

REPORT OF THE MEMBER CONCERNS/NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Member Concerns/Necrology Committee is to support and encourage local chapters to give care, concern, and assistance to retired educators in their communities. In addition, the committee will prepare the Memorial Service for the Representative Assembly.

MEMBER CONCERNS

The Member Concerns/Necrology Committee was given the responsibility for designating a GAL/CASA retired teacher from each of the ten areas. Ten nominations were received with some areas nominating more than one. Since there were ten awards to be given, the committee decided to give all ten nominees an award. CASA directors and IRTA chapter presidents were involved in the nomination process.

There are five prongs to the committee's responsibilities. The following material may be requested from the IRTA office.

Member Concerns/Necrology Brochure – provides locals with suggestions for addressing member concerns as well as contact information for various state and national organizations of benefit for retired teachers.

In Memory of . . . – A compilation of what locals around the state are doing to honor their deceased members.

IRTA Membership Brochure – offers membership options as well as a listing of the many benefits. The IRTA Executive Director works closely with Association Member Benefits Association (AMBA) to oversee the current benefits and makes suggestions for new benefits.

The Retired Teachers Helping Retired Teachers – a compilation of ideas presented by local chapters on ways to help chapter members

Annual CASA Award Nomination Form – available to local chapter presidents and CASA directors to nominate a member volunteering as a CASA/GAL (Guardian Ad Lidum)

Hands UP – committee is teaming with IRTF to publicize the Hands UP program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Encourage local chapter presidents to include an opportunity at their meetings for members to write down concerns they have or services that would be helpful to them and forward the information collected to the state committee for review and consideration. Additionally, local chapters are encouraged to reach out to active teachers to solicit concerns they may have as they approach retirement.

Chapters which have arranged for local discounts are encouraged to share them with the Member Concerns/Necrology Committee. Information will be dispersed to other chapters.

NECROLOGY

Indiana retired teachers who have died since the last Representative Assembly and been reported between May 2020 and April 2021 are listed alphabetically according to county in this year's annual report.

It is our hope that each local organization will appropriately memorialize the local educators who have died within the year at a regular annual meeting. Many chapters send donations to the IRTF in memory of their deceased members.

Local chapters requested ideas on ways to plan a Memorial Service for their deceased members. In Memory of . . . has been compiled with the ideas received from local chapters and may be requested from the IRTA office by contacting Linnie Harris.

Local Necrology Chairpersons are encouraged to send or call in the names of the deceased members to the office.

Send to one of the following persons:

Debbie Christie or Linnie Harris.

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By reporting names, it eliminates the submission of names for the annual report. The local necrology chairperson is in charge of compiling the list and submitting it to the individuals at the IRTA office so files can be updated and mailings/emails will no longer be forwarded to deceased individuals.

Respectfully submitted,
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