



NEWSLETTER of the Joliet Township High Schools

RETIRED TEACHERS

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JTHS Retirees, Class of 2019

This year's class of JTHS Retirees will celebrate with their retirement dinner on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Vegas Room of Harrah's Casino, 151 N. Joliet Street in Joliet. Details can be found below. Many JT Retired Teachers and staff enjoy attending the Retirement Dinner so we have included a sign-up form below. Please get the information to Tanya Rico in the Superintendent's Office by **May 3rd**. Address: **300 Caterpillar Dr., Joliet, IL 60436, Phone: (815) 727-6970**. The JTHS Retired Teachers wish all of the new retirees well as they pursue their lives after retirement and urge them to keep up their JTHS contacts. Current retirees will concur that retirement is great.

There are 37 JTHS Retirees this year.

- Mary Balsie - West
- Sandra Banks - Transportation
- Linda Bowers - Central
- Jennifer Christiansen - Central
- Jeanne De Lucio - Central
- Patricia Edwards - AVAC
- Mary Gorecki - Central
- David Gray - District - Transportation

- George Howland - Transportation
- Lillian Kanive - Transportation
- Gregory Klugiewicz - Central
- Kristine Klugiewicz - Central
- Dawn Krantz - Central
- Judith Lee - River Valley
- Keith Lee - Transportation
- Charles Lopez - Central
- Michael Lutz - Central
- Cheryl McCarthy - District - Superintendent
- Jean McCormick - West
- Lance McKenzie - Central
- Eural McLaughlin - Central
- Patricia Militello - Food Services
- Karen Paul - Central
- Roger Plechaty - West
- Lynn Price - Central
- Angela Rallis - District
- Phyllis Ringo -
- Douglas Schmuldt - Central
- Renee Shortley - Transportation
- James Siercki - Transportation
- Daniel Spradley - West
- Karen Stiehr - Central
- Diane Stiers - West
- Joyce Tafoya - Transportation
- Susan Thom - Central
- Susan Tibble - Central
- Daryl Williams - West

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JTHS Retirement Dinner - Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Harrah's Casino - Vegas Room, 151 N. Joliet St., Joliet, Illinois
6:00 p.m. - Cash Bar - 6:30 p.m. Dinner

For those who would like to join in the celebration, fill in the form below and return it to Superintendent's Office by **May 3, 2019 (address above.)** Questions: (815) 727-6970. Cost: \$40.00 per person. Make checks payable to J.T.H.S. (No refunds)

Name(s) _____

(please mark your choice(s) of entree): Stuffed Chicken _____ Almond Crusted Salmon _____ New York Strip Steak _____

All entrees served with salad, garlic mashed potatoes, broccoli, coffee/tea, and dessert.

No. of people attending _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Questions - Call Tanya Rico at (815) 727-6970 or trico@jths.org

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

Quick Links

Alumni

Get Involved

JTHS Retired Faculty

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

Newsletter from the past 3 years are located there.

JTHS Staff Reunion

If you are interested in attending the May 19, 2019 staff reunion at American Legion Post 1080, reservations will be accepted up to a week before the event. At this point 53 staff members have already made reservations and we have a hall big enough to house 80. Please send \$10 per person to Alice Henderson, 3205 Willardshire Road, Joliet, IL 60431, making the check payable to her as both the Legion and caterer want payment in cash.

JTHS Foundation

In May, \$39,550 in scholarships will be given to the seniors at Joliet Central and Joliet West by the JTHS Foundation. Funds for the scholarships come from money earned on the trust accounts and from the fund-raisers held each year. More than \$3,000 was realized at the annual trivia event. On June 13, 2019, the 19th annual Wadsworth Golf Outing will be held at Wedgewood Golf Course. Please help out by participation. Golfing registration, hole sponsors and contributions can be made online - www.JTHSFoundation.org.

Deaths

• **Theresa Burns**, wife of a recently passed away former JTHS and JJC teacher, William "Bill" Burns (November 14, 2018) passed away on February 10, 2019 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice. She was a beloved teacher of French at Joliet Catholic Academy. She shared her love of France with her students by chaperoning bi-annual trips to Europe over a period of more than 20 years. Theresa and her husband, Bill, were avid cooks who enjoyed preparing meals together, trying new dishes and entertaining friends and family. Having learned from her mother, she was an expert seamstress who created draperies, tablecloths and entire wardrobes for her family including jeans and special event outfits such as graduation dresses, costumes and square dance clothes. Theresa loved to garden and was known for her green thumb.

• **Marian Edwards** "Luke" passed peacefully at the age of 91 on Friday, April 12, 2019 at home, surrounded by family. She was born January 15, 1928 in Litchfield, IL. She was raised in Staunton, IL and graduated co-valedictorian from Staunton High School. On September 7, 1950 Marian married her high school sweetheart, Bill Edwards. Marian and Bill would have been married 69 years this September. Marian previously worked as a

secretary for Edison Brothers Shoe Company in St. Louis, before relocating to the Joliet area and working as a secretary at Joliet Township High School (East and West). Marian was a kind and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. A quote by St. Augustine states, "The world is a book and those who don't travel read only a page." Marian and her family read many pages of the book through their many trips in and out of the country. She loved to travel, having planned and navigated month long trips across the country. She also loved music, nature and collecting owls and lighthouses. A loving grandmother and great-grandmother, she would do anything for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

• **Patrick J. O'Connell**, age 62, passed away peacefully at his home on March 31, 2019 after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. Pat was a graduate of Joliet East High School, Class of 1975, and Millikin University, Class of 1979. He was a 40 year veteran coach at JT East, JT Central and JT Combined teams and was one of the few area coaches in the profession as long as he was who wasn't interested in being a head coach. Pat helped to coach the 1985 IHSA State Wrestling Championship as well as spearheading the revival of the JJC wrestling program in 2017. He was inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame in 2017. Pat was a member of the family of long-time teachers and coaches of the O'Connells.

• **Mary Lucille Thackaberry**, age 98, of Elizabeth, Illinois, formerly of Joliet, died Friday, April 12, 2019 at the Elizabeth Nursing Home. Mary was born on February 6, 1921 in Sterling, Illinois. She attended Lakeview High School and graduated with the Class of 1937. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the [University of Illinois](http://www.uiowa.edu). Mary moved to Joliet, Illinois in 1953. She worked as an English teacher for Joliet Township High School, until her retirement in 1978. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, the Hospitality Club, Joliet Area Retired Teachers, and the Woman's Club of Joliet.

The next issue of this newsletter will be published at the end of September 2019. 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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