



EL PASO RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

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Dear Members:

It's time to gather and share our many blessings with EPRTA friends!

The 2011-2012 yearbook will be available due to the many countless hours spent by Linda Holman, Lila Murphy, and Barbara Graham. They collated the information with assistance from Linda Reese.

October 11th Fall Conference for Region XIX had speakers that related information about the retirement fund. The importance of retaining *defined* benefit plan was stressed. More information gathered from this meeting will be shared in future newsletters.

November 17th meeting will feature the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Carmen La Farelle has scheduled a program that will demonstrate another way to engage enquiring minds.

Come to the Wyndham Hotel on Thursday, November 17th and bring a friend that will also benefit from the "OLLI" program!

"True learning can take place at every age of life, and it doesn't have to be in the curriculum plan." Suzanne Dale Ezell

Ruth Frith, President

November 17, 2011

Program	- The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Texas at El Paso (OLLI)
Location	- Wyndham Airport Hotel
Time	- 12:00 noon
Cost	- \$17.00
Menu	- Salad , mashed potatoes, turkey with dressing, green beans, dinner rolls, dessert, and beverages.

If you are not contacted for the meeting, please call Lila Murphy 253-5792. Also, if you make a reservation for the luncheon and you are unable to attend, you will be responsible for the payment to Barbara Graham, Treasurer, unless you cancel with Lila Murphy before the luncheon day.

STRIPPED GIFT CARDS

How it works: Thieves look for gift cards that are displayed on grab-and-go racks. They use a handheld scanner to read the code behind the magnetic or scratch-off strip on the back of the card. That, combined with the card number on the front, gives them everything they need to steal the value of the card. Then they put the card back on the rack. Later an unsuspecting buyer purchases the gift card. Even if a card isn't preloaded, a thief can steal the card number and security code, then call the 800 number shown on the card every few days to check the balance. Once a shopper has purchased the card and loaded it with a dollar amount, the thief can spend it before the purchaser does.

To prevent it, inspect the card. If the magnetic strip on the back isn't pristine, the card might have been tampered with. Better yet, buy cards that are behind a customer-service desk.

Beverly Baldwin, Chairman
Informative and Protective Services

APPLE PRODUCTS DISCOUNT

Apple and TRTA have included you in a special program. You qualify for preferred pricing on some of the latest Apple products and accessories. Apple member purchase program benefits include special member discounts on Apple products, quarterly promotions, free standard shipping on orders over \$50, free engraving on iPod, online custom product configuration, and simplified checkout using any combination of credit card, Apple Gift Card, or Apple Instant Loan. Call 1-877-EPP-MEMBER or visit www.apple.com/eppstore/slg. When calling, please identify yourself as an eligible participant purchasing from the Apple Association Member Purchase Program. Discounts not available on all items. Check with Apple by phone or online to verify discounted items.

Joe and Yoli Barbe
Membership Benefits

Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of our deceased members:

**Gayle Welsch
Isabel Henry
Frank Snow
Betty Cruzan
Simma Leslie
Jose Barria
Dorothy Quinn**



Please keep the following members in your thoughts:

**Patricia Klenke
Doyle DeArman
Trini Mendoza
Jane Ratcliff
Elizabeth Rose Tomlinson
Walter Woelper**

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.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE



Go to www.trta.org, click on Local Units, then click on TRTA Local Unit Web Sites, click on the letter E at the top of the page for El Paso, and finally click on El Paso Retired Teachers Association. Thanks to Linda Reece, our Technology Chairman, for all the work she does on our website.

If you have a new telephone number or new address, please contact Lila Murphy 253-5792 or Linda Holman, Membership Chairman, 833-3129.

**Our next EPRTA General Meeting will be January 19th, 2012.
Legislators have been invited!**

Addendum 1

2011-2012

(Please place in your yearbook)

Cortez, Rosa L. District State 557 Anahuac Ave 79932	342-2441
Martinez, Mary Lou District State 12629 Tierra Fresca	592-8721
Parker, James District, State 6820 Granero Dr. 79912.....	584-4592
Stone, Sandy District, State 5024 Timberwolf Dr.79903	562-2860

Corrections

Lemuel Harrison 512-658-4848

Deceased

Jose Barria
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