

DID YOU KNOW?
HISTORICAL NOTES 2007-2008

BARTA is 41 years old this year (2007). There is only a brief historical sketch of BARTA from 1966 through 1976 in a little booklet which has been found. Minutes and records of the early meetings from 1966 until 1993 have been lost, although treasurer's records since 1971 have been kept. In 1993, a committee was established to research and record the history of the organization for future reference.

In the February 1976 IRTA and BARTA Directory, there were 190 names of members of the associations. In April 2007, there were 202 active members of BARTA listed. In February 1976, there was \$107.53 in the treasury. In April 2007, the treasury contained \$3385.09.

The Edna V. Folger Outstanding teacher award has been given for 25 years to many outstanding teachers in the Columbus School System. This award was established in 1982 to honor Edna, a teacher for 46 years, and is sponsored by Arvin Meritor, the Community Education Coalition, and the Center for Teaching & Learning. Edna and many of the recipients of the award have been active BARTA members.