



Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association / IRTA

January/February 2026

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The Jogger

GENERAL MEETING

Villa Olivia

Friday February 13, 2026

Speaker: Our very own Duly Dulabaum, speaking on his experiences during the civil rights movement of the '60's.

11:30 Social

12:00 Luncheon

MENU

Garden salad

Chicken Rosella with squash medley and wild rice

Chocolate sundae dessert

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, February 6**, 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

All luncheons will be at the new price of \$40.00 per person. All luncheons begin at 11:30 a.m. The board is solidifying future speakers and musicians for the remainder of these 2026 luncheon/general meetings.



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

December 31, 2025, year-end account balances:

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| Savings | \$ 3,682.54 |
| Checking | 1,817.55 |
| <u>Certificate of Deposit</u> | <u>4,249.67</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 9,749.76 |

Some thoughts: Our assets total at the end of 2024 was \$ 9,580.19, so 2025 was a year that basically balanced out. Annual membership dues and interest income paid for the Joggers and EARTA's organizational expenses (RoboCalls, Postal Bulk Rate, Postal PO Box, Website and supplies). Luncheons paid for themselves. The \$1,000.00 gift from one of our members paid most of the Directory expenses.

KCT Credit Union, where we currently have our accounts, will be making the final switch to Consumers Credit Union in February 2026. At this point we don't think this will impact our banking there, other than the name change, but we shall see.

And finally: 100 years ago, everyone had a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has a car and only the rich have horses. Oh, how the stables have turned! 😊

Respectfully submitted,
David Wedemeyer, Treasurer

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS and CHANGES

With sadness, the board reports the following deaths:

- p. 13 Duffy, John ... Deceased
- p. 24 Jurgensen, Peggy ... Deceased
- p. 25 Koester, Lowell E. ... Deceased
- p. 32 Murphy, Francis ... Deceased

May their memories be a blessing.

- P. 12 DeDobbelare, Maureen ... Do Not Contact
- p. 16 Geary, Diane ... new email: dmg4929@gmail.com
- p. 24 Johnson, Susan ... email correction: johnson.susan@gmail.com (no "s" after Susan)
- p. 25 Kanies, Mary Ellen ... new phone: 843-304-9904
- p. 26 Lance, JoAnn W. ... new address: 6493 Bromfield Dr., Westerville OH 43082
- p. 36 Placke, Joan ... new phone (cell): 630-329-2730
- p. 38 Riley, Carolyn F. ... new phone: 630-513-6933

new address: 350 W. Schaumburg Rd., Apt.1325, Schaumburg IL 60194

NEW AMBA Benefits Rep. Assoc EARTA Annual
Steven Huber office: 708-363-6475
Geneva, IL Steven.Huber@GotAMBA.com
NEW Brozik, Lana 630-334-3775 EARTA Annual
303 Jervey Ln. Bartlett, IL 60103 brozikla@gmail.com

EARTA has some new members! Please welcome:

Joleen Kappes Sandy Mohn Ginny Sweeney

EARTA welcomes you!

NEW Kappes, Jolene 847-742-4142 EARTA Annual
3677 Reddington Circle Elgin, IL 60124 kappesfamily@aol.com

NEW Mohn, Sandy ... (more info to come)

NEW Sweeney, Ginny ... (more into to come)

I will be the contact person for changes to Directory information. I prefer a note via email or US mail, so I have a hard copy, but a text or phone calls work as well.

David Wedemeyer

email: dwwedemeyer@gmail.com

US mail: David Wedemeyer OR EARTA
939 Glenmore Lane PO Box 1555
Elgin, IL 60124 Elgin, IL 60121
cell phone: 847-707-5283

DUES

How do you do those due dues that you do so well?

2026

EARTA annual dues are so very important to our organization. Our financial health depends on your dues of \$25. The board tries to be very frugal with its financial obligations. One might look at our bank statement and think that their \$25 doesn't matter, but here's the catch. Many, many of our older members had an option that is no longer available, and that option was to prepay their dues in a large lump sum. So, with only newer members paying \$25 per year, it becomes essential that EARTA collects their annual dues.

-Check your brand spanking new 2025 EARTA Directory. To the right of your name is your membership status. If it says "EARTA Annual", then to maintain your membership you need to get us \$25 for your 2026 annual dues.

-Send us a check made out to EARTA for \$25.00 and send to:

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| EARTA | OR | David Wedemeyer |
| PO Box 1555 | | 939 Glenmore Lane |
| Elgin, IL 60121 | | Elgin, IL 60124 |

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!

Mark your calendars!

4/17 Elgin Country Club

6/19 Elgin Country Club

9/18 Elgin Country Club

11/20 Elgin Country Club

Community Participation

There will be a basket at the September luncheon for contributions to any of the organizations listed below.

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.

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.

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.