diane made a motion that the remaining amount of \$7,219.19 in the Hensley be donated to Teacher Locker. Darla Olberding seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. The check will be made out to the EVSC Foundation with a memo that it is for Teacher Locker.

IRTA Liaison: Diane Meier commented on the 13<sup>th</sup> Check saying that it would have passed, but it didn't get out of Committee.

Historian: Darla Olberding noted that our newsletters tell the story of ERTA.

Information Items:

1. Next week's speaker will be Steve Haaff, a former teacher in Spencer County and an expert on Thomas Lincoln.
2. IRTA Area 9 Representative Gene VanStone will attend next week's meeting.
3. The fall workshop will be held on September 26, 2023, at the Rockport United Methodist Church.

Old Business:

Frog Follies: Jim Sharp needs 90 - 100 volunteers to work at the event. Each shift is three hours.

New EVSC Retirees Reception: Jan Craig and Janet Leistner were permitted to inform new retirees about ERTA at the reception.

New Business:

Candy Baskets: David Pfetscher announced that baskets of candy will be delivered to EVSC Schools on August 4, 2023, to welcome teachers back to the classroom.

Lunch Costs: Lynn Arteberry reported that the amount charged for lunch was increased to \$15 this year to help pay for expenses. The cost to rent the room at the church is now \$300, an increase of \$50.

Scholarship Contributions: Lynn also reported that memorial contributions of five dollars will be made to each university (UE and USI) when an ERTA member passes away. She added that members have donated \$900 to the scholarship fund.

Next ERTA Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Adjournment: Diane Meier made a motion to adjourn, and Diana Luck seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

Evansville Retired Teachers Association  
Luncheon Meeting  
August 10, 2023

Call to Order: President Doris Beard called the meeting to order at noon and welcomed everyone. She asked new retirees and new attendees to stand. Then she asked those who celebrate a birthday in August or September to stand.

Introduction of the Head Table: The president introduced Past President Jan Craig, today's speaker Steve Haaff and his wife, and Jeffrey Berger of Teacher Locker.

Blessing/Prayer: Steve Fritz related the story of a pastor who befriended a child who later died. A note was found in her red pocketbook along with 57 cents. The note said that the money was for building a new church so more children could come. The story was printed in the newspaper. As a result, \$250,000 was donated within five years. It is amazing what God can do with 57 cents.

Temple Baptist Church has 3,300 attendees.

Pledge of Allegiance: Doris led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lunch: Past President Jan Craig dismissed those seated at the Head Table. Members and guests were dismissed by tables. Each table was labeled with the name of a school item.

Business:

Luncheon Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2023: With no objections or corrections, the minutes were accepted as written.

Indiana Retired Teachers Association: IRTA Area 9 Representative Gene VanStone spoke about IRTA and encouraged participation in the association.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Teacher Locker: Jeffrey Berger spoke about how Teacher Locker supports EVSC teachers. In 2022/2023, 650 teachers shopped, and there were 850 shopping experiences. Over \$125,000 in school supplies were put into the schools. More than 200 different items are in stock. Volunteers are needed.

Evansville Docent Program: Charlene Talley and Fran Riley, who are representatives of the Evansville Museum Docent Association, were available to hand out information about the association which is comprised of volunteers. More volunteers are needed. An informational coffee is scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2023, from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Frog Follies: Jim Sharp reported that approximately 3,000 cars each year are on display at this event. Ninety workers are needed. The first shift is full, but more volunteers are needed for the second and third shifts. He asked anyone who can volunteer to contact him.

Volunteer Hours: Volunteer hours will be collected in December.

Candy Basket Delivery: Doris asked David Pfetscher to stand and be recognized for heading this project that welcomes teachers back to the classroom.

ERTA Facebook: Doris encouraged members to take a look at the website.

Those in attendance were asked to move to the sanctuary for the program.

Program:

Doris introduced Steve Haaff, a retired Spencer County teacher who is an expert on Thomas Lincoln, the father of President Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Haaff gave some background information that included how Thomas Lincoln and his family came to live in Indiana. Mr. Haaff also spoke about Thomas Lincoln building furniture and showed slides of some of the furniture. Some pieces are in museums.

Mr. Haaff was presented with a gift certificate.

Door Prizes: Drawings were held for three gift certificates.

Next Luncheon Meeting: October 12, 2023

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

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



### ERTA Finance Report

### as of September 13, 2023

ASSETS	Actual
Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 2,789.34
Savings Acct. Balance	\$ 240.90
Scholarship Acct. Balan	\$ 1,986.95
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 5,017.19</b>



Reported by Lynn Arteberry, Treasurer

#### 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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