

EARTA

Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association / IRTA

October/November 2023

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The Jogger



**NEIGHBORS.
EMPOWERED.**

Gathering at our November luncheon to count our blessings this year and to be thankful for what we have. Our speaker is from Northern Illinois Food Bank. By supporting the Northern Illinois Food Bank, you help build a stronger community. From nourishing our children and seniors year-round with easier access to fresh, nutritious food, to connecting neighbors with resources at our network of 900 food pantries and programs - when you give today, we thrive tomorrow. If you are attending the luncheon, please consider bringing a monetary donation to the organization, either a check or cash.

If you can't attend and would like to donate, visit <https://solvehungertoday.org>
Every \$1 donated helps provide \$8 worth of groceries.

Thank you for donations given to Community Crisis Center in Elgin, Habitat for Humanity-Northern Fox Valley, Food For Greater Elgin, and U-46 Educational Foundation

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, November 17, 2023

Elgin Country Club

11:30 Social 12:00 Luncheon

Guest: Randi Chambers from the Northern Illinois Food Bank

MENU

Butternut Squash Soup

Sliced Turkey with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Green Beans

Pumpkin Cheesecake for dessert

Coffee, Tea: Hot or Iced, Lemonade

Reservations due **NO later than Friday, November 10, 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.)

TREASURER's REPORT

September 30, 2023

Checking Account BALANCE: \$2,871.88

Savings Account BALANCE: \$\$3,025.67

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.)

Make out your check to EARTA for \$25.00 and bring it with you to the November 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

There is still opportunity to sign up for the following interest groups:

Pinot's Palette- Paint your very own painting in a fun group setting. Location is the South Barrington Arboretum. A November date will be announced on November 1st. If interested, contact Lucy Niemeier.

"It's just coffee" coffee klatch had a nice kick off in September. The next date will be announced at the luncheon. If interested, contact Bonnie Skapyak.

Bachelors of Broadway, Saturday, March 16, 2024, 7:00, Elgin Community College. Ticket is \$42. If interested, contact Lucy Niemeier.

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.

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 onetime or monthly donation. Checks may also be sent to the address above.

Legislation

From IRTA 9/27/23

Election season is underway, and we will have a better idea of who is running after the filing period ends on December 4.

Veto session will be held October 24 - 26 and November 7-9 in addition to considering the legislation vetoed by the Governor; lawmakers will be considering whether to renew the invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program, set to expire at the end of the year. According to a press release issued by a coalition supporting the credit, over 41,000 scholarships have been offered since the inception of the invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program and if. The General Assembly does not act, 9,500 current recipients will lose their scholarships.

The IRTA looks forward to seeing its members at the 2023 Biennial Convention, on. October 16th and 17th at The Crowne Plaza, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL. 62703.

Further details can be found on the IRTA web site.

Mick Williams

EARTA Legislative Chair

Mark your calendars!

TENTATIVE dates and TENTATIVE locales for the upcoming year of 2024:

Friday, February 16, 2024 at Villa Olivia
Friday, April 19, 2024 at Elgin Country Club
Friday, June 21, 2024 at Elgin Country Club
Friday, September 20, 2024 at Elgin Country Club
Friday, November 15, 2024 at Elgin Country Club

All meetings/luncheons begin at 11:30 AM

Condolences

Gwyn Snowwhite 9/2023
Vera Nyberg 6/2023



2023 DIRECTORY

NEW MEMBERS / CORRECTIONS / CHANGES

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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.