



NEWSLETTER of the Joliet Township High Schools

RETIRED TEACHERS

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JTHS Retirees, Class of 2023

This year's class of JTHS Retirees will be honored at their retirement celebration on Thursday, **May 11, 2023** at the **Jacob Henry Mansion Estate** in Joliet. Details can be found below. Many JT Retired Teachers and staff enjoy attending the Retirement Celebration so we have included the reservation information. Please get the information to Tanya Rico in the Superintendent's Office before **May 11th**. Address: **300 Caterpillar Dr., Joliet, IL 60436, Phone: (815) 727-6977**. The JTHS Retired Teachers and Staff group wish all of the new retirees the best 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 13 JTHS Retirees this year. Also note that there are 258 years of service from the retiree group. A credible service to the youth of Joliet Twp. High School and the community of Joliet as well.

2023 Retirees

Deanna Walden - Central - Principals Office (21)
Dr. Kelly Manning Smith - Central - Dean of Students (24)
Edward Larson - Central - Freshman Academy - (19)

Teachers, Staff and Employee Reunion

The Reunion that was proposed in our January Newsletter **IS A GO!** As a reminder it will be on Sunday, May 21 2023 at the American Legion Post 1080 at 2625 Ingalls Ave. in Joliet from 5-7 p.m. The fare, besides meeting and greeting former colleagues will be sandwiches, fruit and vegetables with a cash bar available. Currently we have 30 reservations but, if you are interested we could add more. Cost is \$12.00 per person and could be sent to Alice Henderson at her address at the end of this newsletter.

Beverly Broadway - Office Staff - Pathways (35)
Lynda Shanks - Central - AVAC/Transition
Amy Gahan - West - Office Staff - (21)
Suzanne Habercorn - Central - Business (23)
Karen Bremmer - Central - Instructional Parapro (20)
Diana Washington - Transportation - Bus Aide (14)
Bobbie Johnson - Transportation - Bus Driver (13)
Leonard Matesevich - West - Heating Operator (35)
Edward Blackmon - Transportation - Trans. Asst. (13)
Winnifred Landery - Transportation - Bus Driver (20)

2023 Retirement Celebration

**May 11, 2023 - Jacob Henry Mansion Estate - Gathering Room/Lawn & Gardens
15 South Richards St., Joliet, IL 60433 - Park in Richards Street lot.**

Event Schedule

5:00 - 6:00 Social Hour - Heavy Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar

6:00 - Program - 7:30 event concludes

Join us as we honor retirees from 2023

Tickets - \$20 per person. Check or Money order payable to JTHS can be mailed or dropped off to the JTHS Administration Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, IL 60436

RETURN BY MAY 11 - ATTN. TANYA RICO (815) 727-6977

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

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Newsletters from the past are posted there..

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DEATHS

• **Karlene M. Hubbard** passed on February 23, 2023 at age 74 at her home in Monee, Illinois after a long battle with vascular dementia. Karlene was a Math teacher at Joliet West high school under her maiden name Karlene Ruthenbeck. Later in her JTHS career she served as the district's Director of Community And Alumni Relations while continuing as a Math teacher at Joliet Central. Karlene was raised in her beloved Iron Range in Virginia, Minnesota. She was educated at Mesabi Community College and completed her bachelor's and master's degree at Mankato State University (Minnesota State University), Mankato, Minnesota. After moving to Joliet, IL in the early 1970s she met husband, Jarrett, at Joliet Township HS and later they married on July 26, 1980. Karlene also enjoyed being a crafter, enjoying quilting, card making, and she also was a devotee to knitting a plethora of blankets and prayer shawls for friends, family, and local nursing homes.

• **Walter F. Zaida**, age 91, of Manhattan, passed away peacefully at Lightways Hospice on Thursday, January 5, 2023. He was born in Chicago, IL on April 30, 1931 and a year later he moved with his parents to Crivitz, Wisconsin, where he grew up on the family farm. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin, Walt moved to Joliet and began his career in education as an Agriculture teacher at Joliet Township High School in 1954. He soon transitioned into administration moving to the Joliet Junior College side of the downtown campus and he also did post graduate work at UCLA. Walt spent the rest of his career at the college holding various administrative roles, but more importantly, was viewed as a colleague, mentor, and friend by many. He retired from JJC in 1986 as Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Clarice Boswell, a retired JTHS Teacher and Guidance Counselor was featured in a front page article in the Chicago Tribune on April 30, 2023. The background for the article was that Clarice had a cochlear implant for improving her hearing in order for her to be able to regain her hearing in time to be able to hear her daughter Cathy's induction into the Woman's Basketball of Fame. "That was my prayer that I could hear her induction. It has been a long journey." Daughter Cathy Boswell is a graduate of Joliet West High School and was a member of the state champion team in 1978. She also was a two-time All-American at Illinois State University and was a member of the 1984 women's Olympic gold medal winning team. Clarice's surgery was in February as she benefited from a procedure that was recently approved by the FDA for deafness in one ear. The cost for the procedure can range from \$30K to \$50K is now eligible for coverage by Medicare and insurance. "God works in mysterious ways," she [Clarice] said. "I always give thanks and praise for the miracle of hearing." Clarice has written a book about her family, called "Lizzie's Story. A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom" It tells the story of her family struggling to keep together despite the tortures of slavery. Clarice and her family have given lectures in the Chicago area about the use of quilts to help enslaved people find their way to freedom through the Underground Railroad. She hopes one day to have her book made into a movie.

JTHS Foundation

The Trivia Event: TV Memories was recently held with 34 tables entered. It was again very successful. The foundation has awarded over \$48,000 in scholarships in 2023. The Wadsworth Golf Outing will be held on June 15th at Inwood golf course. More information is available on the internet by searching JTHS Foundation..

The next issue of this newsletter will be published at the end of September, 2023. 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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