



El Paso Retired Teachers Association

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Door Prizes: At each luncheon we sell tickets for door prizes. The money from these ticket sales is split between the Foundation and the Book Project. Prizes are donated from members. Please consider donating a door prize at our next Luncheon.

EPRTA LUNCHEON

Date & Time: January 16, 2019 @ 12:00 Noon
 Location: Wyndham Airport Hotel
 Program: Institute for Healthy Living
 Menu Entrée: Brisket with potato salad, carrots and apple pie
 Cost: \$18.00
 Reservation:
 Deadline January 9, 2018

Call Lila Murphy at 253-5792

Luncheon Reservations

The Wyndham requires that reservations be turned in on the Thursday before the Luncheon. The reservation deadline is listed above. If you are not contacted for the meeting, please call Lila Murphy at 253-5792 by the reservation deadline. If you make a reservation for the Luncheon, cannot attend, and cannot cancel by the deadline, you will be responsible for the cost of the meals reserved. Please pay the Treasurer, Carlos Martinez.

Meal Choice Information

For each Luncheon, two (2) meals will be available. Those will be:

- The regular meal published in this newsletter.
- A veggie plate that will also be gluten-free and dairy-free.
- There is no guarantee that the salad or dessert will meet dietary needs.

Please tell your caller if you wish the veggie plate when you make your reservations.

The Calling Committee calls members each month, asking if they would like a reservation for the upcoming Luncheon. If you are **not** being called each month and **would like to have your name added to our calling list**, please contact Lila Murphy, 253-5792, with your name and preferred phone number.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 8. Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army @ Northeast Walgreens
- Dec. 25 *Christmas*
- Dec. 27 Board Meeting
- Jan. 16 EPRTA Luncheon
Speaker—Institute for Healthy Living
- Jan. 31 Board Meeting
- Feb. 20 EPRTA Luncheon
Speaker--Artist Candy Mayer
- Feb. 23 EPRTA Retirement Seminar
- Feb. 28 Board Meeting
- Mar. 18-22 EPISD Spring Break
- Mar. 20 EPRTA Luncheon
Speaker on Resiliency Through Art
- Mar. 28 Board Meeting
- Apr. 1-3 TRTA Convention in Austin
- Apr. 17 EPRTA Luncheon
Speaker-Adair Margo
- April 21 *Easter*
- Apr. 25 Board Meeting
- May. 15 EPRTA Luncheon
- May. 30 2019-2020 Planning Meeting

Help us recruit new members.

The most effective way to recruit new members is for current members to invite their retired friends to join. If you have a friend or former colleague who has not joined EPRTA, please give them a call and ask them to join. They can find information about EPRTA and a membership form at:

<http://localunits/elpasorta.org>.

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Volunteer Hours

Your 2018 volunteer hour totals are due in January. All we need is the total number of hours you put in during the year. If you don't have an exact count, just give us an estimate. At the end of January we will be putting all the submissions into a hat and drawing for two \$25 dollar gift cards.

These hours are tabulated by TRTA and used during the legislative session to show the legislators the value of retired teachers to the Texas economy. In 2017, TRTA contributed over 5.5 million volunteers hours. If retired teachers have to get a job to pay for the rising cost of living and health care, they will not be able to volunteer and provide this valuable resource to their community.

Send you total volunteer hours to:

Barbara Keily, 2905 Devil's Tower, El Paso TX 79904 or email to bekay1@sbcglobal.net before February 1. You could win \$25!

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