



Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association / IRTA

October / November 2019

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General Meeting, Friday, November 15, 2019

Elgin Country Club

11:30 a.m. - Social Hour (Cash Bar Available) 12:00 noon - Luncheon

Menu:

Spinach salad with warm bacon dressing, rolls, Turkey with potatoes and gravy and cranberries, and glazed carrots. Pumpkin squares for dessert. Beverages of Coffee, Hot and/or Iced Tea, and Lemonade will be available.

Please let Christine know of any food allergies so substitutions can be made ahead of time.

Reservations due Thursday, November 7, to Christine Moeller 805 Carol Ave. Elgin, IL 60123. Phone 847.741.8520

Please make checks for \$25 payable to EARTA.



Program

EARTA members should look forward to an exciting musical program at our November 15th luncheon. Singer George Holmes will be performing for us. He is a native Elginites who graduated from Judson University with a Bachelor of Arts in music and a minor in theology. Welcome George!



MINUTES OF THE EARTA GENERAL MEETING Friday, September 20, 2019

EARTA LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING was held at the Elgin Country Club on Friday, September 20, 2019. Social Hour was at 11:30 and the luncheon was at 12:00, with 48 members in attendance. President, Barb McGee, welcomed members and recognized a guest, Mark Foster, who is the grandson of our own Marilyn Foster. Luncheon was served following the invocation by Chaplain, Mick Williams.

OFFICERS' AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President – Barb McGee asked EARTA members to notify EARTA of any food allergies or special dietary requirements at the time that reservations are made. The Country Club has been gracious to accommodate our needs.

Recording Secretary – Kay Lincicome Minutes of the June 21, 2019 Luncheon/General Meeting, were printed in the JOGGREER. The President asked for corrections or additions. Hearing none, the minutes were approved and will be on file.

Corresponding Secretary – Joyce Causey reported that she had sent out a number of cards. She received a thank-you for one of the EARTA cards, and for the memorial contribution to the IRTA Foundation from the family of a deceased member. Siting budgetary constraints, Joyce offered her services to make special occasion cards and offered them for sale at our luncheons. This is a hobby that she enjoys and is willing to continue if people are interested. She brought a number of Halloween and other cards to sell for two dollars each. If sales were good, she would bring Thanksgiving cards to the November Meeting. (Note: Following the meeting she had sold most of the cards that she brought.)

Treasurer – Jean Jederman reported that as of September 1st, there was \$828.90 in the checking account. The report will be filed for audit.

Social/Charity – Coral Reinert reported that on September 9th, the Supper Club met at Hooper's. The

next Supper Club at Hooper's will be on October 14th at 5:30. All are welcome. The Epicurean Adventure met on September 10th, and the next Adventure will be at Aliano's Ristorante in East Dundee on October 24th. Please contact Karen Patterson or Irene Wedemeyer if interested. All are invited. Coral reported that there will be 23 Cruisers leaving for ten days on the Caribbean Tour to the Panama Canal, October 7th to 17th.

Membership – David Brown reported that membership is down and if you are a new or annual member please get your checks in as soon as possible. If your Directory information has changed, please get the changes to David so it can be included in the new Directory.

Legislation – David Wedemeyer Watch the JOGGER and the IRTA.org web site for updated reporting.

OLD BUSINESS Barb reminded EARTA that the IRTA Convention is in Springfield, October 14-15. Our local organization is entitled to 20 delegates. At the moment, only three are signed up. If interested, members should contact Barb McGee for all the details. Checks need to be sent to Jean Jederman so that a single check can be sent to IRTA. Time is limited. Barb directed attention to the basket on the table for donations to IRTA PAC. Donations will be auctioned at the convention. Checks should be made out to IRTA PAC. More convention details are available at the IRTA web site.

NEW BUSINESS Adrienne Berna, Nominations Chair, clarified that the EARTA officers will be elected at the November 15, 2019, General Meeting/Luncheon. The slate for the 2020-2021 term will be;

President: Christine Moeller
Treasurer: Diane Arnhold
Corresponding Secretary: Joyce Causey

Any nominations from the floor are welcomed, but must have the previous consent of the nominee.

Suggestions were offered from the assembled members concerning the need for recruitment of new members.

1. A representative should attend the various district or school retirement parties to present our information.
2. E-mails are best, but even letters of invitation should be sent early, beginning in February

- 3. and additional reminders by e-mail at a later date.

A member volunteered to assist Dave Brown and the pre-retirement committee.

ADJOURNMENT Barb reminded everyone to return the new name tags before leaving. She offered our thanks to Christine Moeller for arranging the luncheon and for doing all of the new name tags.

PROGRAM Our newest Board of Directors' Program Chair, Marilyn Foster, presented an enjoyable piano interlude. Marilyn gave us background on a number of familiar composers. She entertained us with renditions of some of their most familiar songs such as those composed by George and Ira Gershwin; "Someone to Watch Over Me", "Embraceable You", and "Rhapsody in Blue". Among other composers was a tribute to WC Hardy, the Father of the Blues, and his song, "Saint Louis Blues".

After a wonderful afternoon the group broke up at 2:05.

Respectively submitted,
Mick Williams, Recording Secretary, Pro-Tem

This month, for the Community Crisis Center, we are emphasizing donations of personal care items (shampoo, deodorant, lotion, etc.). As always, ANY donation will be greatly appreciated. Please see the "on-line" Jogger for a complete lists of needed items.

If you are involved in a group or know of a particular need for a certain organization, please contact Cindy Lange at: clange50@sbcglobal.com or call her at 847-695-1822.

- Diapers – Babies: sizes 4, 5 & 6 & wipes**
- Diapers – Adult: all sizes**
- Deodorant for men & women**
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes**
- Feminine Hygiene Pads - Regular and Super**
- Mini bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash**
- Big bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash**
- Sandwich, quart & gallon size zip loc & fold bags**
- Toilet bowl cleaner, bleach,**
- HE powder laundry detergent**
- Toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue**
- Basic Office Supplies: copy paper, envelopes, pens, highlighters, notepads, paperclips, tape**
- Plastic or reusable grocery bags for our food pantry**

The Community Crisis Center is a non-profit social service agency providing services to individuals & families in Kane and NW Suburban Cook Counties who are dealing with economic crisis, domestic violence or sexual assault. Contact 847-742-4088 for more information or visit www.crisiscenter.org



**Greatest Needs
Nonperishable Food,**



IRTA--- We collected \$167:00 at the September luncheon for the IRTA PAC FUND... Thank you.

On November 15th, my term as president of EARTA will expire. I have enjoyed being your president for the past two years. Thank you to all for your patience, support, and kindness. EARTA is your organization. You have supported it in the past and hopefully you will continue your support now and in the future.

Barb McGee



SOCIAL EVENTS:

Supper Club: We met on Monday, October 9th, at Hooper's Bar and Grill at 5:30 p.m. Our next Supper Club will meet on Monday, December 9th, at Hooper's at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and bring guests.

Epicurean Adventure: Members had a great time on Tuesday, September 10th at Al Tiro's. If you're up for delightful tastebud tantalization and lots of convivial conversation, join our Epicurean group on any or all of our next 4 Adventures! The more the merrier, so please feel free to bring a friend/spouse/significant other/neighbor/relative/.....

We always start at 6pm. Here are the dates and (some of) the restaurants for the next 4 months.

Thursday, October 24...Aliano Trattoria (great authentic Italian cuisine)

310 North River Street, East Dundee

Tuesday, November 19....Place TBA

Thursday, December 12....Cafe Roma (a deli by day but a lovely, elegant venue by night)

2175 Point Blvd., Elgin

Tuesday, January 21.....Place TBA

Please let Karen Patterson or Irene Wedemeyer know if you'll be joining us.

Hope that many of you are able to share the evening with us!

Tour Information: At this time, 23 of us are cruising to the Panama Canal aboard the Island Princess. We left on Monday, October 7th, and will return before you receive this newsletter.

Needless to say, we'll have lots of adventures to share with you. After the first of the year, I'll try to plan a couple of day tours.