



BROWN COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I am hoping this fall finds us driving on new and improved roads around our county and the surrounding areas as well. It has been stressful waiting in lines in road construction areas through the summer. Be sure to attend our fall meetings where you can relax and enjoy the fellowship of our retired teacher group. The only lines we have will be at the food table . . . with a satisfying result.

Mark your calendar for September 11 and October 9. You won't want to miss these opportunities to learn and be entertained.

September 11

Brown County History Center

Guest speaker

Lunch catered by the
Pioneer Women
IRTA President,
Jane Boultinghouse

Jane will be speaking to us in the persona of her great-great-great grandmother, Elizabeth Hancock Gentry. The Gentry family was a neighbor and friend of Abraham Lincoln's family when the Lincolns lived in Indiana. Be sure to brush up on Lincoln history and come to hear historical family memories of these once upon a time Hoosiers.

October 9

New Life Church

Guest speaker

Lunch catered by Kevin Ault

Christy Wrightsman,
Chairperson ROI

Christy led the Regional Opportunities Initiative study for our county school corporation. You will learn the background of the program, the process of identifying community needs and wants, and the outcome of those efforts. Students at all levels will reap the benefits of what this group of staff, parents, students, and community members have developed. Don't miss your opportunity to learn about this new vision for Brown County kids.

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NOTICE: Dot Ryan continues to take lunch/meeting reservations for last names beginning with A to K. For last names L to Z there is a **change**...you will inform **Linda Todd**. Contact information will be found in the RESERVATION section of this newsletter.

IRTA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

Susan Ridge and Bev Logterman attended this year's meeting. The major change debated and settled had to do with associate member dues. Starting July 1, this year the new fee for IRTA associates will be \$15 for one year, \$40 for three years, or \$65 for 5 years. Associate membership entitles the member to all benefits of regular members' programs. This change and other by-laws updates will be posted on the IRTA website www.retiredteachers.org.

I am proud to announce that BCRTA was given OUTSTANDING recognition for both our newsletter and website! We received Honorable Mention for press releases. Our Jan Swigert was recognized as Outstanding Volunteer. Thank you to all whose efforts went into our group's awards.

IRTA FALL WORKSHOPS

Our Area workshop will be held on Monday, October 8 at the Gasthoff restaurant in Montgomery, IN. (The meeting place is a change from what was printed in the IRTA Bulletin) Check your calendar and inform me if you would like to hit the road with us. We always get updated with useful information at these meetings.

VOLUNTEERING !! ??

We hope you are keeping track of your volunteer hours. Rita will be asking for those totals later this year. The garden and hanging plants at Brown County Health and Living are thriving. We are seeing more folks sitting in these areas enjoying the flowers, and have received numerous thank yous from residents and family members. A loyal group of BCRTA members are watering and weeding twice a week. This is a project worthy of our efforts.



NATIONAL

HOLIDAYS:

SEPTEMBER 22

ELEPHANT

APPRECIATION

DAY

OCTOBER 3

NATIONAL

KALE DAY

MEMBER CONCERNS

Do you know of a retired teacher who is dealing with a personal or family member's health issue? How about one of ours just needing a cheerful message? Donna Ormiston has cards and stamps and a heart full of positive messages. Contact her so that our group can offer our support. 812-988-6418 or dlormiston@sbcglobal.net

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The legislature is currently on a break, but be sure to watch for Kathy Smith-Andrew's messages when lawmakers return to duty. It is time to state the obvious reminder to BE SURE TO VOTE! Do you know if your neighbors are registered? Can you assist them in getting that done?

MEMBERSHIP

Susan Ridge and Jan Swigert continue their efforts to bring new members into our fold. We are inviting the latest retirees from BCS to our next meeting. We'd love to see more new faces when we meet in September. Have you met any new retired teachers now living in Brown County? Let them know about us. We will gladly send them a newsletter.

BCRTA SUPPORTS

Remember that there are several causes we support financially:

- Carol Walker Thank a Teacher Fund provides \$\$ to a teacher to purchase materials for the classroom.
- Flower Fund provides \$\$ to buy flowers to plant at Brown County Health and Living Center.
- You can also donate to the Backpack Fund which sends food home with kids for the weekend.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

From Papyrus greeting card insert:

...life is rich, beauty is everywhere, every personal connection has meaning, and laughter is life's sweetest creation.

MEETING DATES

- Tuesday, September 4**..... 10 a.m.Executive Board Meeting
BC Public Library
- Tuesday, September 11** 12 Noon.....Luncheon Meeting
Brown County History Center
Jane Boultinghouse, IRTA President,
portraying Elizabeth Hancock Gentry,
a neighbor of the Lincoln family.
- Tuesday, October 2** 10 a.m.....Executive Board Meeting
BC Public Library
- Monday, October 8** 9 a.m.....IRTA Area Workshop
Gasthoff Restaurant
Montgomery, Indiana
- Tuesday, October 9** 12 Noon.....Luncheon Meeting
New Life Community Church
Catered By Kevin Ault, Cost \$14.00
Guest Speaker 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 the **Friday, before the meeting.**

To make a reservation:

If your last name begins with letters A to K Call or email Dot Ryan:

Dot: Phone, 317-695-5821 E-mail, darowen@sbcglobal.net

If your last name begins with letters L to Z: Call or email Linda Todd:

Linda: Phone, 812-287-2489 E-mail, ljtodd@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES

SEPTEMBER 2018--SEPTEMBER 2019 DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW

Our membership dues match the school year, September to September. The dues for this year, 2018 - 2019 are \$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 Linda Todd.

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

**Linda Todd, Treasurer
6249 Justin Ridge Road
Nashville, IN 47448
Phone: 812-287-2489**

**BCRTA MEMBERSHIP FORM
SEPTEMBER 2018-2019**

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. Over 20 companies offer discounts or benefits for IRTA members including discounts for AT&T and Verizon.

To join IRTA, fill out the following form 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 year _____ **Associate \$15.00 one year** _____
\$40.00 three years _____
\$65.00 five years _____

Name: _____

County: _____

Address: _____

City : _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

To join by mail: Send completed form with a check to Linda Todd (6249 Justin Ridge Road, Nashville, IN 47448) or 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.