



EL PASO RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

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Dear EPRTA Members:

February brings some important issues in the 83rd Legislative session. For example:

1. Funding of the TRS pension fund at a maximum of 6.4% for both years of the biennium.
2. The pension trust fund is well funded and growing, so long-term efforts are needed to continue the growth.
3. TRS Care fund needs for the state to continue contributing 1% or more to maintain the program.
4. TRTA supports efforts to protect the defined benefit plan.

The list goes on, so please see *The VOICE* for above listed items and other points of priorities.

Thank you, Carmen LaFarelle, for our January program on the Stilwell retirement home. Joel Wright gave us insight into the cost and the many activities available. If you are in the Waco area, you are invited to come by for a tour and have lunch!

Texas Retired Teachers Association will be celebrating 60 years of being “the voice” for public education retirees. The 2013 convention will be April 9-11 in Corpus Christi. The pre-registration form can be found in *The VOICE*. Come and join the celebration!

Ruth Frith, President

February 28, 2013 – 12:00 noon

Program	- Alzheimer’s Association Presentation
Location	- Wyndham Airport Hotel
Time	- 12:00 noon
Cost	- \$17.00
Menu	- Endive Salad, NY Strip with Corn and Gouda Cheese Sauce, Garlic Potatoes, Vegetable Medley. Rolls, Iced Tea, Coffee, and Dessert included.

****The Wyndham is now requiring that reservations**
****be turned in on the Thursday before the meeting.******

For February, if you are not contacted for the meeting, please call Lila Murphy 253-5792, by Tuesday, February 19th. Also, if you make a reservation for the luncheon, and you are unable to attend, you will be responsible for the payment to Nan Pollock, Treasurer, unless you cancel with Lila Murphy by Sunday, February 24th.

If you have a new telephone number or new address, please contact Lila Murphy 253-5792 or Patricia Lally, Membership Chairman, 821-4570. Also, please check your own information in the 2012-13 Yearbook. If there are any mistakes, call Lila Murphy, 253-5792, so they can be corrected.

We are looking for someone who would be willing to take over the job of putting our newsletter together. If you have some basic computer skills and would like to serve EPRTA, please contact Jo Vincent 581-6084. We need someone to start in August!

Tax Help

Prepare for next year's taxes now. Think about what worked well this year and what could be improved.

Example: If it took a long time to gather your credit card statements, keep them in a single place from now on. Set up specific file folders, and drop or scan documents for next year's taxes into them throughout the year. Highlight deductible tax donations in your checkbook and on credit card statements every month. If you use a tax-preparation program, scan tax receipts using a scanner that lets you easily export data to the tax software..

Yoli Barbe, Cairman
Informative and Protective Services

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:

**Majanah Bender for the loss of her husband Ted Bender
Sue Shover for the loss of her sister
Surella Nasser for the loss of her husband**

**Please keep the following member in your thoughts:
Dick York**

If you know of members who are ill, members who have ill family, or those in need of special remembrance, please contact Nancy Wall 755-5152 or Ruth Frith 821-3242



REMINDERS

We are continuing to collect pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and donations for the Transitional Living Center. Also, bring your used books to exchange at our monthly meetings.

If you and your spouse are both members of EPRTA and only need to receive one (1) copy of the newsletter, please let us know. Lila Murphy, 253-5792

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE



Go to www.trta.org. On the Homepage bar - go to "Grassroots," scroll down to Districts, then click on District XIX. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on El Paso RTA. Remember to "bookmark" the page for quicker access. Thanks to Lila Murphy, Joe Barbe, and Jackie Morgan-Tomko for keeping us current in this digital age!

Retirement Seminar

Do you know anyone who is planning to retire in the next five years? Let them know that this year's Retirement Seminar will be from 9 am - 12 noon on March 2nd at Vista Hills Elementary School, 10801 La Subida . To RSVP call Page Morgan at 821-7913 or email her at AY400@att.net. Please help us spread the word!

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Joe Barbe
Member Benefits Representative

TRTF SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!!

2013 TRTF Student Scholarship and Classroom Assistance Grant applications are now available. 15 - \$500 scholarships and 15 - \$500 grants will be awarded at the TRTA Convention in Corpus Christi during the Foundation luncheon on April 10th. Details explaining eligibility are on the the back page of the most recent edition of *The VOICE*. Applications may be downloaded from the TRTF website or contact Beth Unite at 800.880.1650. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2013.

Henry Dunbar

**Our next EPRTA General Meeting will be March 28, 2013.
Presentation by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Society
Hope to see you there!**

Addendum 3
2012-2013
(Please place in your yearbook)

New Members

Abel, Patrick State-at-Large 3701 Cambridge Ave. 79903-1302.....	241-6553/566-5423
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Grinstead, Milton C. State-at-Large 10248 Alcan 79924.....	204-3409
Hermosillo, Patricia S. State-at-Large 777 Martha Gale 79912.....	345-8525
Hinojosa, Lydia State-at-Large 3024 Frankfort 79930-3422.....	565-5478
Hinojosa, Mateo State-at-Large 3024 Frankfort 79930-3422.....	565-5478
Hutman, Patricia State-at-Large 6945 Villa Hermosa Dr. 79912-2342.....	833-1566
Lovelace, Rosa E. State-at-Large 708 Cresta Mira 79912.....	584-0637
Nichols, Wilton State-at-Large 3130 Louisville 79930.....	
Rey, Mary K. State-at-Large 7632 Iroquois 79912-1120.....	591-5503
Rubenstein, George State-at-Large 4800 N. Stanton #93 79902.....	532-8110
Taylor, Barbara State-at-Large 9510 Raleigh Dr. 79924.....	
Viera Gloria State-at-Large 5649 Longview 79924.....	822-1640

Corrections

Cameron, Dee Birch Local Life, District, State 601 Mississippi Ave. 79902-2415.....	731-9956
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