



# School's Out Gazette

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT, Bob Suhrheinrich

As we wind down the summer and head into the fall season, I trust all of our returning ERTA members accomplished everything intended since we last met in May. To those that have recently retired from the EVSC, we welcome you into our organization. We hope you find your time with us to be friendly, enjoyable and worthwhile.

As I take the helm of ERTA, I know I will be working with an outstanding group of individuals called the Executive Board. I say this knowing full well the entire membership is equally outstanding. There is not a more believing, hardworking, intelligent, caring, faithful and fun-loving group of individuals than teachers. And in this instance, it is *retired teachers* who make up the Evansville Retired Teachers Association.

We have the normal activities that have become associated with ERTA such as the Frog Follies, programming, donations, volunteering, scholarship and fellowship. I hope throughout the coming year we can enhance those activities together and have fun doing it.

*Welcome back* to our membership and *welcome aboard* to our newly retired teachers and administrators.



**Back to School; Back to Lunch!** The first Evansville Retired Teachers Association luncheon for the 2013-14 school year will be held at the American Baptist East Church at 6300 Washington Avenue on Thursday, August 8, at noon. The cost is \$10. Dr. David Smith will be the guest speaker.

Please reply to my July 9 e-mail only if you plan to attend, and please include your name/names and the number of reservations. If you have not been contacted by e-mail or phone by Monday, July 29,

please call Brenda Beeler at 422-1637, or e-mail me at [dianaeluk@gmail.com](mailto:dianaeluk@gmail.com) to give one of us your reservation. We will need this information to take to the board meeting on Thursday, August 1.

We will meet five times during the school year. The dates are: August 8, October 10, December 12, March 13, and May 8.

**By the way, the \$10 dues are due for everyone except the newly-retired teachers (free the first year). The form is on page 8 of this newsletter.**

## Our Menu

*Baked Ham/Pineapple Sauce  
Roasted Herb Chicken  
New Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Shoe Peg Corn  
Rolls  
Dessert  
Beverage*

**From the PRESIDENT-ELECT, Dick Sprinkle**

I am just beginning my sixth year of retirement, four of which I have served as a member of the ERTA board. It is a pleasure and an honor to now serve as president-elect of this great organization. I have witnessed a surge in membership as more colleagues have retired and become more active in ERTA, and now support the programs that help our young people continue their higher education through scholarships, and give of our time and talents to support community activities through volunteerism. As president-elect of ERTA, my primary responsibilities will be to secure speakers, plan menus and be general "back-up" for our very capable president. It is my hope that these speakers and each meeting will be both enlightening and enjoyable and will give insight that is important to you and the needs of the organization. I look forward to seeing you on August 8, 2013.

**Program/Speaker  
August 8, 2013**



**One of Our Own:** Dr. David Smith, Superintendent, EVSC

About two years ago, soon after being appointed EVSC Superintendent of Schools, David Smith spoke to ERTA during one of our luncheons. Since that time, David has returned to our gatherings as a member of our organization as his schedule allows. Well, he is returning once again as our opening-day ERTA speaker.

So, stick around after lunch and go into the church sanctuary to hear our superintendent share his thoughts and insight regarding education in our community. Also, take this opportunity to ask questions. How often did you get the chance to ask the superintendent questions when you were teaching? Now is your chance!

## EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

### Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2013



President Gene VanStone called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Phipps Center. The following Board members were in attendance: Darlene Brockriede, Pat Eager, Linda Hape, Diana Luck, Diane Meier, Fred Naab, Jerry Noland, Nancy Noland, Darla Olberding, Charlotte Reitz, Ed Rusk, Sandra Schmidt, Linda Staley, Gene VanStone, and Lino Wiseman.

Before Chaplain Ed Rusk read a meditation, he read a statement from the chairman of the American Baptist East trustees that said there is a policy of no smoking on the church property.

For the meditation, Ed read about being able to determine the caliber of a person by the amount of opposition it takes to deter him. Then, he read Proverbs 24:10 and prayed.

The March 7, 2013, Executive Board Minutes were approved as printed.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Lino Wiseman distributed the financial report before the meeting. During the meeting he explained that some amounts were highlighted in green because ERTA received more than expected or spent less; other areas were highlighted in peach because we received less than expected or spent more. Lino also reported on the ERTA University of Evansville and the University of Southern Indiana Endowments. The following amounts were split equally between the two universities:

\$20 (Two members passed away this year.)

\$302 (Three hundred and two members paid dues this year.)

**President:** Gene said that serving as ERTA President has been a positive experience. Recently, he represented ERTA at the Scholarship Recognition Day at the University of Evansville and attended the Indiana House and Senate Resolution Day where IRTA President Bob Kraft was honored for his service. President-Elect Bob Suhrheinrich attended Scholarship Recognition Day at the University of Southern Indiana.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Auditing and Budget:** Darla Olberding announced the books would be audited in July.

**Publications:** Jerry Noland said that the web site needs updating.

**Reservations:** Diana Luck reported 136 reservations for the May 9<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

**Scholarship:** Diane Meier spoke about the Hensley Scholarship saying that a teacher must have taught five years to be eligible to apply. If a group is applying for a scholarship, each teacher must be listed as well as the number of years taught.

**IRTA Liaison/ Legislative Chair:** Diane reported IRTA is discussing the possibility of introducing a hybrid bill that would ask for a COLA and a stipend.

**Necrology:** Linda Hape reported the passing of Francheon Gordan Sabel. Ed Rusk will read the Necrology Report at the luncheon.

**Public Relations:** Nancy Noland announced that the IRTA Public Relations Committee awarded our newsletter Honorable Mention.

**Special Projects:** Darla reported on the Christmas project, which was sponsoring a reception for the high school art teachers. It was held on Saturday, April 6, 2013, at the museum. After expenses were paid, the remaining project money collected at the December meeting was donated to the museum. Darla suggested that we fund the following projects with the money in our Special Projects fund:

1. Provide a basket of candy to each EVSC school in August to welcome teachers back for the new school year.
2. Sponsor an artisan for \$450 at Historic New Harmony's Heritage Days. This is a three-day event with over 3,000 students and teachers attending.
3. Support the Evansville Philharmonic's Helen McKinney Youth Concerts with a \$500 contribution. This is a three-day event with six performances for third, fourth, and fifth grade students. Over 7,000 students and teachers attend.

Diane Meier made a motion to approve the three projects, and Pat Eager seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:** There was some discussion about e-mailing the newsletter to members with Internet at some point in time. Those without Internet would continue to receive the newsletter by mail.

Diane Meier suggested that Nancy Tolson and Bob Kraft handle the installation of officers at the luncheon meeting.

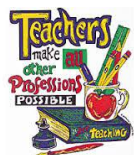
The Indiana Retired Teachers Association Representative Assembly will be held on June 19, 2013, in Indianapolis. Delegates are needed.

**Announcement:** The next Executive Board Meeting will be on August 1, 2013, with President Bob Suhrheinrich presiding.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary





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## EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

### Luncheon Meeting

May 9, 2013

President Gene VanStone called the meeting to order at American Baptist East Church at 12:03 p.m. He welcomed everyone and said that serving as president has been a memorable experience.

Chaplain Ed Rusk read the Necrology Report that listed 34 members who had passed away since May of 2012. For the meditation, he read a poem entitled "To Mother" written by Thomas B. Fessenden and prayed.

Gene led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the following at the head table: Susie VanStone, Jan Kraft, IRTA President Bob Kraft, IRTA Executive Director Nancy Tolson, President-Elect Bob Suhrheinrich, State Retirement Planning Chairman Jane Boultinghouse, and Ed and Ruby Rusk.

Gene thanked Rick Hicks and his staff for the meal. He presented a gift card to Ella Shelton, Susan Mosby, and Ruby Rusk for serving as hostesses and to Jane Whitehouse for handling table decorations.

Bob Suhrheinrich dismissed tables for meal service.

### Business Meeting

After the luncheon, members and guests moved to the sanctuary for the program and business meeting. Bob Kraft began the program by saying that in one month, he would be the longest tenured IRTA President. He announced that Jane Boultinghouse is running for IRTA Secretary/Treasurer. Then, Bob introduced IRTA Executive Director Nancy Tolson, who said that there is good news for retired teachers. All excess reserves over fifty million will be put into the Pension Stabilization Fund this year. Also, Bill 1080 will provide the 13<sup>th</sup> check in September.

The program continued with a "roast" of Bob Kraft. Ken Wempe and Carol Koehler told us about the "other side" of Bob.

Nancy Tolson returned telling about a resolution sponsored by Vaneta Becker in the Senate and a resolution sponsored by Suzanne Crouch in the House honoring Bob.

### Business Meeting Minutes

**March 14, 2013 Minutes:** The minutes were approved as printed.

**New Business:** Nancy Tolson installed next year's officers. They are the following: Bob Suhrheinrich, President; Lino Wiseman, Treasurer; Linda Hape, LaVonne Miller, and Linda Staley, Directors. Garland Aramowicz, Fred Naab, and Charlotte Reitz will continue as Directors and Sandra Schmidt as Secretary.

**Pin Presentation:** Bob Suhrheinrich presented the past president's pin to Gene.

**Door Prizes:** Gift cards from Barnes and Noble were awarded for door prizes.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary



### GOING GREEN

As teachers, we should lead by example. In accordance with the big push for "going green," we felt this was the perfect opportunity for us to utilize the computer as a way of delivering the newsletter to you. We will be saving trees, paper, and money.

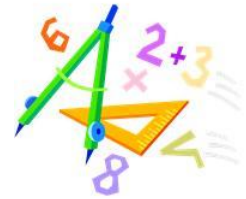




# EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

## Treasurer's Report

May 31, 2013



<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>Beginning Balance May 1, 2013</b>			<b>\$2,713.08</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>0.2</b>		
<b>Fund Transfer</b>	<b>2,105.74</b>		
<b>Income</b>	<b>1,430.00</b>		
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>3,014.76</b>		
<b><u>Ending Balance May 31, 2013</u></b>			<b><u>\$3,234.26</u></b>
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>Beginning Balance May 1, 2013</b>			<b>\$1,359.80</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>1358.74</b>		
<b><u>Ending Balance May 31, 2013</u></b>			<b><u>\$1.06</u></b>
<b>REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>Beginning Balance May 1, 2013</b>			<b>239.02</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>0.02</b>		
<b><u>Ending Balance May 31, 2013</u></b>			<b><u>239.04</u></b>
<b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT</b>			
<b>Beginning Balance May 1, 2013</b>			<b>\$137.72</b>
<b><u>Ending Balance May 31, 2013</u></b>			<b><u>\$137.72</u></b>
<b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26</b>			
<b>Beginning Balance May 1, 2013</b>			<b>2,106.21</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>0.20</b>		
<b><u>Ending Balance May 31, 2013</u></b>			<b><u>2,106.41</u></b>
<b>HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 3 CD's</b>			
<b>Beginning Balance May 1, 2013</b>			<b>53,974.35</b>
<b>Interest</b>	<b>95.93</b>		
<b><u>Ending Balance May 31, 2013</u></b>			<b><u>54,070.28</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>\$59,788.77</b>

## **ERTA CALENDAR**

### **2013-2014**

June 19, 2013, IRTA Representative Assembly, Indianapolis, IN

August 1, 2013, Board Meeting

August 8, 2013, Luncheon Meeting

August 23, 24, 25, 2013, Frog Follies

September 19, 2013, IRTA Fall Leadership Workshop, Spring Mill State Park

October 3, 2013, Board Meeting

October 10, 2013, Luncheon Meeting

December 5, 2013, Board Meeting

December 12, 2013, Luncheon Meeting

February 4, 2014, Meet Your State Legislators, State House, Indianapolis, IN

March 6, 2014, Board Meeting

March 13, 2014, Luncheon Meeting

May 1, 2014, Board Meeting

May 8, 2014, Luncheon Meeting

June (TBA), 2014, IRTA Representative Assembly, Indianapolis, IN



## EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

### Membership Dues

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

MI

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip+4 numbers

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Retired Teacher \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make an additional contribution to the ERTA Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail to: Lino Wiseman

5950 Knight Drive

Evansville, IN 47715-3472



### Your 13<sup>th</sup> CHECK

The 13<sup>th</sup> check is not truly a check, but an amount of money included in your September retirement check based on years of teaching. This coming September your money will be there, but it isn't guaranteed every year! It only comes about through the lobbying efforts of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association with your state legislators.

Based on your years of teaching, you will receive the following amount:

- 30 or more years, \$450.00
- 20 to 29 years, \$375.00
- 10 to 19 years, \$275.00
- 5 to 9 years, \$150.00

Now is the time for all of us to support and join the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. It is only \$35.00 per year. And as you can see from the figures above, you receive much more in return than the \$35.00 paid out in annual dues.

## Service/Volunteer Hours



Please, please, please...keep track of your volunteer hours as we use these hours when we lobby the legislators and give those numbers to either Jan Kraft or Charlotte Reitz. Indiana educators, once again, contributed over one million hours of volunteer service. ERTA members contributed approximately 30,000 hours. Our goal for 2013 is 40,000 hours. Listed below are *some* of the ways volunteer hours may be accumulated.

### **Youth Hours**

**Church:** preparation, teaching, youth groups, VBS

**Community Service:** scouts, 4-H, coaching, CASA, Special Olympics

**Education:** classroom, libraries, speech meets, Read Across America

### **Other Hours**

**Church:** boards, committees, teaching, mission, calling committees, choir practice, choir, food preparation

**Community Service:** Kiwanis, VFW, Lions,, rotary, Meals on Wheels, Frog Follies, ERTA, Food Pantry, AARP, ETFCU, Ronald McDonald House

**Health Care:** hospital visits, nursing home visits/programs, fundraising for charities, chauffeuring others to appointments, Red Cross

### **Count Your Travel Time for all volunteer efforts**

Questions: contact Jan Kraft at 812-760-8561 or email at [kraft@aftinc.net](mailto:kraft@aftinc.net)

### RECORD YOUR 2013 VOLUNTEER HOURS MONTHLY

2013 HOURS	YOUTH	OTHER
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## **IRTA 48th ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

The Indiana Retired Teachers Association Representative Assembly was held this past June 19 in Indianapolis. If you have never participated in this event, please consider doing so next year. It is truly the representative process in action.

There are currently eight areas of the state represented, and in 2014, realignment of the 92 counties will take place expanding to ten areas. Vanderburgh County will move from Area 7 to Area 9. The purpose of the change is for better representation throughout the state.

The IRTA Mission Statement for IRTA *is to promote the welfare of Indiana's retired educators, to encourage and perpetuate education in the state of Indiana and to provide community leadership, service and guidance.* With this in mind, your IRTA lobbied in the State House extensively this past year so retired teachers throughout the state could receive a '13<sup>th</sup>' check.

Our local ERTA received honorable mention recognition for the Web Site (Jerry Noland) and Newsletter (Phyllis Fitzgerald). Our immediate past president, Gene Van Stone, along with Jack Benjamin and Phyllis Fitzgerald, also received honorable mention for their outstanding community service. Also, our very own Bob Kraft received the prestigious Indiana Award *Sagamore of the Wabash* for not only his leadership as IRTA President, but for his entire body of work within IRTA. Congratulations to all!

I am sure everyone is aware of who is representing ERTA at the state level, but in case one might not be, listed below are those folks.

- Bob Kraft, IRTA Immediate Past President
- Jerry Noland, IRTA Chair of Auditing Committee
- Diane Meier, IRTA Legislative Committee Member
- Nancy Noland, IRTA Public Relations Committee Member
- Pat Eagar, IRTA Chair of Necrology Committee
- Sylvia Blice, IRTA Member Concerns Committee
- Brenda Scheidler, IRTA Retirement Planning Committee
- Jan Kraft, IRTA Community Service Committee

If you do not belong to IRTA, please consider doing so. It is only \$35.00 per year and you receive much more in return with your 13<sup>th</sup> check. If you want to learn more about IRTA, go to their web site <http://www.retiredteachers.org/>

### IN MEMORIAM

Mary Ellen Williams	April 05, 2013
Franchon Gordon Sabel	April 14, 2013
Dr. Victor Fisher	May 05, 2013
James "Wes" Shields	May 14, 2013
Ruth Mitchell	May 22, 2013
Pauline Eagleson	May 27, 2013
Barbara Sprinkle	June 06, 2013
(wife of Gary Sprinkle, not Richard Sprinkle)	

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

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

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

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**If EVSC closes schools for inclement  
weather, the luncheon is cancelled. If there  
is a school delay, the luncheon will still be  
held.**

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Return Service Requested



# *Frog Follies*



It is FROG FOLLIES time again. The dates this year are August 23 and 24. For many years our chapter has furnished 85-90 volunteers to help with the registration of the cars. We have five shifts approximately three and one half hours long on Friday and Saturday. It is inside work where there is air conditioning. If you have not been contacted and would like to volunteer either email me at [katsharp623@aol.com](mailto:katsharp623@aol.com) or call me at 812- 454-2720.

Jim Sharp

