ISTA-Retired Scholarship Recipients

ISTA-Retired awarded two $2,500 scholarships to two outstanding students. Family members joined the ISTA-Retired State Council members in July for the presentation of scholarships. Congratulations to these exceptional young ladies and their bright future! Also, a sincere thanks to our members and staff who made it possible for ISTA-Retired to award these scholarships.

Maxine Bough, daughter of member Susan Bough of Vigo County Teachers Association, is a graduate of North Vigo High School. With both grandfathers and her mother being teachers, Maxine has always valued her own education. She is excited to become a third-generation educator as she pursues Secondary Mathematics Education at Ball State University. She looks forward to following in the footsteps of her grandfathers, her mother, and all of the other educators who have influenced her over the years.

Michelle Ondiek, daughter of member Haley Ondiek of Jasper CTA, is a graduate of Jasper High School. When Michelle was nine, she moved to the United States from Kenya, Africa. She worked hard to learn English and feels she has taken advantage of every opportunity offered to her. She became especially fond of sports. As a highly competitive two-sport athlete, she spent many hours working with the athletic trainers at her school. Seeing how much they helped her inspired her to pursue a similar field in college because she, too, wants to help others. Michelle will attend Western Kentucky University to study Kinesiology in hopes of one day becoming a chiropractor.

2023 NEA-Retired Annual Meeting

“NEA-Retired is in the house!” announced NEA-Retired President Sarah Borgman as ISTA-Retired delegates Ginger Calhoun, Sandra Collins, Rod Elleccessor, Roger Sharp, and Terry Tafflinger joined over 300 NEA-Retired members and guests for the two-day NEA-Retired Annual Meeting held June 29-30 in Orlando.

Nominated by ISTA-Retired members, Sarah received the NEA-Retired Distinguished Service Award, the organization’s highest honor. During the meeting, ISTA-Retired passed out treats to delegates in recognition of Indiana’s own Sarah Borgman, NEA-Retired President 2017-2023.

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From the Chair

Rod Ellcessor, ISTA-Retired State Chair

Retired membership continues to grow. We are now 5,300 strong! We have gained our second ISTA Board member and we now have retired member John Comer chairing the ISTA State Governance Committee. Our Retired leadership’s guidance in ISTA affairs is important to its success. We have twenty-six chapters with a new chapter organizing in Hendricks County and our Limestone Chapter reorganizing. At our State Council meeting in July, all chapters were represented at the new office location on the northwest side of Indianapolis. Also, we have two new Zone Coordinators, Lisa Koester in Zone 3, and Terry Troxell in Zone 4. If you are a retired member and you want to join one of our chapters, contact me (rellcessor@gmail.com) and we will help you out.

Our greatest goal is to get a guaranteed Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) every year. Retired Legislative Committee Chair Roger Sharp and I will be attending the Pension Management Oversite Committee (PMOC) this summer. We will testify to why a permanent COLA must occur. Roger and I attend every INPRS Board meeting on a quarterly basis representing you. We also lobby during each of the sessions collaborating with the legislators. We have clearly defined our need to legislators. We will continue our work, along with our ISTA Lobbyist and our members, to reach our goal.

Finally, we have a new ISTA staff member assigned to Retired. Roni Embry has been our Retired Legislative Committee representative, is now our staff coordinator. Roni has been a UniServ Director, lobbyist and is a pre-retired life member. She was a teacher in the Lawrence Township Schools in Indianapolis. Her husband, Tom Burns, is a member of our Retired Legislative Committee. I have worked with and known Roni for over 20 years— we are getting the best! We are excited to welcome Roni and her experience to Retired.

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 Discount Marketplace—Exclusive Offers for Members

The NEA Discount Marketplace, powered by Rakuten, enables members to earn Cash Back when they shop and save on brand-name merchandise from over 3,500 top retailers and online stores.

Visit neamb.com/marketplace and check out the following member-exclusive deals at:

- Michaels
- Macy’s
- Finish Line
- PetSmart
2023 NEA-Retired Annual Meeting (cont’d. from page one)

In her keynote address, President Borgman reflected on the 40th anniversary of NEA-Retired noting that membership is 325,000 strong and growing! NEA President Becky Pringle, Vice-President Princess Moss, and Secretary-Treasurer Noel Candelaria joined in the anniversary celebration praising NEA-Retired members’ long history of activism for public schools, Medicaid, Medicare, and pension protection, and for supporting candidates who are friends of public education. At the 2023 Annual Meeting attendees contributed more than $42,000 through live and virtual auctions and NEA-Retired awarded five Jack Kinnaman Memorial Scholarships in the amount of $3,500 each.

Delegates elected members to fill two positions on the NEA-Retired Executive Council, two seats on the NEA Board of Directors, two NEA Board alternates, and six seats on the NEA Standing Committee on Resolutions. The meeting ended with the ceremonial transfer of the gavel from President Borgman to President-elect Anita Gibson from Alabama, whose term begins September 1.

2023 NEA Representative Assembly

Following the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting, Indiana’s Retired delegation moved on to attend the NEA 102nd Representative Assembly July 3-6 in Orlando. The Assembly’s theme was Education. Democracy. Freedom. Our Right! Our Responsibility! NEA President Becky Pringle thanked the approximately 6000 delegates for attending. Action was taken on the following: one Bylaw Amendment, four Standing Rule Amendments, 18 Policy Statement Amendments, 13 Legislative Amendments, nine Resolution Amendments, and 94 New Business Items.

Speakers included: U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona, 2023 ESP of the Year Pamella Johnson of Washington, President Joe Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden (via livestream), 14-year-old disability right activist Helena Donato-Sapp, and 2023 National Teacher of the Year Rebecka Peterson of Oklahoma.

Delegates voted to endorse President Biden for re-election to the Presidency in 2024—95% voting yes and 5% voting no. Quinta Brunson, creator and star of “Abbott Elementary” was named the 2023 Friend of Education and Derrick Johnson, NAACP President and CEO, received the 2023 NEA President’s Award.

On July 5 delegates rallied outside the Orange County Convention Center before the start of the next business session, calling for an end to book bans, silencing educators, and taking away freedom to learn from students.

Delegates re-elected Becky Pringle as NEA president, Princess Moss as NEA vice president, and Noel Candelaria as NEA secretary-treasurer, each for their second three-year term. They also elected two members to the NEA Executive Committee, eight ESP at-large Board of Directors and one ESP at-large alternate to the Board of Directors.

The 2024 NEA Representative Assembly will take place July 3-7 in Philadelphia, PA.

ISTA-Retired Council honors service

NEA-Retired President Sarah Borgman and ISTA-Retired Statewide District Council Secretary Jim Clauser are shown accepting gifts from the council during the July meeting for their service. Sarah Borgman served two three-terms as our national president and Jim Clauser served as the council secretary for over 10 years.
**Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt**

If you have watched the documentary, “My Octopus Teacher,” on Netflix, you will have the basis for understanding the plot in *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. The novel is narrated by Marcellus McSquiddles, a giant Pacific octopus, and it is framed as a mystery. Marcellus interacts with his human caretakers in Puget Sound’s Sowell Bay Aquarium. Tova, recently widowed at the age of 70, volunteers as night janitor and converses with Marcellus as she cleans. Cameron, a 30 year-old man who still has a lot of growing to do, substitutes for Tova and their stories converge. The novel takes on life’s toughest challenges — death, belonging, fear, loneliness. Even though I worked out the ending before I finished the book, I enjoyed the development of each character and the unique story line.

*Susan Pape, Fort Wayne, Indiana*

**Legislative Report**

The ISTA-Retired Legislative Committee held several meetings during the 2023 legislative session. The focus was on HB 1028. That bill would have provided a 13th check plus $50 for each of the next two fiscal years. It would have provided a short-term solution to the need for an annual COLA increase.

TRF pensions have lost nearly 35% due to inflation over the past 10 years. At the same time Social Security pensions have kept up with inflation. There was no 13th check in 2021, and annual TRF pensions were reduced by an average of about $400. A 1% COLA was provided in 2022. Annual TRF pensions were reduced by an average of about $200 from the 2020 annual pensions.

Our state pension plan was designed to provide adequate retirement that keeps up with the cost of living. The 2023 legislative session provided no COLA and no 13th check! Did you know the judges got over a 7 percent COLA? Isn’t it time we got an increase too?

**1-F Retired**

The 1-F Retired Chapter met June 22, 2023, at The Pallete for lunch in Warsaw, Indiana, and planned to attend the show “Escape to Margaritaville” at the Wagon Wheel theatre. However, shows at the theatre for the week were cancelled due to illness so ticket holders have been given the option to attend a future show through December.
Allen County visits Amp Lab

Twenty-eight members and friends of the Allen County Retired Chapter visited the Amp Lab at Electric Works, a new major development in the old General Electric Company complex. After eating box lunches prepared by the culinary students at the Anthis Career Center, Sue Wygant, co-president, conducted a short business meeting followed by a presentation of the lab by Principal Riley Johnson.

The Amp Lab is a half day program for juniors and seniors of Fort Wayne Community Schools who spend half of their school day in their home schools and half their day at the Amp Lab. This program provides opportunities to problem solve and create a variety of student-directed projects. The students have four special labs in which to work including a Grow lab with its own greenhouse, a Create lab with multiple computers, a Woodshop, and multiple 3-D printers. Participating students also have the chance to work with twenty plus businesses and non-profit organizations. The lab is truly an innovative educational opportunity for these students.

St. Joseph County tours Cultivate-Food Rescue

St. Joseph County Retired Chapter toured Cultivate-Food Rescue. Cultivate-Food Rescue is a non-profit organization devoted to ending the cycle of hunger in communities in Northern Indiana by providing a food rescue service. Their vision is No Neighbor Hungry - No Food Wasted. Forty percent of the United States food supply is wasted. Cultivate is devoted to rescuing this food, redistributing it to those who need it. The organization rescues surplus and unneeded food from farmers, universities (leftovers), restaurants, food distributors, and 4-H. Cultivate has developed an extensive network of vendors and doners. This food is combined with bulk purchases of staple food items.

Cultivate’s flagship program takes the rescued food and combines it with the bulk purchases of staple food items to make nutritious frozen meals. The meals are delivered to schools and sent home with children to fill the weekend gap of six meals that might not be available. A child could go 68 hours without food on a weekend. There are recipient schools in St. Joseph, Elkhart, and Marshall counties. Cultivate also distributes to food pantries, Boys and Girls Club, food kitchens, and Veterans Affairs and has a summer food program.

During the last fiscal year Cultivate rescued 943,592 pounds of food, prepared 289,595 frozen meals, filled 48,595 backpacks, distributed 961,699 pounds of food, and had 4,000 volunteers participate. It has outgrown a second location and is fundraising for a $10 million dollar facility. (More information at cultivateculinary.com)
Membership Committee members Ginger Calhoun, Terry Tafflinger, and Jan Hayes presented the program, Journey to Retirement – How to Capture Pre-Retired Members, at the national NEA Organizing Conference held in San Francisco, California in March. The program gave a summary of pre-retirement seminars provided to active members in Indiana by ISTA-Retired.

An overview of the retirement seminar was also presented at two sessions of the Summer Leadership Conference in June with two more seminars held in South Bend and Jeffersonville. At each presentation a drawing was held, and the winner received an ISTA-Retired lifetime membership. The lucky winners were Kelly Brown, Carrie Howe, Judith Gaitz, and Kristin McBain.

The committee is most grateful to Don Evans, Frank Vargo, Craig Blume and INPRS representatives who participated in the retirement seminars. Membership Committee members will be meeting soon to write a grant for another successful year of recruiting new members.

Recipe Corner

Pastelillos (Empanadas) (Puerto Rico)

**Pastry**
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons shortening – cut into flour and salt.
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 ¼ cup water or milk

Mix milk into flour and shortening. Chill for easier handling.

**Meat Filling**
- 1 – 1 1/2 lbs. of ground meat (lean beef, ham, or pork)
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup olives, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon capers
- ¼ to ½ cup raisins
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped (optional)
- 2 tomatoes, finely chopped (or just use tomato sauce or ketchup)
- ½ cup water or milk
- 1 green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt

Cook together until the meat is done. Other condiments may be added or substituted.

Roll dough to 1/16” and cut with round cutter the desired size (4” for regular size, smaller for appetizer size). Place a spoonful of filling on each circle. Fold over and pinch edges together with a fork. Fry in deep fat until golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper. I pinch off bits of dough and roll separately, to not work the dough over too much. Other fillings may be used.

Loel Littlefield, Marion Teachers Association
Officially Indiana

Every true blue-blooded, gold-torch-carrying Hoosier probably knows the official state bird is the native Northern cardinal. Though Indiana’s list of official “this” and “that’s” is far fewer than other states, such designations raise awareness and foster interest in the given subject. The entire process of naming one can be a learning experience.

**Adopted 2015 – Plane - The Republic Aviation P-47 Thunderbolt**
Indiana has an official aircraft. Known as the “Hoosier Spirit” and the “Indiana Warbird,” the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt was a World War II-era fighter manufactured at Republic Aviation’s Evansville plant. The snub-nosed aircraft was built in greater numbers than any other fighter aircraft because it was fast, dependable, could take major damage and survive, and packed effective firepower.

**Adopted 1933 – Bird – Northern Cardinal**
Commonly known as the “Red Bird,” the Northern Cardinal is one of America’s favorite backyard birds. Seven states – Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia – have made the bird their state bird. Cardinals stick around year-round to brighten our gray Indiana winters.

**Adopted 1917 – Flag**
The blue and gold state flag of Indiana was adopted by the General Assembly as part of the 1916 Indiana centennial celebration. At the time, Indiana was the last state to have an official flag. The daughters of the American Revolution held a competition to design the flag which was won by Paul Hadley of Mooresville. The flag features a golden torch and 19 stars on a blue field. The torch is a symbol of liberty and enlightenment; the rays represent their far-reaching influence. Thirteen stars in the outer circle symbolize the original 13 states, the inner semi-circle of five stars represent the next five states to join the Union, and the large star above the torch is a symbol of Indiana, the 19th state.

**Adopted 1957 – Flower – Peony**
The peony is native to China, not Indiana. So how did it get to be the state flower? According to a 2017 article in the Indianapolis Star, it was all politics. Indiana has four official state flowers. The carnation (native to England) was adopted by the legislature in 1913. The second, the flower of the tulip tree (native to Indiana), was adopted in 1923. Third, the zinnia (from Mexico) was adopted in 1931, the year the tulip tree became the state tree. In 1957, a bill in the Senate called for the tulip tree blossom to be reinstated. It was then changed to the dogwood blossom. By the time it got to the House, a representative who was a commercial peony grower pushed for an amendment to make it the peony – which passed. In 1995, a grassroots effort to select an Indiana native plant as the new state flower settled on the fire pink, which has tiny clusters of red starlike wildflowers, but that effort wilted in the legislature.

**Adopted 2022 – Fossil – Mastodon**
Unlike the state flower, the state fossil walked its way across Indiana as far back as 2.5 million years ago. American mastodons roamed Indiana until they became extinct about 10,500 years ago. Mastodons are now the most common Ice Age fossil found in the state. Mastodons lived in herds and were predominantly forest-dwelling animals, as opposed to their contemporary, the larger, shaggier woolly mammoth, which mostly lived on grasslands. The Indiana State Museum’s 2018 redesign allowed it to fully display Fred, the fossilized bones of a mastodon, that was discovered in a peat bog near Fort Wayne in 1998.

ISTA-RETIRED ELECTION GUIDELINES

Below are the two-year term election guidelines for the 2024 and 2025 ISTA Representative Assembly (RA) retired delegates and alternates and NEA RA retired delegates and alternates. For 2024, the ISTA RA will be held on April 27, 2024; the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting will be June 28-29, 2024, and the NEA RA on July 2-6, 2024, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dates for 2025 are to be determined. 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 2024 and 25 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 8, 2023, or hand-delivered no later than November 8, 2023, 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 8, 2023, 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 an 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 15, 2024, and February 25, 2024. 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 2024 to all ISTA-Retired members whose membership forms have been processed by ISTA by December 2023.
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-three (33) 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 23, 2024, 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 2024 and 2025 meetings.
     ◦ NEA RA retired delegate for the 2024 and 2025 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, 2024.

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 2024—2025

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 8, 2023, 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.

SEPTEMBER 2023

11 11 a.m., Blue River, meet for lunch at Just Peachy Café, 52 E Washington, Shelbyville, then Strand Movie Theatre, 215 S Harrison St, Shelbyville, Contact Person: Peggy Boyd (317) 850-1959.
11 10 a.m., Posey County, Evansville Wartime Museum, then noon lunch at Hornet’s Nest, (812) 401-6423.
12 11:30 a.m., Hamilton County, lunch and meeting with tour guide to follow. Meet at West Fork Whiskey in Westfield for lunch with a tour of the distillery afterward. Tour cost $20. Please RSVP for lunch and tour separately so that the business will be prepared, (317) 809-8476.
12 4:00 p.m., Vanderburgh County, Rafferty’s, 1400 N. Green River Rd., Evansville, Welcome Back and New Retirees, (812) 480-7364.
13 12 p.m., Sullivan-Knox County, Old Chicago Pizza, 529 Main St., Vincennes, program—Healthy or Sick! You Need to Know Me! by Dr. Alan Stewart, Knox County Health Office, (812) 243-0609.
14 12 p.m., Allen County, Halls Tavern, 5745 Coventry Lane, program - Jim Pickett “The Bones of Kekionga”, (260) 436-2326.
26 11 a.m., 1-F Retired, Marshall County REMC, 11299 12th Road, Plymouth 46563, program-Kathy Zentz will present her trip around the world from Dec. 2022-May 2023. Come join us for lunch and find out about the countries and their different cultures that she and her sister visited. Ginger Calhoun at glc74@embarqmail.com or call (574) 952-6491 or Jan Hayes at hayesjt2012@gmail.com or call (574) 292-6624.

OCTOBER 2023

4 11 a.m., Greater Indianapolis, Traders Point Creamery, 9101 Moore Rd, Zionsville, Tour of the creamery, (317) 872-8257.
5 10 a.m., Blue River, meet at Elegant L (Bridal Shop), 117 S Harrison St., Shelbyville, then Sports Locker Room (screen printing), 103 S. Harrison St., Shelbyville, Lunch – Fiddlers Three, 1415 E Michigan Rd., Shelbyville, Contact Person: Peggy Boyd (317) 850-1959.
12 10:30 a.m., Wabash Valley, Tour and talk at adult day care facility Joyful Journey, 600 Lindberg Rd., West Lafayette, then have meeting and lunch at Café Literato, 1920 Northwestern Ave., West Lafayette, (765) 447-4390.

NOVEMBER 2023

7 11 a.m., Blue River, meet at Ann’s Restaurant, 77 W Monroe St., Franklin, then Johnson County History Museum, 135 N Main St., Franklin, Contact Person: Peggy Boyd (317) 850-1959.
9 12 p.m., Allen County, Zianno’s, 702 E Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne, program – Keston Smith CASA, (260) 436-2326.
14 2:30 p.m., Hamilton County, lunch and meeting with tour to follow. We will meet at Perkins on Noble Creek Drive and proceed to Fuel for School headquarters on Pleasant St. to pack meals for students to consume on weekends. We will be asking that you donate items to Fuel for School, (317) 809-8476.

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