



School's Out Gazette

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From Our President, Brenda Weber

As the new school year begins, I can't help but think about all the new teachers and how excited they must be to have a job, with insurance and benefits, and start their new careers. I remember being hired at Central my first year. I was already working in purchasing at ALCOA and took a pay cut to teach. I remember one of my uncles telling me how crazy I was to leave corporate America. I followed my heart and was so excited to have the opportunity to teach at a new school where I had done my student teaching. The staff was amazing and just like a second family. The business department had PLC's and we didn't even know it. There was no air conditioning, except in the library (yes, it was called a library in the early 70's). I had 45 students, upstairs, 7th period. Like most of you, I loved every minute of it. When I received my first paycheck, I remember thinking we really do get paid to teach and it IS FUN! Remember how excited you were when you began teaching?

The last count shows 62 newly retired educators in the EVSC who are beginning this next stage of their lives. We welcome them to the Evansville Retired Teachers Association (ERTA), and look forward to seeing them at our luncheons. As President-Elect of ERTA, Tom Wiggers has the responsibility to put together the programs for the year. Please make sure you read his article in the newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: Indiana School Superintendent, Glenda Ritz, will be our first luncheon speaker for the year. Due to her schedule, we have to **change our first luncheon date to Wednesday, August 12, 2015**, instead of Thursday. We will start around 11:55 with introductions, and the luncheon will follow at 12 noon. We hope to have a large turnout. If you know a new retiree, please invite him/her to attend, and sit with you at the luncheon. ERTA will continue to meet at American Baptist East on Washington Avenue.

Beginning a new school year with ERTA, I want to thank our former boards and officers for serving our organization. A special THANK YOU to Past-President Andy Guarino and to all the presidents who have served our association well. As the Central fight song goes, "hats off to thee."



The first ERTA luncheon for this school year will be held on **Wednesday, August 12, 2015, (a one-time change to Wednesday to accommodate Dr. Glenda Ritz's schedule)** at the American Baptist East Church at 6300 Washington Avenue. We will start at 11:55 with introductions, and lunch will follow at 12 noon. The cost is \$10.

Please reply to my invitation e-mail by **Monday, August 10, only if you plan to attend**, and include your name and number of reservations. *We would appreciate a huge turnout to welcome our speaker, Dr. Glenda Ritz.*

Reminder: If you need to cancel a reservation you made, please call Brenda Beeler (812-422-1637), or e-mail dianaeluck@gmail.com ASAP.

Our Menu

- ♦ Sliced Ham
- ♦ Baked Herb Chicken
- ♦ Scalloped Potatoes
- ♦ Peas with Baby Onions
- ♦ Glazed Carrots
- ♦ Salad
- ♦ Dinner Rolls
- ♦ Dessert
- ♦ Beverages

We are looking forward to another successful year and seeing you in August. Diana Luck

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Message from President-Elect Tom Wiggers

Welcome and welcome back!

I want to welcome our newly retired members into our fellowship, and thank you for your wonderful careers of service to our youth and community. As a newly retired member, I know what a marvelous year and life are now ahead of you in your retirement. The members of the Evansville Retired Teachers Association are happy for you and are eager to have you join us in our fun and service. The ERTA is happy to provide you with one year's free membership as a gift and also to provide your first meal at the August meeting at no cost. Please try us; you'll like us.

Welcome back to our continuing members. We have an exciting year of programs and activities in 2015-16.

One of my main responsibilities as president-elect is to plan our programs for the upcoming year. I am very pleased with our programs and think you will whole-heartedly agree. They are:

Wednesday, August 12 - Glenda Ritz, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

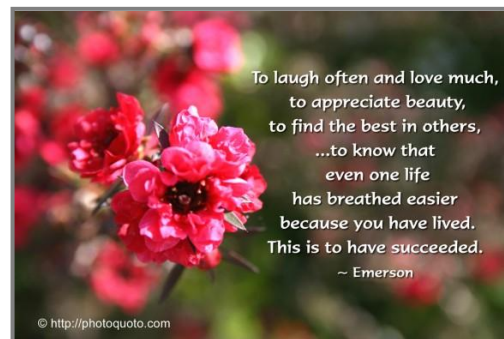
Thursday, October 8 - Sherri Miller, Evansville Red Cross

Thursday, December 10 - Holiday choral music performance

Thursday, March 10 - Dr. David Smith, EVSC Superintendent

Thursday, May 12 - Suzanne Draper, Vanderburgh County CASA

I am looking forward to seeing and serving you this year. Please try your very best to be a part of the action and fellowship. If you are not in attendance, you ARE missed!



ERTA Board Meetings/Luncheons

Thursday, August 6 - ERTA Board Meeting – 1 p.m.
ETFCU Phipps Center (Candy distribution at 9:30)
Luncheon: Wednesday, August 12 – 11:55 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1 – ERTA Board Meeting – 1 p.m.
ETFCU Phipps Center
Luncheon: Thursday, October 8 – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3 – ERTA Board Meeting – 1 p.m.
ETFCU Phipps Center
Luncheon: Thursday, December 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 3 – ERTA Board Meeting – 1 p.m.
ETFCU Phipps Center
Luncheon: Thursday, March 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 5 – ERTA Board Meeting – 1 p.m.
ETFCU Phipps Center
Luncheon: Thursday, May 12 – 11:30 a.m.

IRTA Workshops/Misc.

IRTA Workshop, Wednesday, July 22, Bower-Suhrheinrich Student Center, Oakland City University, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

IRTA Fall Leadership Workshop, Tuesday, September 22, Local Presidents and Officers, Gasthof Village, Montgomery, Indiana

Frog Follies – August 28-29 – 4H Fairgrounds – see p. 9 for times

UE and USI Scholarship Banquets (Date TBA)



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)**

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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

IN MEMORIAM

Fall 2014 William Rice

5-9-15 Bettye J. (Keel) Effinger

6-4-15 Lonnie Gayle Albin

6-9-15 Elizabeth F. "Betty" Botsford

6-23-15 Neveline Cowan

Gone but not forgotten

Darlene Brockriede maintains the ERTA database of members. If any of your personal information has changed, please email her at brockriede@twc.com.

Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Executive Board Meeting

May 7, 2015

Call to Order: President Andy Guarino called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. at the Phipps Center. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Brenda Beeler, Darlene Brockriede, Linda Hape, Diana Luck, Diane Meier, LaVonne Miller, Fred Naab, Jerry Noland, Nancy Noland, Ed Rusk, Sandra Schmidt, Linda Staley, Brenda Weber, Tom Wiggers, and Lino Wiseman.

Meditation: Chaplain Ed Rusk read "If at First You Don't Succeed, Try Reading the Instructions." He then read Proverbs 4:13 and prayed.

Approval of March 9, 2015 Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Lino Wiseman distributed the financial report. The Rescue Mission returned our check for \$1,103 for the March luncheon, but Lino felt we owed something. (See New Business.) There were no questions about the financial report.

President: Andy gave the following reports: He has not received any calls concerning "A Hand Up," the IRT Foundation program. Nancy and Jerry Noland and Diane Meier attended Lobby Day in Indianapolis on April 8, 2015. The recipient of our scholarship at UE is education major Alie Duff from Evansville.

Committee Reports:

Auditing and Budget: The books will be audited in July.

Community Service: Andy asked members to continue volunteering.

Fellowship/Necrology: Linda Hape reported that no one has passed away since the last newsletter. Linda Staley said that she has sent three get well cards. Ed will read the Necrology Report at the May meeting.

Membership: Brenda Weber informed the board that she had e-mailed 62 educators who plan to retire. Darlene Brockriede will send a letter to those who have not responded.

Reservations: Diana Luck announced 145 reservations for next week's luncheon.

Special Project: Thanks to the Nolands who contacted Mayor Winnecke's office requesting a proclamation in support of National Teacher Appreciation Day. Mayor Winnecke read the proclamation at the EVSC Board of School Trustees meeting on May 4, 2015.

IRTA Legislative: Diane reported the vote to give a stipend to retired teachers was a last minute, last day decision. The stipend is for one year.

Historian: Andy asked if we needed to keep this committee. No decision was made.

Publicity: Area 9 State Public Relations Representative Nancy Noland attended a meeting of the State Public Relations Committee in Indianapolis on April 9, 2015. The ERTA submissions received the following recognitions: Outstanding Newsletter, Outstanding Press Releases, and Outstanding Website with the stipulation that a contact be added to the homepage. (Andy said it's already there; a person has to click on it.) Awards will be presented on June 17, 2015, at the IRTA Representative Assembly in Indianapolis.

Frog Follies: Volunteers are needed. The event will take place August 28 - 30, 2015.

Information on the Side Table: Author Linda Deitchman will be at the table to promote her book.

Unfinished Business:

Approval of funds for Youth First: LaVonne Miller made a motion to donate \$1,000 to Youth First, and Linda Staley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of funds for Welcome Back Baskets: Diane made a motion to allocate \$300 for the baskets, and Tom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of revised ERTA Bylaws: Members will vote on the revised bylaws at the luncheon. Brenda said that the two amendments will be read.

New Business:

Caterer update: The Rescue Mission, wanting to be reconsidered, cooked a test meal. Those who attended believed we should try the Rescue Mission again.

Approval of caterer, caterer's purchase, and refund return: One of the complaints at the ERTA luncheon was that the food was cold. Lino made a motion that the Rescue Mission purchase food warmers from the returned check, use them wherever needed, and spend the remaining amount on food. Diane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Speaker for August: Andy explained that Indiana State School Superintendent Dr. Glenda Ritz could speak at our August meeting if we moved it to Wednesday, August 12th. Diane made a motion to move our August meeting to Wednesday, August 12th. Tom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

1. Installation of officers, tribute to Nancy Tolson, and introduction of Tom Mellish at the luncheon meeting
2. IRT Foundation Scholarship deadline – May 31, 2015
3. IRTA Representative Assembly in Indianapolis – June 17, 2015
4. IRTA Workshop (location TBA) – July 22, 2015
5. Next executive board meeting – August 6, 2015
6. Delivery of Welcome Back Baskets to schools – the morning of August 6, 2015

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary

Evansville Retired Teachers Association

Luncheon Meeting

May 14, 2015

Welcome and Call to Order: President Andy Guarino called the meeting to order at the American Baptist East Fellowship Hall and welcomed everyone. First attenders were asked to stand.

Pledge of Allegiance: Before leading members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance, Walt Lewis thanked everyone for the cards, prayers, and visits during his illness.

Introduction of Head Table: Andy introduced Chaplain Ed Rusk and Ruby, President and CEO of the Rescue Mission Tracy Gorman, Vice President of the Rescue Mission Josh Nichols, Indiana State Senator Vaneta Becker, President-Elect Brenda Weber, new IRTA Executive Director Tom Mellish, former IRTA Executive Director Nancy Tolson, and IRTA Secretary/Treasurer Jane Boultinghouse. Immediate IRTA Past President Bob Kraft and Jan, who were seated with the membership, also were introduced.

Side Table: Information was available about the following: common scams, volunteer needs of the American Red Cross, benefits available to association members, Linda Deitschman's book, and the IRT Foundation Scholarship.

Meditation: Chaplain Ed Rusk read "Language Is the Expression of Thought" and Luke 6:45. Then, he prayed.

Andy noted that Ed has been our chaplain for 15 years and plans to continue in that position for one more year.

Lunch: Members and guests were dismissed for meal service.

Acknowledgements: Andy gave a special thanks to Jane Whitehouse for decorating the tables for the last ten years. She is retiring. He also thanked Ed and Ruby Rusk, Ella Shelton, Susan Mosbey, Lino Wiseman, and Fred Naab for their help with luncheon. The church staff and the Rescue Mission were acknowledged as well.

Business Meeting

Approval of the March 12, 2015 Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

Approval of ERTA Revised Bylaws: Andy read the two amendments to the bylaws that were printed in the May newsletter. Tom Wiggers made a motion to accept the bylaws with the two amendments. Fred Bullinger seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Awards of Excellence: The State Public Relations Committee recognized ERTA for the following: Outstanding Newsletter, Outstanding Press Releases, and Outstanding Website. Also, ERTA was recognized for the Outstanding Individual Project for its \$1,338 membership donation to Arc of Evansville.



Andy Guarino



Ed Rusk



Scott Riley

ERTA member David Pfettcher was named as one of the top eight volunteers in Indiana, and he will receive the AMBA Clock Award.

IRTA was recognized nationally for the one million plus volunteer hours of its members and will receive the award for Outstanding in Community Service Projects.

Necrology Report: Ed read the names of those who had passed away since the May 2014 meeting.

Program

IRTA Immediate Past President Bob Kraft, IRTA Executive Director Tom Mellish, and Indiana State Senator Vaneta Becker paid tribute to former IRTA Executive Director Nancy Tolson. Senator Becker noted the Indiana State Senate Resolution honoring Nancy on her retirement and added that the Indiana House of Representatives concurred. Then, Nancy spoke briefly saying that retired teachers do have many friends in the Indiana State Legislature. Andy presented her with a Coke (COLA) and announced that ERTA had donated \$50 to IRTA in her name. Members and guests ended the tribute by singing a song to the tune of "My Favorite Things."



Installation of Officers and Directors for 2015/2016: Nancy Tolson and Tom Mellish installed the following officers: Brenda Weber as president, Tom Wiggers as president-elect, Sandra Schmidt as secretary, and Lino Wiseman as treasurer. Andy Guarino became immediate past president. The following were installed as directors: Diane Meier, Fred Naab, David Pfettscher, Brenda Scheidler, Richard Sprinkle, and Ron Talley. Committee chairs were also called forward.

Closing Comments: Brenda thanked Andy for his service and leadership. Andy thanked everyone for the support he had received.

Door Prizes: Three gift cards were awarded.

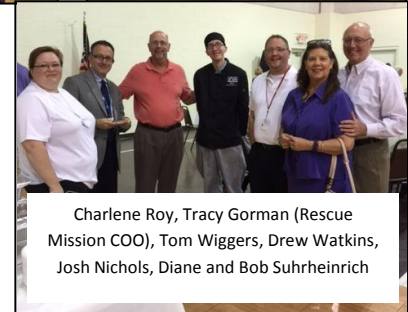
Announcements:

1. The August meeting will be on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, to accommodate Glenda Ritz, our speaker. She is not available on Thursdays.
2. It is important that members keep track of their volunteer hours.
3. Jim Sharp still needs volunteers for Frog Follies.



Submitted by Sandra Schmidt, Secretary





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!

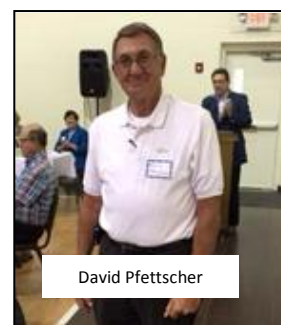
Questions: Contact Jan Kraft at 812-760-8561 or email at kraft@aftinc.net

RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS MONTHLY		
NAME: _____	ADDRESS _____	
HOURS	YOUTH	OTHER
January		
February		
March		
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May		
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July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		



- **Date change for first luncheon.** To accommodate Indiana Superintendent Glenda Ritz's schedule, the luncheon has been changed from Thursday, August 13, to **Wednesday, August 12.** Hope to see you there!
- **Want to have some fun?** Join your colleagues to distribute candy baskets to all the teachers in the EVSC schools on Thursday, August 6, at 9:30 a.m. We will meet in the Conference Room at the Phipps Center of the Evansville Teachers Credit Union to put together the baskets and take to the schools. The fun part—you just drop off the baskets, and you don't have to stay for the faculty meeting.

- **Congratulations** to David Pfettscher on receiving the highest recognition award for his community service in Area 9. He received this distinguished award at the June 17 Representative Assembly of our state organization, Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA). Jack Benjamin and Earsie Kelley were given a Certificate of Recognition for their outstanding community service.



- **Way to go, ERTA!** The Evansville Retired Teachers Association tied with one other district in Indiana for the largest number of awards given at the Representative Assembly in Indianapolis. ERTA received awards for the following:

Outstanding Press Releases – Thanks to Jerry and Nancy Noland

Outstanding Web site – Thanks to Scott Riley and Jerry Noland

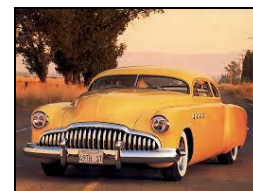
Outstanding Newsletter – Thanks to Diana Luck

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments but what is woven into the lives of others." Pericles - This is what teachers do each and every day. Thanks, ERTA members, for what you have given to others.



FROG FOLLIES FUNDRAISER FOR ERTA

Frog Follies are August 28 and 29. Each year our chapter provides around 90 volunteers to register 3,500+ cars for the event. We have five shifts of workers. Friday: 8 a.m. to 11:15 – 11:15 to 2:30 and 2:30 to 6 Saturday: 8 to 10:30 and 10:30 to 1.



I think I have contacted almost everyone who worked last year. If I have not contacted you or you have never worked before and wish to do so, text or call me at 812-454-2720. You can also email me at



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No matter the distance, the EVSC Friends and Alumni Association keeps you connected with friends back home.

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luncheon
to get a
brochure.*

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If you have additional questions, please contact [\(812\) 435-0913](tel:8124350913) or alumni@evsc.k12.in.us.



EVANSVILLE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

May 31, 2015

Notes from Lino Wiseman: Tax forms have been filed, and we received a very nice thank-you note from Youth First for our \$1,000 contribution.

CHECKING ACCOUNT				
Beginning Balance May 1, 2015				<u>\$5,549.15</u>
Interest		0.2		
Income		1180		
Disbursements			3,209.86	
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2015</u>				<u>\$3,519.49</u>
SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT				
Beginning Balance May 1, 2015				\$1,507.77
Interest		0.14		
Disbursements			300	
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2015</u>				<u>\$1,207.91</u>
REGULAR SHARE ACCOUNT				
Beginning Balance May 1, 2015				239.50
Interest		0.02		
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2015</u>				<u>239.52</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP REGULAR ACCT				
Beginning Balance May 1, 2015				\$15.00
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2015</u>				<u>\$15.00</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP ACCT 26				
Beginning Balance May 1, 2015				2,526.25
Interest		0.25		
Income		418.00		
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2015</u>				<u>2,944.50</u>
HENSLEY SCHOLARSHIP 3 CD's				
Beginning Balance May 1, 2015				42,940.01
Interest		80.24		
<u>Ending Balance May 31, 2015</u>				<u>43,020.25</u>
TOTAL ASSETS				\$50,946.67

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2015-16

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