

# newsletter

Odessa Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association

Meeting November 17, 2025

Highland UMC 1808 N Dixie Odessa, TX 79761 (South Parking Lot)

Meet and Greet 11:15 am Lunch 11:30 am meeting 12:00pm

Pledge Kathy Chandler Thought for the Day Melody Drinkard Invocation Elaine Davisson

President's Corner by Sandy Ramage.... Welcome November! Thanksgiving is on its way! We had a great meeting in October. Brooks Landgraf was our speaker and brought us the latest information from the Texas legislature. We appreciate his continuous support of retired teachers. We welcome new members Emma Ochoa, Teresa Garner, Shelia Armstrong Wilson, Cindy Pierce, Gilbert Vasquez. Jannine Seymour won the \$ 10 drawing for bringing a guest. Bring a guest that is not a member of ORT/SPA to the next meeting and have your name entered into the \$10 drawing. Will you be the next winner?

Tracy Austin with the Red Cross will present the program in November. We are looking forward to the information that she will share with us. The menu will be Pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, baked beans, chips, and dessert. Those bringing desserts this month are Elaine Davisson, Juanita Silva and Kathy Chandler.

November is Texas Retired Teachers Association Foundation month. TRTF is a nonprofit 501(3)C dedicated to helping active and retired educators by aiding through grants and scholarships. TRTF's programs are A Helping Hand for retirees, classroom assistance grant, First year teacher scholarships, Disaster Relief, and Legacy programs. We will take donations for TRTF at the November meeting.

Our Christmas Luncheon is Monday, December 15, 2025 at the Barn Door restaurant 2140 Andrews Hwy. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP by Thursday December 11, 2025. Please mail reservation and payment to Treasurer PO Box 14342 Odessa, Tx 76768

In November, ORTA is continuing to take baskets of treats to show our appreciation to the teachers and school employees in ECISD. This month treats were taken to Austin, Blanton, Cameron, Dowling, and Crockett. If you would like to help with this project, please bring individually wrapped treats such as pretzels, cookies, peanut butter crackers, mini candy bars. Thank you to Corky Barth for taking the baskets to the schools.

November Birthdays: November 1<sup>st</sup> Judith Herron, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anna Richardson, 6<sup>th</sup> Barbara Gilbert, 10<sup>th</sup> Ann Becker, 13<sup>th</sup> Bobby Barlow, 18<sup>th</sup> Leon Pat fowler, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Fowler, 25<sup>th</sup> Nanette Kelton

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