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# The Chalkboard

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## 2021 David Hannah Golden Touch Award

It's time to start thinking of someone who you may nominate for the prestigious David Hannah Golden Touch Award. Named in honor of longtime ISTA-Retired leader and activist, Dave Hannah, this award was created to recognize outstanding contributions of ISTA-Retired members who have continued to demonstrate leadership in both the Association and the community as a member of ISTA-Retired. The candidate nominated shall have:

- Actively participated in ISTA/NEA-Retired
- Served local retired chapters
- Supported public education
- Performed volunteer work in the community

Any active or retired member, chapter, local or district council of ISTA may make nominations for this award. Award nominations must be submitted online at [ista-in.org/scholarships-awards](http://ista-in.org/scholarships-awards) with supportive examples of the nominee's service. Examples may include reference letters, newsletters or photos. Nomination must be submitted by March 1 with all supportive materials attached.

For further information contact the chair of the retired Golden Touch Award Committee, Jon Brice at [bricejon8@gmail.com](mailto:bricejon8@gmail.com).

## 2021 Legislative Priorities

The 2021 legislative session will be significant for our public schools and active/retired members. A two-year state budget will be adopted. ISTA-Retired always advocates for our public schools, members and a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). Retired public employees and teachers have not seen a COLA in a decade. Lawmakers continue to offer annual stipends, but these do not account for inflation. It's time to fully fund the supplemental reserve fund originally created to guarantee a true COLA payment for every retired educator. Go to the ISTA website to find out what priorities are listed for our public schools and members and how you may contact your legislator when the session begins. Read the ISTA fall 2020 *Advocate* for more information.

In March 2021, **Zone 3** and **Zone 6** coordinator elections will take place. The six ISTA-Retired zone coordinators provide resources and information for the development and growth of retired chapters by Zone throughout the state. See pages 6-7 for election procedures and the retired zone coordinator petition for nomination form.

## November 16-20, 2020 American Education Week

Remember those who are teaching are under the most difficult and uncertain times ever!

## From the Chair



*Rod Ellcessor, ISTA-Retired State Chair*

I hope that each of you is staying safe. My wife and I simply have learned to stay at home. I have occupied much of my time with projects outside of our house, many of which I had put off — thinking I would get to them in the future! Our fellow colleagues who are still in the classroom are finding new ways to teach and engage their students. This year will be a marker like

Kennedy's death and the Challenger explosion, events never to be forgotten. I would add to these challenges the four years we have had to endure Trump's presidency. Regarding the 2020 elections, the retired chapters worked tirelessly on Indiana state representative and senate candidates' campaigns. They also were involved in the NEA Outreach for Biden programs as well.

Our Retired State Council is meeting on Dec. 4 via a Zoom meeting. We will provide information from this meeting in the February/March issue of *The Chalkboard*. I am sending you positive thoughts with hope for a better new year in every aspect of your lives.



Retired

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Rod Ellcessor, State Chair  
Corey Kern, 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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## Recipe Corner

### CRANBERRY FLUFF

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| 1 pound cranberries             | 1 #2 can crushed pineapple                                      |
| 1 cup pecans or walnuts         | 1 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> oz. package small marshmallows |
| 2 packages frozen whipped cream | 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cups sugar                        |

Grind cranberries in blender. In large bowl, mix together cranberries, crushed pineapple (well-drained) and sugar, and let set. Add pecans or walnuts, marshmallows and frozen whipped topping. May be frozen for future use.

*Rosemary O'Nan, Mooresville Classroom Teachers Association  
What's Cooking Teach?, ISTA, 1975*

## 2021 Retired Scholarships

All current ISTA members are eligible to nominate their children, stepchildren, grandchildren and/or step-grandchildren for ISTA Foundation Retired Scholarships. The ISTA-Retired Statewide District Council raises additional funds to increase the ISTA Foundation grant of \$700 and will award two retired scholarships in 2021 with final amounts determined by funds raised. Retired scholarship applications are to be completed online at the ISTA website, [ista-in.org/scholarships-awards](http://ista-in.org/scholarships-awards), between Feb. 1 and April 1. The nomination form may be found by following these steps:

- Click “Our Profession” tab at the top of webpage
- Select “Scholarships and Awards” from the drop-down list
- Scroll down and select “Apply for ISTA Foundation Retired Scholarship”

- Fill out the nomination form completely and hit the “Submit” button. Note: All applications for retired scholarships must be submitted online.

To qualify, nominees must have a minimum “C” average and must have graduated December 2020 or will graduate in May/June 2021 from a public high school. Recipients must continue their education during the fall of 2021 in a two or four-year accredited college or university, or participate in a formal accredited training program such as an apprenticeship, trade school, cosmetology, etc. The applicant does not have to reside in the same geographical area as the member in order to qualify, so out-of-state nominees are eligible.

Direct questions regarding the retired scholarship to Jan Hayes at [hayesjt2012@gmail.com](mailto:hayesjt2012@gmail.com).

## A Legacy Remembered

Bob Rogers, a longtime member and leader of ISTA-Retired, passed away in May at the age of 94. He was a husband, father, World War II veteran and a life-long teacher. Prior to his teaching career, Bob served in the Navy during WWII as an electrician on the USS Taraed, a supply ship in the north Atlantic.

Although he never saw combat, Bob learned how unfair life can be and realized the inequities in society. He said that it didn't matter the color of a shipmate's skin, ethnicity or whatever, you showed your fellow man kindness and compassion. As a father, he was always ready to “step up to the plate” in rearing his children.

During his career, Bob taught at Henry Reis School, Bosse High School and Evans Elementary School and coached swimming and soccer. He was



*Bob Rogers (1926-2020)*

a presence in the lives of hundreds of students, teaching much more to them than what was on any syllabus. His daughter Sarah upon her death in 2010 donated her body to science which in turn led Bob to do the same by donating his body to science through the IU Medical School cadaver program. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, this program was temporarily

halted. His wife Carol was at a loss as what to do. Then Bob's hospice nurse suggested organ and tissue donations. Although his body would not educate future physicians and scientists, his donated tissue will help up to 75 patients thus fulfilling in part Bob's wishes to contribute to his fellow man.

Through Bob's tissue donation, Carol and son David know that he would be pleased how they didn't let COVID-19 take Bob's legacy away.

## ISTA-RETIRED ZONE 3 COORDINATOR AND ZONE 6 COORDINATOR ELECTION PROCEDURES

Below are the three-year term election procedures for the Zone 3 Coordinator and Zone 6 Coordinator effective 8/1/2021 — 7/31/2024. 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 3 Coordinator and Zone 6 Coordinator (terms stated above and below).
2. Only ISTA-Retired members residing in Zone 3 and Zone 6, who have retired from their education positions and whose membership forms have been processed by ISTA by December 2020, are eligible for nomination of the open positions listed above at their respective March 2021 meetings.
3. The **Retired Petition for Nominations** and the **Election Procedures for 8/2/2021 — 7/31/2024 term** will be printed in the November/December and February/March issues of the retired newsletter, *The Chalkboard*, and posted on the retired page of the ISTA website.
4. Nomination petition forms printed in the November/December and February/March issues 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 ET, February 15, 2021, or hand-delivered no later than 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 15, 2021**, 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 3 and Zone 6 meetings in March 2021.
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 3 Coordinator and Zone 6 Coordinator **shall be conducted at the respective Zone 3 and Zone 6 meetings in March 2021.** The election rules will also be posted on the ISTA website and included in the November/December and 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 2021 Zone 3 meeting and Zone 6 meeting 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 as retired members.
3. Ballots will be provided by the office of ISTA-Retired for the Zone 3 and Zone 6 Coordinator elections to be conducted at their respective March 2021 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 shall be counted.
9. The ballots shall be impounded by ISTA for two (2) years.

**(ELECTION PROCEDURES CONTINUED)**

**CHALLENGE RULES**

1. 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, 2021**.
2. 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.
3. 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 3 Coordinator and Zone 6 Coordinator Candidates 2021 – 24**

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

- ISTA-Retired Zone 3 Coordinator
- ISTA-Retired Zone 6 Coordinator

**NOTE:** Only ISTA-Retired members residing in selected zone are eligible to participate.

**Candidate Information (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 ET February 15, 2021, 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

Due to concern for the health and safety of members, all in-person ISTA meetings and events have been suspended. Retired chapters' virtual zoom meetings are listed below. When ISTA in-person meetings and events resume, they will again be published in the ISTA-Retired Calendar .

**NOTE: To participate in the virtual meetings, members must email the chapter contact listed below and request to participate. They will then receive an email invitation with a link and instructions for joining the Zoom meeting. All times local.**

### NOVEMBER 2020

- 10 5 p.m., Hamilton County, Virtual (Zoom) Meeting, Email chapter contact Roger Sharp, [rsharp2921@aol.com](mailto:rsharp2921@aol.com), your request to participate, (317) 877-6000
- 17 10 a.m., St. Joe County, Virtual (Zoom) meeting, Program - Election Results and Legislative Preview, Email chapter contact Jerry Ervin, [jrervin007@gmail.com](mailto:jrervin007@gmail.com), by 11/9/2020 your request to participate, (574) 231-1924
- 19 11 a.m., Sullivan-Knox County, Virtual (Zoom) meeting, Program - "Off the Top of Your Head", Email or call in topics to discuss (Topics will be tossed in a hat and pulled out to discuss "off the tops of our heads."), Email chapter contact Barbara Rotramel, [rotramel@joink.com](mailto:rotramel@joink.com), your request to participate, (812) 243-0609

### DECEMBER 2020

- 2 11 a.m., Greater Indianapolis, Virtual (Zoom) chapter meeting, Program - North Central High School Choir Holiday Presentation, Email chapter contact Al Wolting, [alwolting@hotmail.com](mailto:alwolting@hotmail.com), your request to participate, (317) 456-4036

### JANUARY 2021

- 21 11 a.m., Lake County, Virtual (Zoom) Meeting, Email chapter contact Dennis Keithley, [dkiu@aol.com](mailto:dkiu@aol.com), your request to participate, (219) 794-4672

### FEBRUARY 2021

- 3 11 a.m., Greater Indianapolis, Virtual (Zoom) chapter meeting, Program - State of the General Assembly - 2021, Email chapter contact Al Wolting, [alwolting@hotmail.com](mailto:alwolting@hotmail.com), your request to participate, (317) 456-4036

### You have a story to tell!

In retirement, you continue to shine with hidden talents, hobbies and contributions to your communities. Please share with **everyone**.

Send your stories to: **Jan Hayes, The Chalkboard Editor, 8240 N 700 E, Hamlet, IN 46532, [hayesjt2012@gmail.com](mailto:hayesjt2012@gmail.com).**