



Bulletin Board

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A Message From the President



As your newly installed President of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, I want to say that it is both a pleasure and a privilege to be able to serve you in this position. I am greatly looking forward to the next two years. I hope to travel the state to see many of you. I want to thank our past president Carol Grieser for her leadership during the past two years and for her assistance and advice in mentoring me for this position.

Several important changes are evident as we begin the new fiscal year. Thanks to the Strategic Planning Committee, the Association now has a new logo and mission statement which I am sure you have already noticed in the Bulletin Board. In addition new membership and benefit goals for the year have been set. Some exciting new benefits have already been added for our membership, thanks to our Executive Director, Tom Mellish, and are highlighted in this Bulletin Board edition. Be keeping an eye on the IRTA website www.retiredteachers.org for additional benefits.

Fall Workshops are quickly approaching and I hope that you are making plans to attend the one in your area. These sessions are planned for everyone, not just those in leadership roles. Presentation topics will deal with getting the most from your IRA withdrawals, pension changes being proposed by the state legislature, advantages and benefits of being an IRTA member, and much more. Information on the workshops can be obtained from your local president, Area Director, or from the IRTA website.

Although the current year is not over, I would like to bring an event to your attention that will be happening next year. 2016 is Indiana's Bicentennial Celebration. One of the big events of the celebration is a Torch Relay that will be taking place throughout the state beginning September 9 and ending October 15. The Relay was created to honor Hoosiers who have demonstrated exceptional public service, achievement, acts of heroism and/or volunteer service to their neighborhood, community, or state. What a great

way for Indiana retired teachers to be recognized for their outstanding volunteer service! More than 1800 torchbearers will be selected to carry the torch; however, others may accompany the nominee. Some nominees will be running the torch; one particular group that I am aware is planning to ride a fire truck into town with a selected nominee carrying the torch on the truck. Many towns will be planning celebrations and parades around this torch relay, so now is a good time to make plans for the event. More information can be obtained by going to the website www.indiana2016.org/torchrelay.

Finally I want to wish everyone an enjoyable fall season. I hope that you will take the time to get out and enjoy the weather and beauty of the season.

"I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house." – Nathaniel Hawthorne

Executive Director's Message



This edition of the Bulletin Board shows our new look with our new logo and motto. Also included in this addition is all of our scholarship winners, memorials, pictures from the RA, local and national honors received by a couple of our members, and much more information given throughout this edition.

Since the RA, meetings have been the main order of business starting with the July Leadership Workshops, followed by committee meetings, an IRTA board meeting and IRTF board meeting, a few local RTA meetings, and numerous website design meetings. The legislative PMOC meetings have begun and we will be attending the next INPRS board meeting in September. Our Fall Workshops are right around the corner and we have an agenda full of information that includes a peek at our new website, investment information on options for withdrawals at age 70 ½, updates on new benefits, the PMOC hearings, foundation news, and community project ideas.

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Representative Assembly



The Indiana Retired Teachers Association held their annual Representative Assembly on June 17, 2015. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.



Leslie Dunn, State Director for the CASA award to Judy Wilson, retired teacher from Indianapolis



Judy Wilson also provided the Assembly with the entertainment, playing her violin, along with a slide presentation and storytelling.



President Carol Grieser presented Charlie Dilk with the President's Award.



President Carol Grieser, of Goshen, Indiana, received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, presented by Senator Carlin Yoder, District 10.

Apple Bytes

Cindy Hiott



Indiana's own Cindy Hiott is one of the 2015 Cabot Community Celebrity Award winners. The Cabot Creamery Cooperative will reward Cindy with an Eastern European Cruise all expenses paid eight-day adventure in November for her commitment to Community Service volunteer contributions. Cindy was selected for her long standing commitment to Community Service through the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. Cindy chaired the IRTA state community service committee for ten years and each year she helped generate more than one million service hours annually. "I was surprised and honored to be selected as a winner," Cindy said. "Community service is just part of who I am, and I didn't expect this recognition. I'm only one person among a whole team of retired teachers in Indiana who make our community service work possible," she explained.

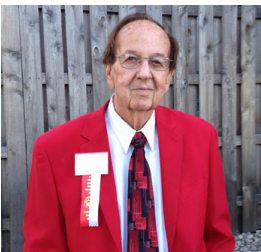
During Cindy's tenure as service chair, IRTA won multiple NRTA With Our Youth awards including the 2013 State Excellence Award. Cindy also played an important leadership role with the local Hancock County NRTA With Our Youth! Local Excellence Award. This award recognized retired educators who made it their mission to help those in need in their local communities while also helping children beyond their borders. In collaboration with the local shelter and another nonprofit, World Mission, retired educators in Hancock County took on a shoe collection effort. Shoes were collected and donated to World Mission for distribution in Africa and to a local thrift store. Eventually more than 1,000 pairs of shoes were donated. It was a winning proposition for local families and families in Africa who received shoes, in some cases for the first time in their lives.

Donna Sullivan



Donna Sullivan, from Seymour and an active Jackson County RTA member, will be receiving the Grothe Award from Indiana University this September. This award is given to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the IU women's athletic program. This is the highest award of its kind given by the university and only 3 people are honored each year. Donna is well known for her accomplishments as a girls' basketball coach at Seymour High School where her teams won many sectionals, regionals, conference, and a semi-state championships. Donna has also been previously recognized through the National Federation of High School and awarded the Robert F. Canaday Citizenship Award and elected into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002.

Ralph Bailey



Ralph Bailey was selected as the newest Red Coat, and was later seen proudly wearing this honor as he strolled through downtown Columbia City during the 2015 Old Settlers Days festivities, greeting friends and neighbors along the way.

A gentle spirit, a leader and an advocate of education in the community, Bailey retired decades ago -- but his career has continued as his leadership has been needed in schools around the state.

A graduate of Pierceton High School, Manchester College and later Indiana University, he also served in the US Army Air Corps. In the course of his educational career, he taught at Coesse School and later served as principal of Etna Troy School. He then served more than two decades as the superintendent of what is now Whitley County Consolidated Schools.

In addition to the Red Coat award, Bailey is the recipient of a Sagamore of the Wabash award -- the highest honor bestowed on a Hoosier -- and other awards including several Heart of Gold awards and other honors for his commitment to the community and education.

Bailey will serve as third vice president of the Old Settlers Days Association and will move up the ranks of the organization for the next three years.

2015 Scholarships Winners

Each year scholarships are awarded to juniors or seniors in an Indiana college or university who are in a program leading to a degree in education. With 10 Areas representing the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, there are 10 scholarships awarded. This past year, there were applicants in Area 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10. Two Scholarships were awarded for students in Areas 9 and 10 this year since there were 10 Scholarships to award.



Emily Paulsen, Winamac

The Area 1 recipient is Emily Paulsen of Winamac, IN. She is attending Indiana University, Bloomington, where she is studying Secondary Science Education, with a concentration in physics and a license addition in computer and technology education. She is an active participant at IU as a Singing Hoosier, where she has held several different leadership positions in the group. Emily's honors include receiving a two-time Founders Scholar, the best undergraduate lab instructor awarded by the physics department at IU, A presenter at the IU exemplary teaching conference for the School of Education, and achieved the general honors notation for her degree through the Huttons Honor College.



Maggie Good, Rochester

The Area 3 recipient is Maggie Good, Rochester, IN. She is attending Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis where she is a junior in Elementary Education. Since high school she has continued her involvement as a head-counselor for Camp-We-Can, which is a summer camp for people of any age with special age. Maggie is also finishing up her second year in college as a student-athlete in softball.



Taylor Vukovits, Rockville

The Area 4 recipient is Taylor Vukovits of Rockville, IN. Taylor is attending Ball State University in Muncie, IN, where she studies Elementary Education. At Ball State, she is a member of Phi Mu Fraternity. She has volunteered as a tutor at the Buley and Huffer centers. Taylor has also made the Dean's List at Ball State.



Kinsea Hanni, Arcadia

The Area 5 recipient is Kinsea Hanni of Arcadia, IN. She attends Purdue Univ, West Lafayette, IN, where she is completing her Elementary Education Program. While attending Hamilton Heights HS, Kinsea was actively involved in 4-H for ten years. As a college student, Kinsea continues with active involvement as an official 4-H volunteer. During her summers as a college student, Kinsea has worked as a day camp counselor at the YMCA. She has also made the Dean's List for 5 semesters.



Robin Butler

The Area 6 recipient is Robin Butler of Bluffton, IN. Robin attends Butler University in Indianapolis, IN, where she is working towards her bachelor degree in Secondary Education. As a Butler student, Robin is involved in Butler Catholic Community, serves as an HRC swim lesson instructor, and Secretary of Butler University German Club.



Holly Farris, Vincennes

The Area 8 recipient is Holly Farris of Vincennes, IN. She attends Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) as a student in the Elementary Education Program. Holly has been a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success for one year. She has also been peer tutoring at Skiles Test Elementary School where she will have her field experience there for 6 months.



Kaley Burch, Santa Claus

One of two Area 9 recipients is Kaley Burch of Santa Claus, IN. Kaley attends Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, where she is double majoring in Elementary and Special Education. She is a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, is Public Relations Director and Director of Activities, has had four musical performances in philanthropy events, served as a College Mentor in 2013-2015, and is a member of Council for Exceptional Children.



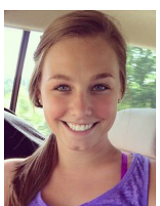
Gage Knies, Jasper

The other Area 9 recipient is Gage Knies of Jasper, IN. Gage is attending University of Southern Indiana in Evansville. He is studying to be a Secondary Teacher of Mathematics. While attending USI, Gage is a member of the Newman Catholic Community of USI. He is also a member of USI Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society. Gage has also participated in USI intramurals: football, basketball, and softball.



Jessica M. Barber, Lawrenceburg

One of two Area 10 recipients is Jessica Barber of Lawrenceburg, IN. Jessica attends University of Evansville where she is enrolled in an Elementary Education program. She has already been involved in several internships in various schools while in college.



Hannah Gilstrap, Evansville

The other Area 10 recipient is Hannah Gilstrap of Henryville, IN. Hannah attends University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, IN. Hannah was one of fifteen students that USI faculty chose to participate in a new pilot program where the students will participate in the classroom student teaching for one full year. She has been a member of the Indiana Reading Association for one year. Hannah continues to work part time while she attends school.

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4. American Cancer Society, Cancer Facts & Figures 2014, Page 1.

5. The Heart Foundation, Heart Disease Facts, Heart Disease Statistics (<http://www.theheartfoundation.org/heart-disease-facts/heart-disease-statistics/>), accessed 3.26.15

6. NerdWallet Health, Mar 26, 2014: <http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/health/2014/03/26/medical-bankruptcy/>

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Do you enjoy dining out? Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) members can now purchase heavily discounted dining gift cards for use on Restaurant.com. With this new IRTA benefit, members can purchase \$25 gift-cards for \$5, \$50 gift-cards for \$10, and \$100 gift-cards for only \$20! Whether you're browsing for a quick bite or planning a big night, Restaurant.com will help you discover the perfect dining experience. Visit www.myAMBAbenefits.info/inrta to learn more!

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VARIANCE REPORT

AS OF 7/31/15

INDIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
VARIANCE REPORT
ELEVEN MONTH--PERIOD ENDED 07/31/2015

	Yr-to-date Amount	Budget-year-to-date Amount	Var-amt	Var-%
INCOME:				
REGULAR MEMBER DUES	706,581	700,000	6,581	0.9%
ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES	23,000	21,500	1,500	7.0%
GAIN/(LOSS) ON SALE-SECURITIES	(17)	0	(17)	N/A
INVESTMENT INCOME	80,893	47,000	33,893	72.1%
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	53,793	57,500	(3,707)	-6.4%
NET UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS)	(54,767)	0	(54,767)	N/A
TOTAL INCOME	809,484	826,000	(16,516)	-2.0%
OFFICE OPERATIONS:				
OCCUPANCY-RENT	52,880	56,500	(3,620)	-6.4%
INFORMATION TECH & MAINT.	35,949	36,000	(51)	-0.1%
STAFF TRAVEL, PARKING & MEALS	5,412	5,000	412	8.2%
SALARIES-OFFICE STAFF	235,104	275,755	(40,651)	-14.7%
PAYROLL TAX & RETIREMENT EXP	31,109	36,965	(5,856)	-15.8%
GROUP INSURANCE	49,356	62,500	(13,144)	-21.0%
OTHER INSURANCE	3,172	3,650	(478)	-13.1%
PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS	50	3,000	(2,950)	-98.3%
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	9,650	10,500	(850)	-8.1%
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	607	750	(143)	-19.0%
OFFICE, PAYROLL SERV. & OTHER	2,427	4,000	(1,573)	-39.3%
UNFORSEEABLE EXPENSES	18,901	40,000	(21,099)	-52.7%
HUMAN RESOURCES EXPENSE	10,215	11,000	(785)	-7.1%
LEGAL & ACCOUNTING	22,088	21,000	1,088	5.2%
POSTAGE EXPENSE	21,781	33,000	(11,219)	-34.0%
PRINTING & SUPPLIES	32,612	30,000	2,612	8.7%
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE	531,312	629,620	(98,308)	-15.6%
OTHER EXPENSES:				
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES	15,357	17,000	(1,643)	-9.7%
LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE	9,441	9,000	441	4.9%
OUTSIDE LOBBYING SERVICES	35,417	40,000	(4,583)	-11.5%
FALL AREA WORKSHOPS	10,336	6,500	3,836	59.0%
FLORIDA MEETINGS	5,731	4,000	1,731	43.3%
SPRING COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS	2,867	5,500	(2,633)	-47.9%
OTHER COMM MEETINGS & MEALS	8,985	8,300	685	8.3%
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY	12,567	14,500	(1,933)	-13.3%
BOARD PRESIDENT'S EXPENSES	4,979	8,000	(3,021)	-37.8%
OTHER OFFICERS AND DIR EXP	27,878	30,000	(2,122)	-7.1%
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS	27,733	30,000	(2,267)	-7.6%
LOCAL CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT	200	4,500	(4,300)	-95.6%
TOTAL OTHER	161,491	177,300	(15,809)	-8.9%
TOTAL EXPENSES	692,803	806,920	(114,117)	-14.1%
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	116,681	19,080	97,601	

BALANCE SHEET

AS OF 7/31/15

INDIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
As of
7/31/2015

ASSETS:

CURRENT ASSETS:

CASH	\$	125,879
INVESTMENT INCOME RECEIVABLE		695
PREPAID EXPENSES		11,499
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-LIFE ACCTS		20,538
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE-OTHER		15,246
PAYROLL W/H IN ESCROW		632

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$ 174,489

INVESTMENTS:

INVESTMENTS-SBARNEY-FMA/CASH	\$	9,507
INVESTMENTS-SBARNEY-FMA/OTHER		1,024,416
INVESTMENTS-SMITHBARNEY MONEY		121,804
INVESTMENTS-SMITHBARNEY OTHER		200,000
INVESTMENTS-LIFE MEMBERSHIP		568,166
INVESTMENTS-NET UNREALIZED G/L		98,904

TOTAL INVESTMENTS \$ 2,022,797

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

FIX ASSETS - FURNITURE & FIXT	\$	208,580
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS		2,292
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		(185,022)

TOTAL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT \$ 25,850

OTHER ASSETS:

POST-RET BENEFIT ACCOUNT		202,256
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$	202,256

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 2,425,392

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$	12,156
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS		632
ACCRUED PAYROLL		4,728
ACCRUED VACATION PAY		0

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES \$ 17,516

DEFERRED REVENUE-MISC		9,167
POST-RET BENEFIT FUND		202,256
UNEARNED MEMBER DUES		136,072
UNEARNED LIFE MEMBER DUES		392,084
LIFE MEMBER-INSTALLMENTS DUE		20,799

TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES \$ 760,377

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 777,894

FUND BALANCES:

GENERAL FUND	\$	1,530,817
NET INCOME (LOSS)		116,681

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES \$ 2,425,392

Memorials

Robert Adams, Chrisney, IN
Muriel Arnold, Germantown, OH
James Armstrong, Chesterton, IN
John Arnold, Noble County
Elizabeth Axsom, Bloomington, IN
Fred Ayer, Rockport, IN
Lawrence Backer, Jasper, IN
Mildred Bailey, Kendallville, IN
Leonard Behling, Plainfield, IN
Walter Beike, Chesterton, IN
Barbara Bevelheimer, Logansport, IN
R. Jean Biggs, Bedford, IN
Helen Bills, Montezuma, IN
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Ruth Braun, Rockport, IN
Marlene Braunecker, Huntingburg, IN
Darrel L Briar, Cambridge, IN
Karen A. Briars, Kouts, IN
Susan A. Brooks, Kokomo, IN
Jean E. Bundy, Bloomington, IN
Louise Burns, Jasper, IN
Marjorie Claire Burris, Lebanon, IN
Leona K. Burrus, Chesterton, IN
Lynn Carter, Huntington, IN
Karen Casey, Kendallville, IN
Dale E. Ciciora, Valparaiso, IN
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Russell Coulter, Richmond, IN
Madeline Counsell, Terre Haute, IN
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Noelia Cruz, Portage, IN
Ruth Cudworth, Rushville, IN
Cornelia Cunningham, Tennessee
Judith Eleanor Daerr, Bloomington, IN
Sr. Mary Roan Dall, Ferdinand, IN
Wilma Lucille Davidson, Lebanon
Charlie Davisson, Carmel, IN
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David Clyde Hildebrand, Valparaiso, IN
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Joanna Hock, South Bend, IN
Paul Holbert, Sebring, FL
Ruth Holland, Columbus, IN
Peggy Hollingsworth, Russiaville, IN
Carl (Lee) Hoopingarner, Decatur, IN
Joyce Horst, Muncie, IN
Joan Hungerford, Rochester, IN
Sue Hyle, Valparaiso, IN
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John Irons, Greenwood, IN
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Alfreda Meuser, Wheatland, IN
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Donna C. Miller, Terre Haute, IN
Mary Miller, Jasper, IN
Mary E. Miller, Huntington, IN
Thomas A. Miller, Brazil, IN
Clara W. Millet, West Branch, IA
Lexie Hurl Mills, Bloomington, IN
Peggy Monachino, Crown Point, IN
James Edward Monroe, Noblesville, IN
Susan Marie Frank Montania, Valparaiso
Cathy Moss, Logansport, IN
Sue Moster, Rushville, IN
Maribelle Mottier, Worthington, IN
Barbara Ann Nault, Valparaiso, IN
Georgia Mae Nicholson, French Lick
John Norris, Dunes Acres, IN
Peter Null, Syracuse, IN
Isabel A. O'Connell, Valparaiso, IN
Richard Oglesby, Danville, IN
Dale L. Olson, Columbus, IN
Ronald J. Partyka, Valparaiso, IN
Joseph Patacsil, Logansport, IN
Joe Patacsil, Logansport, IN
Helen Pate, Orleans, IN
Ruth Peachee, Jasper, IN
Re. Stanley Peters, Huntington, IN
Roleen Pickard, Rockville, IN
Rita Piotrowski, Syracuse, IN
Nan Matilda Polley, Columbus, IN
Mike Poynter, New Castle, IN
Carol Jean Puchowski, Valparaiso, IN

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Roseland Rayl, Greentown, IN
Richard Rea, Connersville, IN
Richard Royden Rea, Kokomo, IN
Meredith Caroline Reggie, Valparaiso, IN
Miriam Reid, Winamac, IN
Virginia Rhodes, Knoxville, TN
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Joyce Ruble, Parker City, IN
Michael Saylor, Terre Haute, IN
Pasul Scherer, Indianapolis, IN
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Dan Scholl, Rushville, IN
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Our membership drive is under way with the biggest change being the option to sign up for 3 or 5 years at a slightly discounted price for membership. The early returns show that these options are being taken advantage of by our members. The membership committee has included a note into this edition that is very informative for recruiting new members.

New benefits we will be adding very soon for our members include "GoNext Travel" for IRTF that offers more trip opportunities. IRTA will add Tickets at Work which will allow members to purchase discounted movie tickets to almost every national movie theater chain, along with discounted tickets and travel discounts to Disney Parks, Sea World, Las Vegas, etc., and they will have a few other discounts available to members. Kinetico Water Systems throughout the state offers our members 20% discount on new systems and 10% discount on supplies.

We have partnered with the public employees association (RIPEA) to produce a short video for legislators on the hardships on our members since they have not received a

COLA since 2008. Our very own Robert Pugh from Allen County and Virginia Miller from Ripley County will be featured in the video sharing their stories of hardship that will be presented to the PMOC Committee in September. We plan to distribute the video to all state legislators. We ask all locals to share stories of hardship with their local legislator. Personal stories make a greater impact than just facts and figures that we share with them. Now is a great time to talk to legislators while they are not in session and you see them around town or at local festivals. A couple of facts you can share with the legislators that Brice Tressler researched and shared with us is that grocery prices on necessary items have gone up over 32% since 2008. What would have cost you \$50.72 in 2008, now cost \$67.06. Electricity rates have risen over 15% in this same time period.

I hope to see you at one of our workshops this fall, or local meetings, as I continue to wander Indiana. Looking forward to the trips, meeting more of our members and seeing all the beautiful fall colors as we continue to Advocate for all Retired Indiana Educators!

Foundation News

A Big Thank You to all of the local RTA groups for donating auction items to the IRT Foundation for a silent auction at the 2015 Representative Assembly!

The auction was a smashing hit, raising more than \$2,800 for the Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation!



New Area 6 Director



Paula Dyer, Selma, IN

Paula M. Dyer is the new Area 6 Director. She is fulfilling the second year of Barry Conrad's term as he has been elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of IRTA. Paula was born in Muncie, IN and grew up in Selma, IN. A graduate of Wapahani High School, she attended Ball State University earning her Bachelors and Masters degrees.

Paula and her husband moved to Wabash, IN where she served her internship and was then hired as a School Psychologist. She served as the Lead Psychologist at the Wabash Miami Area Program for Exceptional Children for 39 years. During her career she worked in the Wabash City Schools district but also served at times in the MSD of Wabash County district and Peru Community Schools. Paula retired

in June, 2014.

Paula is an active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Wabash. She has served as Secretary of the congregation, President of Zion's chapter of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and currently on the church's Mission Board. She has also volunteered the last five years assisting with Christmas decorating at Wabash's Honeywell Center, the Wabash County Museum and Wabash County Welcome Center.

Paula and her husband, Steve, were married in 1975. They have one son who is a Certified Public Accountant. Their daughter-in-law has her Masters degree in Social Work and works for an agency assisting the homeless. Paula has two fabulous grandsons, just ask her for pictures or stories.

Paula has several hobbies. She enjoys reading, baking, gardening, doing counted cross stitch and other needlework. Paula and her husband both enjoy dancing. They started dancing in 2007 as Paula wanted them to be able to dance at their son's wedding. After taking lessons, they discovered a new passion. They are now members of the Wabash Cannonball Kickers who dance country couples dances. Paula and Steve also enjoy ballroom dancing and lead a small group at their church.

Representative Assembly Membership Report Corrections

The Membership Report records from the Representative Assembly were off as we ran reports for the booklet later in May. The IRTA database is fluid as it changes often as members pass on, members join, or new retirees are listed. In the future the IRTA will not add new retirees to the database until after May 1 in order to run reports to figure award winners in the membership categories. Just a few changes to smaller local's membership rolls can make a big difference in their percentages. The official run date for the RA report from now on will be May 1. We thank Bud King for finding the discrepancies in our report and bringing them to our attention. Congratulations go out to Dubois and Rush County RTA's who continue to lead the way with 80% or better membership rates!

IRTA Membership Notes

1. If you are a member of IRTA, the state Membership Committee is asking you to get ONE new member this year. If you do, our membership could climb to 44,000!
2. We have new benefits that can help any number of active or retired teachers and your friends and relatives.
3. ANYONE other than a retired teacher can be an associate member for \$10 a year and get the benefits of cell phone discounts, hearing aids, travel, insurance, and many others. Our office will send you the newly printed brochures with the information. 888-454-9333.
4. Our new membership dues for retirees for three or five years give a discount over yearly dues. They are already showing their popularity.
5. If you are receiving a monthly pension from TRF (INPRS), your September check will include an extra amount, depending on your years of service. Your lobbying team worked very hard in the past session to obtain this bonus. Show your appreciation by telling a non-member about how it came to be in his or her check.
6. We must stand together to protect the security of our pensions! If you doubt the necessity, read about the fight that Illinois retirees have had to endure.
7. Watch our web site for new info and a new format:
www.retiredteachers.org

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