

# The Chalkboard

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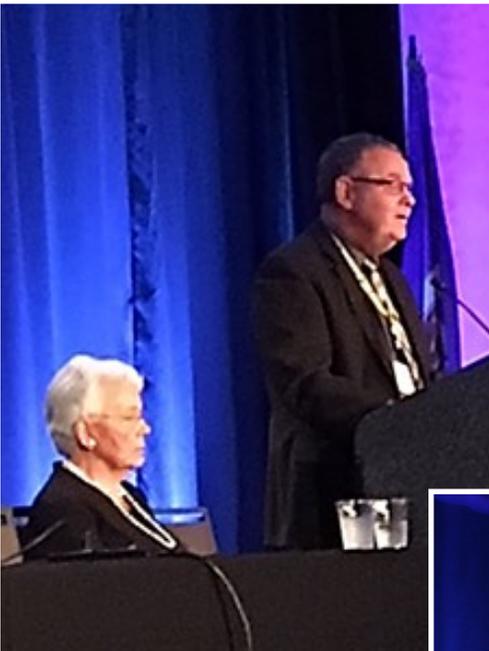
## NEA-Retired celebrates 35th birthday!

On the Fourth of July in 1983, NEA-Retired members were given full voting rights, delegates to the Representative Assembly and the right to hold office. Prior to this, members could join, but there was no program and all the previously mentioned rights were missing. Maybe they received a magazine! On June 27 NEA-Retired celebrated 35 years of existence, success and service to NEA and



its members. NEA-Retired President Sarah Borgman addressed members assembled for the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting and offered the challenge of going even further with advocacy, support and a multitude of activities. Al Beamish shared the history of NEA-Retired noting various milestones from the past. Borgman introduced three

of the four living presidents and they in turn mentioned highlights from their years of service. NEA President Lily Eskelsen Garcia addressed the delegates and members and challenged them to continue writing more of the rich heritage already begun. She also entertained the group with vocal selections. After lunch birthday cake was served by the former presidents to all attendees. Coffee was also provided by NEA Member Benefits.



Nate Schnellenberger introduced Sarah Borgman to delegates and guests at NEA-Retired Annual Meeting



NEA-Retired President Sarah Borgman with past president Barbara Matteson



NEA President Lily Eskelsen Garcia

### 2018 NEA-Retired Annual Meeting & NEA RA Delegates

Sarah Borgman, Wakarusa  
Saundra Brown, Indianapolis  
Damon P. Moore, Muncie  
Kathy A. Parks, Haubstadt  
Nate Schnellenberger, Jasper  
Roger Sharp, Noblesville

## From the Chair



*Rod Ellcessor, ISTA-Retired State Chair*

We had a great Summer Conference on June 13–14. Retired had an opening session with a presentation from Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson on Consumer Fraud and Identify Protection. Social Justice presentations by Jackie Luten and Gloria Salazar from NEA were made at two workshops for retired and active. Thanks to our communication and membership committees who each presented a workshop. A special thank you to Communications Chair Al Wolting, Membership Chair Ginger Calhoun, and membership committee member Terry Tafflinger whose creative talents never end, and Legislative Chair Roger Sharp who updated us on cost-of-living information.

We are quickly coming to the end of the 2017–18 membership year. July 19th and 20th we held our last State Council and executive committee meetings. At the State Council meeting we honored the recipients of our retired scholarships. Three scholarships were presented to ISTA members' children or grandchildren. We were able to collect over \$5,200 this year to crush all previous collection amounts in the past. Thanks to all retired members and chapters who participated in collecting the money to establish this new record amount for the scholarships and the NEA Jack Kinneman Scholarship!

Zone meetings will be held in September. If you are a chapter officer or are interested in attending the meeting in your zone, please contact your zone coordinator for your chapter. I would also like to invite all non-chapter retired members to consider joining the chapter who represents your county. Chapters are the way to stay informed on what is happening at NEA, ISTA and the local chapter. Chapter contact information is located at the ISTA website at [ista-in.org/retired](http://ista-in.org/retired) or call the Membership Resource Center at 844-ASK-ISTA (844-275-4782). You can also email me at [rellcessor@gmail.com](mailto:rellcessor@gmail.com) for information.

Thanks once again for making ISTA-Retired a strong 5,000+ membership category of ISTA!



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Information on ISTA-Retired chapters, officers, meeting locations and activities can be found on the ISTA website, [ista-in.org](http://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!**



### Beware of the grill!

As summer heats up, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is warning grillers to be careful. The NFPA reports that an average of 8,900 home fires were started each year between 2007 and 2013 by gas or charcoal grills.

Even in the best circumstances, accidents happen. The NFPA advises everyone to make sure the grill is working properly and review safety tips before firing

it up. It's extremely important to check gas canisters and hoses for cracks, breaks or leaks.

Make sure your home or apartment is fully protected with the right amount of insurance. Call a California Casualty advisor today at 800-800-9410 or visit [calcas.com](http://calcas.com) to get a policy review.



## 2018 ISTA-Retired Scholarship Recipients

With record setting fundraising, the ISTA-Retired Scholarship Committee was pleased to select three recipients to each receive a 2018 ISTA Foundation scholarship for \$1,712.46. Family members and ISTA Executive Director Dan Holub joined the ISTA-Retired State District Council July 19 for presentation of scholarships to the three winners: Janae Quinn (nominated by Shirley A. Moore), MaKenna Mikel (nominated by Patricia Carlson), and Dylan Johnson (nominated by Bentley Adams).

**Janae Quinn**, a senior at Western High School, wants to pursue a degree in secondary math education at IU-Kokomo.



She plans to follow in the footsteps of grandparents who are now retired, parents who are currently teaching and a sibling who is going to be teaching soon. Janae was involved with Drama Club, FFA and National Honor Society throughout high school. She volunteers for community service projects such as ALS fundraising, as well as raising money for leukemia and lymphoma patients.

**MaKenna Mikel** worked diligently throughout her years at Penn High School to overcome obstacles and stay true to



herself by not allowing social pressures to change her. Her freshman biology class inspired her to keep a notebook, which currently has over 50 pages of her own self-conducted research. MaKenna will continue her post-secondary education at IU-South Bend where she would like to study marine biology. She wishes for and enjoys variety in her life and is looking forward to exploring some of the unknown territory that the ocean has to offer.

**Dylan Johnson** attended Orleans Jr/Sr High School and plans to attend Purdue University in the fall to major in



Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management. He has grown up working on his family's farm and would like to manage the family business in the future. While in high school Dylan maintained a very busy schedule helping at his church, running cross country and playing basketball, while participating in 4H and FFA. Through all

this he maintained his GPA, received an Honors Diploma and graduated valedictorian of his class.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners and to all those who applied for the ISTA Foundation scholarships.

### Committed Fundraisers



Thanks to the efforts of Diane Singleton, Sarah Borgman, Al Wolting and Rod Elcessor for raising funds for scholarships at the ISTA Representative Assembly with the support and enthusiasm of every ISTA member.

## ISTA-Retired Membership Committee

The membership committee has met several times throughout the year focusing on gaining pre-retired members and ways to support active teachers and support personnel. Methods presented were liaison training and having multiple years to pay lifetime dues.



**Secretary of State  
Connie Lawson**



**Social Justice Session**

At the 2018 Summer Conference, ISTA-Retired members participated in an opening session presented by members of the retired executive committee. Another session focused on ISTA-Retired chapter officers. Chapter officers were given information and training on best practices to improve

membership. A bingo game was played showing benefits of being a retired member and all participants won a prize. Liaisons were trained on how to connect with active members at DISCO meetings and meeting with established active or newly elected presidents of locals. Any retired member can attend the Summer Conference. The only cost is your transportation. Rooms are based on double occupancy, so plan to attend the 2019 Summer Conference next June.

*Ginger Calhoun, Membership Committee Chair*

### Afternoon at Amish Acres Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018

Retired members, family, friends and neighbors are invited to join us for lunch and the comedy, Broadway play "Lend Me A Tenor" at Amish Acres in Nappanee. The \$26 per person cost includes the play and an all-you-can-eat family-style lunch, taxes and tip. There will be door prizes as well.

Make your reservations and plan to meet at 11:30 a.m. ET in the Restaurant Barn lobby for a Senior Thresher's dinner with the play following at 2 p.m. ET. There will be time for browsing/shopping if you come early and/or after lunch before the play.

Send checks payable to Jerry Ervin, 3602 S. Ironwood Dr., #111W, South Bend, IN 46614, with the form below. The **deadline** for checks to be received is **Oct. 9** and you must pay in advance to attend. For questions, contact Jerry at 574-231-1924 or jrervin007@gmail.com.

Sponsored by St. Joseph County and Elkhart County ISTA-Retired

#### COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ persons for "An afternoon at Amish Acres", Oct. 18, 2018.

E-mail for verification of receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations are due with payment BY Oct. 9, 2018**

## Our visit to Havana, Cuba



If you like history, Havana is a place to visit. Yes, there are hoops that you must jump through before the visit. We found the easiest way to see the city was to use a cruise line for travel and exploration. We took three tours offered by the ship that included Old Havana, Club Taberna and the city of Havana.

Old Havana walking tour highlights included the square of Saint Francis of Assisi, an aqueduct that was gravity driven and ran nine miles from outside the city, Ernest Hemingway's hotel in the 30's, remnants of the old city wall of Havana and a street made of oak in a square where the original founder of the revolution party lived in the 1800's. We even went to a local restaurant where we experienced a cigar, coffee and rum pairing!

In the evening, we visited the Café Taberna which is the first café in Havana dating back to 1772. The Buena Vista Social Club, an ensemble of musicians established in 1996 to revive the music of prerevolutionary Cuba, performed music of beloved Cuban musicians of yesteryear.

The next morning, we spent the day exploring Havana. Our first stop was the Conon Cemetery where over 500 Cuban filmmakers, politicians and baseball players are buried under elaborate marble gravestones. We then traveled to the Fusterlandia. Jose Rodriguez Fuster, the Picasso of the Caribbean, turned his home neighborhood into a masterpiece of intricate tilework and kaleidoscopic colors. The tour ended with Revolution square, the Capital Building and Almacenes San Jose, a craft market built in 1885.

The visit was amazing! It was not your typical Caribbean cruise. Seeing so many things not touched by time was wonderful.

*Karen Warble, Shelbyville, Indiana*

## Allen County Retired Chapter



members writing postcards

Allen County Retired Chapter met for lunch at Chops Restaurant May 10 with approximately 20 members present. We enthusiastically wrote postcards to our state legislators, opposing HB1315, which allowed Ball

State to operate Muncie City Schools. The bill not only takes away the mandate of local control of the school board, but also allows for no professional organization for the teachers. Both of these are threats to our public school system. Our postcards were posted overnight to the Indianapolis State House. Jackie Keating and I continued our efforts with North East Indiana Friends of Public Education's push to influence our representatives

through emails, phone calls and postcards that afternoon at FWEA. Unfortunately, our viewpoint was not heard. The bill passed the next Monday during the special session.

Our guest speaker Julie Edwards entertained us with her enthusiastic delivery of knowledge of orchids and their care. Her experience from teaching botany at Wayne High School was evident as she convinced many of us we had at least a sprout of a green thumb. Her method of transporting the orchids to her winter home in Florida and then back to Fort Wayne each spring made me want to take the journey with her! Many of us were lucky recipients of orchids and other beautiful potted flowers.



*Victoria Lomont, Fort Wayne, Indiana*

# 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.

## AUGUST 2018

- 9 4:30 p.m., Wabash Valley, Tour of Tippecanoe County Courthouse-meet in Sgt. Preston's parking lot, 6 N. 2nd St., proceed to courthouse, 20 N 3rd St. to meet guide for 5 p.m. tour - dinner and meeting at Sgt. Preston's following tour, 765-447-4390
- 14 11 a.m., CHMT, Dutch Cafe, Genealogy Presentation, 765-469-2298
- 14 11:30 a.m., REECI, Lunch-Bob Evans, 1417 W. McGalliard, Muncie, and then tour of Minnetrista exhibits-Dinosaur Discoveries & Chad Pregracke's Message in a Bottle Collection at 1200 N. Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, non-members \$5, 765-529-0735
- 16 11 a.m., 1-F Retired, Lunch-Italian Restaurant (formerly Bella Vitale), 2519 E. Center St., Warsaw (next to Wagon Wheel Playhouse), Matinee show "Freaky Friday" at Wagon Wheel following lunch with limited tickets, Cost—\$25, Reservations by Aug. 6 to Ginger (574-952-6491) or Jan (574-292-6624), No late registrations

## SEPTEMBER 2018

- 4 4 p.m., Vanderburgh County, Western Ribeye, 1401 N. Boeke Rd., Organizational meeting, door prizes, bring a friend, 812-598-1418
- 10 11 a.m., Blue River, Willow Leaves, 326 Jackson St., Hope (On the Square), Program—"What's Happening with ISTA-Retired?", 812-593-4546
- 13 11:30 a.m., Elkhart County, Judy Briganti's home, 316 Sunset Court, Wakarusa, "Discovering Joy in Practicing Healthy Choices"-members will share strategies for positively impacting physical & mental health during retirement, Bring a dish, Meat and beverages provided, 574-207-4488
- 13 12 p.m., Allen County, Sunshine Café, Legislative Update by Roni Embry, 260-602-7174
- 18 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph County, Southfield Village, Program—"Concerns and Issues about Immigration" by Richard Aguirre, Lunch \$10, RSVP Jerry Ervin, 574-231-1924 or jrervin007@gmail.com
- 20 11:30 a.m., 1-F Retired, REMC, 11299 12th Rd, Plymouth, "Make It & Take It" Santa holiday decoration that lights up (paint a glass cube), \$20 cost includes meal and supplies, Contact Ginger (574-952-6491) or Jan (574-292-6624) if you plan to attend
- 20 11:30 a.m., Lake County, Innsbrook Country Club, 6701 Taft St., Merrillville, Program—2018 Tax Law Changes, 219-794-4672
- 20 11:30 a.m., Sullivan County, Henry Bobe's Trattoria Italiano, 943 N Section St., Sullivan, Program—Art at Bobe's Italiano and Sullivan Art Guild Museum-Presenter Sharon Hayward-Hawk on the Sullivan Art Gallery, located on the west side of the square in Sullivan, and art work for sale at Bobe's-trip to Sullivan Art Gallery follows the program, 812-243-0609

## OCTOBER 2018

- 1 11 a.m., Greater Indianapolis, Lunch at Tick Tock Lounge, 2602 E. 10th St., Indianapolis, Program-Tours of Teachers Treasures, 1800 E. 10th St., 317-257-4737
- 4 11 a.m., 1-F Retired, Ginger Calhoun's house, 31 EMST 42B Lane, Leesburg, political action day, write postcards and plan what you can do to help elect pro public education people, Lunch provided, Call 574-952-6491 for more information/directions
- 8 11 a.m., Blue River, Story Inn, 604 State Rd 135 S, Nashville, Program—Visit Story Inn and Nashville for a day, 812-593-4546
- 8 12 p.m., Posey County, Hawg n' Sauce, Program – Jerry King, WW1 Centennial, 812-401-6423
- 9 11:30 a.m., Vanderburgh County, ISTA/NEA office, 701 John St., Evansville, Program—Power Yoga, Bring your own lunch, 812-598-1418
- 9 5:30 p.m., CHMT, Oriental King, Program—Troy Bower "We All Have Disabilities", 765-469-2298
- 9 6 p.m., REECI, Stacks, 510 S. Memorial Dr., New Carlisle, joint meeting with East Central Chapter, 765-529-0735
- 17 11:30 a.m., Warrick County, Archie and Clyde's-lunch from menu on your own, Program—"Senior Connections-What Changes to Expect from Medicare This Year", 812-853-2136
- 18 11:30 a.m., Elkhart County  
St. Joseph County  
Wabash Valley  
1-F Retired  
Amish Acres, Nappanee, Indiana, Dinner and Play "Lend Me a Tenor", Cost-\$26, RSVP to Jerry Ervin 575-231-1924 by Oct. 9
- 25 10:30 a.m., Wabash Valley, Tippecanoe County Library, 627 South St., Lafayette, Program—"What happens after dialing 911?", Paramedic Dana Weslocki to review unexpected emergency requiring call to 911/circumstance permitting, ambulance will be toured to relate the level of EMT preparedness, Short meeting follows lunch at East Grill Restaurant, 1016 Main St., Lafayette, 765-447-4390

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