



# NEWSLETTER of the Joliet Township High Schools

## RETIRED TEACHERS

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### JTHS Retirees, Class of 2017

This year's class of JTHS Retirees will celebrate with their retirement dinner on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 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 4th**. 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 25 JTHS Retirees this year. The number in parenthesis represents their years of service.

Joe Baltz - Photography-Central (16)  
Pamela Barrowman - Office Staff - Central (38)  
William Bass - Bus Driver - District (8)  
Lisa Broucek-Mattson - Special Ed - Central

Robert Carrero - Watchman - District (8)  
Diana Ceci - Cafeteria - Central (19)  
Judy Cleaver - Office Staff - Central (37)  
David Clinton - Social Worker - Central (40)  
Clyde Gulley - Bus Driver - District (12)  
David L. Jones - Music Teacher - Central (20)  
Leonard Littlepage - ROTC - West (18)  
Marsha Mankowski - Math Teacher - West (33)  
Elizabeth Nahas - Para Pro Media - West (8)  
John Novak - Special Education - Central (29)  
Marie Pierre-Baltz - Office Staff - Central (17)  
David Popek - Industrial Technology - West (23)  
Marcia Rende - English/Journalism - Central (30)  
Donna Robinson - Office Staff H/R - District (27)  
Bethenia Salinas - Bilingual/ESL - Central (18)  
Carolyn Shinault - Social Worker - District (20)  
Marita Urbanik - Art - Central (15)  
John Wietlispach - Social Studies - Central (31)  
Jackie Wilhelmi - Cafeteria - Central (22)  
James Williams - Bus Driver - District (14)  
Dede Woodard - Curriculum Director - District

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**JTHS Retirement Dinner - Wednesday, May 17, 2017**  
**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 4, 2017 (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

## Deaths

We have received word of the following retired teachers and staff that have passed away since our last newsletter:

- **Evelyn Contos** (nee Kavouklis) passed away on March 24, 2017 at the age of 92. After raising her family Evelyn served as a member of the cafeteria staff for 27 years at JTHS Central retiring at the age of 80. Tony Contos, long-time guidance counselor and assistant principal at Central is one of her four children and six grandchildren. Evelyn was a loyal and dedicated wife and an especially proud mother and grandmother.

- **Clive Crum**, born May 4, 1933 in Hammond, Indiana passed away March 27, 2017 at Villa Franciscan in Joliet. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, his son Kevin and his daughter, Rachel. Clive came to Joliet Township High School as an English teacher in 1962 and was transferred to Joliet West High School in 1964 when it opened. Clive was also the faculty sponsor for the Joliet West student newspaper, Tiger Tales. After leaving JTHS he also served as a teacher at Stateville. Clive and Peggy were active members of the JTHS Retired Teacher's group and attended most of our reunions. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the time of this note.

- **Judy Ferguson** passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Her position at JTHS was as the office receptionist for the principal at Joliet West. Previously she was employed by J & R Security Services for over 25 years.

- **Norman Miller**, a teacher and both basketball and baseball coach at Joliet Central High School passed away at age 80 on April 13, 2017 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice. Norman was a native of Springfield, Illinois and graduated from Green Valley High School in Green Valley, Illinois where he was an all-around athlete who excelled in baseball. He attended Illinois State University where he studied to become a teacher and where he pitched for the ISU Redbirds. It was during this time that he met his future bride, Kay. After graduation they moved to Minooka to begin his teaching career and to begin raising their family. At Minooka High School he taught Social Studies and coached the basketball and baseball teams. After six years at Minooka HS he began his stint at Joliet Central. While at JT Central he co-authored two books which were written to enhance Reading skills through the areas of History and Geography. As a life-long St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan, Norm enjoyed sharing his enthusiasm and knowledge of the game and the Cardinals organization with family and friends. Norm

and Kay were the proud parents of four children and eight grandchildren during the almost 60 years of their marriage.

- **Betty Jane Schuck**, age 86, born in and lifelong resident of Joliet, Educator and high school Biology teacher at both Joliet Central and East High Schools, passed away on Thursday, March 16, 2017. Betty is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Kathy, Matt and Gail as well as her four beloved grandchildren. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Joliet and involved in various community groups and organizations and an avid gardener.

## JTHS Foundation

The JTHS Foundation Annual Trivia event held March 12th at 176 West was a tremendous success. It garnered a profit of over \$10,000 for scholarships and grants for JT students and teachers. The winners of the trivia contest were first place to Lynne Lichtenauer's table and second place to Kim Young's table. Lichtenauer's table also won first place for decorations and second place went to Melanie Judd's table. A good time was had by all and most importantly those recipients of the grants and scholarships were able to realize their requests for funding.

In May, because of fund raisers like the trivia event, \$27,550 in scholarships will be given by the Foundation to graduating seniors. For the first time this year, the fund-raising group, United in Excellence will be giving three scholarships under the auspices of the Foundation and the Class of 1958 will be giving two scholarships. Gary Lichtenwalter has been the driving force behind the Class of 1958 scholarships.

Once again for the 17<sup>th</sup> year, Wednesday, June 14 is the date of the Wadsworth golf outing at Wedgewood Golf Course on Caton Farm Road. Lunch and registration is at noon and the shot-gun start will be at 1:00. Golfers pay \$150 each or \$500 for a foursome. Please help us to make this another enjoyable and profitable event. Contact Nancy Waesco (815-744-3653) or visit the Foundation web site ([www.jthsfoundation.org](http://www.jthsfoundation.org)) to sign up. .

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The next issue of this newsletter will be published at the end of September 2017. 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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