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I'm hoping Mother Nature has finished playing ping pong with the seasons. After a dreary winter, spring appears to be taking charge. The redbud trees are glorious additions to the scenery on any road we may travel, and the dogwoods are showing promise of a similar spectacular display.

Your BCRTA Board is working on this year's meetings and the programs we will present. We are examining our by-laws, dues structure, and possible ongoing community projects. We will bring our conversations to you at the general meetings. Our first meeting of 2017 is coming up. Mark your calendar for May 9. Meeting details can be found in the calendar section of this newsletter. Make the effort to invite and bring another retired teacher to join us for good food, good fellowship, and good entertainment. Be sure to make your reservation.

Our vice-president has resigned and may not return as an active member. Bob Galm has worked to provide programs for us that were varied, fun, and informative. We send best wishes to Bob in his future pursuits.

Did you keep up with Indiana Legislative actions? Our Legislative chairperson, Kathy Smith-Andrew, has been sending up-to-date information to those who provided her their email addresses. Another forum which may interest you is done by Tom Mellish from IRTA. He regularly posts Indiana EdCast where he discusses current happenings in Indiana education. Chalkbeat Indiana is another website with weekly education news. Laura Hammack, our BC Superintendent, regularly reports on local programs and student activities in *The Democrat*. We also have the BCRTA website to consult regarding news of our local organization. There are many opportunities to access information so that we keep ourselves informed.

*This newsletter
is being sent to
2016 - 2017
members as
well as others
who have been
members the
last several years
that we hope
plan to renew
their
membership
and join our
happy crowd*

*MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
FOR
TUESDAY
MAY 9, 2017*

FOR YOUR REFLECTION: *Do you always put the apostrophe in **ain't** to make certain you are using proper improper English?*

Our 2017 Meeting Schedule and Topics are below. In addition to information, we hope to provide our members with entertaining programs.

MEETING DATES

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| Tuesday , May 9 12 noon..... | General Meeting Historical Society Catered by The Pioneer Women, Meal Cost \$14.00 Enjoy the sweet voices of the BC Intermediate Choir |
| Tuesday, June 610 a.m. | Executive Board Meeting, Library |
| Tuesday, June 13 12 Noon..... | General Meeting, The Seasons Meal Cost \$14.00 Learn from Barbara Miller how to recognize and deal with fraud |
| Tuesday, September 5 10 a.m..... | Executive Board Meeting, Library |
| Tuesday, September 12 12 Noon..... | General Meeting BC Community Foundation Meeting Room Catered by Sweetteas 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 |

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, June 5**. To make a reservation:

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

Call or email Dot Ryan:
Dot: darowen@sbcglobal.net

TO ATTEND

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

BCRTA

Email Sandy Ackerman:
Sandy: ackermans12@outlook.com

MEETING

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

AT THE

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

HISTORICAL

BCRTA Legislative Chairman, Kathy Smith Andrew, attended the Rally for April 18, at the Indiana Statehouse with her husband, Bob Andrew, a BCRTA associate member. Dot Ryan Owen, retired Brown County teacher and BCRTA member, joined them at the Rally in support of public education. At our meeting on May 9, Kathy will bring us up-to-date on the laws passed during the 2017 legislative session pertaining to education.

SOCIETY

BCRTA MEMBERSHIP

THE ORIGINAL

Co-chairwomen, Jan and Susan met in April to develop ideas that promote membership. They concurred that one of the best ways to increase membership is to make the meetings meaningful in developing friendships while promoting enjoyable programs and good food. (Food is always important) Along with ideas for our meetings, they discussed updating the BCRTA Membership Booklet and making sure that each new member receives a copy.

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VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT

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We reported to IRTA our 2016 numbers of volunteer work: **6,617.5** hours for service to adult organizations, **2,532** hours of service to children's organizations. **Congratulations** to all of you who did this important service to our community. Be sure to keep track of your hours for 2017. Rita Simon will be collecting them at the end of the year.

IT CRASHED!!

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. It is an important fact when dealing with the legislature that retired teachers are still working for the good of their communities without pay. Providing them with these numbers factors in to their decisions about the 13th check or the idea of a COLA.

Some members have asked for some sort of form to use to record hours donated. For those of you who would like to have a form to keep track of your hours, we have two choices available. One is a daily calendar while the other is a monthly summary/report. These will be coming to our website, soon. Check them out at www.browncountyretiredteachers.org and download one for your use if you find it helpful.

