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The Chalkboard

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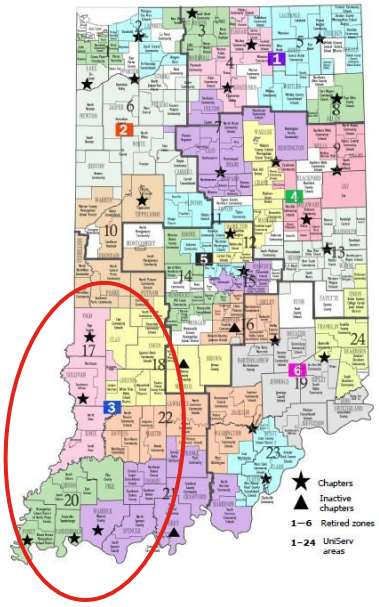
ISTA-Retired Zone 3 Spring Meeting Informs and Connects Members



ISTA-Retired Zone Coordinators

Zone 1 Jerry Ervin
Zone 2 Jan Hayes
Zone 3 Kathy Parks
Zone 4 Rosemary Moore
Zone 5 Roger Sharp
Zone 6 Karen Warble

The six zone coordinators of ISTA-Retired provide resources/information for the development and growth of retired chapters by Zone throughout the state.

ISTA-Retired Zone 3 leaders met in Vincennes on March 27 at Montana Mike's restaurant. Zone 3 welcomed ISTA-Retired Chair Rod Ellcessor, ISTA Board Member Nate Schnellenberger, Chapter Representatives Steve Grannan, Barb Rotramel, Fran Riley, Mary Ann Young and guest Sarah Ellcessor to share food and information pertinent to our mission of service to members and public education. Information included:

Legislative Updates

Rod related progress in the recent legislative session toward a possible cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) structure in the future based on work by Sen. Greg Walker (R—Columbus) and Sen. Karen Tallian (D–Portage) via SB 373. There is still much work to do, but our advocacy may net positive results for members in the future. We were reassured that the so-called "13th Check" for this September will be sent as planned. He also reported that there will be a special session this May, which could see a return to the discussion of the Ball State takeover of Muncie public schools that failed in the regular session, so we must stand ready to assert pressure to support our Muncie colleagues.

ISTA-Retired Elections

ISTA-Retired elections have just concluded. As a result of recent elections, our ISTA RA delegation will be filled and powerful, our NEA-Retired Annual Meeting/RA delegations are set to represent members this summer, and all state positions are filled. Rod also explained the need to address our process to maintain fair elections in a fiscally responsible manner.

ISTA Summer Conference

This year's ISTA Summer Conference will have meaningful content for both pre-retired and retired members regarding ISTA-Retired services and advocacy opportunities, so all are encouraged to take advantage of the event.

Networking

All chapters represented at our meeting shared what members are doing locally, so we all left better informed and ready to continue our shared goals knowing we are united and caring partners in service to members and public education.

Kathy Parks, Haubstadt
ISTA-Retired Zone 3 Coordinator

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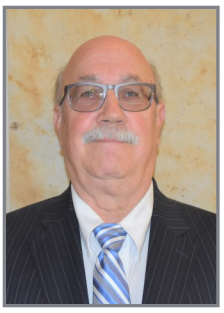
From the Chair



Rod Ellcessor, ISTA-Retired State Chair

The 2018 legislature has ended. Probably the most pernicious bill was HB 1315. This bill would have given control of the Muncie schools to Ball State University and the Gary Schools to an emergency manager appointed by the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (DUAB). The bill died following the end of the legislature. However, the governor has called for a special session in May and part or the entire bill is targeted to reappear. If passed in the special session, it will allow DUAB to identify other school corporations in the state that are in bad financial situations after four years and begin actions. The most damaging part of this bill would remove local control of the elected school board, and in the Muncie case, not require recognition of a teachers' association or require collective bargaining. Stay tuned, and we will keep you updated.

For we retirees SB 373, sponsored by Sen. Greg Walker (R—Columbus), was passed and signed by the governor. The bill creates supplemental allowance reserve accounts, which establishes a process of paying post-retirement benefit increases, thirteenth checks and other benefit changes or adjustments granted by the General Assembly. It can also pay a COLA if certain financial thresholds are met. We are cautiously optimistic and hope this will begin a process that improves our livelihood. Your advocacy leadership on this bill made it a reality. Thanks to Sen. Walker for caring about retirees.

The ISTA-Retired Executive Committee has decided to conduct a full review of our election procedures. In the recent election, we mailed over five thousand nomination forms and received 31 nominees. The election cost is around eight thousand dollars. The committee will begin an analysis of what could be more effective and efficient. We will keep you abreast of any possible changes.

The ISTA Summer Conference will be held June 14—15. The retired Membership Committee is providing training for retired chapter liaisons and chapter officers with a grant from NEA to develop better connections between retired chapter liaisons and active members' district councils. The goal is to grow our pre-retired membership.

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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!***

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NEA Auto & Home Insurance Program

Request a quote for home and auto insurance through NEA Member Benefits. Members save an average of $495 per year on auto insurance.

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2018 ISTA-Retired Election Results

Election ballots were tallied with the following results:

ISTA Representative Assembly (RA) Delegates (32) (29 eligible)

Robert G. Barcus	Tim Duncan	Damon P. Moore	Steve Tafflinger
Sarah Borgman	Rod Ellcessor	Rosemary Hipskind Moore	Theresa Tafflinger
Judith Briganti	Sarah Ellcessor	Kathy A. Parks	Steve Tevebaugh
Deborah K. Brogan	Gerald "Jerry" Ervin	Maryann Pollard	Karen S. Warble
Saundra Brown	Janet T. Hayes	Mara-Le Quarles	Carolyn M. Yates
Ginger Lee Calhoun	Debra L. Marcum	Barbara Rotramel	
James R. Clauser	Duane E. Miller	Nate Schnellenberger	
Franklin L. Denton	Mattie S. Miller	Roger Sharp	

Alternates – Don Mann, Rudolph B. Nichols, Elden (Al) Wolting, Terry R. Brendel and Peggy Boyd

NEA RA and NEA-Retired Annual Meeting Delegates (6)

Nate Schnellenberger	Damon P. Moore	Kathy A. Parks
Sarah E. Borgman	Roger Sharp	Saundra Brown

Alternates – Duane E. Miller, Mattie S. Miller, Steve Tafflinger, Rosemary Hipskind Moore, Ginger Lee Calhoun, Janet T. Hayes, Gerald "Jerry" Ervin, Carolyn M. Yates, Theresa Tafflinger, Deborah K. Brogan, Barbara Rotramel and Karen S. Warble

Issues & Concerns

Kathy A. Parks

Professional Practice & Standards

Theresa Tafflinger

Zone 2 Coordinator

Janet T. Hayes

Zone 3 Coordinator

Kathy Parks

Zone 6 Coordinator

Karen S. Warble

ISTA-Retired was represented by total of 32 delegates (with assigned alternates) at the ISTA RA in April. Congratulations to all!

Retired Attends NEA Summit

The NEA Summit was held March 16—19 at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago. The NEA-Retired Conference began March 18. The conference was divided into six strands—advocacy, business, communication, governance & leadership, organizing and leading our profession. Participants attended sessions relating to strands. The keynote speaker was Eric Lou, founder and CEO of Citizen University. Participants to the summit will be sharing information about sessions with retired members in upcoming meetings.

Participants included: seated - Kathy & Roger Sharp, Rod Ellcessor, Nate Schnellenberger; standing - Steve & Terry Tafflinger, Jan Hayes, Ginger Calhoun.

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Auditorium Dedicated to Kathy Parks

Kathy Parks with former students Becky Hirsch, professional producer and Adam Bledsoe, producer-director of Gibson Southern Theatre

Kathy Parks was recently honored by the dedication of the Gibson Southern High School auditorium. Kathy launched the thriving Gibson Southern Theatre program in 1974. The dedication plaque now resides as a permanent part of the auditorium. Congratulations Kathy on your well-deserved honor**!**

IEA Human Rights Recognition Luncheon

ISTA leaders attended the Indianapolis Education Association's (IEA) Human Rights luncheon held at the Madame Walker Theatre Center on Feb. 3. ISTA President Teresa Meredith and Executive Director Dan Holub led ISTA's members. IEA holds this event annually to honor outstanding minority leaders. IEA President Rhondalyn Cornett conducted the program, introducing guests and speakers.

ISTA staff and members, including Teresa Meredith, Joanne Solomon, Sarah Ellcessor, Saundra Brown, Myrtle Bryant, Jerry Solomon, Rod Ellcessor, Al Wolting and Dan Holub

Recipe Corner

Beef Stew—Slow Cooker

1 quart water
1 package onion soup mix
1 can mushroom soup
6 small potatoes, cut up
2 carrots, peeled and cut up
2 stalks of celery, cut up
1—2 lbs. cube steak or stew meat
1 tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
salt and pepper

Add water, onion soup mix, and mushroom soup to crock pot.
Mix in potatoes, carrots, celery, and Worcestershire Sauce. Place meat on top. Salt and pepper to taste.

Cook on low heat 8—10 hours. Increase amount of water if you want more broth.

What's Cooking Teach Recipe Booklet, 1975, ISTA

ISTA-Retired Around the State

Retired members are busy across the state fundraising and participating—Northern and Southern Advocacy Conferences, Good Teaching Conference, Outreach to Teach, NEA Summit and more.

Good Teaching Conference—Noblesville

Northern Advocacy Conference—Ft. Wayne

Outreach to Teach—Sunny Heights Elementary School

1-F Retired Chapter Meeting a Hopping Success

At 1-F Retired meeting on March 15 in Plymouth, members participated in cardio drums and made edible treats.

(L-R) Debbie Calhoun, Carol Beach, LifePlex Drums Instructor Cindy Riester, Nancy Carmichael, Kathy Zentz, Michelle Blough and Susan Thimlar

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 2018

3 Warrick County, work day, no meeting, Mary Ann Young 812-853-2136

8 TBD, Hamilton County, Location—TBA, NEA Member Benefits presentation, 317-877-6000

8 11:30 a.m., ISTA/NEA-Retired Chapter of Northeast Indiana, Parkview LaGrange Hospital Café, topic-Politics with guest speaker, 260-367-1069

8 11:30 a.m., Sullivan County, lunch at La Carreta Mexican Restaurant, 630 Kimmel Rd, Vincennes, Tour of Red Skelton Museum-no cost to members, 812-243-0609

9 11:30 a.m., JAWS, Corner Depot, Bluffton, Program-Theresa Rody, Naturalist, Ouabache State Park, 260-692-6726

10 12 p.m., Allen County, Chops, 6412 W. Jefferson, Ft. Wayne, program "Let's Talk Orchids" presented by Julie Edwards, 260-602-7174

15 10:15 a.m., East Central, Kennedy Public Library, Community Room, "Chapter Celebration"/planning meeting, 765-748-9801

16 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph County, Southfield Village, Miami Trail, lunch $10.00, "Play Ball" presentation by South Bend Cubs, local elections, 574-231-1924

17 10 a.m., 1-B Retired, Tour Taltree Arboretum, 450 W. 100th North, Valparaiso, lunch—TBD, 219-464-9466

17 10 a.m., 1-F Retired, Tour Whetstone Woodenware, 108 E Main St., Silver Lake, cost-$5 (includes souvenir at end of tour), lunch following at Lakes Grill, 9665 IN 15, Silver Lake, RSVP Ginger by May 7 (574-952-6491 or 574-892-6491)

23 TBD, Falls of the Ohio, location-TBA, Jeffersonville, general meeting, speaker—Zone 6 Coordinator Karen Warble, 502-636-3257

JUNE 2018

4 11 a.m., Blue River, High Point Orchard and Farm Market, 3321 N. Old Highway 421, Greensburg, program–At The Orchard, 812-593-4546

4 12 p.m., Posey County, Red Wagon, Keith Spurgeon Magic Show, 812-401-6423

5 11:30 a.m., Elkhart County, Bent Oak Country Club, 3610 Bent Oak Trail, Elkhart, "Discovering Summer Fun in Elkhart and Beyond", Judy Briganti and Sara Wood-Gibbs will share details about summertime Elkhart County and ISTA activities available for individual or group participation, 574-207-4488

6 11 a.m., Greater Indianapolis, Indiana State Library, 315 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Tour of library and update on renovations, lunch–catering by Val. Reservations needed by May 31 to Sarah Ellcessor at 317-288-5251 or Ellcessor9@netscape.net
Service project: supplies for Teachers' Treasurers, Fundraiser: collect for I-PACE

11 10:30 a.m., Jackson-Scott-Washington, ISTA SE office, planning for 2018-2019, guest speaker–Karen Warble, Zone 6 Coordinator, 812-523-3639

12 11:30 a.m., ISTA/NEA-Retired Chapter of Northeast Indiana, Parkview LaGrange Hospital Café, Topic—Taking Care of Your Flower Beds and Garden, guest speaker LaGrange County Master Gardener, 260-367-1069

14 10:30 a.m., Wabash Valley, Guided Tour of Haan Mansion Museum of Indiana Art, 920 E. State St., Lafayette—the best of Indiana art and ceramics featured from the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair as well as massive American furniture. Sculpture garden also available for viewing. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the grounds following the tour. Bring a sack lunch. Short meeting following lunch, 765-447-4390

14 5:30 p.m., CHMT, Oriental King, Program—"Are You Smarter Than a 4th Grader?", 765-469-2298

15 10 a.m., Falls of the Ohio, lunch-Buckhead Mountain Grill, Jeffersonville, Tour Falls of the Ohio Museum, 502-636-3257

JULY 2018

19 11:30 a.m., Warrick County, Archie and Clyde's, Year End Planning, all members should bring ideas that they want for programs, 812-853-2136

AUGUST 2018

14 11 a.m., CHMT, Martino's, Genealogy Presentation, 765-469-2298

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

ISTA-Retired supports public education! During the 2018 legislative session, retired members traveled across the state to speak for public education.