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From our President, Andy Guarino

Greetings Everyone:

Let me be the first to welcome back all our returning ERTA members and also all the new 2014 retirees. We have a very exciting year planned, and I am pleased and humbled to be president of such a great organization. We have a list of excellent speakers again this year, with some special surprise guests. Brenda Weber is our president-elect, and she will do an excellent job for us. Brenda has the energy, knowledge and expertise to enhance our luncheon experiences, and is a well-known former teacher, principal of North High School, and central office administrator.

Since our opening speaker will be Dr. Glenda Ritz, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, I highly encourage all our members and new retirees to please attend our first meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2014, at 11:30 am. We meet at the American Baptist Church on Washington Avenue andsurprise, your first year's dues are waived, as well as the cost of your first meal. We sincerely hope to see all of you on August 14, but until then, enjoy your summer.



The first **ERTA luncheon** of the 2014-15 school year will be held **Thursday, August 14**, at the American Baptist East Church at 6300 Washington Avenue at 11:30 for socializing and **lunch** at 12 noon. The cost is \$10.

Please reply to my e-mail of July 8 only if you plan to attend, and please include your name/names and the number of reservations.

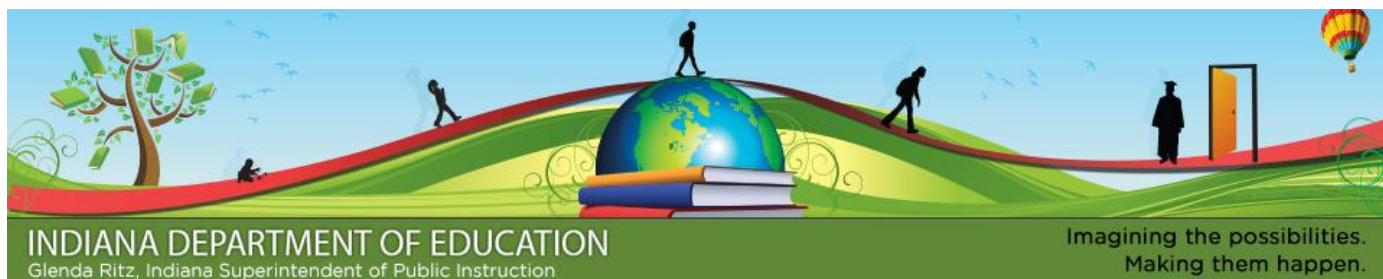
If you know someone who has not been contacted by e-mail or phone by Monday, August 4, please call Brenda Beeler at (812) 422-1637 or e-mail me at dianaeluck@gmail.com.

Notice: If you need to cancel a reservation you made, please call Brenda Beeler or e-mail me to let one of us know, even if it is as late as August 14.

ERTA meets five times a year: August 14, October 9, December 11, March 12, and May 14. See you on **Thursday, August 14!**

Our Menu

- Baked Ham/Pineapple Sauce
- Roasted Herb Chicken
- Green Beans
- New Potatoes
- Shoe Peg Corn
- Dinner Rolls
- Dessert
- Beverages



Our Speaker, Dr. Glenda Ritz

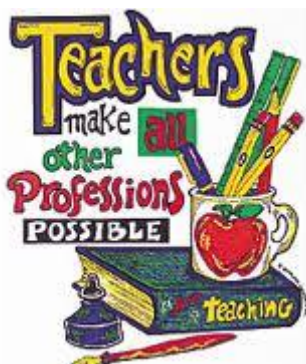
Indiana State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Glenda Ritz has been an educator since 1978, and until her election in 2012 as the Superintendent of Public Instruction, she served as a Library Media Specialist at Crooked Creek Elementary School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Superintendent Ritz is a National Board Certified Teacher. She holds two masters degrees with licenses to teach elementary, middle and high school in the areas of special education, general education, and library science.

Superintendent Ritz is dedicated to working with educators, parents, policy makers, business leaders, and community leaders to ensure that the Department of Education provides the support needed to our public schools to give Indiana children an education of the highest quality.

Let's fill the sanctuary after lunch to welcome Dr. Ritz!





EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2014

Call to Order: President Bob Suhrheinrich called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. at the Phipps Center. The following were in attendance: Brenda Beeler, Pat Eager, Phyllis Fitzgerald, Andy Guarino, Linda Hape, Diana Luck, Diane Meier, Fred Naab, Charlotte Reitz, Ed Rusk, Sandra Schmidt, Bob Suhrheinrich, Gene VanStone, and Lino Wiseman.

Meditation: Chaplain Ed Rusk read “The Best Inheritance a Father Can Leave His Children Is a Good Example.” He also read 1Thessalonians 2:11 and prayed.

Approval of March 6, 2014, Executive Board Minutes: The minutes were approved as corrected to read that LaVonne Miller and Linda Staley will continue as directors.

Treasurer’s Report: The financial report was distributed before the meeting. Board members had no questions.

Committee Reports:

Community Service: Bob asked that members make sure all volunteer hours are reported to Jan Kraft. Lino Wiseman suggested that a more complete list of places in need of volunteers be listed in the newsletter. Diana Luck thought that the person to contact should be given also. Pat Eager mentioned that members need to know what counts. Diane Meier noted that volunteer opportunities are listed in the newspaper. Andy Guarino said that he would contact Cathy Gray for additional volunteer opportunities.

Fellowship/Necrology: Linda Hape reported that no member has passed since the newsletter was sent. Linda Staley has sent two get-well cards.

Ed Rusk will read the Necrology Report at the luncheon.

Membership: The membership list will be purged at the end of October.

Reservations: Diana reported 153 reservations for the luncheon.

Scholarship: Those in attendance were given a copy of the amended bylaws (Section VII. Scholarships) approved at the general meeting on March 13, 2014.

Special Project: Gene VanStone made a motion to use \$300 of the money in the Special Project Fund to provide Welcome Back Baskets to all EVSC schools in August and to deposit the remaining amount in the Hensley Scholarship account. Diane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IRTA/Legislative: Diane reported that an effort will be made again to pass a COLA. Our lobbyist said that IRTA needs a PAC to be influential.

Frog Follies: This year’s event will be held August 22-24.

Publicity: Bob announced that Nancy Noland notified him that our newsletter, press releases, and website each received an evaluation of Outstanding. This was only achieved by two other counties. Awards will be given at the IRTA Representative Assembly in June. Bob congratulated everyone involved.

Old Business:

Bulk Mailing Refund: The refund will amount to \$200 and change.

ERTA Bookmark: Bookmarks were made available to those at the Executive Board meeting and will be distributed at the luncheon.

New Business:

Welcome Back Baskets: A basket of candy will be delivered to each EVSC school the morning of August 7, 2014, to welcome the teachers back for a new school year. Five teams of retired teachers will make the deliveries, one team per high school district.

Teacher Appreciation Day Proclamation: Bob read the proclamation that he will read at the EVSC Board of School Trustees meeting on May 5, 2014. Mayor Lloyd Winnecke had signed the proclamation.

Door Prizes: Since our speakers are from IRTA, Bob suggested that one or two additional gift cards be given as door prizes to the membership. Andy made a motion to give five \$10 gift cards as door prizes. Gene seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

IRTA President Carol Grieser and IRTA Executive Director Nancy Tolson will install the officers for 2014/2015.

The IRTA Representative Assembly will meet on June 18, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. (Indianapolis time) at the Primo Conference Center. IRTA has a full slate of candidates.

The Foundation of Indiana Retired Teachers is able to give financial help up to \$1,000 to an IRTA member who is receiving a pension from TRF and undergoing temporary hardship.

Bob read a thank-you note from Historic New Harmony for last year's donation of \$450 to sponsor an artisan at this year's Historic New Harmony's Heritage Days.

The next Executive Board meeting will be **August 7, 2014**; the next luncheon will be **August 14, 2014**.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary





EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Luncheon and Business Meeting

May 8, 2014



Welcome: President Bob Suhrheinrich called the meeting to order at noon at American Baptist East Fellowship Hall and welcomed members and guests.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance and remained standing for a special guest. Jane Whitehouse came forward with Betsy who sang “God Bless America.” Then, members and guests sang with her. (Note: Betsy is a singing doll.)

Meditation/Prayer: Chaplain Ed Rusk read a short story entitled “We’re the Retards” and prayed.

Introduction of Head Table: Bob introduced the following members and guests seated at the head table: President-Elect Andy Guarino and his wife State Senator Vaneta Becker, IRTA Executive Director Nancy Tolson, IRTA President Carol Grieser, IRTA Area 9 Director Calvin Biddle, and Ed and Ruby Rusk.

Member Recognitions: Bob recognized Evansville Vanderburgh School Superintendent Dr. David Smith and retired North High School art teacher Jon Siau.

IRTA Awards for 2013/2014: ERTA received Outstanding evaluations for its newsletters, press releases, and website. Bob thanked Phyllis Fitzgerald and Diana Luck for their work on the newsletters and Jerry Noland and Scott Riley for their work on the website. We are one of three associations in the state to receive the evaluation of Outstanding in each of the three areas.

Committee Reports:

Community Service: Jan Kraft reported 35,885 hours were turned in by ERTA members in 2013. She announced the names of those who turned in over 500 hours but less than 1,000 and those who turned in over 1,000 hours. The hours are important when IRTA meets with the legislators. State awards will be announced at the IRTA Representative Assembly in June.

Frog Follies: Jim Sharp shared that ERTA members have been volunteering at Frog Follies for about 25 years. Those who sign up to work a shift work about three and one-half hours. He said that anyone interested in working should contact him. The event will be held August 22-24, 2014.

IRTA Scholarships: Sylvia Blice spoke about the state scholarships given annually. College sophomores and juniors can apply; and the applicants can be sisters, brothers, children, or grand-children of members of TRF. Only two from Area 7 applied.

Announcements:

Bob directed our attention to the information table where paintings by Paula McKinnis were displayed.

Before dismissing members and guests for meal service, Bob introduced Dr. Karen Hawkins, a guest of Irene Saucer. Dr. Hawkins is an instructor at Miami Dade College.

As members and guests finished eating, Bob presented gift certificates to Ruby Rusk, Ella Shelton, and Susan Mosbey for setting the tables and serving the drinks and to Jane Whitehouse for handling the table decorations. Also, Bob extended thanks to Rick Hicks and his staff for preparing the food for our luncheons.

Bob thanked us for being teachers and spoke of the Teacher Appreciation Day Proclamation that he read at the May 5, 2014, Board of School Trustees meeting. The proclamation was signed by Mayor Lloyd Winnecke. National Teacher Appreciation Day was May 6, 2014.

Business Meeting:

Approval of March 13, 2014 Minutes: There were no additions or corrections, so the minutes were approved as presented.

Reading of the Necrology Report: Ed Rusk read the names of 35 EVSC educators who have passed since May of 2013. Then, he asked for a moment of silence.

Program:

Andy introduced IRTA Past President Bob Kraft who introduced IRTA President Carol Grieser and IRTA Executive Director Nancy Tolson. Nancy Tolson spoke about working for the COLA this year along with Steve Beebe, our legislative lobbyist. She said in the six years without a COLA, retired teachers have lost ten percent of their purchasing power. Nancy concluded by saying that our pensions give back to the state of Indiana.

Carol Grieser encouraged members to write their legislators, and she asked for a show of hands of those who have done so. She briefly spoke about the changes in interest for the Annuity Savings Account. Also, she spoke about a new program called “A Hand Up” that was set up to help retired teachers.

Installation of Officers: Carol Grieser installed the officers who were present: Andy Guarino, president; Sandra Schmidt, secretary; and Fred Naab and Richard Sprinkle, directors. Lino Wiseman will continue as treasurer and Linda Hape, LaVonne Miller, and Linda Staley will continue as directors. Bob Suhrheinrich will serve as immediate past president.

Door Prizes: Drawings were held for five \$10 gift certificates.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary





EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

May 31, 2014

| | | | |
|---|--|-----------------|---------------------------|
| CHECKING ACCOUNT | | | |
| Beginning Balance May 1, 2014 | | | \$4,779.43 |
| Interest | | 0.22 | |
| Income | | 1,660.28 | |
| Disbursements | | 2,071.12 | |
| <u>Ending Balance May 31, 2014</u> | | | <u>\$4,368.81</u> |
| SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT | | | |
| Beginning Balance May 1, 2014 | | | \$1,540.93 |
| Interest | | 0.13 | |
| Disbursements | | \$300.00 | |
| <u>Ending Balance May 31, 2014</u> | | | <u>\$1,241.07</u> |
| REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT | | | |
| Beginning Balance May 1, 2014 | | | 239.26 |
| Interest | | 0.02 | |
| <u>Ending Balance May 31, 2014</u> | | | <u>239.28</u> |
| HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT | | | |
| Beginning Balance May 1, 2014 | | | \$35.00 |
| <u>Ending Balance May 31, 2014</u> | | | <u>\$35.00</u> |
| HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26 | | | |
| Beginning Balance May 1, 2014 | | | \$1,101.94 |
| Interest | | 0.10 | |
| <u>Ending Balance May 31, 2014</u> | | | <u>\$1,102.04</u> |
| HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 3 CD's | | | |
| Beginning Balance May 1, 2014 | | | \$ 48,687.46 |
| Interest | | 85.57 | |
| <u>Ending Balance May 31, 2014</u> | | | <u>48,773.03</u> |
| | | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | | <u>\$55,759.23</u> |

EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Membership Dues

Name _____ Date _____

 Last First Middle Initial

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



FROG FOLLIES



Frog Follies time again! 3000 cars have been pre-registered and they are expecting more. For many years our chapter has provided workers to work the registration tables for this event, which this year is August 22-24. If you have not been contacted and would like to work a three-hour shift on one of the days, call me at 812-454-2720 or e-mail me at Katsharp623@aol.com.

Jim Sharp

IN MEMORIAM

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|------------------------|---------------|
| William Montana | May 02, 2014 |
| Ruth Moutoux | May 23, 2014 |
| Paula Yeager | May 24, 2014 |
| Nellie Ruble..... | May 30, 2014 |
| Ruth Haas | May 31, 2014 |
| Ruth Hall..... | June 06, 2014 |
| Talmadge Vick, Sr..... | June 12, 2014 |
| Richard Dimmett..... | June 23, 2014 |

Gone but not forgotten.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 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 |

REMINDERS:

- If you have made any changes to your contact information, please be sure to notify Darlene Brockriede at brockriede@twc.com.
- If EVSC closes schools for inclement weather, the luncheon is cancelled. If there is a school delay, the luncheon will still be held.



ERTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

2014-2015

| Position | Name | E-Mail Address |
|---|---|---|
| President | Andy Guarino | andrew.guarino9402@twc.com |
| President Elect | Brenda Weber | bpw@twc.com |
| Secretary | Sandra Schmidt | pineshore@wowway.com |
| Treasurer | Lino Wiseman | linowise@twc.com |
| Immediate Past President | Bob Suhrheinrich | rasuhrh@gmail.com |
| Directors | Linda Hape LaVonne Miller Richard Sprinkle Fred Naab (E, 1-2) Vacancy | lindadho8@sbcglobal.net lkmlle@wowway.com bds@twc.com N/A |
| Auditing & Budget Committee | Lino Wiseman Darla Olberding | linowise@twc.com olberdingdj@aol.com |
| Community Service Committee | Jan Kraft | kraft@aftinc.net |
| Fellowship/Necrology Committee | Linda Hape Linda Staley | lindadho8@sbcglobal.net lkstaley3@gmail.com |
| Membership | Darlene Brockriede | brockriede@twc.com |
| Nominating | Jack Schriber | jack.schriber@evsc.k12.in.us |
| Publications | Phyllis Fitzgerald | fitz61@wowway.com |
| Web Site Committee | Scott Riley Jerry Noland | sdriley44@gmail.com jbnoland@yahoo.com |
| Reservations Committee | Diana Luck Brenda Beeler | dianaeluck@gmail.com N/A |
| Special Project | Bob Suhrheinrich | rasuhrh@gmail.com |
| Scholarship Committee (Hensley-USI/UE) | Mike Madriaga Diane Meier Marion Reisinger | memadriaga@yahoo.com demeier@aol.com N/A |
| Chaplain | Ed Rusk | N/A |
| IRTA Liaison/Legislative | Diane Meier | demeier@aol.com |
| Historian | Darla Olberding | olberdingdj@aol.com |
| Frog Follies Coordinator | Jim Sharp | katsharp623@aol.com |
| Decorations | Jane Whitehouse | N/A |
| Lunch Collection Committee | David Pfettscher Caroline Pfettscher | dwpfetscher@att.net |
| Publicity | Nancy Noland | jbnoland@yahoo.com |

Vacancy for Board of Directors

If interested in being nominated, please e-mail Andy at andrew.guarino9402@twc.com by July 31, 2014.



Service/Volunteer Hours

Please, please, please...keep track of your volunteer hours as we use these hours when we lobby the Legislators. Give those numbers to Jan Kraft. 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 effort!

Questions: Contact Jan Kraft at 812-760-8561 or email at kraft@aftinc.net

RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS MONTHLY

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

Name_____

Address_____

NEWS FROM THE EVSC OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT:

LIVERPOOL LEGENDS CONCERT

EVSC Alumni Association is bringing Beatlemania to Evansville! The live concert on August 30 by the Liverpool Legends, a Beatles Tribute Band, which will include EVSC choir students directed by Reitz Alum Sue Schriber, will showcase the best of the Beatles from the beginning to the end. The Liverpool Legends are rated 4 ½ stars by TripAdvisor for their Branson, Missouri, concerts. You can enjoy the same show by simply driving to AIS on Diamond Ave, formerly North High School.

Tickets are only \$25 in advance at Old National Bank branches and online at evscschools.com/alumni. If you wait, tickets will be available at the door for \$30 on the day of the concert.

EVSC HALL OF FAME

Do you have a former student you feel is worthy of the EVSC Hall of Fame? Is there a retired teacher whom you know has made a positive impact in public education in the wider community? The nominations for the 2014 EVSC Hall of Fame will open by September 1. Information will be available on the EVSC Office of Development website at www.evscschools.com.

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ERTA CALENDAR

2014-2015

June 18, 2014, IRTA Representative Assembly, Indianapolis, IN

July 21, 2014, ERTA Officers' Workshop

August 7, 2014, Board Meeting and Welcome Back Baskets Delivered to the Schools

August 14, 2014, Luncheon Meeting

August 22, 23, 24, 2014, Frog Follies

September 23, 2014, IRTA Fall Leadership Workshop,
Gasthof Restaurant, Montgomery, IN

October 2, 2014, Board Meeting

October 9, 2014, Luncheon Meeting, Wear Spirit Shirt from School of Choice

October 2014, USI Scholarship Banquet (Date TBA)

December 4, 2014, Board Meeting

December 11, 2014, Christmas Luncheon Meeting

March 5, 2015, Board Meeting

March 12, 2015, Luncheon Meeting

March 2015, Legislative Lobby Day (Date TBA)

April 2015, UE and USI Scholarship Banquets (Date TBA)

May 7, 2015, Board Meeting

May 14, 2015, Luncheon Meeting

June 2015, IRTA Representative Assembly, Indianapolis, IN (Date TBA)

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Teachers Association
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Evansville, IN 47716-0064

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LIFE IS A BOOK UNWRITTEN

Only you hold the pen