



Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association / IRTA

May/June 2026

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The Jogger

GENERAL MEETING

Elgin Country Club

Friday June 19, 2026

Speaker: Barb McKittrick, Environmental Education Manager of Kane County Forest Preserves

11:30 Social

12:00 Luncheon

MENU

TBA

Please check our website periodically for an update.

The 2026 price for all our EARTA luncheons has been raised for all our luncheons, whether we meet at Villa Olivia or at the Elgin Country Club. The new price is \$40 per meal.

Reservations must be received **NO later than Friday, June 12**, to:

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

Please make checks for \$40 payable to EARTA

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

News from Lucy

A splendid number of members attended our most recent luncheon to hear the Executive Director of IRTA, Jessica Hoselton. Her presentation was very well received and was indeed very informative. Many thanks to her for taking the time to speak with us; it was much appreciated!

Our next luncheon's speaker will be the Environmental Educational Manager of Kane County Forest Preserves, Barb McKittrick. The subject area will include preservation of the land, the many and varied programs that are offered throughout the year, and general information on this widespread agency. The new American Bison herd helping to recreate the Illinois prairie in Kane County is just one of the many programs to learn about right here in our own backyard!

This is a fantastic opportunity to invite any area retired teachers to attend and experience our wonderful, interesting, generous, kind, and social group!

YOUR – Yes, I Mean You, Dear Reader – 2025 EARTA DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Have you checked your information printed in our 2025 Directory?

Now would be a good time to do so. If you have corrections for yourself (or if you have a friend who needs to have information corrected), please let me know.

Five ways to contact me for any changes, in my order of preference:

1. **Email me: dwwedemeyer@gmail.com**
2. **US mail me: David Wedemeyer ... 939 Glenmore Ln ... Elgin IL 60124**
3. **US mail to EARTA: EARTA ... PO Box 5515 ... Elgin IL 60121**
4. **Text my cell: 847-707-5283**
5. **Call me at my cell: see the number in #4 above.**

Easy peasy lemon squeezy. Thanks!

Epicurean Adventures is Baaaaack!!

Thanks to popular demand we're back!

WHO: You, spouse and/or friend

WHAT: Epicurean Adventures

WHEN: Wednesday, June 10, 2026

WHERE: Café Zaytun Mediterranean Restaurant

70 North Mclean Blvd in Tyler Creek Plaza (former Big Skillet)

WHY: To enjoy a new restaurant in Elgin with friends! Food is Mediterranean, American, Indian, Stone oven

Contact: Karen Patterson 847.421.5434 or karenteacher@sbcglobal.net by June 8th.



Kane County Teachers Credit Union - KCT Credit Union - Consumers Credit Union

TRS

and Your Pension Direct Deposit

Just an FYI for those of you who have your pension checks directly deposited at the credit union. By August 1, 2026, TRS needs to have a new routing number. The old KCTCU/KCT Credit Union routing number that TRS has been using since you set up direct deposit will no longer be valid. You would need to get the routing number and your correct account number from Consumers Credit Union and notify TRS of the change. This does not apply to those of you who have pensions direct deposited with other financial institutions.

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!

Community Participation

The following agencies continue to be the focus of EARTA.

There will be a basket at the June luncheon for donations to **Community Crisis Center**: Located at 37 S Geneva St. Elgin IL 60120. housed at First Congregational Church in Elgin.

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.

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

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 one-time or monthly donation. Checks may also be sent to the address above.

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.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please continue to let our Corresponding Secretary, Diane Geary (email: dmg450@gmail.com) 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.