



Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association / IRTA

March/April 2025

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The Jogger

GENERAL MEETING

Elgin Country Club

Friday, April 25, 2025

Speaker: Sarah Sullivan

Sarah Sullivan has been an instructor of History and Business and department chair at McHenry County College for 28 years. She also speaks to community groups on a variety of topics including the American Revolution, Marshall Field's and Chicago, and women's history. She loves nothing more than telling a good story and is looking forward to sharing an intriguing one with you today.

Sarah will be speaking to us on women's history, focusing on Rosa Parks' predecessors.

11:30 Social

12:00 Luncheon

MENU

Garden Salad with Balsamic dressing and rolls

Pretzel crusted Chicken Breast

Green Beans

Golden Yukon Potatoes

Vanilla ice cream w/chocolate cookie

Coffee, Tea, (Hot or Iced), Lemonade

Reservations due **NO later than Friday, April 18**, to:

Barb McGee at 12728 Williams Road, Genoa, IL 60135 Phone: 815-784-5186

Please make checks for \$38 payable to EARTA

(Your check covers the cost of lunch, tax, gratuity and valet.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

EARTA assets are held at the KCT Credit Union. KCT Credit Union merged with Consumers Credit Union on December 1, 2024. KCT Credit Union will operate under its name for the foreseeable future.

As of March 15, 2025, EARTA account balances were:

Checking -	\$4,738.10
Savings –	\$3,024.45
Cert. of Deposit –	\$4,145.98
TOTAL ASSETS -	\$11,908.53

Respectfully submitted,
David Wedemeyer, Treasurer

YOUR INFORMATION ... 2025 DIRECTORY

We will be publishing the **2025 DIRECTORY** shortly. Going through the laborious process of updating and correcting. We can't get your information correct unless you notify us of inaccuracies in the current 2023 Directory or any changes over the last several years.

PLEASE, CHECK YOUR INFORMATION

and notify me of any changes.

- Need your name (check spelling) as you would like it to appear in the directory.
- Address, please check the numbers carefully.
- A good telephone number to reach you and for our robo calls. (Mark if it's a cell)
- Current email address if you are using one.
- Your membership status with IRTA: life member, pay annual dues, not a member.
- Your membership status with EARTA: life member, pay annual dues, or associate member paying annual dues.

I will be at the April luncheon for those of you who want to check in with me and verify your information there.

Thanks,

David Wedemeyer, Treasurer or EARTA

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Elgin, IL 60124

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Elgin, IL 60121

2025 DUES

It's that time of year for those of you who pay annual EARTA dues to get us your \$25.00 checks. (IRTA annual dues should be sent down to the Springfield IRTA office.)

Make out your check to EARTA for \$25.00 and bring it with you to the luncheon, or mail it to:

EARTA

PO Box 5515

Elgin, IL 60121

Dues should be paid by January 1, 2025.

Thank you for your prompt attention,

David Wedemeyer

EARTA Treasurer

EARTA CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS

It's that time ... to update and make necessary changes in our Constitution/Bylaws. We (general membership) will vote on these changes at the April luncheon to include the updates and changes in the 2025 Directory.

Most of the changes are editorial in nature or for aligning practice with policy. There are three major changes:

1. Eliminate four Board of Directors positions and add two.
2. Distribute the Directory in June of odd numbered years instead of February of every year.
3. Eliminate the whole Retired Teacher of the Year section.

Specific changes will be available in print at the luncheon tables for your reading enjoyment.

The Board of Directors has voted to approve these changes.

Legislative Report March 2025

The State Legislature is busy during March introducing bills, getting committee assignments for their bills, and using the April committee time to review and recommend legislation for vote on the chamber floors.

As before, readers are referred to the monthly "Good Dog News" on the IRTA website for more detailed information.

A reminder to members who may be entitled to Social Security benefits since the elimination of WEP/GPO; See the March 4, 2025, IRTA news detailing the SSA procedure. A number of our members have reported successfully receiving their benefits.

Mick Williams, Legislative Chair

ELECTRONIC JOGGER

Would you love to get the Jogger sooner? Don't want your copy lost in the mail? Are you interested in helping EARTA "go green"? If you are not currently receiving the Jogger by email, please consider changing to the email version. It will get to you quicker and **it will help us save quite a bit of money!** If you would like to receive your Jogger by email, please contact Chris Moeller deckmoe@aol.com , **if you haven't already done so**, with your information.



Help our membership grow!

Consider bringing an area retired teacher person who is not an EARTA member as your guest.

Hopefully, the guest will enjoy their time with us and join our membership.

Also, reach out to members who haven't attended lately and invite them to attend. It's an easy way to double the fun!



EARTA has the means to notify all membership of a sudden change/sudden information. It's through a "robo-call". It's not a local number, so please, be sure to listen for the EARTA message. A robo-call will only be utilized in rare instances.

Community Participation

The Elgin Community Crisis Center is one of five organizations that EARTA supports during the year. There will be a basket at the April luncheon for contributions. If you are not able to attend, you can donate by sending it to Community Crisis Center 37 S Geneva St. Elgin IL 60120. To donate online, go to www.crisiscenter.org

The Board chose five agencies for our members to donate to during the year in the name of EARTA.

Community Crisis Center: Located at 37 S Geneva St. Elgin IL 60120.

To donate online, volunteer, or find information go to www.crisiscenter.org . Checks may also be sent to the address above.

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley Located at 56 S Grove Ave Elgin, IL 60120.

To donate online go to www.habitatnfv.org/get-involved/donate Checks may also be sent to the address above. Make check payable to HFHNFV. In memo line "New Hope Partnership".

If you are interested in participating on a Build Day or at the Elgin ReStore, visit www.habitatnfv.org/get-involved/volunteer/individual/ Contact Cindy Lange for more information at 847-814-3249

U-46 Educational Foundation Located at 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin, IL 60120. Phone 847-888-5000 ext. 5040

www.u-46.org/foundation - Click "Donate". Checks may also be sent to the address above.

Food For Greater Elgin Located at 1553 Commerce Drive, Elgin, IL 60123

For every \$1.00 of donation, FFGE can purchase approximately \$8.00 of food. To donate, go online to www.foodforgreaterelgin.org and make a onetime or monthly donation. Checks may also be sent to the address above.

All People's Interfaith Food Pantry Located at First Congregational Church 256 E. Chicago St., Elgin, IL 60120. Phone 847-741-2329. Checks may also be sent to the address above.

Mark your calendars!

Tentative 2025 dates and locales

June 20, 2025. Elgin Country Club
September 19, 2025 Elgin Country Club
November 21, 2025 Elgin Country Club

All meetings/luncheons begin at 11:30 AM

VERY IMPORTANT: Please continue to let our Corresponding Secretary, Diane Geary (email: dmgeary@comcast.net) know when there is an illness or death among our membership. Also, let our Treasurer, David Wedemeyer, know about deaths.

Starting at the September luncheon, there will be a designated list for members to add names of those members who need a get- well card and a space for those who have passed. This list will help Diane with mailing cards.