



Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association / IRTA

May/June 2023

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The Jogger

Community Participation

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.

Please give to any of our agencies listed on page 2. They all need our help during these difficult times.

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, June 16, 2023

Elgin Country Club

11:30 Social 12:00 Luncheon

Guest: Nancy Cramer from AMBA

MENU

Baby Spinach Salad

Chicken Crepes with Rice Pilaf

Broccoli

Strawberry Shortcake

Coffee, Tea: Hot or Iced

Reservations due **NO later than Friday, June 9, 2023**, to:

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

Please make checks for \$35 payable to EARTA

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

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 would like to receive your Jogger by email, please contact Christine

Moeller deckmoe@aol.com , **if you haven't already done so**, with your information.



Community Participation

The Board chose four 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.

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Legislation

Legislative Update Report compiled from IRTA 3/15/23

About 360 bills passed one or both chambers last week, with just five legislative days remaining on the calendar. Adjournment is still scheduled for May 19 – although that deadline is self-imposed and could be extended.

While budgeteers continue negotiating on the budget, neither chamber has released details – including what revenue number they intend to use.

Add that to dozens of budget requests working their way through the legislature, falling revenue estimates, a very large number of new legislators, and the fact that the past two budget cycles were largely resolved with unprecedented federal funding – and it makes the task of passing a balanced budget by the end of this week even more difficult.

With all of the requests, and difficulties the General Assembly seems to be having with the budget, the TRS board of Trustees certified a \$6.04 billion state government contribution for the System. The contribution is a 2.5% increase over the state's \$5.89 billion contribution for the current fiscal year. Both contributions to TRS and TRIP are set to be fully funded.

For further information go to IRTA@irtaonline.org, create a profile and receive the newsletter.

Mick Williams, EARTA Legislative Chair

2022 DIRECTORY

NEW MEMBERS / CORRECTIONS / CHANGES

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Condolences:

Robert Stark



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

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