



Johnson County  
Retired Teachers  
Association  
September, 2009 Newsletter  
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Johnson County Retired Teachers will meet at noon on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at the Masonic Temple #107 in Franklin.

Directions: On US 31 at the stoplight next to the graveyard/Masonic Home sign, turn east towards the graveyard/Masonic home. That will put you on South Street. Go to the second stop sign and turn right onto South Main Street. Proceed on South Main St. for 3 tenths (0.3) of a mile, and turn left onto Champ Ulysses Street. You will see the parking lot for the lodge on the right.

Menu: Ham loaf, salad, green beans, cheese potatoes, and a dessert.

Cost/Reservations: \$10.00 please call Sue Christiansen at 736-6541 by September 15 to reserve your spot. If you would like to come but not eat, join us at 1:00 for the program.

Program: Sudi Naraine from AMBA (Association Member Benefit Advisor) will speak about the benefits available through membership in IRTA. Come and join us to find out all of the many reasons you need to be a part of the only group that represents retired teachers in the state of Indiana.

### Presidential Musings .....

The May General Meeting was very busy and informative for all. Again, thanks to Max Fitzpatrick for installing the new officers and to Ivan Lancaster and his helpers for the Memorial service. Thanks, too, to the new and retiring officers for a job well done. This is going to be a very good year for the JCRTA group! The Executive Director of the IRTA, Andrew Thomas, gave a very informative presentation of the problems facing retired teachers in Indiana. Many questions were asked by the group and discussed. It was great to see such good involvement by the retired teachers. See you in September!!

Charles Cragen

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

When HB 1022 died in the Senate, the COLA (cost of living adjustment) language was amended into HB 1498 authored by Rep. Ruppel. A further amendment provides a 'one-time payment' before October 1, 2009 as follows:

- Service between 5 and 10 years = \$150
- Service between 11 and 19 years = \$275
- Service between 20 and 29 years = \$375
- Service over 30 years = \$450

Senator Kenley expressed concern over the poor economic forecast in Indiana. It is hoped that monthly COLA payments will be restored next year because it has the advantage of compounding earnings. (Your COLA should have been added to your September payment.)

Mary Margaret Webb



In 2008-09 we had 322 retirees who joined JCTRA. Not only former teachers, but also former secretaries, nurses, and other noncertified personnel joined our group. Also associate members included spouses, friends, and those still teaching. In 2009-10 we hope to have an even higher membership. It is worth the \$5.00 to receive the newsletter and to see friends five times per year. We encourage you to join JCRTA as state IRTA.

Sue Christiansen, Treasurer

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Balance 6-17-09	\$3,127.49
Income	284.00
Expenditures	1,008.82
Balance 8-19-09	2,402.67

December 1, 2009
March 23, 2010
May 25, 2010
July 27, 2010

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Don't forget to keep a record of your volunteer hours. *Each hour is worth \$18.04.* Our state legislators need to know that retired educators are still giving back to their communities.

Suggestions for service opportunities include the following:

Youth Services and Education (Family members not eligible): Tutoring, Classroom volunteering, "Read Across America" or similar programs, Scouts, 4-H, Sports teams, Church youth groups or classes, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Babysitting, etc.

Community Groups for Adults: Kiwanis, Lions, VFW, YWCA, YMCA, United Way, Arts or crafts festivals, Food pantries, Parks or recreation departments, etc.

Health Care: Hospitals, nursing homes, Red Cross, Cancer Society, March of Dimes, etc.

Service to Adults (other than family): Shopping, Transportation, Calling, Cleaning, Reading, Meals on Wheels, Councils on Aging, AARP, State or county Retired Teachers Associations, Driver training, Federation of Older Hoosiers, etc.

Church: Boards or commissions, Adult Bible or Sunday School, Mission Work, Fund Drives, etc.

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**Or Use your own Judgment!!!!**

Fill in the form to the right and bring to our Dec. meeting or mail to Dee Constantino at 934 Sleepy Hollow Place Greenwood, IN 46142

RECORD YOUR 2009 VOLUNTEER HOURS MONTHLY (Or Just a Grand Total)		
2009 HOURS	YOUTH	OTHER
JANUARY		
FEBRUARY		
MARCH		
APRIL		
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER		
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER		
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		
Please send to Dee Constantino or to IRTA by December 31, 2009.		
Name _____		
Address _____		
County _____ Johnson		

**IN MEMORIAM**



- Elizabeth Pope
- Eugene McCarty
- Sharon Alford
- Larry Lynch
- Daniel Kinsey

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