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The Chalkboard

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ISTA Foundation specialty license plate available to purchase

The new ISTA Foundation specialty license plate is now available at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). The specialty plate fee is \$40 with \$25 coming back to the ISTA Foundation. As ISTA-Retired was instrumental in the success of this state approved specialty plate, the ISTA Foundation Retired Scholarship will receive the first \$5,000 each year for Retired scholarships. When you purchase a plate, you'll pay the normal registration fees and taxes.

Support student success with your purchase of the specialty plate.

RETIRED AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications must be submitted on the ISTA website at ista-in.org/scholarships-awards.

Nomination Deadlines:

- ⇒ March 1, 2026 — David Hanna Golden Touch Award
- ⇒ April 1, 2026 — ISTA Foundation Retired Scholarship

ISTA Days of Action (In-person Lobby Days)

Sign-up online at <https://www.ista-in.org/our-advocacy/advocacy-events> and participate at the 2026 Days of Action. The designated ISTA-Retired Lobby Day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3. The last two Days of Action are scheduled for Tuesday, February 17 and a tentative day on *Tuesday, February 24*. Help ISTA advocate for public educators and public education.

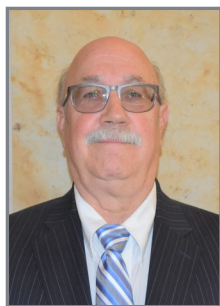
Days of Action Schedule

Sign-in is 10 a.m.

Briefings start at 10:30 a.m. Last approximately 45 minutes

Lunch at noon

From the Chair



Rod Ellcessor, ISTA-Retired State Chair

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with your family. My wife and I have just returned from our annual holiday visit to the Carolinas with our daughters and their families. As you see the design of the new ISTA Foundation specialty license plate was approved and is now available at the BMV. We encourage everyone to support our students and the

ISTA Foundation by getting our specialty plate.

The Legislature began early in December to redistrict the Congressional Districts and is now back in session. The aim is to complete the session by the end of February. There are two thirteenth check bills, HB 1145 and SB 63, sponsored by Representative Karickhoff and Senator Niezgodski, respectively. HB 1145 passed unanimously out of the Ways and Means Committee and is now up for a vote in the House.

You should have received or will soon receive the *ISTA Advocate* which includes the ballots for the ISTA and NEA Representative Assembly delegates. Please make sure that you carefully follow the instructions and return your ballot at the earliest possible time. The U.S. Postal Service has changed the postmarked date procedures, and this could affect the deadline date.

I hope to see many of you this year and wish you an inspiring, successful New Year. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your membership in ISTA and if you are not a member of a retired chapter, I encourage you to become a chapter member. You can contact me at rellcessor@gmail.com for more information and chapter locations.



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Rod Ellcessor, State Chair
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!



NEA Pet Insurance Program

The NEA Pet Insurance Program provides quality and affordable pet insurance. It is offered and administered by Pets Best Insurance. You can choose from plans that cover accidents, illness and/or routine care.

To get more information, get a quote, or enroll, visit neamb.com or call 1-877-738-7237 if you prefer speaking to a Pets Best representative directly.

Know your Officers Member-At-Large Deb Marcum



If your father is school Athletic Director and your mother elementary school librarian, the chance of your entering the education profession might very well increase. By the time Deb Marcum was in middle school, she was telling everyone she wanted to do nothing but teach social studies and coach cheerleading.

She obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees at Ball State and taught secondary school for 40 years. Deb was always thrilled to see a former student become a teacher; one even worked right across the hall from her.

Deb met Joseph, her husband of 47 years, while attending Ball State, and they have two daughters and a one-year-old granddaughter. The Marcums like to travel and have been to Italy, Germany, Ireland, England, and France to name a few. They already have their next trip planned to Amsterdam, Luxembourg, and Belgium. Deb has collected Christmas ornaments from various countries, cities, and special events and has a specific tree for them every year so she can reminisce on her travels.

Many of Deb's free time activities involve attending sporting events, particularly high school events. However, they do hold season tickets for the

professional volleyball team, the Indy Ignite. She is also an avid work-out participant.

At the beginning of her professional career, no one asked Deb to join the Association. It wasn't until the Noblesville Teachers' Forum negotiated a married teachers insurance benefit for which they qualified that they decided to join the Association. About 2000, her building representative left and asked her to take that position. She was also part of the negotiating team, as was her husband; this Deb really liked to do! Eventually when the Noblesville local president stepped down, Deb agreed to take over the presidency. She also served on the ISTA Board of Directors.

Today Deb serves as the At-Large member on the ISTA-Retired Council, as ISTA-Retired Communication Chair, and as president of her Noblesville Retired Chapter. When asked what keeps her involved in the Association, she wants to continue to be knowledgeable, especially in the political realm.

When asked her outlook for the future, Deb feels doing the right thing is extremely important. Patience and fortitude are her guiding words. Her knowledge, willingness to serve, and enthusiasm give ISTA-Retired a good helping hand. Thank you, Deb, for your service.

Join your elected leaders

You probably are not aware that every time the ISTA-Retired Council meets, a silent auction is held for one of the following: ISTA Retired Scholarship, I-PACE, or the NEA Fund. Yes, every meeting! Members bring items for the bidding...anything goes but all items start at \$15.00. To understand the dynamics of these auctions, consider these figures. So far in the 2025-26 Association year, these auctions have netted \$1,257.02 for the scholarship, \$705.00 for I-PACE, and \$2,385.00 for the NEA Fund. The latter begins as soon as the NEA RA ends in July so that period for fund-raising starts earlier.

Please join your leadership in contributing to these vitally important fund-raisers. Conduct a fund-raiser at your retired local chapter or at the active District Council if you're a representative there, send an auction item with your ISTA-Retired Council member, or go online and give to the ISTA-Retired Scholarship, I-PACE. and the NEA Fund.

<https://givebutter.com/ISTARetiredScholarship>

<https://ipace-in.org/donate>

<https://educationvotes.nea.org/donate/>



More than a trip – a new chapter and adventure!

Travelogue-Part 1

After years of calendars, bells, and lesson plans, my retirement celebration and our belated honeymoon finally gave us time to slow down and savor an adventure. We began our journey in one of our favorite cities, Venice. It was the perfect way to begin this new chapter, with curiosity, gratitude, and just a little wanderlust.

We rented through Airbnb for three days, and it reminded me why teachers are such good observers—we loved feeling like temporary locals. Staying in a residential neighborhood led to cozy restaurants and bakeries many tourists never find and gave a real sense of life beyond the postcards. Watching Venice slowly wake up—gondoliers preparing their boats and shop owners opening doors and greeting neighbors—was especially memorable. There was something magical about seeing daily life unfold in such a historic place, and it reminded us how much beauty can be found in simply slowing down and paying attention. Another highlight was an entirely hands-on cooking class through Airbnb Experiences. At our host Rosa's home, we made fresh pasta, prepared vegetables, and crafted a tiramisù that was without doubt the best I have ever eaten. On our last day, we took a train to Trieste to board the Holland America *Oosterdam* cruise ship.

Our first port of call was the next morning at Rijeka, Croatia. We toured Trsat Castle and enjoyed a walking tour of the old town. As we passed a school, what struck me most was how completely unfazed the students were—both outside and in classrooms with open windows—as waves of tourists passed by. Life and learning simply carried on, a quiet reminder that no matter where we are in the world, schools remain places of focus, routine, and resilience.

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A hidden gem on our journey was our second port of call, the charming city of Korčula, Croatia. We decided to explore on our own and found the old town is built on a hill, with winding alleyways of stairs and a main street that does not neatly bisect the city but instead zigzags its way up one side and down the other. This clever design blocks cold winter winds, while the herringbone pattern of the side streets helps temper the heat of the midday sun. Some alleys were residential, while others opened into beautiful shops. We purchased our first piece of art from the trip—a stunning three-dimensional piece made from wood the artist had collected from the sea. We ended our time in Korčula with a wonderful al fresco lunch by the water, soaking in the view and the moment.

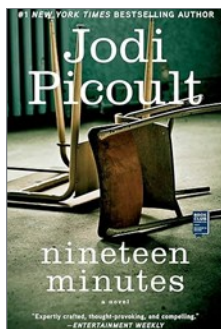
Our next port was Santorini, Greece, and the iconic whitewashed buildings topped with vivid blue roofs did not disappoint. Our excursion began with a bus ride to the highest point, where we toured the village Oia. From there, we traveled on to Santorini itself, which was extremely crowded with tourists. Still, we made a point to visit a lovely Catholic church before heading down the cliff via the funicular. Neither of us was tempted to tackle the many stairs on foot—or by donkey—so the funicular was an easy choice!

The most moving and meaningful experience of the trip was our visit to the Virgin Mary's House in Ephesus. This Catholic shrine is believed to be the place where Mary spent the final years of her life. I was not fully prepared for the emotions that came with standing in a space connected to people I have read about so many times in the Bible. The excavations of the ancient city of Ephesus were equally breathtaking. Walking those streets, so rich with stories and faith, felt like a true blessing and was a moment I will carry with me long after the journey ended.

Due to high winds in Mykonos, Greece, we had extra time in Istanbul, Turkey. This incredible city sits in both Europe and Asia and is unlike anywhere I have ever been, with mosque domes dotting the skyline in every direction. On our first evening, Tony and I joined cruise friends to explore the city and search for the Grand

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Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult



Book Review

I have never read a book written by Jodi Picoult before, but when I discovered the book was on the banned list, I just had to see what it was all about. The book is titled *Nineteen Minutes* because that is how long it takes a student to commit the school shooting. The story is set in a small New Hampshire town where Peter Houghton, a bullied student, kills several of his classmates. The relationship between the characters is complex and you need a score card sometimes to keep it all straight. There's Josie, a former friend of Peter, who at one time was close to him, but no longer is because she has

joined the "cool" group by dating the popular, athlete Matt. After the shooting occurs a secret is revealed about Peter's deceased brother. A lot of circumstances prevail. For instance, will Josie's mother, who is the local judge, preside over Peter's trial? Does Josie discover who her father is and why he abandoned her mother? What will become of Peter? Read the book and find out for yourself. Personally, I couldn't put it down until I found out what happened to each character. The book leaves you wondering what you would do if you were in their shoes. This isn't a new book; in fact, it was published in 2007 and was #1 on the New York Times bestseller list.

Jan Hayes, Hamlet, Indiana

1-F Retired chapter meetings

October 2025 At the October meeting 1-F Retired chapter members toured Warsaw Cut Glass in Warsaw, IN. Warsaw Cut Glass Company is known for its traditional hand-cut crystal. It is one of the last of its kind in the United States, using original machinery and techniques since 1911. They offer custom glass etching and cutting services creating unique handcrafted pieces with intricate designs and even provide hands-on-workshops where customers can etch their own glassware. The company is locally owned and has preserved its heritage through multiple generations, making it a significant part of local tourism and craftsmanship. Members were given the opportunity to shop while a small group toured the factory. It's amazing to think that machinery over 100 years old is still functioning and being used to create beautiful, intricate designs on glassware yet.



Craftsman cutting glass with original machinery to create intricate design.

November 2025 Members attended presentation of the 1st Source Bank program



"Scams, Fraud, Medicare and Social Security" at Marshall County R.E.M.C. in Plymouth, IN. Common scams to watch for are phishing, quishing, and check fraud. Here's what each scam term means: phishing - emails/texts with urgent threats, generic greeting, or links to fake sites; quishing - scams using QR codes that lead to malicious sites or unauthorized payments; and check fraud - stolen or altered

checks. What can you do to protect yourself? Report immediately any suspicious activity on your card by calling the number on your card. Change your passwords, use strong security questions, and enable multi-factor authentication. Be skeptical of communications. Don't click links or open attachments from unknown senders. Watch for urgency, generic greetings, and grammar errors. Use card controls. Lock your card in the app if it's lost or you suspect fraud. Monitor activity - regularly review transactions and set up alerts. Report to the authorities - file reports with IdentityTheft.gov and local police.



ISTA Staff Retired Coordinator Report

Thank you for all that you are doing. I have enjoyed visiting committee meetings and chapter meetings. Everyone always embraces me with warmth and enthusiasm. You certainly know how to make someone feel welcome!

Here are some of the things that are happening -

State Legislature

The 2026 legislative “short” session began in December of 2025. Indiana statute dictates an even year session must begin no later than the second Monday of January and must end by March 14. Due to this year’s early start date, the session is expected to end by the end of February.

As mentioned earlier in this issue, there are two Thirteenth check bills moving through the legislature, HB 1145 authored by Rep. Mike Karickhoff-R, Kokomo and SB 63 authored by Dave Niezgodski, D-South Bend. Both bills would ensure that recipients receive the customary 13th check amount by October 1, 2026. The amounts are:

- \$150 for at least 5 years and less than 10 years of service.
- \$275 for at least 10 years and less than 20 years of service.
- \$375 for at least 20 years and less than 30 years of service.
- \$450 for at least 30 years of service.

ISTA-Foundation License Plate

Congratulations to the ISTA-Retired for your efforts securing the ISTA Foundation license plate to support the funding of student scholarships. A special shoutout to Terry Tafflinger, Rod Ellcessor, Jan Hayes, and Ginger Calhoun for their efforts.

Roni Embry, ISTA Staff Retired Coordinator

Hamilton County

Hamilton County Chapter met on Nov. 11 for their quarterly meeting. Attendees enjoyed lunch, shared tributes to veterans that members knew personally, and conducted a business meeting on the square in Noblesville at Grindstone's Public House. Participants then walked over to the Historic Hamilton County Jail and Museum. Did you know that the jail once housed D.C. Stephenson, head of the Ku Klux Klan? His guilty verdict was delivered in the Hamilton County Courthouse and began the decline of the Klan. If you want to learn more, read *Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan. Did you know that Charles Manson was housed in the jail as a

teenager? The tour guide provided informative stories and background. Many members left before the photo was taken, but all present enjoyed the unusually cold November day honoring veterans and learning of the history of the county jail.



More than a trip—continued

Bazaar, making several purchases—including a pair of shoes for me. The next day, our excursion took us to Topkapi Palace, the Byzantine Hagia Sophia, and the Hippodrome, once home to gladiator fights and chariot races and still featuring an Egyptian obelisk dating back to 3000 BC. The Blue Mosque was the highlight—despite its immense size, the architecture and color create a serene sense of reverence that is truly special. Although the Grand Bazaar was closed on Sunday, we visited the Spice Market, overflowing with vibrant colors, fragrant spices, and irresistible sweets (which we absolutely sampled). At night, Istanbul becomes a dazzling blend of old and new, with modern buildings glowing in bold hues and historic mosques illuminated to showcase their domes and towers.

In part two, the journey continues to Greece and Egypt.

Keith Gambill, Vanderburgh County Chapter

Rosa's Tiramisù Recipe from Keith Gambill

6 eggs
6 tablespoons of sugar
500g mascarpone cheese
Freshly brewed coffee (preferably made with a moka pot)
Ladyfingers
Cocoa powder (for dusting)

Prepare the Egg Mixture: Separate the egg whites from the yolks into two different bowls. Add 4 tablespoons of sugar to the egg whites and beat until stiff peaks form. In another bowl, mix the egg yolks with the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar until well combined.

Combine with Mascarpone: Gently fold the mascarpone cheese into the egg yolk mixture until smooth and well blended. Carefully fold the beaten egg whites into the mascarpone mixture, ensuring you maintain a light and airy texture.

Assemble the Tiramisu: Start by spreading a layer of mascarpone cream mixture at the bottom of your serving dish. Quickly dip the ladyfingers into the fresh coffee, making sure they are soaked but not soggy, and layer them over the cream. Dust a light layer of cocoa powder over the soaked ladyfingers. Repeat the layers, finishing with a layer of the mascarpone cream on top.

Chill: Cover the dish and refrigerate overnight to allow the flavors to meld and the dessert to set. Before serving, dust the top layer generously with cocoa powder. Enjoy your homemade Tiramisu!

Vanderburgh County

ISTA-Retired Vanderburgh County 2025 Christmas gathering. Such a fun and enjoyable day. Good food, conversation, and highlighted by the beautiful singing voice of our dear friend, local businessman, Jordan Duncan.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful 2026!



ISTA-RETIRED ZONE 2 COORDINATOR AND ZONE 5 COORDINATOR ELECTION PROCEDURES

Below are the three-year term election procedures for the Zone 2 Coordinator and Zone 5 Coordinator effective 8/1/2026-7/31/2029. These procedures have been developed by the ISTA-Retired Executive Committee and approved by the ISTA-Retired District Council.

The guidelines are as follows:

NOMINATION RULES

1. There will be a period of open nominations of candidates for Zone 2 Coordinator and Zone 5 Coordinator (terms stated above and below).
2. Only ISTA-Retired members residing or belonging to a chapter in Zone 2 and Zone 5 who have retired from their education positions and whose membership forms have been processed by ISTA by December 2026 are eligible for nomination of the open positions listed above at their respective March 2026 meetings.
3. The **Retired Petition for Nominations** and the **Election Procedures for 8/1/2026-7/31/2029 terms** will be printed in the February/March issue of the retired newsletter, *The Chalkboard*, and posted on the retired page of the ISTA website.
4. Nomination petition forms printed in the February/March issue of the retired newsletter, *The Chalkboard*, may be cut out or copied from *The Chalkboard*. The form must be signed by the nominee. ISTA will verify your membership ID number. Nominees may list three qualifications and any such statements must be six words.
5. The petition of nomination must be returned to the Office of ISTA-Retired, Attn: ISTA-Retired Candidate Nomination, 150 W. Market St., Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2875, and must be postmarked on or before **midnight, February 16, 2026, or hand-delivered no later than February 16, 2026, 4:30 p.m. ET to the office of ISTA-Retired.**
6. Persons whose nominations are received by the Office of ISTA-Retired, as stipulated above, shall constitute the properly certified nominees.

CAMPAIGN RULES

1. Following the close of the nominations on **February 16, 2026**, the names of all candidates and three listed qualifications will be printed and provided for the elections by eligible chapter representatives at the respective Zone 2 and Zone 5 meetings in March 2026.
2. No dues money—local, district, state or national—may be used to promote the candidacy of an individual or groups of individuals running for office.

ELECTION RULES

1. The election for Zone 2 Coordinator and Zone 5 Coordinator **shall be conducted at the respective Zone 2 and Zone 5 meetings in March 2026.** The election rules will also be posted on the ISTA website and included in the February/March ISTA-Retired newsletter, *The Chalkboard*.
2. Each of the Zone Chapter's four officers or four designated chapter representatives in attendance at the March 2026 Zone 2 and Zone 5 meetings shall be the voting members. In Zone Coordinator elections, the retired chapter officers or designated chapter representatives attending the March Zone meeting are only eligible to vote for candidates in the zone where they reside or belong as retired members.
3. Ballots will be provided by the office of ISTA-Retired for the Zone 2 and Zone 5 Coordinator elections to be conducted at their respective March 2026 meetings.
4. The names will be placed on the ballot in the order determined by drawing from a common receptacle by the designated retired staff with appropriate witnesses.
5. Each ballot shall contain a list of the properly certificated candidates. No other information about candidates may be legally included on the ballot.
6. Each eligible chapter representative may vote for one Zone Coordinator candidate for their respective zone. Any ballot on which more votes appear than the total allowed shall not be counted.
7. **An officer of the state council or designee will provide all Zone ballots, a written report of the election results and the official registration document with names and addresses of the eligible voting chapter members for each Zone to the office of ISTA-Retired, Attn: ISTA-Retired Zone Coordinator Election, 150 West Market Street, Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2875, within five days of the Zone election.**
8. Only those official ballots meeting shall be counted.

(ELECTION PROCEDURES CONTINUED)

9. The ballots shall be impounded by ISTA for two (2) years.

CHALLENGE RULES

- Any challenge to these rules or any activity or result governed by them shall be submitted in writing to the chair of the ISTA-Retired Statewide District Council, in care of the Indiana State Teachers Association, 150 W. Market St., Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2875, by **March 16, 2026**.
- If necessary, the ISTA-Retired Statewide District Council Executive Committee will meet as soon as possible after receiving such challenge to review and act upon any submitted challenges. Any executive committee member who is a candidate for a position involved in a challenge shall be ineligible to participate as an executive committee member in the pertinent deliberations.
- The chair of the ISTA-Retired Statewide District Council will notify the appropriate party of the action of the executive committee.

RETIRED PETITION FOR NOMINATION**Retired Election for Zone 2 (2026-2029) and Zone 5 (2026-2029) Coordinator Candidates**

I hereby declare my eligibility and candidacy for (select one):

- ☐ ISTA-Retired Zone 2 Coordinator
- ☐ ISTA-Retired Zone 5 Coordinator

NOTE: Only ISTA-Retired members residing or belonging to a chapter in Zone 2 and Zone 5 are eligible to participate.

Candidate Information (This information is required.)

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

ISTA ID#: _____ Local Chapter: _____

Home Mailing Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (circle one) home cell _____

Home email: _____

You may list three Association activities. Each statement must be **six words or fewer**.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

SEND TO: Office of ISTA-Retired

ATTN: ISTA-RETIRED ZONE COORDINATOR CANDIDATE NOMINATION

150 W. Market St., Suite 900

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Signature of Nominee

Date

Must be post-marked on or before midnight February 16, 2026, or hand-delivered by 4:30 p.m. ET on the same date. Please write "ISTA-RETIRED CANDIDATE NOMINATION" on your envelope.

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.

FEBRUARY 2026

- 10 11 a.m., CHMT, Dutch Café, 6639 US 31 S, Peru, IN, Legislative Update by Staff, (765) 469-2298.
- 24 11:a.m., 1-F Retired, Marshall County REMC, 11299 12th Rd., Plymouth, IN, “Make Your Own Vanilla & How Quick is Lunch with an Instant Pot?” — Brenda Baker to present and demonstrate cooking our lunch in instant pots, cost: \$20.00, RSVP by Feb. 17 to Ginger Calhoun at gingercalhoun2@gmail.com / (574) 952-6491 or Jan Hayes at hayesjt2012@gmail.com / (574) 292-6624.

MARCH 2026

- 2 TBD, Posey County, Evansville Wartime Museum. Contact chapter leadership for details and time, (812) 205-7671.
- 3 11 a.m., 1-B Retired, Valparaiso UniServ Office, 2400 Cumberland Dr., Valparaiso, Jamie Frankhauser — Bun’s Soapbox Presentation and/or Soap Making session, lunch meeting to follow at Picante Mexican Cuisine, 454 S. Greenwich St., Valparaiso, IN, (219) 241-5463.
- 10 11 a.m., Hamilton County, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum—contact chapter leadership for details and time, (574) 292-6624.
- 10 11:30 a.m., Vanderburgh County, ISTA/NEA Building, 701 John St., Evansville, IN, Program — “Health and Fitness”, (812) 598-1418.
- 12 12 p.m., Allen County, Gigi’s Playhouse, 6081 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN, catered lunch, presentation about this non-profit by Kim Jones, (260)402-6820.
- 14 5:30 p.m., CHMT, PASTArrific, 3001 S. Webster St., Kokomo, IN, “Active Local Presidents”, (765) 469-2298.
- 14 2 p.m., Elkhart County, “Conversation, Games and Appetizers” at Jim & Mary Rasp’s home on the river, 3994 E. Jackson Blvd., Elkhart, IN, (574) 304-1062.
- 17 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph County, lunch and tour of St. Margret’s house, day center for women and children at 117 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN, lunch at 11:45 a.m. ET for \$5.00. You may join the tour only at 12:45 p.m. ET. Donations of toiletries and feminine care products are appreciated. RSVP to Mary Dentino by March 10 at (574) 287-8575 or dentinosb@aol.com

April, 2026

- 9 10:30 a.m., Wabash Valley, Area IV Agency on Aging, 660 N. 36th St., Lafayette, Saedie Spikes presents information about the agency including resources and local services available for the aging community, lunch and meeting following presentation at Cheddar’s Scratch Kitchen, 91 N. 36th St., Lafayette, IN, (765) 421-7238.
- TBD 1-F Retired will have meeting in April. Chapter leadership will notify members time and place.

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

Retired Delegate Elections

Ballots with instructions will be in the winter issue of the *ISTA Advocate* to elect our NEA RA and ISTA RA retired delegates for 2026 and 2027. Participate and return your completed ballot.

Every vote makes a difference!