

Odessa Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association  
Highland United Methodist Church 1808 Dixie (South Parking Lot)

Meeting: April 20, 2026 Meet and Greet 11:15am Lunch 11:30am Meeting 12:00pm

**Invocation:** Sandy Ramage **Thought for the Day:** Esther Sofge

**Pledge:** Rick Chandler

President's Corner .... Welcome to April! The menu for the April 20, 2026 meeting is Taco Salad, chips and salsa. Those who bring desserts are Helen Kirk, Corky Barth, and Sandy Ramage. The program will be presented by Mike Adkins Director of Communications for ECISD. Bring a guest that is not a member of ORT/SPA to the meeting and have your name entered into a drawing for \$10.00. The winner could be you.

March is the beginning of the ORT/SPA membership drive for 26-27. Have you sent your membership in to the treasurer? If not, you can pay at the April meeting or mail it to the treasurer. The state dues are \$35 and local dues are \$15. If you have money taken out of your checking account for the state, just send in the \$15.00. The membership drive will continue through June 30, 2026, everyone who sends in their membership by June 30<sup>th</sup> will have their name entered into a drawing for \$100. Will that lucky person be you?

The ORT/SPA Spring Fling Luncheon will be May 18, 2026 at the Barn Door at 11:30 am. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 per person. Registration deadline is May 14, 2026. You can pay at the April meeting or mail your payment to: Treasurer, PO Box 14342 Odessa, TX 79768.

The ORT/SPA Treats for teachers is an enormous success. In March treats were delivered to Ector, Lamar, Zavala, LBJ, Downing, Murry Fly, Blackshear, Carver, and Milam. Thank you to Rick Chandler, Kathy Chandler, Corky Barth, Sandy Ramage, Esther Sofge, Sara Easley, Cindy Pierce, Rachelle Grassi, and Debbie Mobly helped us deliver treats that day. Thank you to Mike Adkins for sending a photographer/reporter to follow us at Ector and for the informative story and pictures that the reporter wrote about ORT/SPA's Treats to Teachers project on ECISD's Facebook page. Please bring wrapped treats to the April meeting. We still have more schools that we have not delivered treats to yet.

We are continuing to collect donations for the book fund. We have \$194.95 currently in the book fund. Please bring a few extra dollars to the April meeting or you mail your donation to Treasurer PO Box 14342, Odessa, TX 19768. We will be buying books in April.

April Birthdays: April 3 Gail Potter ,7<sup>th</sup> Jamie Hamilton, 8<sup>th</sup> Grace Crumley, 11<sup>th</sup> Cindy Slack, 12<sup>th</sup> Julie Brown, 13<sup>th</sup> Danny Keener, 14<sup>th</sup> Mary Alice Ramos, 16<sup>th</sup> Margaret Green, 21<sup>st</sup> Frances Hall, 23<sup>rd</sup> Harold Mcelvain Sally Sanford

Members we will miss: Sherry Cook, Carol Horton

Friends we will miss: Nancy Fanklin, Ruth Ann McQuitty