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JTHS COMMUNITY AND ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE

Our featured office for this issue of our newsletter is the Community and Alumni Relations Office that is headed by [Kristine Schlismann](#) who serves as Director Of Community And Alumni Relations. We recently met with Kristine and a newly hired Communications Specialist, Naurice Moffett to share what is and what will be for the JTHS Retired Teachers and Staff. Kristine is a graduate of JT Central who joined the Central faculty in 2003 in the English and Journalism area. She became district Director for this present office in 2008. Naurice is also a Central grad in 1999 who, after working at West in various areas, came to his present responsibility area recently. The office has a staff of 4 and besides looking after the retirees, has many other areas of concern. Among them are:

- Assistance and support to reunion coordinators,
- Graphic design, video production and Website support
- Communication through electronic means such as Website, e-mail, phone messaging, video, Social Media and more
- Coordination of media relations via partnerships with print, radio, and television media to communicate District 204 activities, events, accomplishments and concerns, as well as serving as the primary liaison in emergency situations
- Facilitation of partnerships among alumni, staff, parents, students, community, churches, businesses and feeder school districts
- Oversight of the following committees comprised of JTHS stakeholders: Joliet Region Education Committee Connectors (JRECC) and all Strategic Planning committees
- Internal coordination and documentation of District 204 Strategic Planning process, including planning sessions and action planning teams

This office has copies of all the JTHS Retired Teachers newsletters since the first issue of 2004 to the present issue which is numbered as volume 66. They also work coordinating the Archives Committee for

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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the district and assist the JTHS Foundation in their fund raising efforts on behalf of students and teachers projects. The fund raising projects include a Trivia tournament, a golf outing, a buy-a-brick and selling other keepsake school items.

As for Archives they are establishing collection displays at the Administration Center for Central Campus, West Campus, East Campus and Retired Teachers and Staff. They have also set up a room in the Administration Center where retirees and others can have access to computers, instruction, etc. The Community and Alumni Relations Office would welcome interested parties to visit the Administration Center to view and use the facilities that they have worked to promote.

For any retirees who would like to work on any of several community projects, one can check on the Family Resources pull down on the JTHS.org web page.

A note from Mark Turk, President of the JTHS Foundation

The Joliet Township High School Foundation was begun in 1987 with Doug Ziech serving as the first president. The initial years of activity were fund-raising but on a very minor scale. Grants to students and/or teachers were given but again on a minor scale.

Brent Wadsworth established a trust fund for the Foundation and since then financial activity has greatly increased. A yearly golf outing, honoring Mr. Wadsworth and a yearly trivia event have been very successful and increased the income substantially. This year we had a successful spring Trivia Event, followed by a successful and fun golf outing.

Often when a faculty member or a former student passes away, the family chooses to establish a scholarship in that person's honor. This year, many families have increased their existing scholarship endowments, and we have welcomed some new ones.

Several families have purchased Wall of Honor and ceremonial bricks to honor family achievements and/or remember loved ones. The Walls of Honor at Central and at West and the ceremonial bricks have produced and are still producing income.

Looking ahead, we hope to offer this fall over \$20,000.00 in Staff/Student mini-grants, plus replenish the Principals' emergency funds. Then in

the spring, we will offer over \$55,000.00 in scholarships along with Summer School and Testing support.

You can help us help the students by endowing a scholarship and/or purchase a Wall of Honor plaque or ceremonial brick. Just call me, Mark Turk, at 815-922-4065 or e-mail at mlturk05@comcast.net. I'll be happy to discuss the various possibilities.

Thank you again for your past and future support. We can only do our work with your help.

The next issue of this newsletter will be published at the end of January 2025. 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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