



Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association / IRTA

October/November 2024

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The Jogger

GENERAL MEETING

The Elgin Country Club

Friday, November 15, 2024

11:30 Social

12:00 Luncheon

MENU

Winter Salad of
Mixed greens, poached pear, candied pecans,
dried cranberries and blue cheese with Modena vinaigrette
Sliced Roasted Turkey with cranberries
Whipped Potatoes with gravy
Squash Medley
Pumpkin Cheesecake
Coffee, Tea, (Hot or Iced), Lemonade

PLEASE NOTE:

It was a difficult decision, but a necessary price change was made

Reservations due **NO later than Friday, November 8**, to:

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

Please make checks for \$38 payable to EARTA

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report:

2,728.60. checking

3,023.69. savings

4,095.83. certificate of deposit

9,848.12. total assets as of 9/30/24

All assets of the Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association are held at the Kane County Teachers Credit Union

..... David Wedemeyer, EARTA Treasurer

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

2025 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 luncheon, or mail it to:

EARTA

PO Box 5515

Elgin, IL 60121

Dues should be paid by January 1, 2025.

Thank you for your prompt attention,

David Wedemeyer

EARTA Treasurer

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 , **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!



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 - 9/2024

At the September 19th general meeting, the Legislative chair gave an oral report to the assembled group which covered several communications from IRTAPAC and the IRTA legislative committee. Below is a summary of the main points from that report. More information is always available at IRTA [online.org/member](https://www.irta.org/member).

VOTE !!

Presidential of course, but down ballot is important to your Pension Protection

See the Handout for the IRTAPAC endorsed candidates in your area. Those legislators are the only ones who pledged to support your pension. (Copy below.)

September 5th, the IRTA legislative committee met via zoom. Two or three takeaways from that meeting: Andrew Bodewes (IRTA Lobbyist), reported: "Most of the IRTA goals were met this year without legislation, but for this fall IRTA is working to help provide retirement security for Tier II retirees." Jessica Hoselton (IRTA Executive Director) stated that IRTA is working with Central Management Services (IL state decision makers) to lock down details of the two new insurance benefits (vision & dental) that are expected to take effect in 2025.

Lastly, with this being election season, the State Legislature will not resume until the Veto session scheduled after the November elections.

Mick Williams, Chair
EARTA Legislative

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.

Mark your calendars!

Tentative 2025 dates and locales

February 21, 2025. Villa Olivia, Bartlett
April 25, 2025. Elgin Country Club
June 20, 2025. Elgin Country Club
September 19, 2025 Elgin Country Club
November 21, 2025 Elgin Country Club

All meetings/luncheons begin at 11:30 AM

VERY IMPORTANT: Please continue to let our Corresponding Secretary, Diane Geary (email: dmgeary@comcast.net) 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.