

Odessa Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association

Meeting: Monday October 20, 2025

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

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

Pledge Rick Chandler Thought for the Day Sara Easley Invocation Elaine Davisson

President's Corner by Sandy Ramage...It's October and beginning to feel like Fall. We had a great meeting in September and were so glad to see everyone after summer break. Amba presented the program with the latest updates. We welcomed new member Deborah Mobly who had her membership to state and local paid through Amba's Lunch and Learn program. Kelvin Mobly won the \$10 drawing for bringing a guest. Bring a guest that is not a member of ORT/SPA to the next meeting to have your name entered into the \$10 drawing. The next winner could be you.

State Representative Brooks Landgraf will be our speaker at our October meeting. Come hear the latest information from the Texas House of Representatives to support education, current educators and retired teachers. Bring a guest that is not a member! Let's fill the room!

The menu for the October 20, 2025 meeting will be Taco Salad, Chips, salsa and dessert. A \$4 donation per person is requested to help cover the cost of the meal. Those bringing desserts in October are Sara Easley, Juanella Mouser, and Sherry Cook. Thank you to Melody Drinkard, Beth Wilson and Helen Kirk for the delicious desserts in September.

We had a great District 18 Fall Conference October 8, 2025 with 12 members in attendance. Tom Craddick and Brooks Landgraf gave us updates on what is happening in the Texas House of Representatives to support teachers and retired teachers. State Representative Tom Craddick urged everyone to vote yes on proposition 13 and 14 in the upcoming election. Those attending also received the latest information from TRS, AMBA. And TRTA.

In October we are asking you to bring individually wrapped treats to be put in baskets to take to schools to show our support to teachers and staff in ECISD. It can be individually wrapped cookies, candy, peanut butter crackers, cheese and crackers, chips, pretzels etc. Treats have been taken to 14 ECISD schools with 887 employees receiving a treat with a message of encouragement from ORTA/SPA attached to each treat. Baskets will be taken to Bonham, Odessa Collegiate Academy, OC Tech and Career & Technology in October. Thank you to Rick Chandler and Corky Barth for attaching a message of support to each treat.

Volunteer hoursWhere do you volunteer? At the hospital? At church? At school? Take a friend a meal or to the doctor? Keep the grandchildren or great grands? We know you are out volunteering in your community wherever you live. Your volunteer hours count and have value! ORTA/SPA gets \$34 credit for each hour that you turn in at the meetings, by email, text or phone! Even if you can't make the meetings or live in another city, your hours still count! A grand

total of all hours is sent to the state TRTA each month, please send your hours to Ricky Chandler at r_chandler@grandecom.net or Ricky Chandler 432-631-1039. Please send in all your hours for July, August, September. Volunteer hours count!

October Birthdays: October 3rd Sue Kidd, 7th Cheryl Qualls, 15th Doris Jane Moore, 22nd Gwen Collins, 25th Cynthia Lehman, 28th, Juanella Mouser, 31st Sara Easley

Member we will miss : Kay Hachtel