

Elgin Area Retired Teachers Association / IRTA

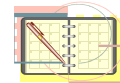
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The Jogger

Mark Your Calendar



General Meeting, Friday, June 21, 2019

Elgin Country Club

2575 Weld Rd., Elgin, IL 847-741-1716

11:30 A.M. - Social Time **12:00 noon** - Luncheon

MENU

Menu: Chicken breast with brie and raspberry sauce over rice, Caesar salad and rolls. Flourless chocolate cake with fresh berries for dessert. Beverages of Coffee, Hot and/or Iced Tea, and Lemonade will be available.

Reservations due Thursday, June 13, to Christine Moeller 805 Carol Ave. Elgin, IL 60123. Phone 847.741.8520

Please make checks for \$25 payable to EARTA.

June Luncheon Speaker

Who Should You Trust?

Cherie Aschenbrenner of the Elgin Police Department will be our luncheon speaker. Cherie, who is the Elderly Service Officer for Elgin, will be sharing the Current Cyber Phone and E-mail Scams. Speaker and her program are highly recommended.



MINUTES OF THE EARTA GENERAL MEETING Friday, April 19, 2019

EARTA LUNCHEON AND GENERAL

MEETING was held at the Elgin Country Club on Friday, April 19, 2019. Social hour was at 11:30, and the luncheon was at 12:00. Barb McGee, President, welcomed everyone and highlighted a welcome to five members that had not been able to attend a luncheon for a while. Luncheon was served following the invocation given by Mick Williams, EARTA Chaplain.

OFFICERS' AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President – Barb McGee called the business meeting to order.

Recording Secretary – Kay Lincicome Barb asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the February 15, 2019, General Meeting/Program, which were written in the JOGGER. Hearing none, the minutes were approved and will be on file.

Treasurer – Jean Jederman reported that as of April 1, 2019, there is \$1296.48 in the checking account, and \$8494.67 in the savings account. The report will be filed for audit. Jean announced that she received a thank-you from IRTA for the donations of \$25 per person. The donations were in memory of Jean Jacobsen, Marianne (Sue) Mellen, and Lorraine Jurgensen.

Social/Charity – Coral Reinert Irene Wedemeyer reported that the Epicurean Adventure will be at The Chicago Prime, a family-owned restaurant in Schaumburg, on April 25th. On May 26th, The Adventure will be at Fiore's in Geneva on Third Street. The time for both will be at 6:00. All are invited. Please contact Irene or Karen Patterson for information. Irene asked members for suggestions of a new restaurant to put on the list.

Legislation – David Wedemeyer reported:

“A hand-out on each table reminded members to vote in the TRS Annuitant Trustee election. IRTA is supporting Doug Strand. Voting ends May 1st at 10:00 A.M.

David thanked those that helped ETA-PACE endorsed candidate in the u-46 School Board election. All four candidates (John Devereaux, Sue Kerr, Eva Porter, Kate Thommes) were elected. David also

gave an update on the U-46 contract situation and “new” salary schedule.

The General Assembly is about ¾ of the way through its spring session, with virtually all of the focus on committee hearings and work. Of about 7,000 bills introduced, 25% have made it out of committee,

One that did not make it was HB 3131. This bill required TRS, and other state pension systems to develop and maintain an annuitant database of personal information that could be searched. IRTA opposed this.

An IRTA initiative, HB 2700, was passed out of committee. It's a fairness issue for our members who overpay or underpay TRIP and TRAIL premiums.

HB 1472, IRTA supported, passed in the House. This legislation renews the provision that allows retirees to go back to teaching in shortage subject areas for longer periods of time.”

OLD BUSINESS

Pre-Retirement – Cindy Lange and Irene

Wedemeyer Irene reported that the Pre-Retirement Reception will be held on April 25th at 3:30, at the Colonial Restaurant in St. Charles. It will be a Sundae Bar. Information concerning EARTA and IRTA will be given to retirees. There are 120 retirees in the whole district, with 44 retiring in District U-46. If anyone knows of someone who is retiring, please invite them to this event and you are encouraged to come with them.

NEW BUSINESS

Barb reported that there is a vacancy on the EARTA Board for Program Chairperson. She announced that the next EARTA Luncheon/General Meeting will be on June 21st, at the Elgin Country Club.

ADJOURNMENT Barb adjourned the meeting

PROGRAM Barb introduced the program.

Tish Calhamer, Community Engagement Manager of the Gail Borden Library, was the speaker. Tish told about the new Library Bus that will be delivering books to underserved areas of the district. The bus will have 2500 items for distribution. Her talk centered around the theme “Non-Fiction Beach Reads...when you want some substance with your sand.” Tish read excerpts from 7 books on the theme and shared information about each book. The books were: “To Catch a King”, “How to Behave Badly in Elizabethan England”, “Congratulations, Who Are You Again”, “Greek to Me: Adventures of the Comma Queen”, “The Ravenmaster”, “We Fed an Island”, and “Driven”. Tish shared the books after the talk.

Respectively submitted,

Kay Lincicome, Recording Secretary

educator@elginhistory.org
847-742-4248

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Thank you for your contributions to the Crisis at the April luncheon. They were very appreciative of the donations. If you are involved in a group or know of a particular need for a certain organization, please contact me at: clange50@sbcglobal or call me at 847-695-1822 to provide me with contact information.
Cindy Lange

We will be looking for donations of:

Personal Items: Shampoo, cream rinse, body soap, deodorant, etc.

Any of the other items listed in previous Joggers are always appreciated!



Volunteer Opportunity

We were contacted by Rebecca Miller, the Museum Educator at the Elgin History Museum.: “We’d like to reach out to local retired teachers and see if they’re interested in helping us offer field trips at the museum to local students. Our best volunteers are former teachers and we value their expertise and help!”

You can reach Rebecca at:

Legislative Report

I will refer you, first, to the minutes in this Jogger for the latest information. I have nothing really to update or change there.

There are 5,578 members of IRTA-PAC, the political action arm of our state organization. Are you one? The automatic deduction from their monthly retirement check is \$1.00. This is the group, along with our lobbyists, at the forefront of representing our best interests in the political arena. See me if you are interested in contributing.

Doug Strand, IRTA endorsed, is your new Annuitant-Elected TRS Trustee. Doug has worked at an accounting firm, taught high school business and consumer economics for over 35 years, served on the East Moline pension board and as a member of the Black Hawk College board of trustees. Doug will serve us well. Thanks to those of you who supported Doug (and IRTA) with your vote.

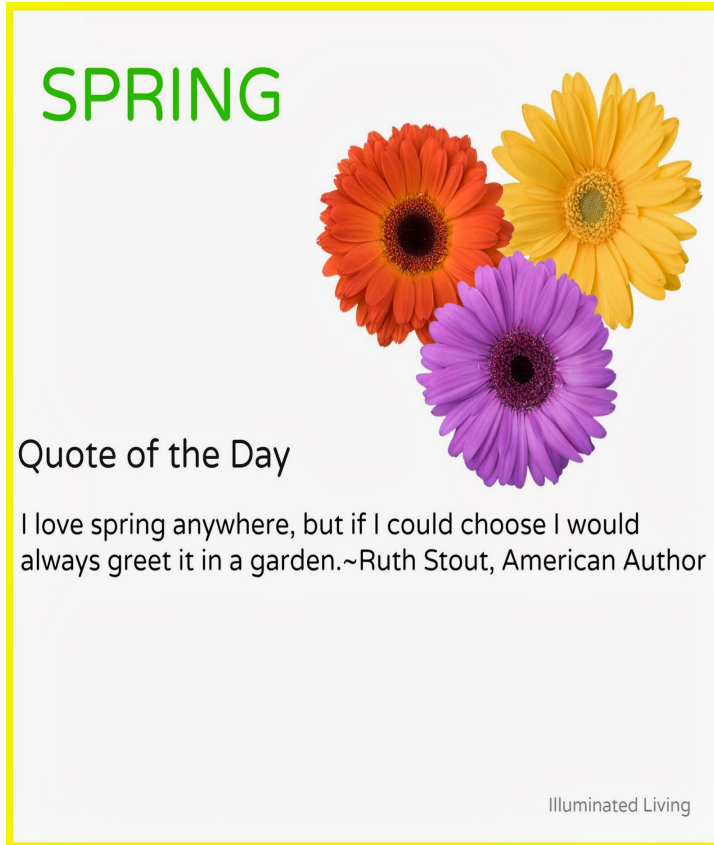
David Wedemeyer
Legislative Chair

Treasurer’s Report

As of May 1, 2019:
Checking \$1,172.21

Savings \$8,494.67

th...locations to be announced. If you plan to attend or have any questions,



SOCIAL EVENTS:

Supper Club: We are looking forward to meeting again on Monday, June 10th, at Hooper's Bar and Grill at 5:30 P.M. If you haven't joined us before, please mark your calendar to attend and see what you've been missing!

Epicurean Adventure: We will be meeting on Thursday, May 16, at Fiores in Geneva at 6:00 P.M. Our next get together will be on Tuesday, June 18th, place to be announced. Additional dates: July 24th, August 28th, and Sept. 10

please call Karen Patterson (847-742-5433) or Irene Wedemeyer (847-697-5434). Hope to see you.

Tour Report: At this time, we have 22 members planning to go on the Panama Canal Cruise aboard the Island Princess. We will be leaving from Ft. Lauderdale on October 7th and returning on October 17th after visiting Amber Cove, Dominican Republic; Cartagena, Columbia; Cristobal, Panama; Limon, Costa Rica; and Falmouth Jamaica. If you'd like to join us,

don't hesitate to call Coral Reinert at
847-742-4330 for additional information.

Nature's Way

Heidi Campbell

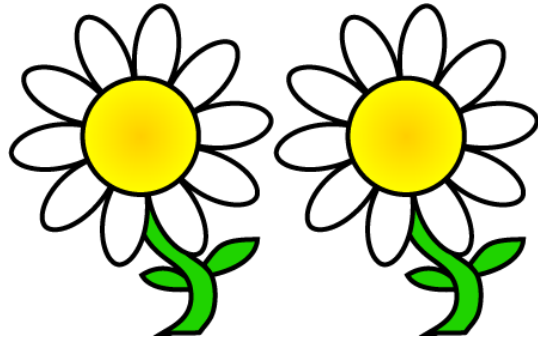
Upon a nice mid-spring day,
Let's take a look at Nature's way.
Breathe the scent of nice fresh air,
Feel the breeze within your hair.



The grass will poke between your toes,
Smell the flowers with your nose.
Clouds form shapes within the skies,
And light will glisten from your eyes.



Hear the buzzing of the bees,
Climb the tallest willow trees.
Look across the meadow way,
And you shall see a young deer play.



Pick the daisies as they grow,
Watch a gentle cold stream flow.
Know the sounds of water splash,
Catch its glimmer in a flash.

When altogether all seems sound,
Lay yourself upon the ground.
Take a moment to inhale,
And listen to Nature tell her tale...



