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FROM THE PRESIDENT

School has started and kids, teachers, and staff are grateful for air conditioning. I'm sure you recall the days when we went back to school on 90 degree days, attempting to carry on the business of learning in our oven-like classrooms.

Hopefully the summer has provided lots of carefree days to garden, relax, or visit family and friends. AND I do hope you are looking forward to our fall meeting schedule. I look forward to the opportunity to enjoy the company of other former teachers and friends of education. Hopefully you also anticipate sharing good food, good conversations, and good programs with BCRTA friends.

In September we will learn about the work of a local environmental group, the Brown County Native Woodland Project. If you want to learn more about native plants and how to best control invasive plants, this is the meeting for you! Ruth Ann Ingraham will present her program on September 12 in the downstairs meeting room of the Community Foundation building. Sweetea's Tea Room will provide the lunch. October 10th we look forward to the return of the Brown County version of the Antique Road Show. Bring an object to be appraised by Jack Christy of Christy's Auction House in Indianapolis. That meeting will be held at New Life church, catered by Kevin Ault.

Your Board has been busy over the summer. One committee has worked on updating our association's by-laws which will be presented to the group this fall. Another group has worked on planting, weeding, and watering a small garden area at the Brown County Health and Living center. We have had positive comments from both residents and their families as they enjoy the beautified patio.

Next year we hope to tackle their larger garden area after planning and designing work is complete. This is the community project we agreed at the June meeting would be worthy of our efforts. We can claim without reservation that our work has brought color and smiles to the residents who are able to enjoy sitting on the patio.

FOR YOU TO
 CONSIDER:
 IF YOU WANT
 RAINBOWS IN
 YOUR LIFE,
 YOU MUST
 PUT UP WITH
 SOME RAIN.
 from
 Dolly Parton

Wondering how you can become involved? While not all of us are able to maneuver ourselves well enough to plant flowers, perhaps we could entice younger, more flexible family members to volunteer one hour during planting times. Another possibility to participate would be to make a financial or flower donation to be used to expand plantings in the gardens. Or you could give 30 minutes to water the plants on a regular rotation. Your efforts will be appreciated!

Look for further details within this newsletter.

We hope you will plan to attend our fall meetings, and make an effort to invite another retired teacher or a supporter of education to join us. Mark your calendars and call in your reservations.

Another opportunity to learn and share will be the annual IRTA Area Workshop. On Wednesday, October 4 we will travel to Amish country in Montgomery, Indiana, for our Area meeting. Information and ideas abound. AND Gastof Amish Restaurant is known for its tasty food. Consider attending this year.

MEETING DATES

MARK YOUR
 CALENDAR
 FOR
 TUESDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 12,
 TO ATTEND

Tuesday, September 5	10 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting, BC Community Foundation
Tuesday, September 12	12 Noon	General Meeting BC Community Foundation Meeting Room Meal Catered by Sweeteas, Cost \$14.00 Ruth Ann Ingraham from BC Native Woodlands Project
Tuesday, October 3	10 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting, Library
Tuesday, October 10	12 Noon	New Life Church Community Church Meal Catered by Kevin Ault, Cost \$14.00 Jack Christy's Antique Road Show #2

BCRTA

MEETING

AT THE

COMMUNITY

FOUNDATION

MEETING

ROOM

RESERVATIONS

To attend luncheon meetings you must have a reservation. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, you are responsible for the cost as BCRTA must pay our vendors for the reservations which have been made. **Please honor this commitment.** Reservations must be made by **Friday, September 8.** To make a reservation:

- If your last name begins with a letter from **A through K:**

Email Dot Ryan:

Dot: darowen@sbcglobal.net

- If your last name begins with letters **L to Z:**

Email Sandy Ackerman:

Sandy: ackermans12@outlook.com

Please contact these people with your reservations by Monday through Friday, the week before the luncheon.

VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT

Remember to keep track of your volunteer hours for this year. By December 15, 2017 Rita Simon will need your **Volunteer hours for 2017** to turn in to IRTA. Please divide your hours into adult volunteer hours and youth volunteer hours. Email to her at ritasimon.lo@gmail.com or phone her at, 812-988-7938. It is an important fact when dealing with our state legislature that evidence of teachers still working for the good of their communities without pay influences their decisions about the 13th check or COLA

MANY,

MANY,

THANKS

TO ALL

WHO WORKED

AND TO

ALL WHO

DONATED

Now there are Volunteer Hours Forms available for those of you who would like them. Our members have devised many ways to keep track of hours spent in volunteer work. Check them out at www.browncountyretiredteachers.org

BCRTA AND BACK TO SCHOOL

On the day before schools started, BCRTA representatives attended the corporation teacher meeting. Susan Ridge and Julia Rose were the friendly greeters who passed out applications for auxiliary membership in state and local associations. Bev Logterman spoke to the group about our mission and why active teachers should consider joining us. We were well received and hope to add some new members as a result. Remember: All friends of education are invited to become associate members.

**PLANTS
OR OTHER
RESOURCES
TO OUR
BCRTA
COMMUNITY
PROJECT**

**PROGRESS OF SECRET GARDEN # 1 at BROWN COUNTY
HEALTH AND LIVING MEMORY CARE WING**



Weeds abound!



After three hours of weeding



Rita Simon, Jan Swigert, and Susan Ridge plant flowers



Secret Garden in full bloom, uplifting spirits!

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OUR YEAR

FOLLOWS

We would like to thank Peggy Kelp of Kelp's Greenhouse for her generous donation of a variety of flowers. Thank you also to Rita Simon, Joyce Shook, Sandy Ackerman, and Susan Ridge for donations of perennial and annual flowers.

Watering and weeding teams have been doing a wonderful job: Rita Simon and Bev Logterman on Mondays, Ann Woods, weeding on Thursdays, and Jan Swigert and Susan Ridge on Fridays. Best of all, a resident of BCHL goes out in her wheelchair on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to water the flowers as needed. If you would like to help out, please let us know!

2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES

At our June meeting, our membership voted to increase our dues beginning with this year 2017-2018 to \$10 for regular members and \$5 for associate members. Dues are payable at our September meeting. You may also use the form below and mail your dues to Sandy Ackerman.

SEPTEMBER 2017 SEPTEMBER 2018 DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW

Annual dues are payable at meetings or may be mailed to:

**Sandy Ackerman, Treasurer
1349 State Road 45
Morgantown, IN 46160**

BCRTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

SEPTEMBER 2017-2018

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip:

Email: _____

Dues are \$10 for Regular Membership and \$5 for Associate Membership

Regular Membership ____ **Associate Membership** ____

Check one: ____ **Renewal** ____ **New**

IRTA MEMBERSHIP

BCRTA encourages membership in the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. The IRTA lobbies the legislature repeatedly for a cost of living increase in your retirement check and also for the 13th check/stipend that you have been receiving. They also address retirement and educational issues for active teachers and administrators. Benefits include discounts for AT&T and Verizon. To join IRTA, fill out the form below or go online to retiredteachers.org and click on membership.

Indiana Retired Teachers Association Regular and Associate Membership

Regular Membership: For retired teachers and administrators that receive a pension from the Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund

Associate Membership: For any active teacher or supporter of education (such as a spouse) that does not receive a pension from Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund

Regular \$35.00 yr _____

Associate \$10.00 yr _____

Name: _____

County: _____

**Address:
Name**

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone: _____

Email: _____

To join by mail, fill out your form and send with a check to Sandy (address on previous page) or you can mail this directly to the IRTA office at 2629 Waterfront Parkway East Drive, Suite 105 Indianapolis, IN 46214

Please make separate checks for BCRTA and IRTA.