



BULLETIN BOARD

"Serving our educational family members who did not work less; but only worked for less."

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January 2020

President's Message

Happy New Year to everyone. TREDDA begins its thirty second year in a strong financial position. Our net assets are more than \$600,000 with no liabilities except our commitment to the twenty current awardees. Historically, TREDDA has assisted over 150 Bexar County retired teachers and support staff. The dedication and generosity of educators towards helping their peers in need has helped us persevere the lean years. Members have made donations of property, named us in their wills, and purchased life memberships. In addition, board members have successfully secured sponsors for our fundraisers. Your help will allow us to continue and expand the scope of financial assistance.

Your board met at the Girls Scouts Headquarters on December 3, 2019 for the annual meeting which is open to all members. Since our inception, the income threshold for financial aid has been the National School Lunch Program income eligibility for free lunch. The board voted to change the annual income threshold to reduced price lunch eligibility. For example, this last year the income limit for TREDDA assistance was \$16,237 annually for a household of one. For a household of one this year's income limit for reduced lunch is \$23,107. The change is effective January 1, 2020.

Tell your friends about the good works of TREDDA and try to recruit them. They may visit our website at www.tredda.org. Patronize our sponsors, whose names appear in this newsletter and our web page. If you would like to serve on the board, contact Mary Arnold Fox. One position is currently open. If you know of a Teacher Retirement System retiree in financial need, contact Anne Sefcik. Their telephone numbers appear in the yearbook.

Enjoy a happy and healthy new year.

Eloy Arguello, Jr.
President

Membership Mary Arnold Fox

We have 372 members in TREDDA.

Deceased Members:

Earle E. Benson, Jr.
Gloria Tobin

New Life Members:

*Any member may become a life member of TREDDA. Life membership is \$500.00. Payments can be made in five equal installments of \$100.00 each year over the five consecutive years. Payments may be made in ten payments of \$50.00 each over ten consecutive years.

None

New Members:

Sandra DeLaCerde-Grasch

Extra Contributions:

Ollie Burnett	Beatrice Demitre	Peggy Duderstadt	Carolyn Farmer
Barbara Flood	Kay Franklin	Adela Garcia	Henry Garcia
Virginia M. Garcia	Mary A. Garza	Louis & Kathleen Goldsmith	
Mary Garza-Gonzales	Kay Lynn Hill	Dorothy Hollimon	Katie Jones
Mary Lysinger	Arturo Madrid	Shirley McBroom	Georgia McCarley
Carmen Rivas	Diana Rivas	Dora Rivera	Betty Rodríguez
María Elena Rodríguez	Dr. Victor Rodríguez	Sid Sablow	David Saylor
Don Stinson	Judine Taylor	John Thilman	Gloria Tobin
Richard Tobin	George & Sharon Walling	Molly Watt	Dorothy Williams
Lou Williams	Barbara Wofford	Amelia Woods	Nancy York

Treasurer

Dr. Charlotte Travis
December 1, 2019

Checking account	\$40,138.69
Assets	\$685,352.92
Award total for 2019	\$34,088.00

TREDDA currently has 20 awardees who receive a check on April 1st, August 1st, and December 1st. In addition, they receive \$50.00 on their birthday and at Christmas. Assets include savings, CDs, money market, stocks, bonds, and property.

Memorials

Margaret Garcia

Memorial for:

Ernie Denham
Pat Gray
Jean Flynn
Mary Jo Meyer
Judy Wells
Lorraine Anderson
(Mrs. Conrad)

Memorial from:

Shirley McBroom
Pat Schmitz
Shirley Huffman
Irene Seidensticker
Carolyn Farmer

Trudy C. Kinnison

Memorial for:

Alicia Wilson
Gloria Tobin
Myrtle Riley
Betty Minyard
Albert Fox
Mr. & Mrs.
Linsey Samford
Glenn Porter

Memorial from:

Annabelle Tiemann
Richard Tobin
Irene Seidensticker
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Wilbert McGeorge

Gloria G. Sparkman
Dianna Buxkemper

In Honor of:

Eloy Arguello
Eloy Arguello

From:

Katie Jones
Don Stinson

For more information on donations or memorials, view our website at www.tredda.org or call Margaret Garcia at (210) 213-9962.

Annual Fundraiser September 2019

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual fundraiser on September 21, 2019 at Acadiana Café. We had 143 silent auction items. Our profit was over \$9,000. We want to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers, supporters, TREDDA board members, and sponsors for making this event so special for everyone who attended. Thank you for supporting TREDDA and our awardees.

Raffle Winners:

1 ST Prize---\$580 Vizio 55" 4K Ultra HD TV	Rupert Jareic
2 nd Prize---\$500 Visa Gift Card	Mary Esther Bernal
3 rd Prize---\$360 Wash Tub Certificates (20 Car Washes)	Sarah Croft
4 th Prize---\$300 Instapot & Air Fryer	Georgia McCarley
5 th Prize---\$140 Six Admits-Kiwanis Noche del Rio (2020)	Joyce Mills
6 th Prize---\$100 Camp Tent for Eight	Linda Mechler

The Silent Auction/Luncheon Committee members are Dianna Buxkemper, Dolores Contreras Teresa Garcés, Dora Garcia, Karen Hoppes-Hawkins, Martha Gutiérrez, Judy Jackman, Georgia McCarley, and Peggy Steward.

SAVE THE DATE! Our next fundraiser will be on Sept. 26, 2020

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE TREDDA SEPTEMBER 2019 FUNDRAISER:

Acadiana Café

Paesanos

The Wash Tub

Chuy's

Embers Wood Fire Grill & Bar

Applebee's Grill & Bar

The Wash Tub

Chester's Hamburger Co.

Natural Bridge Caverns

Logan's Roadhouse

Sea Island Shrimp House

Initial Tree Gallery

UTSA

Costco

Sea World

Fiesta Texas

MasterCard

SAS Shoes

BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse

Tiago's

Landry's Seafood House

Jim's Restaurants

In and Out Burger

Notes from Our Grateful Recipients

"I would like to thank you and the members of TREDDA for helping me thru these hard times. This increase will be of the greatest help for me. Thank you so much. GOD BLESS YOU...Have a very BLESSED DAY..."

"Thank you for the check you sent...Thanks again...I used the money to pay bills and on groceries..."

"Thank you so much for blessing my Christmas. I received my birthday check and my Christmas check. It helps me more than you'll ever know. May God bless each of you and your charitable works...Life is a little bit easier because of each of you. Thanks again."

Announcement for Public School Retirees

Texas Retired Educators Deferred Dividend Association, TREDDA, is an IRS section 501c (3) charity. We provide financial assistance to any Teacher Retirement System retirees who meet National School Lunch Program income criteria.

We invite all public school retirees who believe that they qualify to submit an application for help. If you know someone who may qualify, then ask them to call us for an application form. Please contact Ann Sefcik at (210) 824-5058.

Visit our website, TREDDA.org, for more information about us.

Membership/Annual Dues

*Enclosed is your membership envelope for 2020. The annual dues of \$25.00 for TREDDA is open to everyone, current or retired educators, and to friends of education. You may also use PayPal on our website, www.tredda.org.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of TREDDA.

Any questions about the newsletter, contact Karen Hawkins at thgi1@juno.com