EARTA

Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association / IRTA

November/December 2026

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The Jogger

GENERAL MEETING

Elgin Country Club
Friday November 20, 2026

Speaker: Steve Huber
AMBA representative

11:30 Social **12:00 Luncheon**

MENU

Harvest Salad - Mixed Greens, Candied Pecans, Dried Cherries, Manchego Cheese with Modena Vinaigrette
Warm Rolls & Butter

Sliced Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Whipped Potatoes & Gravy, Squash Medley

Pumpkin Cheesecake

Coffee, Tea, (Hot or Iced), Lemonade

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, Nov. 11**, 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.)



Members, remember that EARTA will sometimes utilize a "robo" call to notify members about pertinent information. It allows us to notify all membership of a sudden change/sudden information. It's not a local number, so please, be sure to listen to the EARTA message. A robo-call will only be utilized in rare instances.

Treasurer's Report

The Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association (EARTA) maintains its Financial/banking accounts at the Consumers Credit Union. As of October 12, 2026, the account balances were the following:

$3,704.83 – Checking

$1,347.81 – Savings

$3,041.25 – 7-month certificate of deposit

$3,039.29 – 13-month certificate of deposit

$11,133.18 – Total EARTA Assets

Respectfully submitted,

David Wedemeyer, Treasurer

ANNUAL DUES MEMBERS

#1. CHECK THE DIRECTORY!

If you owe annual dues, the words "EARTA Annual" will appear to the right of your name.

#2. PICK A DUES OPTION.

Send a check made out to EARTA for $25 to pay for your dues for one year … 2027.

OR save $5

Send a check made out to EARTA for $45 to pay for your dues for two years … 2027 & 2028.

#3. MAIL YOUR CHECK.

Send to: EARTA PO Box 5515 Elgin IL 60121

#4. SEND YOUR CHECK NOW, Please!!

Otherwise we will have to hound you, and bother you, and bug you . . . We will send an email in the next several weeks to remind those who haven't paid.

#5. QUESTIONS ?

Karen Patterson, Membership Chair karenteacher@sbcglobal.net 847-421-5433

David Wedemeyer, Treasurer dwwedemeyer@gmail.com 847-707-5283

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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.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Deceased Members:

p. 12 DeDobbelaere, Maureen
p. 21 Holliday, Lois M.
p. 34 Olsen, Sherry
p. 40 Samec, Diane
May their memories be a blessing.

p.7 Brown, David L. corrected cell phone number: 847-370-6391
p. 30 Mayer, Marilyn new phone number: 847-873-7778
new email: Marilyn.mayer63@gmail.com
NEW Bartz, Emily 403 Fountain Ave. Elgin IL 60124-3807



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.

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 at37 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 death