

## **REPORT OF THE MEMBER CONCERNS/NECROLOGY COMMITTEE**

**June 12, 2019**

*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 Brochure was distributed to chapter presidents. The purpose of the brochure is to provide locals with suggestions for addressing member concerns as well as contact information for various state and national organizations of benefit to retired teacher

Association Member Benefits Association (AMBA) and the IRTA have developed an outstanding brochure that offers membership options as well as a listing of the many benefits. Tom Mellish, Executive Director, works closely with AMBA to oversee the current benefits and makes suggestions for new benefits.

**The Retired Teachers Helping Retired Teachers** was compiled from ideas presented by local chapters for the 2015 RA booklet. It has been revised to include ways to honor our deceased members.

The committee was given the responsibility for designating a GAL/CASA retired teacher from each of the ten areas. At the 2018 Fall Workshops, information was given about the opportunity for each Area to nominate a GAL/CASA. The chapter presidents received a form which was to be filled out and sent to Leslie Dunn, State Director. Five areas nominated a GAL/CASA who will be honored at the Representative Assembly.

The Member Concerns/Necrology is Committee is now 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 have been reported between May 2018 and April 2019 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 have requested ideas on ways to plan a Memorial Service for their deceased members. At the 2018 Fall Workshops, each chapter president was asked to send to MC/N committee members the way their chapter memorializes their members. A booklet is being compiled with the ideas received and will be distributed in the near future.

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, Julie Green or Linnie Harris.  
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By reporting names, it facilitates the submission of names for the annual report at the end of the year. 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.

### **Prayer for Departed Educators**

Today, we recognize the devotion and dedicated service of all the fellow educators who have gone on before us while remembering the passion they had for those they served. We realize that we, as servant leaders, must walk a similar path towards the end of our journey. Therefore, let us remember why we embarked on this profession, and let us continue to practice love, remembering that the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service, and the fruit of service is peace. Let us be in a spirit of faith, love, service and peace as we give thanks that we have already been rewarded by being given the opportunity to touch so many lives. We give thanks especially for the lives lived by those who have gone and for the love and service they gave to young people throughout our state.

Respectfully submitted

MEMBER CONCERNS/NECROLOGY COMMITTEE  
Carol Grieser, Chair