



# NEWSLETTER of the Joliet Township High Schools

## RETIRED TEACHERS

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### JTHS Retirees, Class of 2021

The JTHS Retired Teachers wish all of the 2021 retirees well as they pursue their lives after retirement and urge them to keep up their JTHS contacts. There are 16 JTHS Retirees this year. Their names follow along with their campus or area, position and years serving the district. There are a total of 318 years of experience listed.

Darcy Bowen - West - Office Staff (21)  
Robert Broadway - District - Lunchroom Monitor (11)  
Donna Curry - Transportation - Bus Aide (13)  
Arthur Doshier - Transportation - Bus Driver (9)  
Martine Ebert - Central - Special Ed (26)  
Jymie Glielmi - West - Office Staff (15)  
JoAnn Henderson - Transportation - Bus Driver (19)  
Mary Larkin - Central - Para Pro Security - (31)  
Cynthia Lucenta - West - Office Staff (15)  
Susan O'Connell - River Valley - Special Ed (35)  
Nancy Pierson - West - Para Pro Security (9)  
Stanley Robinson - Transportation - Bus Driver (12)  
Lisa Ryan - West - Foreign Language (32)  
Debbie Shelby - West - Office Staff Textbooks (15)  
Jacqueline Tyler - District - Speech Pathologist (36)  
Gregg Voitik - West - Heating Operator (19)

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#### JTHS FOUNDATION

The Joliet Township High School Foundation provides \$40,000 in scholarships and \$30,000 in grants each year to the students and staff of JTHS. The fund raising for these monies has been limited the last twelve months because of the pandemic. The Trivia event was held in 2020 but the golf outing was cancelled as was the Trivia event for 2021. The 20th annual golf outing will be held at Inwood Golf Course on June 17, 2021. Both golfers and sponsors are necessary to make the event a success. To register and/or sponsor this event, please visit [jthsfoundation.org](http://jthsfoundation.org).

#### JTHS ARCHIVES

The JTHS archives are housed on the third floor of the Central campus. Shelves are filled with piles of photographs (both framed and unframed), graduation mementos and announcements, school newspapers and spirit items (mugs, pennants, pins, etc.) along with yearbooks, trophies, articles on school events, class rings, original doorknobs, and so much more. Donations of memorabilia are always welcome. Do you have any JTHS related objects in

your attic, basement or garage? You can help preserve the past! Anyone who would like to donate memorabilia to the high schools' archives may contact Kristine Schlismann at (815) 727-6967 or [kschlismann@jths.org](mailto:kschlismann@jths.org). Yearbooks for JTHS, JT Central, JT East and JT West are always in great demand. Extra copies are sold to very appreciative graduates and the funds from the sales are used to support archives committee projects.

### Deaths

• **Sandra Heck** passed away at age 74 on February 20, 2020. Sandy worked as a secretary for Midas in Bedford Park for twelve years and then Joliet Central High School for over ten years until her retirement. In her free time, Sandy loved participating in the Joliet Central Bowling League with her friends. She was also an avid traveler and would vacation with her husband John, as well as her daughter and grandchildren whenever possible. After retirement, Sandy enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and taking flower arrangement classes at the Joliet Park District. Sandy also did volunteer work in the children's program at her home church, First Assembly of God.

• **Lynne Lichtenauer**, Age 81, passed away at her home after a courageous battle with cancer on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, with her loving family by her side. She retired in 2016 as JTHS Director of Alumni Relations and Development. Lynne, a pioneer of the City of Joliet made many contributions to the community. Her resume is extensive as it shows her dedication to the Joliet community. It is difficult to list all of them but among many contributions were as follows: Executive Director of the Rialto Square Theatre, Eight years in public relations and in various administrative positions with American Broadcasting Company in New York City. Co-host of weekly WJOL 1340 AM Friday morning talk show, "Lynne, Mary & Natalie". Director, Silver Cross Foundation Board Director, Joliet Park District Foundation. Current President, Joliet Area Historical Museum and Old Joliet Prison Board Member. Director, Rialto Square Theatre Foundation Board. Joliet Area Sports Hall of Fame Board Member and member of athlete selection committee & annual induction ceremony planning committee. City of Joliet Union Station Grand Opening Celebration – Planning Committee Member with City of Joliet. City of Joliet Mayor's Council Gang & Crime Prevention – Committee Member. Cultural Arts Council of the Joliet Area (Director). Greater Joliet Area YMCA Board of Directors. Guardian Angel Community Services "Dancing with Our Local Stars" as 2008 Dancer and 2009 Event Planning Committee Member. Guardian Angel Community Services. Heritage Corridor Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors – Founding Member of HCCVB. Illinois Junior Miss Pageant – Volunteer for annual fundraising projects. Joliet Area Historical Museum John

## JTHS Web Page Update

For those readers of the Retired Teacher's and Staff Newsletter on line here's the new location on the JTHS web page:

[www.JTHS.org](http://www.JTHS.org)

Quick Links

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Links located at the top of the page on pull down tabs.

Newsletter from the past 3 years are located on this page.

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F. Whiteside War Heroes Gallery. Joliet Drama Guild – Past President & former member of Governing Board. Joliet Drama Guild. Joliet Junior College Governor's Fine Arts Committee. Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce Membership Blitz 2002 & 2004. Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce Council for Working Women Reality Store – 2003 & 2004. Joliet Township High School Foundation (Director). Plus a great many more committees and community involvement events.

• **Nancy Louck**, age 85, of Joliet, IL passed away on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Born and raised in Franklin, Indiana she received her Bachelor's Degree in teaching and a Master's in counseling from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Nancy began her career at Penn High School in Mishawaka, Indiana as a teacher and then a Guidance Counselor at Joliet West High School from 1964-1983 and Joliet Central High School from 1983-1993. A life member of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, Nancy attended many state conventions. She served as legislative chair for the Joliet Area Retired Teachers Association, a member from 1993 to the present. She also served two two-year terms as president of Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, teachers' honorary society, traveling all around Illinois for state conventions and all around the country for national conventions. Other memberships include the Catholic Woman's League and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church where she served on the liturgy committee for several years as well as a volunteer for many years as a counselor for the Upper Room Crisis Line. A sports enthusiast, Nancy closely followed the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, and Indiana University Basketball. She loved playing golf, especially at her winter residence in Ft. Myers, FL.

• **Joan W. Resk**, 82, passed away December 23, 2020, peacefully at home. Joan was born on Valentine's Day, 1938, in Alton, Illinois. Joan was a certified home economics teacher. She worked for years as a permanent sub - in every department so many JT people knew her. Named after Joan of Arc, she was a true visionary and independent thinker. She graduated from Mount St. Scholastica College, Atchison, Kansas in 1960. Joan had a great love of gardening and flowers. She was an active member of the Joliet Area Garden Club. Also known for her great style, she was always dressed to the nines. Her love of travelling also defined her. Joan amassed amazing memories from her travels throughout Europe, Japan and America. She always had a smile and a kind word. "Be kind to everyone" were words that she lived by.

• **John G. Vanko**, 83, of St. Charles, Illinois, passed away on April 12, 2021 after a 15-month battle against pancreatic

cancer. He was surrounded and comforted by the prayers, tears, laughter, and love of his family. John was the second principal to serve at Joliet West High School. While he did not retire from JT he was an active member of the JTHS Retired Teacher's group and retained many friends after he moved to his next position. John was born in Streator, Illinois. He graduated from Streator High School in 1955, where he was a standout basketball player and held the school scoring record for ten years. After declining a tryout with the Chicago White Sox farm team, John attended Western Illinois University on a basketball scholarship. There, John received his Bachelor of Science (1959) and a Master of Science (1960). He then earned his Doctor of Education from Loyola University in 1973. Throughout his life, John was devoted to education and to making a meaningful difference in the lives of students. At Joliet West High School, he taught history and mathematics and then later served as a counselor, dean, assistant principal, and principal. John became the Associate Superintendent for Community Unit School District 303 in St. Charles before earning the position of Superintendent in 1991. Under John's leadership, St. Charles High School received the 1994-1996 Blue Ribbon Excellence Award from the U.S. Department of Education. After retiring in 1996, John joined Aurora University, where he taught graduate level education classes and coordinated the administrative internship program for the training of future school administrators at all levels. John taught for 13 years at Aurora University and eventually retired in 2008 as Associate Professor Emeritus at the College of Education. Throughout his adult life, John was involved in many community activities. He served on the Delnor Community Hospital board of directors for ten years. John also volunteered his time with the United Way, Rotary Club of St. Charles (where he served as President), and youth sports organizations. John was an avid golfer who celebrated four holes-in-one and, in one of his last rounds, shot his age of 81. He traveled extensively throughout Europe with his wife Martha many times, including golf trips to Scotland and Ireland. John treasured memories of many other European travels where he enjoyed local culture, cuisine, and architecture. At home, John was a frequent patron of sporting events, the Lyric Opera, and Chicago Symphony Orchestra. John influenced many students, teachers, and administrators throughout his professional life. He treated all with kindness and empathy. He died at peace, with dignity and no regrets.

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### **And finally. . .Facts (?) from *Uncle John's Slightly Irregular Bathroom Reader*.**

- The average adult has about 46 miles of nerves.
- Dolphins can produce notes 100 times higher than a human soprano.
- 60% of women and 49% of men receive at least 11 e-mails per day.
- Queen Latifah once worked at Burger King.
- Could it be? Donkeys have the loudest farts in the animal kingdom.

The next issue of this newsletter will be published at the end of September 2021. It will only be available in a PDF version on the JT Web page or mailed to those without internet access who have requested hard copies.

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