



NEWSLETTER of the Joliet Township High Schools

RETIRED TEACHERS

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JTHS Retirees, Class of 2024

This year's class of JTHS Retirees will be honored at their retirement celebration on Tuesday, **May 14, 2024** 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 10th**. Address: **300 Caterpillar Dr., Joliet, IL 60436, Phone: (815) 727-6977**. The JTHS Retired Teachers and Staff who have been previously retired wish all of the new retirees the best as they pursue their lives after retirement. We urge them to keep up their JTHS contacts and hope that they will. These retirees can always be proud of their service. Current retirees will agree that retirement is great.

There are 15 JTHS Retirees this year. Also note that added together there are 336 years of service from the retiree group. A credible account to the youth of Joliet and the community that JTHS serves.

2024 Retirees

Charles Ball - Central - Lead Maintenance Mechanic (34)
Dennis Bartos - Transportation - Bus Driver (17)
Theresa Berta - Central - Cafeteria (18+)
Craig Kirk - Central - Custodian (14)
Lawrence Gelin - Central - Heating Operator (21)
Maria Georgantas - Central - Transition Coordinator (19)
Teresa Gibson - West - Principal (30+)
Susan Harris - West - Dean (23)
Mark W. Hawkins - West - Spanish Instructor (25)
David Loftis - Transportation - Bus Driver (14)
Andrew Lopez - Central - Security Supervisor (37)
Laura Lopez - Central - Transition Teacher (34)
Weems McCullum, Jr. - Pathways - Security (23+)
Janice Sheehan - West - Health & Medicine (17)
Marshall Welch - Transportation - Bus Driver (10)

2024 Retirement Celebration

**May 14, 2024 - 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 2024

**Reservations can be mailed or dropped off to the JTHS Administration Center,
300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, IL 60436**

RETURN BY MAY 10 - 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
About
Alumni
Alumni Organizations
JTHS Retired Faculty

Deaths

It is good to be able to report that there have been no deaths reported since our previous newsletter in January 2024. If any of our readers have information on someone who has passed please let us know.

Notes

We have received news from retirees Carroll and Linda Smith along with a brochure with details of their activities. They live in Charleston, IL where they operate Holy Hands Ministries Puppets and Drama. Linda directs and Carroll does props, etc. They have been doing this for twenty years and have done hundreds of shows.

In Addition...

GETTING OLD

- A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for. (Mostly because we forgot why we were waiting in line in the first place !!)
- Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it. This is so true. I love to hear them say "you don't look that old."
- First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper...it's worse when you forget to pull it down.

News

JTHS Foundation News of Interest to Retired Teachers and Staff

On March 10, 2024, we held our 18th Annual Trivia Afternoon. This year's subject was "Also Known As." Over 300 people attended and competition became very tight with 2 teams that tied for 1st Place, and had to do a run off, and still tied. Due to all the participation and hard work, we were able to net above our budgeted amount.

On **Thursday, June 13, 2024**, the Foundation will hold our 23rd Annual Wadsworth Golf Outing at Inwood Golf Course starting with a 9:00 A.M. shotgun start. We still have a few spaces for golfers and are also soliciting Hole and Event Sponsors and looking for Raffle Baskets.

Besides great golf and gifts, we will start with a continental breakfast and a Bloody Mary Bar. There will be hot dogs and beer on the turn and then at completion, a 19th Hole beer keg and a taco bar buffet and prize awards.

The course will include, not only games, but also a Hole in One and a putting contest.

Contact John Randich at johnrandich1@gmail.com or Katie Hunt at kmhunt@jths.org, or Mark Turk at mlturk05@comcast.net to register to golf or to offer support.

The Foundation congratulates all new staff retirees and wishes to remind them that the Foundation offers outstanding volunteer opportunities. Call Mark Turk at 815-922-4065 to discuss the possibilities or obtain more details.

The next issue of this newsletter will be published at the end of September, 2024. 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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