

Membership Notes

Our state committee members want to remind you of the saying that *every member of our association is a member of the membership committee*. We are asking each of you to get at least one new member, regular or associate, this year.

These are reasons why we should belong to and support our association:

- Because of the hard work of our association, all retired teachers who taught over ten years received the stipend or bonus in their September check. This takes time, effort and money to find ways to convince the state legislature to fund the check. It is not automatic, and must be funded each year by vote of the legislature.
- Look at the many benefits that we can offer to both retired teachers and associate members—active teachers, our friends and families! Pick up some brochures to show your colleagues. There are discounts for cell phones, computers, car rental, travel, and other items.
- There are great insurance programs for life, cancer, dental and others. There is a rebate for Life Alert. The office continues to look for and find new benefits.
- Finally, our association serves as your watchman for pension safety. Across the nation public pensions are under attack. We even had to work to keep a bad revision of future pensions from being offered in the last legislature. We are fortunate to have a stable budget in Indiana, but we also need to be vigilant. Your association not only lobbies each year during the legislative session, but attends the meetings of the pension board and the state committee meetings for legislators that are held during the summer.
- **TO REMAIN EFFECTIVE, WE MUST CONTINUE TO BUILD OUR MEMBERSHIP! PLEASE HELP BY FINDING THOSE NEW MEMBERS WHO WILL BUILD OUR BASE AND HELP US TO MAKE OUR ASSOCIATION KNOWN TO OUR LEGISLATORS.**