

# ECRTA

## ELKHART COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

ECRTA Newsletter, August 2016

website: [www.ecrta.com](http://www.ecrta.com)

### September 8 meeting

Place: Maplecrest County Club

Date: Thursday September 8, 2016

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Program: Tom Mellish, Executive Director IRTA

Donations: The Window

**RSVP by Sept. 2 to  
Pat Huber (533-1873) or  
Elaine Frye (frey@ecrta.com)**

### From President Marilee Keim

Retired teachers continue to amaze me as they contribute to their communities and advocate for our schools. Just because we do not arrive at our schools on a daily basis has not stopped our enthusiasm to promote educational causes. Kudos to every one of you!

Our local organization has several leadership positions open and I am asking you to personally consider stepping up to help our ECRTA remain a strong and vibrant advocate for retired teachers and their causes. Our success is entirely dependent upon our membership! Marilee

### Officers and Committee Chairpersons

President	Marilee Keim
President Elect	Connie Schrock
Recording Secretary	Marie Palacios
Corresponding Secretary	Pat Huber
Treasurer	Rose Conway
Newsletter	Donna Palacios
Legislative	Gary Stoltz
Retirement	
Community Services	
Volunteer Hours	Marie Palacios
Membership	Connie Schrock
Past President	Fran Fraser

### Meetings for the 2016-2017 year

All meetings start at 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 8 - Maplecrest Country Club

Nov. 10 - West Goshen Church of Brethern

April 13 -

June 8 -

**Treasurers Report:** \$5475.86 in Treasury. Donations totaled \$1227 - \$25 IRTA, Necrology; \$202 IRTA, Teacher Scholarships; and \$1000 ECRTA Scholarship. Rose Conway.

### Positions opened ~

- **Newsletter**
- **Retirement**
- **Community Service**
- **Next June – President Elect and Treasurer**

**New Retirees:** Congratulations to all those teachers who retired in 2016.

**Baugo**

Valerie Williams

**Concord**

Karen Braden  
Dan Cunningham  
Dama DePriest  
Teresa Frey  
Albertina "Tina" Johnson  
Pamela Juday  
Valentina Kinch  
Dawn Manger  
Greg Martin  
David Polston  
Lisa Richline  
Timothy Roberts  
Craig Shafer  
Susan Thimiar

**Middlebury**

Dennis Sienicki  
Anne Toth

**Elkhart**

Candice Clarke  
Myra Cors  
Jennifer Cunningham  
Debbie Flinkinger  
Geraldine Geiger  
Thomas Grove  
Rebecca Hindman  
Susan Kitt  
Malina Kleepbua  
Jeanette Krabill  
Karen Lockhart  
Christy Marshall  
Eric Menchinger  
Rita Raval  
Nico Valentijn  
Barbara VanWechel  
Gary Wenning

**Fairfield**

Lori Bontrager  
Helen Bowman  
Jackie Clayton  
Diane Granger  
Jeannie Suitors

**Goshen**

Marilyn Graber  
Mary Liechty  
Lance McFarren  
Max Mault  
Pat Minnick  
Tracy Robison  
Sandy Swartz  
Steve Swihart  
Brian Wilkins

**WaNee**

Caryn Hershberger  
Dane Larsen  
Gary Miller  
Jennifer Shaw  
Jacqueline Stubbs

**Legislative News by Gary Stoltz**

As reported to you at our April meeting, you can expect the stipend payment to be included in your September 1, 2016 INPRS pension payment. This was the direct result of the efforts of your IRTA leadership team and the participation by individual members across the state.

The November general election will give us an opportunity to vote and perhaps change the current course of public education in Indiana. Please plan to attend the ECRTA meeting in September and/or check out the [ecrta.com](http://ecrta.com) website for the latest update.

**As reported by Larry Pio: The 2016 ECRTA Scholarship Recipient**

Cathy Lynn Cora is our Scholarship Recipient. She attended Elkhart Central High School, graduating in 1988 and began college at Ball State, later transferring to IUSB. She married and had children and then wanting to continue education for a teaching certificate, started again in 2014. She did amazingly well continuing toward a degree. Meanwhile she has worked as a charity fund-raiser as a Martin's Supermarket employee and as a leader of the Concord Music Association where she was president for two years. She is very enthusiastic about becoming a teacher.

## **Foundation News by Gary Stoltz**

This is a reminder to you that ECRTA supports the IRTF by donating \$1.00 per year for each of our active members and an additional \$5.00 memorial gift for each deceased member of ECRTA. Members can make an individual contribution any time they choose.

The ten state scholarships for prospective teachers have been awarded. You are free to remind any current classroom teacher that they can apply for an Active Teacher Grant of up to \$500.00. Details are available online at [www.retiredteachers.org](http://www.retiredteachers.org) and then check under the Foundation tab for the application form, or interested teachers can contact me. The completed application deadline is September 30, 2016

## **Community Services chair 2015-16, Cathy Van Huystee**

Thank you to all of you great ECRTA members that shared your time and talents, Volunteering for many different organizations in our county, state, and even other countries. Ninety-six members sent in a total of 4,952 hours with youth and 19,851 hours with 'other' for a Total of 24,803 hours. If valued at 23.07 per volunteer hour, a total of \$572,205 would be realized.

Members also gave generously in food, non-food and funds totaling \$302. Donations went to Church Community Services in Elkhart, The Window in Goshen, and Family Christian Development Center in Nappanee.

## **Membership:**

During the 2015-16 year, in ECRTA has approximately 390 members. Just to remind you, your current membership is for the school year 2015-16 and not the calendar year. This means that your membership expires August 2016. You will receive a membership card in the Newsletter, complete and return it with \$10.00 dues payment for the year 2016-17. It is important to renew your membership each year because each member is important. We appreciate your support each year. Encourage your newly retired members to join us, their first year membership is free!

A reminder to each of you: update your addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Remember to check if you want notices by email or U.S. mail. Receiving notices by email reduces the cost of postage for ECRTA. We will continue to send postcard notices to those who request U.S. mail. Part of the membership dues also helps support our Scholarship Fund. We give a \$1000.00 scholarship to a junior or senior in an Indiana college who is an education major.  
Elaine Frey

## Necrology Report 2015-16

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of these retired teachers who passed away in 2015-2016 year. At the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting they were honored during our Necrology Service.

Frank Hostetler, Middlebury	M. Pauline Yoder Elkhart	Calvin Stutzman, Nappanee
Nancy Holmes, Elkhart	Elsie McKeehan, Elkhart	Diane Brown, Elkhart
Claudia Riggs, Elkhart	Marilyn Wolber, Elkhart	Dorothy Granitz, Elkhart
Sharon Bontrager, Goshen	Henry Diener, White Pigion	Jennifer Wingerd, Goshen
James Hacker, Elkhart	Gary Bennett, Elkhart	Opal Krider, Middlebury
Jane O'Connell, Elkhart	James Ellis, Sr. Goshen	Katie Gingerich, Elkhart
Kenneth McFarland, Elkhart	Margaret Saul, Elkhart	Marcia Perdrian, LaGrange
Jerome Stajkowski, Elkhart	Helen Wollenweber, Elkhart	Bette Stock, Elkhart
Miriam Weldy Goshen	Robert Slaughter Jr. Elkhart	Linda Balyeat, Elkhart
Barbara Pritchet, Elkhart	Opal Barkey Gunden, Goshen	Glen Zoller, Goshen
Florence Hoover, Elkhart	Sandra Landru Duwe, Elkhart	Royann Cross, Elkhart
Bonnie Schmucker Greeley, Elkhart		

(Editor's Notes: Thank everyone for the cooperation to the editor in sending materials for the Newsletter these last three plus years. It has been both rewarding and at times time consuming to provide the Newsletter to you. This is my last edition and I am asking some of the newer, more computer savvy to step forward to take on this task. It is important for members to receive information about our group and education as a whole. Thank you. Donna Palacios)

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## Volunteer Hours Tally Sheet:

Each month, please tally the number of volunteer hours in two categories: Youth or Children // All others. In December please send me your total in each category and a grand total. Please include the different things you do to volunteer. Thank you, Marie Palacios [marpal27@gmail.com](mailto:marpal27@gmail.com) or call 238-2069.

Month	Youth	Other	Total	Month	Youth	Other	Total
January				July			
February				August			
March				September			
April				October			
May				November			
June				December			
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