



**Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association / IRTA**

**May/June 2024**

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# The Jogger

## GENERAL MEETING

Friday, June 21, 2024

**The Elgin Country Club is all newly spruced up and spiffed up!**

**11:30 Social**

**12:00 Luncheon**

### MENU

Garden Salad and rolls

Chicken Piccata

Rice pilaf with carrots

Broccoli and Wild Rice

Vanilla gelato and a warm chocolate chip cookie

Coffee, Tea, (Hot or Iced), Lemonade

Reservations due **NO later than Friday, June 14**, 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.)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### May Treasurer's Report

EARTA Kane County Teachers Credit Union Accounts

Balances as of May 10, 2024

Checking      \$2,882.64

Savings        \$3,027.18

CD              \$4,045.69

Total Assets    \$9,955.51

## Change of Address

Please make sure you keep us updated concerning any of your information changes.

This includes new: street, city, state, zip code

telephone number

email address

Changes can be sent to: EARTA

PO Box 5515

Elgin, IL 60121

## **2024 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.)

**If you haven't done so already**, please make out your check to EARTA for \$25.00 and bring it with you to the June Luncheon, or mail it to:

EARTA

PO Box 5515

Elgin, IL 60121

Your prompt attention would be appreciated,

David Wedemeyer

EARTA Treasurer

## **Out and About**

The **Epicurean** dinner group met in May for dinner and is looking forward to their next dining adventure. Please contact Karen Patterson for the next dinner date if interested. Everyone is welcome!

Please check out our website, **EARTA.org** for information on future luncheons, legislative reports, and minutes from the general meetings.



## **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 Christine Moeller [deckmoe@aol.com](mailto: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. Notify Barb McGee in advance and she will arrange a complimentary lunch for 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.

## **Legislative Report -5/10/2024**

On Tuesday, April 16th, the U.S. House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee heard testimony on Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82, and S. 597, that seeks a full repeal of WEP and GPO. H.R. 82 has over 300 co-sponsors in the House, while S. 597 has 53 co-sponsors in the Senate. Unfortunately, the committee hearing served as a subject-matter hearing only and did not result in a committee vote. A timeline for action to advance the Social Security Fairness Act was not provided. IRTA's member wide Call to Action resulted in over 4,000 messages in support of H.R. 82 being sent to members of the U.S. Congress. Thank you for responding to the Call to Action.

The Illinois General Assembly completed two major deadlines on the legislative calendar. The Third Reading Deadline for substantive bills to be approved by the Senate was April 12th, and the Third Reading Deadline in the House was April 19th. Both chambers are focused on procedural issues such as moving bills to consideration of amendments and robust floor action.

The IRTA Government Affairs team continues to review and monitor legislation that has been introduced, in addition to reviewing amendments and committee hearing postings that are of interest to IRTA members.

### 2024 Key Dates and Session Deadlines

Below are the dates of notable activity and major deadlines for the 2024 Spring Session:

Friday, May 3: House and Senate Committee Deadline for non-appropriation bills in the opposite chamber

Friday, May 17: House and Senate Third Reading Deadline for non-appropriation bills in the opposite chamber

May 24: Adjournment

May 25 – 31: Contingent Session Days

It is an election year!

Mick Williams, Legislative Chair

## **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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.foodforgreaterelgin.org) and make a onetime or monthly donation. Checks may also be sent to the address above.

### **Mark your calendars!**

TENTATIVE dates and locales for the upcoming year of 2024:

Friday, September 20, 2024 at Elgin Country Club

Friday, November 15, 2024 at Elgin Country Club



**All meetings/luncheons begin at 11:30 AM**

**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.**