



Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association / IRTA

March/April 2024

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The Jogger

CANCELLED

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, April 19, 2024

Due to a fire at Elgin Country Club, our luncheon has been cancelled. Look for more information on our June meeting in the next Jogger.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances as of February 29, 2024

Checking Account - \$2,710.69

Savings Account - \$1,895.80

Certificate of Deposit - \$4,025.87

TOTAL EARTA ASSETS - \$8632.36

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.)

If you haven't done so already, please make out your check to EARTA for \$25.00 and bring it with you to the June 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

"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.

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.



Legislative Report

For those who voted in the Illinois Primaries, thank you! Now, all of you need to make your plans for voting in the general election on November 5th. Make your voice heard locally, statewide and nationally. **

Currently the State legislature has a number of bills moving through the process that would benefit teachers in general and retired teachers specifically. Details of all these are available on IRTA website (irtaonline.org). There are two bills that would improve conditions for retired teachers to return to classroom employment. There is a bill to eliminate over the road driving tests for seniors. The Governor is "seeking" full funding for pensions plus Trip & Trail insurance programs. He is "pushing" for eliminating the inequities between Tier 1 and Tier 2 annuitants. What results will be in the legislature is still unknown.

Watch for "Under The Dome" in the "IRTA Good Dog eNews" email blasts from irtaonline.org (once you sign up!) and get all the latest reports on the legislature.

Mick Williams

EARTA Legislative Chair

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 dates and locales for the upcoming year of 2024:

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

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.