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Dear Members:

September is here and that signals the beginning of EPRTA for 2012 - 2013. This season photos will be taken to record our activities for our new website. If you do not wish to be included in the pictures - **please tell the photographer!**

Carmen LaFarelle has scheduled a very informative presentation for this "new year". Jackie Morgan-Tomko will present updated information about benefits. Further details will also be given at the District XIX conference. This year's conference will take place at the Wyndham Hotel on Tuesday, October 16th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Also, we are beginning an incentive program for steps walked and volunteer time. Beverly Baldwin and Ann Richardson will provide details about the special reporting of "steps" and "volunteer hours" at our September meeting.

Ana Bingham needs your help for our book program. She will be co-ordinating the distribution of children's books. Further details are provided in this newsletter.

It's time to renew friendships, make new acquaintances, and participate in various EPRTA activities. JOIN us at noon on Thursday, September 27th at the Wyndham Hotel!

EPRTA is:

*Experienced
Participating
Retirees in
Timeless
Activities*

Ruth Frith, President

September 27, 2012 – 12:00 noon

Program	- TRS Update Presentation - Jackie Morgan Tomko
Location	- Wyndham Airport Hotel
Time	- 12:00 noon
Cost	- \$17.00
Menu	- Broiled BBQ Chicken Breast with Grilled Pineapple, Au Gratin Potatoes, Broiled Half Tomato, Key Lime Pie. Rolls, Iced Tea and Coffee included.

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 Nanette Pollock, Treasurer, unless you cancel with Lila Murphy before the luncheon day.

NEW INCENTIVES FOR THE WALKS-A-MILLION AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

The Walks-a-Million and Volunteer Hours forms that you complete will have a new incentive program this year. Everyone who submits a form by January 15th of 2013 will be put into a drawing for a free luncheon certificate. If you complete both forms, you will have a chance to compete in two drawings. Please **do not** send either of the forms until January 2013. The time period to be reported is from January 2012 to December 31, 2012. Forms for both programs will be available in the newsletter and at the luncheon meetings.

Beverly Baldwin, Chairman
Health Committee

If you have a new telephone number or new address, please contact Lila Murphy 253-5792 or Patricia Lally, Membership Chairman, 821-4570.

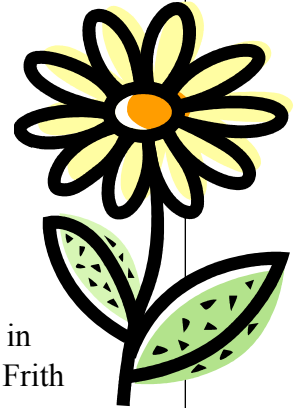
Ways to Avoid Theft When Traveling-Part 1

- 1.Alert your credit card providers. Let them know when,where, and how long you will be traveling. This alerts fraud departments to any unusual activity on your cards.
- 2.Stop your mail delivery. At the post office you can pick up forms to hold or forward your mail. Also stop your newspaper delivery.
- 3.Do not broadcast your travel plans on social networking websites.
- 4.Leave your checkbook,bills and private papers at home.

Yoli Barbe, Chairman
Informative and Protective Services

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:

**Linda Reece for the loss of her mother - Neva Ruth Reece
Ben Gomersall
Jean Nance (longtime board member of EPRTA)
Guadalupe Trejo**



Please keep the following members in your thoughts:

Louisa Pullen, Amelia Clark, and Dusty Milson

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.

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. Thanks to Ron Leiman for all his help in developing our webpage. Also, thanks to Lila Murphy, Joe Barbe, and Jackie Morgan-Tomko for keeping us current in this digital age!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Ana Bingham is looking for volunteers to help her with the Children's Book Project. She needs help labeling, sorting, and delivering books to the schools. Please contact her if you can help! We are also accepting donations of new or gently used children's books.

TRTA Member Benefits *NEW!* CSIdentity Protector

Identity theft protection is available to TRTA members through CSIdentity Corporation. For \$9.00 a month you can start protecting your identity from one of the fastest growing crimes in America. Most identity theft solutions only provide credit monitoring. CSIdentity ProtectorSM not only provides credit reports and monitoring, it also provides non-credit loan activity, public records monitoring, criminal record monitoring, Internet monitoring, restoration services, and \$25,000 of identity theft insurance. Visit www.amba.info/idtheft.html or call 877-274-7401 to learn more or enroll.

Joe Barbe

Member Benefits Representative

GOOD NEWS!

Henry Dunbar has been appointed to the state Organizational Affairs Committee of the TRTA for 2012-2013. This committee, based upon the TRTA Bylaws and Policies, evaluates proposed amendments to the Bylaws which will be voted upon by the members of TRTA at the next state convention in Corpus Christi.

Mark your calendars for the District XIX Conference

This year's District XIX Conference will be October 16th at the Wyndham Hotel. Registration will begin at 10 am and the conference will be from 10:30 - 2:00. Lunch will be served for \$17.00. Reservations are due by October 9th. If you are not contacted by the calling committee, please call Lila Murphy at 253-5792 before the 9th. The speakers will be Herb Norris, past TRTA state president and Ray Spivey, TRS Director of Government Relations. They will discuss pertinent information regarding TRS insurance and defined benefits. We hope to see you there!

If you know anyone who is considering retiring, please encourage them to attend one of the TRS Group Benefit Presentations. The Fall presentation will be Monday, November 5th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Region XIX ESC, 6611 Boeing Drive. Call 1-800-223-8778 to register or online at www.trs.state.tx ("What's New" page).

**Our next EPRTA General Meeting will be November 29th, 2012.
Legislators have been invited!**

