



EL PASO RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

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Dear EPRTA Members:

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces at the February meeting. Beverley Mueller created the beautiful flower arrangements adorning our tables.

Denese Watkins of the Alzheimer's Association gave a very informative presentation. Thank you, Carmen LaFarelle, for scheduling this special topical program.

Thank you to Beverly Baldwin and Ann Richardson for gathering the data on steps walked and volunteer hours. Your efforts to encourage member reporting was greatly appreciated. Be sure to begin jotting down your steps and service hours for 2013!

The 83rd Legislative session has begun and efforts are being made to make TRS a priority. Retirees have not seen an increase in their base annuity in over 10 years. By improving funding to make the system actuarially sound, retirees could be provided with a pension increase. For further details - be sure to read *The VOICE* publication.

April 9 - 11 will bring the "Diamond Jubilee by the Sea!" TRTA convention in Corpus Christi. The convention will celebrate 60 years of TRTA being a voice for all public education retirees in Texas. It will be interesting to hear the history of TRTA.

Our next general meeting will feature a presentation by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Ruth Frith, President

"Kindness is the language the blind can see and the deaf can hear."

Mark Twain

March 28, 2013 – 12:00 noon

Program - Texas Parks and Wildlife Presentation
Location - Wyndham Airport Hotel
Time - 12:00 noon
Cost - \$17.00
**Menu - Mixed Garden Salad, Beef Lasagna Al Forno,
Vegetable Medley, Key Lime Pie.
Rolls, Iced Tea, and Coffee included.**

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

For March, if you are not contacted for the meeting, please call Lila Murphy 253-5792, by Tuesday, March 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, March 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 still 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!

Did You Know?

Almost two-thirds of grandparents gave money to their grandchildren over the past five years. The median amount was \$3000. The most common reason for giving was financial support, mentioned by 40% of grandparents...followed by education 26%...and a major life event 21%. But 68% of grandparents said that they avoided giving financial advice to their grandchildren.

Yoli Barbe, Cairman
Informative and Protective Services

Our deepest sympathy to the family of:

Marilyn Ingram for the loss of her husband

Please keep the following members in your thoughts:

**Jo Margaret Butler
LaClaire Shields
Jackie Conley**

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 Update

Over 140 people attended the Retirement Seminar held on March 2nd. The presentation by Angela Cano was well-received and greatly appreciated. Participants came from as far away as Van Horn to get the most up-to-date information regarding retirement and TRS.

MEMBER BENEFITS

One thing which provides seniors like us with security is a medical alert system which contacts emergency first responders and family members for us when we need them. TRTA members have Acadian On Call as a member benefit:

Acadian On Call

Summon help at the touch of a button for any emergency! Choose the package of your choice and begin to experience the safety, security and peace of mind offered by Acadian On Call's Emergency Medical Certified Dispatchers. Use or mention the promotion code "TRTA" and receive free shipping! Established 1971, Acadian provides medical alert systems to over 19,000 subscribers nationwide and ranks in the top 10 medical alert companies in the U.S. For more information, contact Acadian at 800.259.1234 (mention "TRTA" for discount) or visit www.myacadianoncall.com and mention "TRTA" discount.

Joe Barbe
Member Benefits Representative

Congratulations to our new EPRTA 2013-2014 officers!

- President - Frances Cherry**
- 1st V.P. (membership) - Patricia Lally**
- 2nd V.P. (programs) - Carmen La Farelle**
- Recording Secretary - Beverley Mueller**
- Corresponding Secretary - Henry Dunbar**
- Treasurer - Nanette Pollock**

Our next EPRTA General Meeting will be April 25, 2013.
***A History of Education in El Paso* presentation by the El Paso Historical Society**
Hope to see you there!

Addendum 4
2012-2013
(Please place in your yearbook)

New Members

Fernandez-Musshorn, Angie
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McDonald, Armida State-at-Large
6405 Brisa del Mar 79912.....584-2556

Muñoz, Hector
5037 Love Rd. 79922-1753.....581-1619

Stell, Elba-Maria
7268 Shire Way 79912-1516.....

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Help wanted:

We are looking for someone willing to take over the task of putting together our yearbook (also known as the member directory). The format has been streamlined by Lila Murphy to make it very user-friendly. Please let Lila (253-5792) know if you'd be willing to help out!!