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# Advocating for all Indiana Retired Educators

### A Message From the President



It sure seems like time is really getting away from us. Labor Day has come and gone, and Fall is upon us. We will see all the beauty presented in a panorama of colors. It won't be long until we will be gathering together with family and friends for a bountiful and festive Holiday Season. Of course, that means that time of year that we all dread --COLD -- SNOW!!

Change is interesting when we think about it. It has been said that the only "constant" in life is "change." If we look up these two definitions, we find what appears to be a conflict. Constant is a situation that does not change.

Change is a new or refreshingly different experience. How can both words fit into the same sentence?

In thinking about these two words, I think that they both reflect what is happening with IRTA. Our mission is constant. We can always be depended upon to Advocate for all Indiana Retired Educators. We do not stray from our responsibility to fulfill that mission. IRTA is investigating ways to change the way we fulfill that mission. We do not take change lightly. We are looking at every idea thoroughly to determine if it is something that we should pursue. The goal is to make IRTA more relevant for all our retirees.

Change can be hard. As everyone probably already knows, our Executive Director has resigned and will complete his last day around October 4. We will miss Tom very much. We wish Tom the very best as he embarks on the next part of his life's journey, RETIREMENT. At the time of this writing, we are in the process of interviewing candidates for the position. We are striving to find the best person to fill the position to lead IRTA forward. We are not taking this responsibility lightly as we look for someone to fulfill the goals and mission of IRTA. As we move forward, IRTA will be a more responsive and resilient organization for the benefit of Indiana's retired educators.

This past summer, we hosted our first Leadership Workshops. According to the survey results, we were very successful in meeting our desired goals. We were enlightened by two speakers from the National Retired Teachers Association. The morning speaker discussed how to be an informed and effective advocate for causes that we believe in. The afternoon speaker made a very interesting comparison between enjoying chocolate and getting the younger generation of retirees involved in our organization. We also had breakout sessions, discussing many items of concern for our local Retired Teachers organizations. If your local desires information, or help from the IRTA, please contact either the state office, your CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### Executive Director's Message



As I get ready to walk away, I want to thank everyone who made this such a great tenure for me at IRTA. I traveled the state and enjoyed visiting each chapter, each with your own uniqueness, but with dedication to your communities. I truly appreciated your support and the warm welcomes I felt at each stop.

Our officers and board members have all worked hard and done so much for IRTA and their respective areas. I have never been part of a board that worked so hard for a common purpose. It was a joy to serve alongside each member.

The staff kept the office moving supporting our members, locals and people wanting information on a variety of topics.

We branched out into the cyber world with a dynamic website and into the social media world through Facebook, Twitter, blogs, emails and podcasts. We are reaching out to our younger active teachers, so they are aware of us throughout their careers. We continue to use print media for our members that are not online but want to know what is going on and keep up to date on IRTA initiatives.

Our advocacy and messaging seem to be working. Our membership will be up for the 3rd straight year as we have already surpassed last year's membership numbers. Our membership drives are finding new members and our marketing is reaching more people.

These are all good trends, but these need to be continued in the coming months and years. Advocacy will continue to be key as we work with legislators to find more funding for the new Supplemental Reserve Accounts. It is time for increases for the "13th Check" and a Cost of Living Increase for our base pensions. These discussions are ongoing with leadership in the legislature and will be paramount throughout 2020 and 2021.

I am truly excited about our newest initiative, the IRTF Foundation Endowment drive. The potential the Endowment holds for IRTA and IRTF will only be limited by its size. I envision increasing their three established programs and new programs being started and developed. My wish is that our endowment will surpass its goal of \$1 million dollars in the upcoming year. I believe IRTA will be the first RTA with an Endowment as part of their Foundation and one of the few state associations with a Foundation.

I was blessed and humbled to serve, work, lead, and be part of such a great group of people that make up IRTA. I can't think of a better way to head out into the sunset with such great memories and times I have had throughout my career. Please keep advocating for public education, pensions and enjoy your well-earned retirements!

Tom Mellish, Executive Director

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## **Association Member Benefits Advisors Clock Award**

Ann Clark - Area 3 Clock Award Winner - Corrected Biography

#### Ann Clark, Area 3 Winner Clinton County RTA

Area 3 Clock Winner, Ann Louise Clark, was born a preemie with her twin sister, Jane Marie Tietz, in Louisville, KY. She grew up in Jasper, Indiana, went to Indiana State University, and graduated in 1969 with a B. A. in Education. After marrying David Lee CLARK, Ann moved to Frankfort, IN, the same year. Ann received her master's degree from IU-Kokomo in 1974. She taught 29 years with the Community Schools of Frankfort, mostly in second grade.

Ann's husband died of cancer in 1995. She has 2 married daughters and sons-in-law, and 7 grandchildren living in Fishers and Indianapolis.

Ann's volunteer hours are for church and community. She has been a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church since her move to Frankfort. Ann is serving as a lector/reader, song leader, catechist for RCIA for



children, extraordinary minister of Communion to our home-bound/nursing home parishioners and at Mass, a charter member and spiritual advisor of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Mary Indiana Conference, and president of Ladies of Charity that do funeral dinners and monthly shut-in visits.

To help the community, Ann serves as the liaison between her church and her local pregnancy resource center. She coordinates her church's fundraising for their Rock-A-Thon, life banquet, and baby bottle campaign. Several times a month, Ann volunteers at the information desk at IU Health Frankfort Hospital. She continues to work the elections in Frankfort as a judge. She is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa women's educator organization and a past president. Ann is also past president and member of Clinton County Retired Teacher Association and now send cards as corresponding secretary and informs Julie at the Indiana Retired Teacher Association office of any deaths for necrology committee. Reading to preschoolers at another church and k-2 at our public schools for Frankfort's library literacy program has been enjoyable.

On a personal level, Ann helped her 85-year-old neighbor, and friend for over 30 years by being her alternate POA when her only 2 surviving grandchildren worked. This included taking her to dr. appointments, making business phone calls with her hearing problems, shopping, and visiting to check on her. She passed away this Valentine's Day.

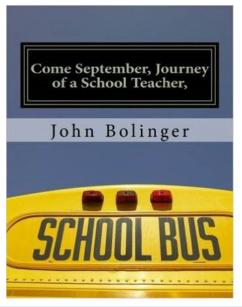


A Book by One of Our IRTA Members...

Alternately funny and touching, COME SEPTEMBER, by John Bolinger, conveys the story of every high school teacher's struggle to enlighten both himself and his pupils, encountering along the way battles with colleagues, administrators, and parents through a parade of characters that include a freshman boy for whom the faculty code name is "Spawn of Satan," to a senior girl whose water breaks during a pop-quiz over THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS.

Through social change and the relentless march of technology, the human element remains constant in the book's personal, entertaining, and sympathetic portraits of faculty, students, parents, and others. The audience for this book will certainly include schoolteachers everywhere, teenagers, parents of teens, as well as anyone who appreciates that blend of humor and pathos with which the world of public education is drenched. The drive of the story is the narrator's struggle to become the best teacher he can be.

This fourth of John's seven published books may be purchased (\$10.58) at Amazon or Barnes & Noble (284 pages). There is also a Kindle version.



## **Incoming IRTA Executive Director**

#### Trish Whitcomb



Trish Whitcomb has served as senior level staff for local and statewide elected officials, including serving as Special Advisor to the Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction. A graduate of Butler University College of Education and classroom teacher for several years, Trish completed graduate studies in Public Administration at the University of Wyoming, with concentrations in finance and economics.

Most recently, Trish worked as a municipal advisor and investment banker, securing funding for public schools and municipal projects. In May, 2019, she completed a graduate certificate program in Applied Neuroscience in Education from Butler University. She serves on the Dean's Advisory Council, Butler University College of Education.

In her spare time, Trish enjoys cooking for her family and traveling.

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area director, or an officer. We will help in any way possible.

We are very excited that the Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation now has an Endowment to fund the projects of the Foundation. This has been a goal for the Foundation since it became a separate entity years ago. You have received a mailing detailing what can be done to help the Foundation reach its one-million-dollar Endowment goal.

We are already beginning to plan next year's Fall Workshops. These will emphasize items of interest to our members. Be looking for upcoming information regarding these workshops. If you have ideas for topics to be covered and discussed, please contact me.

Membership is a very high priority for us. If it hadn't been for IRTA, we would not have received the "pension enhancement (13th check)" in September. It was touch and go for a while at the end of the session. The enhancement was taken out of the budget by the Senate. Our friends in the House insisted that it had to be included in the final budget bill. Our members started calling their legislators and we were successful in getting the "pension enhancement" in the budget for 2019 and 2020. Without our members, we would not have accomplished this. You are the best membership person that we have. If each one of you would just enroll one person in IRTA, we would double our membership and be able to make a bigger difference in the legislature each year.

In closing, remember, if you don't know where you are going, you will never know when you get there. I am glad that IRTA has a plan and knows where it is going and will continue to support and work for Indiana's retired educators. IRTA is the only organization in the state of Indiana whose sole purpose is to Advocate for all Indiana Retired Educators.

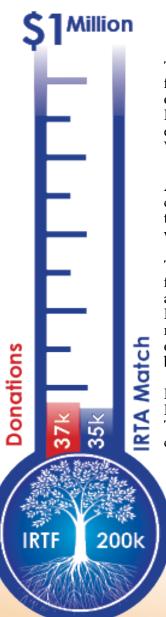
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# **IRTF Endowment Campaign**

The Indiana Retired Teachers Foundation (IRTF) Endowment Campaign is in full swing! The annual interest from a \$1 million endowment fund will sustain our three very successful programs (Scholarships, Active Teacher Grants, and A Hand UP). The Foundation moved \$200,000 from its investments to begin the endowment, and the IRTA will match all donations of \$50 or more, up to \$400,000. With your help, the formation of this endowment is very attainable!

All Indiana retired teachers have received a flyer outlining the endowment campaign and notes from previous program recipients. As of September 30, 2019, the endowment contributions total nearly \$45,000, so we are over one-fourth of the way to our \$1 million goal!

There are many ways to contribute to the endowment. I personally challenge all farm families to sell some grain this harvest for the IRTF. The IRTF has established an account with The Andersons, so you can tag a load or part of a load to go to the IRTF and that donation would not be taxable farm income. Let me know if you market your grain elsewhere and we can open an account there. If you are 70  $\frac{1}{2}$  or older, please consider making an IRA Charitable Rollover, which also offers tax benefits.

Please remember that any donation of \$50 or more will be doubled by the IRTA! If your contribution is \$250 or more, you can also receive an apple on the Giving Tree. When making a contribution, please make sure that you denote that your contribution is for the endowment or make your check out to the IRTF Endowment.

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If you are an AmazonSmile customer, you can now support Indiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation Inc in the Amazon shopping app on your Android device! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

- 1. If you have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App, open the App on your Android device.
- 2. View Settings and select AmazonSmile.
- 3. Follow the in-App instructions to complete the process.

If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App, simply update your App. AmazonSmile is not currently available for iOS users. We will notify you when it becomes available.

## community rewards

The Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) has been accepted into the Kroger Community Rewards Program! As a result, your grocery purchases (and those of your friends and family) will contribute to the Foundation at no cost to you! All you have to do is sign up....please do so!

Sign-Up Instructions:

- 1. Go to www.kroger.com
- 2. Log in to your Kroger Plus Card account
- 3. Scroll down to bottom of page to "Community"
- 4. Click on "Kroger Community Rewards"
- 5. Go to "I'm a Customer"
- 6. Click on "View Details"
- 7. Under "Find Organization", enter PV891 (for Indy district),
  - SY167 (for the Louisville district),
  - or DT509 (for Ripley, Dearborn, Ohio, and Switzerland counties)
- 8. Click "Enroll"
- 9. Then you will see: "You have successfully changed your organization"
- 10. Swipe your registered Kroger card when shopping so each purchase will count towards IRTF.

Or call the Customer Service number on your Kroger Loyalty card (1-800-576-4377) and they'll do all the work!



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## VARIANCE REPORT

#### INDIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION VARIANCE REPORT

ELEVEN	MONTH-	-PERIOD	ENDED	7/31/2019

ELEVEN MONTH-FERIOD E	1010112013			
	Year-to-date		udget-year-to-	
	Amount	Amount	Var-amt	Var-%
INCOME:				
REGULAR MEMBER DUES * Does not include Life Members	602,036	665,000	(62,964)	-9.5%
ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES	33,544	40,000	(6,456)	-16.1%
GAIN/(LOSS) ON SALE-SECURITIES				
TCU INTEREST-ASSOCIATION	168			
INVESTMENT INCOME-TOTAL	38,820	55,000	(16,180)	-29.4%
ROYALTY ENDORSEMENT FEE	66,327	73,000	(6,673)	-9.1%
OTHER INCOME-CREDIT CARD	741			
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY INCOME	5,300	7200		
SALE OF IRTA MERCHANDISE	0			
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	(7)			
FLORIDA MEETINGS INCOME	1,309	1,800		
TOTAL INCOME	748,238	840,200	(91,962)	-10.9%
OFFICE OPERATIONS:				
OCCUPANCY-RENT	51,607	56,000	(4,393)	-7.8%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & MAINT.	23,754	33,000	(9,246)	-28.0%
STAFF TRAVEL, PARKING & MEALS	4,030	4,000	30	0.8%
SALARIES-OFFICE STAFF	246,374	270,000	(23,626)	-8.8%
PAYROLL TAXES & RETIREMENT EXPENSE	28,161	38,000	(9,839)	-25.9%
GROUP INSURANCE	56,953	65,000	(8,047)	-12.4%
OTHER INSURANCE	2,884	3,100	(216)	-7.0%
PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS	50	0	50	#DIV/0!
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	878	750	128	17.0%
OFFICE, PAYROLL SERVICES, & OTHER EXP	2.878	3.500	(622)	-17.8%
UNFORSEEABLE EXPENSES	0	10,000	(10,000)	-100.0%
POSTAGE EXPENSE	21,223	25,000	(3,777)	-15.1%
PRINTING & SUPPLIES	30,246	25.000	5.246	21.0%
LEGAL & ACCOUNTING	12.384	13,000	(616)	-4.7%
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	3,917	15,000	(11,083)	-73.9%
DISCOUNT ON RETIREMENT LIABILITY	0	10,000	(11,000)	-10.070
TOTAL OFFICE OPERATIONS EXPENSE	485,337.29	561,350	(76,013)	-13.5%
PROGRAM EXPENSES:				
MARKETING EXPENSE	42,597	60,000	(17,403)	-29.0%
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES-TOTAL	23,048	25,000	(1,952)	-7.8%
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY	20,509	20,000	509	2.5%
FALL AREA WORKSHOPS	9,705	12,500	(2,795)	-22.4%
SPRING COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS	2,782	2,000	782	39.1%
SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP	10,567			
COMMITTEE MEETING/OTHER	1,526	5,000	(3,474)	-69.5%
FLORIDA MEETINGS	5,645	6,000	(355)	-5.9%
PRESIDENT'S EXPENSES	1,364	6,000	(4,636)	-77.3%
BOARD OFFICERS REIMBURSEMENTS	25,708	30,000	(4,292)	-14.3%
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTERS	35,071	31,000	4,071	13.1%
LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE	17,158	16,000	1,158	7.2%
LOBBYING SERVICES	35,750	39,000	(3,250)	-8.3%
MERCHANDISE FOR SALE	0			
UNDESIGNATED PROGRAM EXPENSES	Ō	20,000	(20.000)	-100.0%
LOCAL CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT	0	500	(500)	-100.0%
TOTAL OTHER	231,429	273,000	(41,571)	-15.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	716,767	834,350	(117,583)	-14.1%
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	31,471	5,850	25,621	

#### **BALANCE SHEET** INDIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET As of 7/31/2019 CURRENT ASSETS: CASH \$ 184,639

ASSETS:

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	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			\$	213,777		
IN\ IN\ IN\	VESTMENTS: VESTMENTS-MSSB-PR MED VESTMENTS-MSSB-CD VESTMENTS-MSSB-CORP VESTMENTS-MSSB-LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$	172,956 123,193 1,565,989 737,845	_			
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS			\$	2,599,984		
FIX LEA	OPERTY AND EQUIPMENT: ( ASSETS ASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS SS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	\$	102,898 2,292 (80,444)				
	TOTAL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT			\$	24,746		
	TOTAL ASSETS					\$ 2,838,507	
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AC	COUNTS PAYABLE	\$	31,991				
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TO	TAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$	55,611				
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TO	TAL OTHER LIABILITIES	\$	583,779				
	TOTAL LIABILITIES			\$	639,389		
FUI	ND BALANCES:						
FUI	ND BALANCE	\$	1,972,387				
UN	RESTRICTED NET ASSETS-BD DESIGNATED	\$	195,259	-			
	GENERAL FUND			\$	2,167,647		
	NET INCOME (LOSS)			\$	31,471		
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES					\$ 2,838,507	



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# 2020 Florida IRTA Luncheons

Information will be mailed out in December to our members who travel to Florida during winter months or who reside in Florida. Information will include emails and telephone numbers of each host. If you are new to Florida this year, you may email or call the host of your Florida meeting choice by January 10, 2020.

Thursday, January 16, 2020 Viera, Florida (East Coast)

Host: Anna Bach, Melbourne, FL 32904 Email: bachanna311@gmail.com Telephone: 574.952.5144

Location: Tradewinds Restaurant at Duran Golf Club, 7032 Stadium Pkway, Viera, FL 32940 (321.504.7776) Time 11:30AM - 1:30PM

> Saturday, January 18, 2020 Sarasita, Florida (West Side)

Host: Dan Howe, Sarasota, FL 34241 Email: dghowe58@gmail.com Telephone: (h) 941.923.9948, (c) 260.433.1544

Location: Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club, 4800 Chase Oaks Drive, Sarasota, FL 34241 (941.926.7602) Time 11:30AM - 1:30PM Friday, January 17, 2020 Fort Myers, Florida (Gulf Coast)

Host: Phyllis Wayco, Ft Myers, FL 33912 Email: phylwayco@aol.com Telephone: (h) 219.765.6376, (c) 239.561.4619

Location: Olive Garden 12870 Cleveland Ave Fort Myers, FL 33907 (239.936.7770) Time 11:30AM - 2:00PM

> Monday, January 20, 2020 Leesburg, Florida (Central FL)

Host: Jim and Barb MacGregor, Celebration, FL 34747 Email: barbm10@aol.com Telephone: (h) 407.566.9184, (c) 407.791.8435

Location: Mission Inn, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills, FL 34737 (352.324.3101) Time 11:30AM - 1:30PM





# Indiana Retired Teachers Association School Bell Award Winners

IRTA is proud to announce our first three-month winners for the School Bell Award winners for July, August and September.

For July, Ilene Howard from Fulton County was our \$50 gift card winner. Heidi Sellers, from Clark-Floyd was our \$25 gift card recipient.

In August, Rebecca Miller from Knox County was our \$50 gift card winner and Linda Burnette from Parke-Vermillion was our \$25 gift card recipient.

Our September winners were Nancy Durham from Ripley County was our \$50 gift card winner. Karen Bunselmeier was our \$25 gift card winner also from Ripley County was our \$25 gift card recipient.

We have had 37 new members signed up so far by 13 of our regular members in our first three months of this contest. Thank you so much for your efforts!

If you're not at the table, you're on the menu. The story behind this year's "13th check" and the State Legislature...

There is a saying "If you're not at the table, you're on the menu." This almost happened with retired educators and our stipend (13th check). If it were not for the IRTA, we may have lost it.

Do you like the stipend (13th check) you receive in September?

You can thank the IRTA. For 36 years there has been either COLA or a 13th check added to our pension payment. In the spring of 2019, it appeared all was going well as the Indiana House had the 13th check in their budget bill. However, on April 10th it was found that the Indiana Senate had taken funding for the 13th check out of the budget bill. Steve Beebe, lobbyist for IRTA and Tom Mellish, IRTA Executive Director, worked with their contacts and mobilized IRTA members to contact the governor and their state senators and representatives. Because we (the IRTA) were at the table (actively lobbying for the 13th check), we did not end up being served on the menu.

Many thanks to those of you who contacted the governor and your senators and/or representatives. These contacts were a great support to the work of Steve and Tom, and the legislators knew that IRTA members were paying close attention. Because of this, there will be a "13th check" stipend in 2019 and 2020.

What can you do now?

Talk to your friends who are retired educators, and -

- Ask if they belong to IRTA.
- If not share this information with them.

• Stress that they would not have gotten the 13th check without the efforts of IRTA.

• Give them a membership form for IRTA and encourage them to join.

Membership in IRTA does not cost, it pays! Join IRTA today!

Thank you, IRTA Membership Committee

Indiana Retired Teachers Association Membership Plans Please check the Membership Plan that you wish to join and include payment and any additional information that your membership choice requires.				
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