

Jasper County
Retired School Personnel
Association
2023-2024
Celebrating 50 years!
1973-2023

Officers:

Co-Presidents: Denise Bontrager & Lana Wohlers

Vice-President: Ron Ehresman

Secretary: Sharon Bergeson

Treasurer: Deb Hansch

Committee Chairpersons:

Health Tips and News: Membership

Public Relations: Marsha Berndt

Legislative: Rose Evans

Membership: Leslie Maach

Outreach: Linda Kirchhoff

Hospitality: Susan Hawk, Mary Newton, JoAnne Price

Social Media/Promotion: Carolyn Cook

1974-1978 Edward Osborn 1978-1980 J.F.

Becker 1980-1984 Emeron Dettman

H.A. Lynn 1973-1974 Eugene Burton

1984-1988 Eleanor Wheeler 1988-1990 Carl Black 2006-2008 Russell Clayton
 Orthner 1990-1992 Ruth Hill 1992-1994 2008-2010 Pam Andrews 2010-2014 Gayle
 Jean Von Seggern 1994-1996 Russell Berryhill & 2014-2018 Marsha Berndt
 Clayton 1996-1998 Marian Ponder Sandra Prendergast &
 1998-2000 Victoria Reynolds 2018-2020 Denise
Past Presidents Bontrager &
 Lana Wohlers 2020-

Dorothy Petroff 2000-2002 Arlene Byers
 2002-2004 Hazel Peterson 2004-2006 Don

Charter Members

Laura Barnes	Rowena Derickson	Bernice Alice Reed
B.C. Berg	Eastburn Olga Hoffman	Hazel Rice
Maurine Bond	Cecelia Hopkin	Daisy Santen
Charity Brom	Miriam Huigen Otha Hulse	Lulu Snyder
Sarah Brown	Rhea Hulse Gail Judy	Marian Speake Verna
A.E. Burton	Jennie Lee H.A. Lynn	Stock
Wilda Byal	Reva Meredith Jennie	Dorothy Talbot Gertrude
Irene Colyn	Miller Iva Moles	Thornton Ina Umble
	Mary Moore Lois Poortinga	Dorothy Wisgerhof
	Pearl Rader	

All charter members are deceased.

Scholarship Recipients

Marissa Vos of Lynnville-Sully (2016)	[Changed major. Returned money.] Oliva
Heather Jessen of Baxter (2017) Troy	Houseman of Lynnville-Sully (2021)
Hesse III of Baxter (2018) Mia Burns of	Makayla Smith of Colfax-Mingo (2022)
Prairie City-Monroe (2019) Nicholas	McKenna Pleiman of Colfax-Mingo (2023)
Duffy of Colfax-Mingo	(Baxter had no education majors)

Job Descriptions for Jasper County Retired School Personnel Association

President/Co-President:

- Preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board.
- Call special meetings when necessary.
- Perform other duties that are the usual obligation of the president.
- Appoint a committee of two members not on the Executive Board to audit the treasurer's books before July 1.

- Keep a notebook containing the newsletters, minutes, a copy of the annual directory, the state newsletters, and anything else of importance in a notebook to be passed on to the next president.

Vice-President

- Assist the president and, in the event of the inability of the president to serve, perform the duties of the president.
- Plan the programs and be responsible for written communication of appreciation for the presenters.
- Send thank you's to all presenters post meetings.

Secretary

- Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association.
- Complete all correspondence required by the office.

Treasurer

- Receive and keep an accurate record of all monies belonging to the Association.
- Collect state and local dues and forward dues to the state treasurer.
- Pay all bills.
- Keep an accurate account of receipts and expenditures.
- Keep a file of receipts, fills, canceled checks, and bank statements.
- Present to the Association for approval of a budget developed by the executive board.
- Present a financial report at each regular meeting.
- Submit for annual audit the account(s) of the organization of the close of the fiscal year.

Health Tips and News

- Inform the membership of any health issues of importance, new items of interest concerning foods, medications, exercise, and anything that could pertain to our well being. Even jokes are good.

Public Relations

- Each spring, reach out to the five District Superintendents' offices, inquiring about distributing a flyer to every retiring school personnel member regarding our JCRSPA Association.
- Create said flyer and deliver them to each building for them to distribute to retirees.

Legislative

- Keep the membership informed of any changes in IPERS, COLA, Social Security, and legislation of interest that affects our members. All reports shall be non-partisan in nature.

Membership

- Check the membership list from the previous year and remind those that have not paid. This may be done by either phoning or sending a written notice.
- Call each school district in the county to get names of all retirees. (Recent legislation may make this impossible. Do what you can.) Send a letter containing information about our organization and invitation to join. Include an envelope addressed to the treasurer.
- Supply a list of potential new members (retirees) to the present and/or treasurer.

Outreach

- Send cards to members in case of illness.
- Send a card to the next of kin in the event of the death of a member.
- Send a Christmas plant to members in nursing homes.
- Have a container at each meeting for the collection of “birthday” money to finance the We Care responsibilities.

Hospitality

- Unlock and lock doors prior to/after meeting.
- Plan November and May luncheons as well as the February social.
- Set up room as necessary before meetings. Ensure the room is returned to its original state.
- Organize refreshments, prepare drinks, and with the help of those that brought food, clean up the kitchen. Take the garbage to the furnace room.
- Replenish supplies kept in the tote.

Social Media/Promotion

- Maintain Facebook page to promote Association via social media.

JCRSPA Calendar of Meetings - 2023-2024

Happy 50th Anniversary To Us!

Meetings are held at First Presbyterian Church at 220 N 2nd Ave E, Newton, Iowa,
on the last Tuesday of the month, unless noted otherwise.

September 26, 2023 ~ 1:30 PM ~ First Presbyterian

Program: Brain Health

Presenter: Maddi Cave, AARP

Refreshments: Board members & committee chairs

October 31, 2023 ~ 1:30 PM ~ First Presbyterian

Program: Children in Need of Assistance in the State of Iowa

Presenter: Lindsey Phillips

Refreshments: Members whose last names that begin with A-H

November 28, 2023 ~ 12 Noon ~ Fall luncheon Celebrating our 50th ~ First Presbyterian

Program: The Real Conversation Around Banned Books

Presenter: Brenda Tripp-Lanser, Monroe Public Librarian

Lunch: Members whose last names that begin with I-Z

December 19, 2023 ~ 2-4PM ~ Garden Room, Park Center

Carols and Cookies for Christmas (social only)

Cookie exchange and Mary Newton playing Christmas music

February 27, 2024 ~ 12:30 ~ Okoboji Bar & Grill (or TBD)

No program. Social gathering planned by the hospitality committee.

March 26, 2024 ~ 1:30 ~ First Presbyterian

Program: What's new at Peck Daycare Center

Presenter: Peck Daycare Center Director

Refreshments: Members whose last names that begin with I-Z

April 30, 2024 ~ Noon Spring Potluck ~ First Presbyterian

Program: A Musical Afternoon

Presenter: Bell Ringers, "Tintinnabulation" & select group of Newton HS singers

Lunch: Members whose last names that begin with A-H

May 28, 2024 ~ 1:30 PM ~ Smith Wildlife Center at Prairie City - Bring your own drink

Optional stop at Goldie's for ice cream enroute home

Presenter: Director