



JOHNSON COUNTY RETIRED

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

May 26, 2006 Newsletter

Brunch: 9:00 A.M.

ROCKLANE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Johnson County Retired Teachers Association will have their General Meeting Brunch Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 A.M. The meeting will be at the Rocklane Christian Church which is at the corner of Franklin Road and Rocklane Road. If you are coming by way of I-65, turn east at the old Greenwood Exit 99 (this is an extension of Main Street in Greenwood). Go east about three miles to the intersection of Franklin Road and Rocklane Road.

The cost of the brunch will be \$10. Reservations are due by May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please make your reservations on time. The food has to be ordered and the ones preparing the brunch must make plans for menu, servers, etc. SUE CHRISTIANSEN will take your reservation and her NUMBER IS: 736-6541. If you bring a guest, be sure to make a reservation for that guest when you make your reservation.

Andrew Thomas, our IRTA Executive Director, will be the guest speaker. This meeting will include the election of officers and the necrology. After the election Max Fitzpatrick will conduct the installation of officers. Ivan Lancaster will do the necrology in remembrance of those members who have passed away this year.

Any suggestions that you might have regarding a place, speaker, or entertainment for future General Meetings would be appreciated. Please give your suggestions to Linda Cope and she will check out the availability of the place, speaker, or entertainment. Her phone number is: 736-8044. Hope to see you at our May General Meeting. Remember, Rocklane has wonderful cooks and our meeting there is always a special treat.

Nancy Prather, Vice-President

#### JCRTA PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS.....CONTINUED.....

Guess what? In the last newsletter, I said this is my only year. Then I was talked into running again by Mary Lomax and her friends...she is terribly hard to resist...you'll be seeing me for another year as your president...but that is it!

I wish to thank Max Fitzpatrick for his willingness to conduct the installation of our new officers at the May meeting. I wish to thank the outgoing officers as well. You will be missed---Beulah Schrader, Mary Lomax, Harriet Henry, and Nancy Prather. The work they have done all these years has been the "glue" holding this organization together! They have been so valuable for our organization and their work has been tremendous and outstanding. I will miss them greatly, but I do look forward to working with the new officers—Linda Cope as Vice President, Barbara Heath as Secretary, and Goldie Jones and Ray Jones as new board members. They seem to be ready, willing, and able to get to work. That's what we 'old' people need!

A big 'Thank you' also goes to Ivan Lancaster who presents a beautiful and memorable memorial program for our departed members. Because of ALL of you, this will be another tremendous and successful year. Thank you ALL!!!

Charles Cragen, President

#### SPRINGTIME: THE MIRACLE OF REBIRTH

Geoffrey Chaucer said that when the sweet showers of April, pierce the dry roots of March, the natural metamorphosis that transpires within the warm recesses of water, soil, and sunlight combine and unite to create the beautiful, delicate, and resilient flowers that punctuate the spectrum of God's unceasingly majestic natural world. Chaucer's world was no less beset by its challenges than ours is today, but he found the words to describe a phenomenon that was universally true in 1380 and remains unchanged in 2009. Words themselves are portal into the vast possibilities of tomorrow.

Bill Archer is the senior editor for the Daily Telegraph.

To read the entire article, search Yahoo for April showers bring May flowers poem and scroll to Bluefield Daily Telegraph.



IN MEMORIAM

Beulah Mardis

Myrna Spurgeon

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 2-18-09	\$3,620.17
Income	65.00
Expenditures	317.69
Balance 4-15-09	\$3,313.48

Sue Christiansen, Treasurer

### IRTA OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Indiana Retired Teachers Association offers eight \$1500 scholarships to be given each year. These are given to each of the geographic locations of the state. The IRTA is promoting our future teachers by this assistance and by the continuance of quality education in Indiana. The scholarships are available for sophomores or juniors who plan to major in education at an Indiana college or university.

Applicant must be an Indiana resident and the son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, legal dependent, or spouse of an active, retired, or deceased member of the Indiana State Teacher's Retirement Fund. The applicant must have achieved at least a "C" average for three semesters in a college or university to be eligible. If awarded the scholarship, this funding will be paid directly to the Financial Aid Administrative Office where the student is enrolled.

Need more information? Contact the IRTA at 150 W. Market Street #610, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2812 or email: [irta@retiredteachers.org](mailto:irta@retiredteachers.org)

Barbara Heath

### JCRTA REPORT

This year is off to a good start with 321 members and hard working members of the Board under the leadership of Charles Cragen. Four new members will be installed at this General Meeting. Goldie Jones will be taking my place as Corresponding Secretary (Newsletter). She and her husband, Ray, have already become involved with the Newsletter's mailing. They bring proficient technical skills that will enhance our communications. Goldie has made a great suggestion to the Board to cut our mailing expense. She suggested that emailing the Newsletter to members who have computers will cut expenses. If you wish to receive the Newsletter by email, please send your address to: [goldiejones@gmail.com](mailto:goldiejones@gmail.com)

Dee Constantino reminds ALL members who do Volunteering to record their hours. These hours benefit our community and influence the legislators when IRTA lobbies for our COLA.

Thanks to ALL of you who have contributed to the Newsletter during the years. A special THANKS goes to Beulah Schrader, Sue Christiansen, and Barbara Heath. Only with their help did the Newsletter get mailed.

Mary Lomax, Corresponding Secretary

JCRTA  
Sue Christiansen  
753 Walnut Street  
Franklin, IN 46131