

**EARTA LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING**  
**Friday, September 16, 2022**  
**Elgin Country Club**

**EARTA LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING** was held at the Elgin Country Club on Friday June 17, 2022. Social Hour was at 11:30, and the luncheon was at 12:00. Christine Moeller welcomed members to the luncheon. She introduced Wendy Wieggers, Area 2 Representative, to our meeting. Also, Mary Ellen Flaks was welcomed as a "First Timer" to an EARTA Luncheon.

**CHAPLAIN – NICK WILLIAMS** gave the invocation. There was a period of silence for the people of Ukraine and for EARTA members that are no longer with us. This was followed by a very meaningful invocation before our meal.

**LUNCHEON** The members enjoyed sharing the meal of Caesar Salad, Chicken Piccata, Rice Pilaf, and Green Beans, Rolls, beverage, and carrot cake.

**RECORDING SECRETARY – KAY LINCICOME** Christine asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the June 17, 2022, General Meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as printed.

**TREASURER REPORT – DIANE ARNHOLD** reported that there is \$1730.02 in the checking account, \$5518.96 in the savings account, and \$3919.27 in the CD. Diane reminded the members that the EARTA dues are due. If members are paying the IRTA dues, they should send the dues to the State.

**LEGISLATION – PRESENTED BY CLIFF OLSON** reported that as of January 1, 2023, AETNA MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO will be the sole insurer offered to Illinois retired teachers. He suggested that any pending medical insurance situations should be taken care of before the end of the year. All HMO plans will be eliminated. Cliff suggested that members check out the IRTA Website for additional information. The website will highlight which political candidate backs IRTA. He encouraged EARTA to vote for a governor that supports EARTA and IRTA. Cliff suggested that consideration be given to which judges support our constitution. He shared that there is a list of about 10 drugs that are listed as acceptable. Cliff offered a copy of his report for the asking.

**LEGISLATION - AREA 2 REPRESENTATIVE** Area 2 Representative, Wendy Wieggers, presented a report about the change of insurance and other area reports. Wendy read 2 reports concerning the change of insurance provider.

One was a letter from Jim Bachman, IRTA Executive Director, in which he stated that the new plan will go into effect for enrollees on January 1, 2023. Communication regarding the change will begin within the next couple of weeks. She noted that Jim will be retiring next year. Wendy also read a letter from a retired teacher in Champaign County, Illinois, stating concerns about the change. Copies of the 2 reports can be obtained by contacting Kay. After Wendy's presentation, there was discussion and concerns about the insurance change. Wendy asked if our group is in support of her voicing our opinion about some of the concerns, and all agreed.

**NOMINATIONS – ADRIENNE BERNA** Christine reported that the committee is working on nominations to fill vacancies on the board. She referred to the table highlighting the open positions and