

BARTA

2015-16

WELCOME

New and Returning Members

Things you may not know about BARTA:

- Our official name is Bartholomew County Retired Teachers Association. We are affiliated with the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.
- Our membership is approximately 350, one of the largest if not the largest chapter of retired teachers in the state. Our members are from Columbus, Hope, Hartsville, Edinburgh, Nashville, Elizabethtown, Westport, Scipio, Commiskey, Greenwood, Franklin, Bloomington, Greensburg, Seymour, Indianapolis, Jeffersonville, Madison, Kouts, Michigan, Florida, Arizona, Pennsylvania and California. (If we missed anyone, please excuse our poor eyesight.)
- Our leaders are our 12 officers and committee chairs and many committee members, too numerous to count. All volunteer their time and good sense to keeping this organization "on the straight and narrow." (We are always looking for more volunteers.)
- We meet here at Sandy Hook United Methodist Church three times per year with our lunch provided by the good cooks of the church. Mrs. Shirley Wilkerson is the lady in charge in the kitchen. In May we meet at Four Seasons Retirement Center. Just like our schools, we give you a break in the summer.

(Over, please.)

Please take me home!!

HOW

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COMMUNICATES

- **On the web:** go to www.barta2.org for pictures and information about BARTA, our events, our activities, legislative updates, news from IRTA, and a form that encourages you to send us a message or ask a question and much more. If you don't remember the website, just Search for Bartholomew County Retired Teachers.
- **On Facebook:** use your Facebook account to Search for Bartholomew County Retired Teachers. If you don't have a Facebook account, you must join to access our page. Go to facebook.com to join. Be sure to LIKE and FOLLOW our page so that you will receive updates from it. Our Facebook page contains all the content of our website but much more: all the pictures we might post from our events, detailed legislative updates, obituaries, interesting and pertinent articles, cartoons, and more. You may also make comments about any of the posts and start conversations with others about that topic.
- **Via Punchbowl:** Punchbowl is the email system that we use to send email luncheon invitations and receive member responses. If you prefer an email invitation, just give us your email address. When you use this system, it is important that you reply within that invitation rather than personal email or the system will not record your response. We have also used this system to send very important information between meetings.
- **Via phone:** if you prefer, we can call you to collect your luncheon reservation if you give us your phone number.

Your preference for either email or phone call should be indicated on the back of the membership card.