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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I know Spring is coming...daffodils are bravely holding up their yellow blossoms, and the "vote for me" signs are growing in yards all over the county. While the winter has been l-o-n-g and dreary, I hope you are looking forward to getting back together for lunch, fellowship, and motivating programs with your BCRTA friends.

SPEAKING OF FLOWERS

We are intending to continue our commitment to the BC Health and Living Center by keeping the garden growing. We need to ask for donations of flowers or cash to purchase flowers. Let me know if you have any sort of contribution to this project. Call (812-988-7147) text (812-343-8064) or email (bevlgrmn@aol.com) and we will arrange to receive your donation. We will also need some help with the planting. If you are unable to do that work, perhaps you can ask a family member to offer his/her services on a workday or two. Then we need people willing to water and/or weed on a specific day of the week.

This has been a most gratifying project for us. The residents and their families have been so appreciative of our efforts. Please do what you can to keep this project green and growing.

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IMPORTANT:

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RIGHT

TO

VOTE

SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERING

I hope you have been keeping track of the hours you spend on community service. Remember to add travel time to and from each event. It is important that we factually document how much time we are giving for the betterment of our communities. Legislators consider this information when making financial decisions relating to us retirees. *AND*, it is so satisfying to be able to continue to give and to continue making a difference.

SPEAKING OF TIME

Be sure to set aside time to attend BCRTA Spring Meetings in May and June. We try to bring programs to you that are inspiring, that give you significant information, and are worthy of the two hours we ask of you. We also hope you will make an effort to bring another retired educator to a meeting. Arrive at 11:30 for social time before the meeting begins!

SPEAKING OF INFORMATION

Kathleen Smith-Andrew has done so much in keeping us informed about the actions of the Indiana Legislature. If you have signed up with her, you have had access to her regular updates of bills pending of particular interest to teachers. I hope you will contact legislators when you receive a call to action. We don't have to be going to a classroom every day to recognize what is or isn't an educationally sound idea for our kids. Share your understanding and expertise.

SPEAKING OF EXPERTISE

We will be welcoming Brown County High School's Rhapsody Mixed Show Choir at our May 8th noon meeting at the Historical Society. Ms. Billings and her students always entertain and amaze us with their musical presentations.

We will also hear a proposal from Terri Whitcomb who heads a new mentorship program, which hopes to connect community members with high school students. She will explain the program and its goal of increasing student engagement and persistence in school. If you

**BE SURE
TO
MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR
TO ATTEND
BCRTA
MEETINGS
TUESDAY,
MAY 8
AND
TUESDAY
JUNE 12**

are missing personal contact with students who need a positive role model, you may be attracted to the idea of becoming a mentor.

In June we will be lunching at the Brown County Library. Then head librarian Stori Snyder will lead us through the new technology now in use at BCPL. There are many opportunities to find just the right book using the new programs and interlibrary connections. Have an e-reader? There are options for you, too.

SPEAKING OF OPPORTUNITIES

In February Donna Ormiston, Susan Ridge, and myself went on a field trip to attend the IRTA Legislative Brunch at the Capitol building in Indy. While our local legislators were involved in state business that morning and unable to meet with us, we had the opportunity to speak with a Bloomington area representative. He was approachable and willing to share his view of our state government's current workings. Of course, this is also a great time to meet and share with other retired teachers from around the state, and to learn from each other.



***IMPORTANT THINGS TO: REMEMBER:
BE KIND WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE.***

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SPEAKING OF MEETINGS

MEETING DATES

- Tuesday, May 1**..... 10 a.m..... Executive Board Meeting
BC Public Library
- Tuesday, May 8**..... 12 Noon..... Luncheon Meeting
Brown County Historical Society
Catered by the Pioneer Women, Cost \$14.00
BCHS Show Choir directed by Kristi Billings
- Tuesday, June 5**..... 10 a.m..... Executive Board Meeting
BC Public Library
- Tuesday, June 12** 12 Noon..... Luncheon Meeting
BC Public Library, downstairs
Cost \$14.00
Program by Stori Snyder,
BC Public Library Director
- Wednesday, June 13** 9:30 a.m..... *IRTA Representative Assembly*
Ben Davis High School
Indianapolis
- Tuesday, September 4**..... 10..... Executive Board Meeting
BC Public Library
- Tuesday, September 11** 12 Noon..... Luncheon Meeting
Location TBA
Jane Boultinghouse, IRTA President,
portraying Elizabeth Hancock Gentry,
neighbor of Nancy Hanks Lincoln
- Tuesday, October 2** 10..... Executive Board Meeting
BC Public Library
- Tuesday, October 9** 12 Noon..... Luncheon Meeting
New Life Community Church
Catered By Kevin Ault, Cost \$14.00
Christy Wrightsman speaking on the
Regional Opportunities Initiative

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, May 4, 2018.** To make a reservation:

If your last name begins with letters A to K

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Please contact these people with your reservations by Friday, May 4, 2018.

