

**EARTA LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022
ELGIN COUNTRY CLUB**

EARTA LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING was held at the Elgin Country Club on Friday November 18, 2022. Social Hour was at 11:30, the luncheon was at 12:00. Christine Moeller welcomed members and guests. Cindy Lange introduced Mr. Lance Dailey, Volunteer and Safety Coordinator of the Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley Restore in Elgin.

CHAPLAIN - MICK WILLIAMS gave the invocation. There was included a moment of remembrance and the reading of the names of 27 members who died during the past year as well as for those known only in our hearts. The full list was printed in the October/November 2022 Jogger.

LUNCHEON: The members enjoyed sharing the meal of squash soup, Pork Tender Loin medallions with tomato and artichoke garnish, roasted potatoes, roasted carrots, rolls, beverage and an apple tart with vanilla ice cream and caramel drizzle. All excellent!

During dessert Lucy Niemeier made a plea for donations to the Elgin Interfaith Pantry.

She asked each member present to put their name on slips of paper. She then passed around a tray with items from a Jewel Food store and asked us to guess the total cost of the items. (Small paper plates, napkins, a cake mix and can of frosting, and a packet of small candles) She collected the slips and announced the winning guess was \$10.15, i.e., the closest to the actual cost of \$10.12. The winner was given a gift basket. Good fun!

BUSINESS MEETING:

MINUTES — CHRISTINE MOLLER asked for any corrections or additions to minutes of the last general Meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as printed.

TREASURE REPORT— DIANE ARNHOLD reported that of 10/31/22 there was \$1,540.87 in the checking account, \$5,520.35 in the savings account, and \$3,921.89 in the CD.

LEGISLATION — DAVID WEDEMEYER reported that there was a Democrat sweep in state offices. All but two of the IRTA PAC endorsed candidates were elected.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS - ADRIENNE BERNA introduced the slate of nominees:

President: Lucy Niemeier — Vice President: Barb McGee
Treasurer: David Wedemeyer — Recording Secretary: Kay Lincicome
Corresponding Secretary: Diane Geary

Adrienne asked for nominations from the floor. Seeing none, a voice vote was taken; and with no objections the slate was elected. Adrienne conducted the installation of the new officers.

FAREWELL ADDRESS - CHRISTINE MOELLER gave a heartfelt thank you to all who helped her through the tough pandemic years as president. She encouraged us to continue to participate in the ongoing activities of the EARTA. Christine welcomed Lucy as our new President and passed the gavel.

PROGRAM: Lucy introduced Cindy Lange who introduced our guest speaker, Lance Dailey. He gave us a comprehensive overview of the programs and volunteer opportunities with the Habitat for Humanity. Brochures were available for interested members.

Mr. Dailey noted that most of us are aware of the building projects that Habitat conducts. The Northern Fox Valley group has completed three homes this past year in their area which covers territory from Crystal Lake to St. Charles and from Huntley to O'Hare. Since its inception they have completed over 700 homes. In addition, the group conducts youth programs and does critical repairs for needy residents.

He encouraged interested members to volunteer at one of their two Restore locations. The Elgin store is located on Route 31 in the old Lee Wards building. Volunteers receive training and are assigned a mentor to help learn to help customers.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Look to the Jogger for the next luncheon information
Lucy adjourned the meeting at c. 2:35pm

Respectively submitted
Mick Williams, Recording Secretary, Pro-Temp