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The Chalkboard

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2017 ISTA-Retired Election Results

Election ballots were tallied with the following results listed in alphabetical order:

ISTA Governance Committee

Sarah Borgman

Bob Barcus – Alternate

Joe Weaver – 2nd Alternate

Gerald E. McCullum – 3rd Alternate

ISTA Minority Affairs Committee

Juan José Rodriguez

Sandra Brown – Alternate

Carolyn Yates – 2nd Alternate

Madeline Garvin – 3rd Alternate

Zone 2 Coordinator

No Candidate

Zone 3 Coordinator

No Candidate

Zone 5 Coordinator

Roger Sharp

Zone 6 Coordinator

Karen Warble

ISTA-Retired was well represented with 31 delegates at this year's ISTA RA. Congratulations to all! Your participation is important to the success of ISTA-Retired.

Annual NEA-Retired Organizing Conference Well-Attended in Dallas



ISTA-Retired attended the 2017 NEA-Retired Organizing Conference March 20 – 23 in Dallas, Texas. Attendees included (L – R) Ginger Calhoun, Sarah Borgman, Rod Elcessor, Jan Hayes and Roger Sharp.

At right, Sarah manned a table to promote her candidacy for the position of NEA-Retired President. This election will be held at the NEA-Retired RA in July. Good luck Sarah!



From The Chair



Rod Ellcessor, ISTA-Retired State Chair

The Legislature has ended a long session. Unfortunately, we did not achieve a Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA). This is the eighth year we have failed to receive a COLA! We have calculated the loss in purchasing power for retired teachers, and it is not pretty. The Legislature did pass a “13th check” bill, which does not equal the amount

retirees receive in one of their monthly checks. It is a stipend which is not added to one’s pension and is identical to the amount received last year. However, we are grateful for the bill and hope to achieve a true COLA next year. It is essential that you continue to meet with your legislators to explain why you need a COLA and the personal impact of eight years of falling further behind.

In June, retired members will participate in the 2017 ISTA Summer Conference. We want to thank ISTA President Meredith for bringing ISTA-Retired back into this program. We will present programs for retired members as well as for active members who are thinking of retirement. For example, our legislative committee will present a session focusing on achieving a COLA next year. The conference is June 15 – 17 at the Sheraton Hotel, Keystone at the Crossing. Meals and room expenses at the conference are paid by ISTA. Housing is double occupancy; however, if you want a private room there is an additional cost. To register online, go to ista-in.org with your member ID. Please contact your retired chapter president to request one of the slots assigned to each chapter. We look forward to seeing you there, knowing that conference participation will strengthen our Association and our retired member involvement.



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Rod Ellcessor, State Chair
Craig L. Blume, Statewide Coordinator
Jan Hayes, The Chalkboard Editor

Information on ISTA-Retired chapters, officers, meeting locations, and activities can be found on the ISTA website, ista-in.org. If you are not a member of a local retired chapter and would like to be, contact 844-ASK-ISTA or Retired Chair Rod Ellcessor at 317-501-9508 for specifics of the chapter nearest you.

Membership

If you know someone who worked in education and has now retired, be sure to invite them to join ISTA-Retired.

Memberships are payable via check, electronic transfer, credit card or plain old hard cash!



How to Enjoy Great Museums for Free

Admission charges to the best museums can add up quickly, but with a little planning and research, you may be able to enjoy them for free — or at a discount.

- Check for free days and times
- Look for reciprocal admission programs
- Credit or debit cards may qualify for free admission
- Look for special circumstances (local events)
- Look for discounts
- Do your research

Call ahead to verify the offers are still good, be sure to pack any necessary cards and your identification, and you can explore the worlds of art, history or science wherever you go.

ISTA-Retired lobbies for public education

The 2017 ISTA-Retired Day of Action on March 8 was well attended in Indianapolis. Twenty-two retired teachers traveled across the state to speak for public education. Be sure to mark your calendars and to take part in next year's session. Every voice counts.



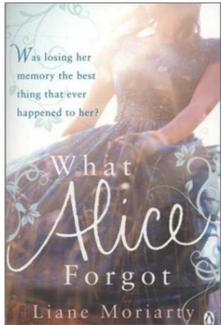
Home Safety Checklist

Take a few moments now to check if your home is accident prone. This convenient list will help you locate potential hazards. Once located, correct them and prevent disabilities from occurring in your future.

Check the following throughout your home:

1. Are electrical extension cords in good condition?
2. Are electrical extension cords kept from being stretched across heavily traveled areas of your home?
3. Are unused electrical outlets covered or locked?
4. Are electrical outlets checked regularly for overloading?
5. Do you know how to turn off gas and electricity in case of emergency?
6. Are proper size fuses used for replacement rather than substitutes?
7. Are floor surfaces nonskid?
8. Are all floor coverings fastened down?
9. Are fireplaces screened and protected?
10. Are open flames such as candles kept away from walls and curtains?
11. Do you have smoke detectors in your home, and have you checked the batteries lately?
12. Is an approved fire extinguisher kept on each floor?
13. Do you have emergency phone numbers — police, fire, doctor, utilities — handy near the phone?
14. Is a sturdy stepladder available for climbing?
15. Do interior doors such as closets or bathrooms have safety release locks that allow them to be opened from either side?
16. If there are small children in your home, are open windows securely screened?
17. Is lead-free paint used on all objects accessible to children?
18. Are firearms unloaded and locked up?

What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty



Book Review

What Alice forgot was the last ten years of her life after she fell off a stationary bike at the health club. Although she is crazy about her husband, he can't stand her. She doesn't know her three children, and can't remember who this Gina is that everyone is talking about or trying to keep from talking about in front of Alice. A strange man calls on her and it turns out to be the school principal whom she has been dating for some time. Her mother has

remarried and to her soon to be ex-husband's father! It is all so very confusing as her sister seems to be quite angry with her, too. It takes a long time for Alice to get her memory back and it just so happens on the day she oversees "Meringue Day", a feat to build the largest lemon meringue pie — in honor of Gina, no less! This is the third book by this author that this reader has read. Each one is detailed and holds your attention...the kind that says, "How soon can I get back to this family again?" whenever you must put the book down!

Sarah Borgman, Wakarusa

You have a story to tell!

Think of all those things that happened in the classroom when you were teaching. Share some unforgettable memories with **everyone**. Send your stories to: **Jan Hayes, The Chalkboard Editor, 8240 N 700 E, Hamlet, IN 46532, hayesjt2012@gmail.com.**



Recipe Corner

TORTILLA CHIP SALAD

1 head of lettuce
8 ounces of fresh spinach
1 pound ground beef
3/4 tsp seasoned salt
1/2 tsp each - onion, garlic, and chili powder
1/8 tsp cayenne red pepper
4 drops red pepper sauce
2/3 cup water

1 can red kidney beans (14 ounces), drained
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (4 ounces)
4 tomatoes, cut eighths
1 pkg (6 1/4 ounces) tortilla chips
1 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1/4 cup chili sauce
1 Tbsp pickle relish

Wash lettuce and spinach; tear into bite size pieces. Chill at least 1 hour. Cook ground beef in large skillet until brown, drain. Stir in seasonings, water, kidney beans; heat to boiling. Reduce heat, simmer 15 minutes stirring occasionally. Cool 10 minutes. Combine greens, tomatoes, chips, cheese, and onion in large bowl. Mix mayonnaise, chili sauce, and pickle relish. Toss gently with salad mixture. Pour warm ground beef mixture over salad; toss gently. Serve immediately.

*Sarah Ledgerwood, Mooresville Classroom Teachers Association
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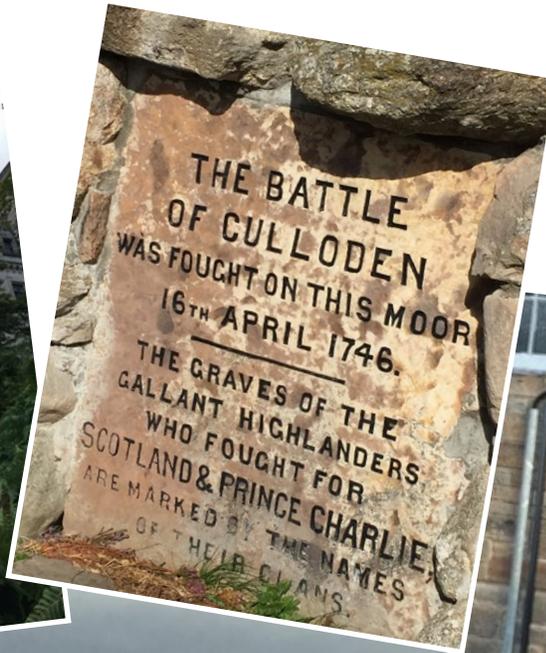
Scotland travelogue

There was a promise made to travel to Scotland to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, and we did! Last year, we traveled across Scotland from the east to west and north to south, stopping at small towns, visiting a distillery, and seeing parts of Scotland that we didn't know were so historic. For example, Skara Brae where the remains of a Neolithic village were discovered. This village was built at the same time as the Great Pyramid in Egypt. Next we passed the prehistoric Ring of Brodgar reported to be older than Stonehenge where monoliths stood – though not as large. We traveled north to Orkney Islands and saw a church built by captured Italian soldiers during WWII. Although the materials were meager to say the least, the workmanship was unbelievable! A story is told that an Italian man fell in love with a Scottish woman where he put a small red heart in the chapel to show his love for her. We stayed at the hotel located at what is known as the Royal Mile. At one end is Edinburgh Castle, and you can walk from the New Town to the Old Town. Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence in Edinburgh, was also the former home of Mary Queen of Scots. Dunrobin Castle, Culloden Battlefield, the ruins of Urquhart Castle, Armadale Castle and Gardens, the beauty of Scotland, its history, all too much to mention and write about in this limited space. Go for yourself to discover Scotland and its rich, fascinating history. You won't be disappointed!



Ring of Brodgar

Jan Hayes, Hamlet



We saw St. Andrews too!

Looking Ahead ISTA-RETIRED CALENDAR

It is advisable to call the number listed after each chapter to reserve a spot, particularly if the meeting location is at a restaurant. Some REQUIRE a reservation, especially plays and trips. All times local.

MAY 2017

- 9 11 a.m., Hamilton County, Donaldson's Chocolates, Lebanon, 317-896-9291
- 9 11:30 a.m., CHMT, Parkview LaGrange Hospital Café, "Taking Care of Your Perennials and Flower Gardens" by Master Gardener Karen Weiland, 765-480-7746
- 9 12:30 p.m., Sullivan County, Joe's Italian Food, 821 N. Section St., Sullivan, "Flatboat Journey of Remembrance" by Ron Drake, 812-243-0609
- 11 Noon, Allen County, CHOPS, 6412 W. Jefferson, Fort Wayne, Ms. Heaton-Ouabache State Park Naturalist, Election of Officers, 260-249-8197
- 16 10 a.m., East Central, Levi Coffin House Tour, Liberty, National Parks Registry, meeting at New Visitors Ctr., Lunch at Amish Village, 765-748-9801
- 16 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph County, Southfield Village, 6450 Miami Circle, South Bend, "Play Ball" speaker from South Bend Cubs, Lunch \$10, 574-231-1924
- 17 10:30 a.m., 1-B Retired, Tour Hoosier Bat Company, 312 N 324 E, Suite #B, Valparaiso, Lunch-Noon at The Market, 2404 Morthland Dr., Valparaiso, 219-464-9466
- 17 11:30 a.m., Dunes Shore, Lunch-Applebee's, 1:30 p.m., Tour VU Planetarium, Valparaiso, 219-464-4053
- 18 11:30 a.m., 1-F Retired, Boathouse Restaurant, 700 Park Ave., Winona Lake, Program at Pottery Bayou following-select pottery piece and paint a design, prices vary from \$5 and up, RSVP to Ginger Calhoun at 574-892-6491 or Jan Hayes at 574-867-6900
- 19 11:30 a.m., JAWS, Millie's, 1070 North Main, Bluffton, "Forgotten Children of the World" by Matt Harten, 260-692-6726

JUNE 2017

- 5 10:30 a.m., Jackson-Scott-Washington, ISTA SE Office, 969 McClain (SR 56), Scottsburg, Program-Planning for 2017-2018, 812-523-3639
- 5 Noon, Posey County, Solarbron Senior Living Center, Program by Rhonda Cobb-Gilhan, 812-401-6423
- 6 11 a.m., Elkhart County, Member Celebration at Bent Oak Country Club, 3610 Bent Oak Trail, Elkhart, Program-Growing by increasing our knowledge of legislative/legal matters and celebrating membership year accomplishments, 574-207-4488
- 6 11 a.m., Greater Indianapolis, Program-Dallara Indy Car Museum, 1201 Main St., Speedway (near Indianapolis 500 Track just off 16th St.), Cost-\$5, Service Project-Bring school supplies for Teachers' Treasures/Fundraiser-for I-PACE, 317-456-4036
- 8 10:30 a.m., Wabash Valley, Immanuel United Church of Christ, 1526 S 18th St., Lafayette, Program-Introduction to "the king instruments" by organist Steven Spencer and description and history of stained glass windows, Lunch-Christo's, 3291 Teal Rd, Lafayette, 765-447-4390
- 13 11 a.m., Blue River, Shelby County Historical Society, 52 West Broadway St., Shelbyville, Program-Streets of Old Shelby, 812-663-3332
- 13 11:30 a.m., CHMT, Pet Care-Keeping Your Animals Happy, 765-480-7746
- 14 Noon, REECI, Sidewalk Café in Hagerstown, Flag etiquette, Tour Abbots Candy, 765-529-0735
- 16 10 a.m., Falls of the Ohio, Falls of the Ohio Museum tour, Lunch-Noon at Rocky's, 502-636-3257

JULY 2017

- 19 11:30 a.m., Warrick County, Archie and Clyde's, Newburgh, Program-Organization for 2017-2018 and discussion of what was done and needs improved, 812-853-2136

**Many programs listed are for entertainment.
Each chapter is also involved in various political, community and educational projects.**