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ISTA Foundation License Plate

Last year at an Executive Committee meeting of the Retired Council, ISTA-Retired Secretary Terry Tafflinger proposed an idea that we apply for a State License Plate for the ISTA Foundation with the fees going to ISTA Scholarships. The proposal was brought before the Retired State Council, and they voted to recommend to the ISTA Board of Directors the proposal. The ISTA-Retired recommendation included that Retired would manage the qualification process and that the first \$5,000 collected would go to the Retired Student Scholarship. The Board agreed and Retired began circulating petitions. One hundred petitions with over 650 signatures were collected and the documentation and application were completed by the April 1st deadline.

We received word from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) that we had properly completed our application and that the Roads and Transportation Committee would meet sometime in September or early October to vote on passage of the application. The Roads and Transportation Committee met on September 22nd and heard testimony. Terry Tafflinger testified for the ISTA Foundation. She emphasized that the fees collected from the plate would all go to scholarships. Ironically, the State only allows five new specialty plates each year and there were just five applicants. After testimony, the committee decided to vote later which was on October 20th. I am excited to announce that the committee voted to grant our plate!

When you renew your license plates, you will be able to select the new ISTA Foundation plate beginning in January. As you know, the date of your renewal is based on a staggered monthly requirement. We hope that you will want to take part in this exciting process and help provide scholarships to our ISTA members' children, grandchildren, stepchildren, etc. Also, as is the case, the specialty plate qualifies as a 501c3 for a tax deduction. The plate design is pending before the BMV for approval and it will be publicized as soon as it is approved. If you have questions, please feel free to contact: Rod Ellcessor at rellcessor@gmail.com or Becky Koerner at bkoerner@ista-in.org.

At the Retired District Council meeting in July, Al Wolting (left) received an award from Council Chair Rod Ellcessor for his many years serving on the ISTA-Retired Council in the position of Member-At-Large. Al was instrumental in reestablishing and reinvigorating retired chapters. Congratulations and thank you for your advocacy to ISTA-Retired!

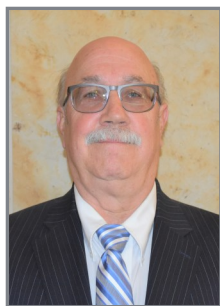


IMPORTANT RETIRED AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES:

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

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

From the Chair



Rod Ellcessor, ISTA-Retired State Chair

We just completed our annual Retired Conference in Indianapolis on October 9th. It was well attended with 48 attendees and conference presenters. At the conference State Senator Rod Pol discussed the happenings in the legislature. He gave us great insight into the coming session.

Your Retired Legislative Committee is planning the lobbying for the next session to begin in January. As you all know, we received a 13th check with a 5% reduction in September. However, there were not any appropriations for any pension increase in the second year of the budget. HEA 1221 pushed the date of the permanent beginning of a pension increase from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2029. The Retired Legislative team will be working to see that some type of increase occurs in September 2026. We will be asking you to help in contacting your legislators as you have in the past. We will announce a Retired Day of Action (Lobby Day) sometime in late December or early January.

Our State Council meeting will be held on November 4th at our Intech ISTA Office. We will receive reports from our Retired Committees and the ISTA Standing Committees. All chapter representatives on the Council present those reports at their chapter meetings. If you are not involved in a chapter, I would encourage your attendance. This *Chalkboard* and all issues include pictures and stories about their meetings.

Thank you for your membership and dedication to the Association that stands for education employees, Active and Retired.



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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!



Save More with the NEA Wireless Program

Did you know NEA members can get nationwide coverage for a lot less? Members can save even more with \$50 off each new line when you switch. That's \$200 in savings for a family of four by using the NEA Wireless Program promo code.

Explore some of the latest device deals to start the school year with savings and style. Visit neamb.com for details.

ISTA-Retired Conference

October 8-9, 2025, retired members attended a two-day conference at the ISTA Intech Conference Center in Indianapolis. The conference started with a welcome from Retired Council Chair Rod Ellcessor and an icebreaker following where members introduced themselves and answered a question about themselves depending on the color of an M&M candy chosen.



On the first day there were two main speakers. The first presentation, "True Colors," was given by Veronica Hobbs, ISTA UniServ Director in southern Indiana. True Colors is an exercise where an individual discovers their "true colors" meaning their personality type. The second presentation by Janice Dwosh was information on "Promoting, Protecting, and Strengthening Public Education by Engaging our Retired Members in Racial/Social Justice Activism". She is an Executive Board member at-large and former secretary for the Arizona Education Association–Retired. She currently chairs the AEA-Retired RSJ committee and co-chairs the NEA



Janice Dwosh

Retired RSJ committee. Members had the opportunity to select a book to broaden their knowledge of what racial and social justice means for all of us. The selection of books ranged from children to adult books.

The second day Terry Tafflinger, Retired Scholarship Committee Chair, gave an update on our endeavor to obtain a license plate that would generate income for ISTA-Retired scholarships. Eric Hylton, ISTA attorney, presented many issues facing teachers today – immigration, DEI, free speech rights, perceived child abuse, etc. Chair Rod Ellcessor and State Coordinator Roni Embry gave a legislative update, and Senator Rod Pol (Senate District 4) spoke of current legislation and community. Rita Taylor, ISTA

Racial and Social Justice Organizer, author, and curriculum designer, addressed members. She leads the statewide justice initiative for ISTA. The Retired Communications Committee presented ways to build the ISTA family through connecting with others, attending events, volunteering, communicating consistently, and recognizing contributions.

This conference was informative and well worth attending. If you missed the 2025 conference, consider attending next year's annual conference. The first day's silent auction raised \$1,200 for I-PACE and the second day's silent auction raised \$700 for the ISTA Foundation Retired Scholarship Fund. A big thank you to Rod Ellcessor and Roni Embry and other members of the planning committee. Well done!!



Communications Committee Members (L-R): Fran Riley, Karen Warble, Peggy Boyd, and John Comer.

David Hanna Golden Touch Award Reminder

The David Hanna Golden Touch Award online application will be available January 1 at the ISTA website, ista-in.org, under the tab – Our Profession—Scholarships & Awards. It is time to begin looking around for your nominee for this prestigious award. Pictures, letters of recommendation, newspaper or newsletter articles, etc. can be collected now. Many retired members are worthy, but someone must do the "Paperwork". Get started now to honor a worthy retired member. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Sarah Borgman at whadyapple@frontier.com.

Cruising Lake Webster



1-F Retired chapter hosted a cruise on Lake Webster July 29, 2025. Approximately 50 members and their guests toured the lake on the historic Dixie Sternwheeler. After the 90-minute tour a variety of pizzas, drinks and ice cream was enjoyed by all. The chapter was able to host this event due to receiving a \$500 retired chapter grant through Indiana State Teachers Association-Retired.



Recipe Corner

Swedish Meatballs

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| 1 pound of ground beef | 1/2 cup breadcrumbs |
| 1 beaten egg | 1 T brown sugar |
| 2/3 can of PET evaporated milk | 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup-topping |
| 1/4 tsp. nutmeg allspice | |
| 2T chopped onion | |

Mix and roll into balls, brown in pan. Either continue cooking on top of stove OR after browning put in a baking dish and continue in oven till done. Either way, top with a can of Cream of Mushroom till heated completely. Bake at 375 degrees if using the oven. Lower temperature if delaying till later.

Now the truth of the matter is I don't measure anything anymore since I have literally made this since I was in Junior High. It is my family's favorite, and they might just disown me if I don't make it at Christmas. Obviously, I multiple it many times over for my now family of 21. The original recipe was on one of those paper recipes folded over in the flour bag as it also called for rolling the balls in flour before browning. Doing that for at least 90 meatballs...don't think so!

Sarah Borgman, Wakarusa, Indiana

Know your Officers **Secretary Terry Tafflinger**



Dedicated, knowledgeable, kind, creative, industrious – these adjectives describe Retired State Council Secretary Terry Tafflinger. A classroom teacher for 33 years, Terry related how she always liked school and was always put into the teacher's helper role. When her admiration for her fourth-grade teacher grew, Terry realized she wanted to be a fourth-grade teacher herself.

Terry graduated from Valparaiso University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She did her Masters work in Educational Research, Measurement and Evaluation at Boston College. Terry intended to move back to the East Coast from which her family had moved to Valparaiso while Terry was in junior high school, but life's events changed her life's plan. During her career, Terry taught Title 1 Reading in Morgan Township, and 3rd, 4th, and 6th grade in Porter Township in Northwest Indiana. Terry enjoyed all the grade levels she taught for different reasons.

Joining the Association her first year of teaching, within a short time Terry became a building rep and later served as several committee chairs including Negotiations Chair and as her local's vice president. She served on the Professional Practice and Standards Committee, ISTA Representative Assembly (RA) Credentials Committee, and was a delegate to both the ISTA RA, and NEA RA for numerous years. It was at school, Terry met her future husband, Steve. It was early in their teaching careers and when they announced their engagement at school after a secret courtship, staff and students were stunned. Excitement followed and their classes had a shower for them at school and were all invited to the wedding.

Terry and Steve retired the same year and continued Association work as retirees. When Steve was diagnosed with end stage renal disease, it did not stop them from living life and continuing to travel. Multiple trips to Hawaii and all over the U.S. Even cruises continued with dialysis fluid and equipment delivered wherever they planned to stay. Terry established a scholarship in Steve's memory for students of their school system who pursue education. Seven scholarship recipients have been honored thus far. She is President of the Education Foundation for the Porter Township School Corporation which fundraises, for student scholarships and staff creativity grants.

A self-taught crafter, Terry is admired for her crafting in card making, wedding invitations, decorations, and centerpieces. She also crochets baby blankets. Terry stated that while teaching, crafting was a great stress reliever after grading papers and she tried to set aside time every evening for this. She plays the organ for her own pleasure, a skill she learned as a child; she is an avid Notre Dame fan and enjoys a good "Green Frog" victory drink (like a grasshopper made with ice cream) to celebrate the wins; and what is it that gets her through trying days? Terry replied, "It is what it is so make the best of it."

Terry believes continued involvement helps to keep Steve's legacy alive. She also serves as Retired Scholarship Committee Chair, Retired Membership Committee member, ISTA RA Credentials Chair, current delegate to the ISTA RA, NEA-Retired Annual Meeting, and NEA RA, and is President of her local chapter, 1-B Retired.

Thank you Terry Tafflinger for your advocacy, friendship, and hard work!

Hamilton County chapter tours Roberts Settlement



Tucked away in the northwest corner of Hamilton County on 276th Street in Noblesville is a historical gem, Roberts Settlement. It is the remains of an African American pioneer farm settled circa 1835. The site includes the original chapel, a cemetery (for descendants), and a newly installed (self-guided) Legacy Walk.

Enhancing the chapter's visit was a PowerPoint presentation followed by time for questions, giving chapter members the opportunity to delve further into the history of Roberts

Settlement. The presentation and tour were especially meaningful because they were facilitated by a descendant of the Roberts settlement.

St. Joseph County at Unity Gardens

St. Joseph County members met at Unity Gardens in South Bend for their chapter meeting and tour. A collaborative network of community gardens, Unity Gardens' mission is to improve community health by increasing accessibility of fruits and vegetables as well as providing education on nutrition and food preparation. It supports 40+ free pick gardens that anyone can pick from and also provides free education year-round on gardening, cooking, and food preparation. They have a main garden at LaSalle Square on 3701 Prast Blvd. in South Bend.



Zone 2 Fall Meeting

Zone 2 retired chapter presidents and members met at Fenwick's in Rensselaer, IN on September 25, 2025. Retired chapters represented were 1-B Retired, Dunes Shores, Lake County and Wabash Valley. Topics included license plate update, membership information, Chalkboard deadlines, and NEA news. The 2027 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Indianapolis and approximately 400 volunteers will be needed. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact ISTA-Retired Council Chair Rod Ellcessor at rellcessor@gmail.com. I want to thank the chapters in Zone 2 for always having representation at the Zone meetings and the meaningful discussions and input.

Jan Hayes, Zone 2 Coordinator

ISTA Staff Retired Coordinator Report

It continues to be an honor working as your ISTA-Retired Coordinator. ISTA-Retired continues to exemplify how working together makes us all stronger. ISTA-Retired members work to make the Association more resilient and influential through their enthusiasm, perseverance, and commitment. Here are few things I have witnessed:

- Working with legislators and testifying to secure a license plate for the ISTA Foundation scholarship funds. Congratulations on the passage of the plate!
- Members connecting and supporting one another as I visit local chapters and Zone meetings, including three chapters that have reorganized and are getting stronger than ever.
- Retired members supporting active members advocating through mentoring and providing supplies for local classrooms. As well as Retired Committees working to improve communication with our members, legislative outreach efforts, and making a difference at the local level.
- Retired members contributing and fundraising at record levels for the IFIE Scholarship fund, NEA Fund for Children and Public Education and I-PACE.
- The ISTA-Retired Conference highlighting the ways members can promote an inclusive approach through children's literature and legislative advocacy.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like me to visit your local chapter as a guest or as a speaker. My contact information is rembry@ista-in.org.

Roni Embry, ISTA Staff Retired Coordinator



Lanes of Blooms

1-F Retired chapter members met September 19, 2025, at Lanes of Blooms in Plymouth, Indiana. A unique experience, Lanes of Blooms is a family business where a community event may be held, and visitors can cut their own flowers. They also supply flowers for all occasions. Members strolled along the lanes, cut their own bouquet of flowers to take home and even were allowed to take seeds home. After cutting the flowers we ate lunch at The Brass Rail in Plymouth.

Trip to Newfoundland—a travel experience

Lake County Retired Chapter President Dennis Keithley toured Newfoundland July 1-9, 2025. Booking his own flights on Air Canada, he arrived in Deer Lake at midnight and transferred to the city of Corner Brook where he met the tour group. His travel itinerary included Gros Morne National Park, Bonne Bay boat tour, fishing villages and small towns, whale and puffin watching. A highlight was attending the musical *Come from Away* in Gander where 30 planes were forced to land during the Sept. 11 closing of airspace. Dennis's sister and her husband were two of the nearly 7,000 passengers that slept in homes and schools in Gander for three nights.

Ending at the capital, St John's, Newfoundland, Dennis learned a geography lesson on check-in for the return flight. He had booked himself from St. John, *New Brunswick* (a 600 mile difference) instead of St. John's, *Newfoundland*. After rebooking, then a missed connection and an extra hotel stay, Dennis arrived home four days ahead of his checked luggage.



Dennis at eastern point of North America—Cape Spear

ISTA-RETIRED ELECTION GUIDELINES

Below are the two-year term election guidelines for the 2026 and 2027 ISTA Representative Assembly (RA) retired delegates and alternates and NEA RA retired delegates and alternates. For 2026, the ISTA RA will be held on April 18, 2026; the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting will be June 30- July 1, 2026, and the NEA RA on July 3-7, 2026, in Denver, Colorado. The 2027 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Indianapolis, IN, from July 1-5. 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 ISTA RA retired delegates and NEA RA retired delegates (terms stated above and below).
2. Only ISTA-Retired members who have retired from their education positions are eligible to participate in the nomination and election of the open positions listed above.
3. The **Retired Petition for Nominations** and the **Election Procedures for 2026 and 27 terms** will be printed in the fall Advocate and delivered to retired members' mailboxes. The election procedures will also be printed in the retired newsletter, The Chalkboard, and posted on the ISTA website.
4. Nomination petition forms printed in the fall Advocate may be cut out or copied from the Advocate. 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 or fewer.
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, November 7, 2025**, or **hand-delivered no later than November 7, 2025, 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 **November 7, 2025**, the names of all candidates and three listed qualifications will be printed in the winter Advocate along with the ballot and mailed to all ISTA-Retired members, who have retired.
2. The official mailing list of the eligible ISTA-Retired voters shall be made available upon request to any candidate to be used only for campaigning for the open seats for which they are running. The candidate requesting the lists are responsible for all costs in their campaign.
3. Campaign materials may contain references to the candidate's own ethnic heritage.
4. No dues money — local, district, state or national — may be used to promote the candidacy of any individual or groups of individuals running for office.

ELECTION RULES

1. The election for ISTA RA retired delegates and alternates, and the NEA RA retired delegates and alternates shall **be conducted between January 16, 2026, and February 26, 2026**. The election rules will also be posted on the ISTA website and included in the August/September and November/December ISTA-Retired newsletter, The Chalkboard.
2. Ballots will be included in the ISTA winter Advocate and mailed in or before February 2026 to all ISTA-Retired members whose membership forms have been processed by ISTA by December 2025.
3. The names will be placed on the ballot in the order determined by drawing from a common receptacle by the executive director or designee with appropriate witnesses.
4. Each ballot shall contain a list of the properly certificated candidates. No other information about candidates may be legally included on the ballot.
5. An eligible member may vote for up to thirty-two (32) ISTA-RA retired delegate candidates and six (6) NEA RA retired delegate candidates. Those candidates, beyond the winning candidates, shall be ranked in order and serve as alternates. Any ballot on which more votes appear than the total allowed shall not be counted.
6. **Ballots must be returned in the official ballot envelope included in the winter Advocate marked ISTA-Retired Ballot. ISTA-RETIRED MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO PLACE THEIR NAME AND RETURN ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE TO MAKE MEMBERSHIP VERIFICATION POSSIBLE. IF NO NAME IS PLACED ON THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE BALLOT, IT WILL VIOLATE THE RULES AND NOT BE COUNTED.**
7. Only those official ballots meeting the rules, and which are postmarked on or before midnight **February 26, 2026**, shall be counted.
8. After verification of membership, the ballots shall be separated from the mailing envelopes, be tabulated and certified by the designated counting agency.

(ELECTION PROCEDURES CONTINUED)

9. The results of the election shall be determined by the above agency in the following manner:
 - All candidates for ISTA RA retired delegate and NEA RA retired delegate will be ranked in order (identified below), with two-year terms as follows:
 - ◊ ISTA RA retired delegate for the 2026 and 2027 meetings.
 - ◊ NEA RA retired delegate for the 2026 and 2027 meetings.
10. The certified ISTA RA retired and NEA RA retired representatives shall be notified of his/her rank order in writing as soon as possible after the results are known.
11. The ballots shall be impounded by ISTA for two (2) years.

CHALLENGE RULES

1. Any challenge to these rules or any activity or result governed by them shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Elections Committee, in care of the Indiana State Teachers Association, 150 W. Market St., Suite 900, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2875, by **March 15, 2026**.
2. If necessary, the ISTA Elections Committee will meet as soon as possible after receiving such challenge to review and act upon any submitted challenges. Any Elections Committee member who is a candidate for a position involved in a challenge shall be ineligible to participate as an Elections Committee member in the pertinent deliberations.
3. The executive director or designee will notify the appropriate party of the action of the Elections Committee.

**RETIRED PETITION FOR NOMINATION—RETIRED ELECTION
FOR CANDIDATES TO THE ISTA RA AND NEA RA MEETINGS 2026—2027**

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

- ☐ ISTA Representative Assembly retired delegate
☐ NEA Representative Assembly retired delegate

Candidate Information

*** These fields are required for this form to be processed.**

*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 CANDIDATE NOMINATION
 150 W. Market St., Suite 900
 Indianapolis, IN 46204

 Signature of Nominee

Must be post-marked on or before midnight November 7, 2025, 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.

NOVEMBER 2025

- 5 11 a.m., Blue River, meet at Willow Leaves at Hope, IN, Betsy Mall will talk of her lifetime connection to Budapest. Contact Person: Jo Anne Martin, 812-927-0533.
- 11 1 p.m., St. Joseph County, Downtown South Bend Public Library, 304 S. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601, Program—Priorities and Strategies for 2026 legislative session by Roni Embry, ISTA Lobbyist and Rod Ellcessor, ISTA-Retired State Council Chair, RSVP to Jerry Ervin at jrervin007@gmail.com or 574-231-1924.
- 13 12 p.m., Allen County, NE ISTA Office (FWEA), 3711 Rupp Dr., Suite 207, Ft. Wayne, IN 46815, Box lunch, Program: Canvas Creations by Kasey (Carr). Cost \$25 per canvas, Collection for I-PACE, (260)402-6820.
- 18 11 a.m., 1-B Retired, ISTA UniServ Office, 2400 Cumberland Drive, Valparaiso, IN, Presentation—The Role of Philanthropy in Community Development by Bill Higbie, President & CEO, Porter County Community Foundation, lunch meeting to follow at Pesto's, 3123 Calumet Ave., Valparaiso, IN, (219) 241-5463.
- 18 11 a.m., 1-F Retired, 1st Source Bank will present the program “Scams, Fraud, Medicare and Social Security” at Marshal County R.E.M.C., 11299 12th Rd, Plymouth, IN. Lunch provided – cost \$20, Contact Ginger Calhoun at gingercalhoun2@gmail.com or call (574) 952-6491 or Jan Hayes at hayesjt2012@gmail.com or call (574) 292-6624.
- 23 4 p.m., Elkhart County, “A Girl Named Tom” at Lerner Theatre, 410 S Main St., Elkhart, IN 46516. This is a holiday show in partnership with the Elkhart County Symphony and is part of the 100th Anniversary Lerner Celebration. Reservations for seating begin November 1 for the free concert. Call the Lerner Theatre Box Office at 574-293-4469 for reservations. Those securing tickets and desiring to gather as a group prior to the concert contact Judy Briganti at (574) 304-1062 prior to November 20th.

DECEMBER 2025

- 1 12 p.m., Posey County Retired, Hawg N Sauce, 6580 Leonard Rd, Mt Vernon, IN, Dr. Stephanie Stewart, MSD Mt Vernon Superintendent, (812) 205-7671.
- 4 11 a.m., Greater Indianapolis, “Festival of Trees” Indiana Historical Society Museum, 450 W Ohio St., Indianapolis (parking on New York St.) with lunch and program to follow, Contact Joanne Solomon: 317-257-4737.
- 9 11 a.m., CHMT, Half Moon Restaurant, 4051 S La Fountain St., Kokomo, IN 46902, High School Choir (TBD), Christmas Songs, (765) 469-2298.
- 9 11:30 a.m., Vanderburgh County, ISTA/ETA Bldg., 701 E John St., Evansville, IN 47715, Holiday Celebration Entertainment, Carry-In BBQ provided, (812) 598-1418.

Blue River is planning a Christmas Event. Meet at Derby Dinner Playhouse, 525 Marriott Drive, Clarksville, IN. Contact Janet Anthony for date and details.

Elkhart County – Grant activities supporting local Associations. Date and time TBA. Contact Elkhart President Jim Rasp for date and details 574-333-7383.

JANUARY 2026

- 8 12 p.m., Allen County, Hideout 125, 1021 Woodland Plaza Run, Ft. Wayne, IN 46828, Breastie Box Speaker Erica Hyatt, Collection for ISTA-Retired Scholarship Fund, (260)402-6820.
- 20 1 p.m., St. Joseph County, Downtown South Bend Public Library, 304 S. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601, Program—Avoiding Fraud for Seniors - speaker from the Fraud Investigation Dept. at Everwise Credit Union, RSVP to Jerry Ervin at jrervin007@gmail.com or (574) 231-1924.
- 21 11:30 a.m., Lake County Chapter will meet at Harry O's Restaurant, 13226 Wicker Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303, Contact Dennis Keithley program details at (219) 794-4672.

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