



# BULLETIN BOARD

MARCH 2022

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are witnesses to exciting changes and challenges. San Antonio is now the seventh largest city in the USA (twenty-fourth largest metropolitan statistical area). The most recognizable sign of physical growth is the new construction in the Broadway corridor from downtown to Hildebrand. Changes in the field of education are even more dramatic. In this era of COVID-19, teachers and students must adapt to remote learning via incredible software technology of internet and laptops which create virtual classrooms. Visual and audio communication is in real time. The buzzword in secondary school education is STEM, its cause being the need for national cybersecurity sophistication in order to combat electronic hacking, primarily from Russia. Judson and Northeast ISDs had their websites hacked last year, requiring payment of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the bad guys. For a look at a teacher's timely insight of their challenges then and now read the commentary, "Another View-Think of Teachers, And Support Them", by Evangelina S. Vera, thirty-four years' teaching experience, Express News, February 16, 2022.

The board conducted the election of officers at our December 2021 meeting. We welcome Dr. Stella Carreón, who taught middle school classes under our founder, Glenn Porter, and Linda Martin, former counselor at Edison High School. Both also served as presidents of the San Antonio Area Retired Teachers Association. We thank retiring board members Mary Ellen Dermal and Bonnie Kuykendall for their devoted service to TREDDA.

TREDDA currently provides financial assistance to 27 retirees. Since our founding in 1988, we have paid over \$900,000.00 to our award winners. Thank you for your support.

Eloy Arguello, Jr.  
President



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mary Arnold Fox

We have 348 members in TREDDA.

### Deceased Members:

Mary Esther Bernal ✓

Dorothy Hollimon ✓

### 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:

None

### Extra Contributions:

Sonya Acosta  
Luci Cheatwood  
Peggy Duderstadt  
James A. Harnish  
Johnnie McBee  
Gloria Quiroz  
Sidney Sablow  
Cynthia Warner  
Suzanne West  
Nancy York

C.L. 'Larry' Adamson  
Katheryn Cox  
Kaye Engates  
Kay Lynn Hill  
Suzanne Norton  
Peggy Ramsey  
Ann Sefcik  
Molly Watt  
Dr. & Mrs. Jerome Weyland

Ollie Burnett  
Beatrice Demitre  
Adela A. Garcia  
Dorothy Hollimon  
Johnnie L. Porter  
Betty Rodriguez  
David F. Splitek  
Randi Myers Wayland  
Lou Williams

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## TREASURER

Dr. Charlotte Travis

Checking Account: \$24,706.92  
Savings, CD's and Money Market: \$85,473.32  
Investments in Stocks and Bonds: \$788,851.58  
Stay-at-home-fundraiser: \$4,591.20

Awards: We now have 27 awardees whose monthly income is \$1,980.00 or less. Last year, 2021, we sent \$42,307.00 to our awardees. The next award will be sent April 1<sup>st</sup>.

TREDDA awardees receive a check on April 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, they receive \$50.00 on their birthday and at Christmas.

## MEMORIALS

Margaret Garcia

Memorial for:

Jeff Blum  
Jeff Blum  
Alex Yamuna  
Conrad Anderson

Memorial from:

Janice Schwab  
Eloy A. Arguello  
Eloy A. Arguello  
Nora Winkler

Memorial for:

Glenn Porter  
George Walling  
Rose Mary Padilla  
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Memorial from:

Dr. Stella P. Carreón  
Eloy A. Arguello  
María P. Laminski  
Gloria E. Padilla

To:

TREDDA  
TREDDA

FROM:

Laura & Curtis Thurman  
Nancy B. & Charles Jeffrey

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

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### NOTES FROM OUR GRATEFUL RECIPIENTS

"You always do more than what's simply required. No wonder you're so very much liked and admired!"

"TREDDA, it's been quite a year! Busted water pipes and COVID, not to mention financial difficulties. But with God, TREDDA, friends and family, I still feel blessed. I received my birthday, Xmas, and the checks. Thanks and God bless all of you!"

"To the TREDDA Board and its members, wishing you a bright and happy holiday season!"  
"Thank you for everything!"

### TREDDA'S 2<sup>nd</sup> NO-SHOW EVENT RESULTS

Due to COVID-19, we had our September 25, 2021 TREDDA fundraiser by donation only. The name of every donor was placed in a hat for the drawing held on October 18, 2021. Thanks to all who had a part in this fundraiser. Together, we raised \$4,591.20 for our awardees. Congratulations to all the winners!

*\$250.00 H-E-B gift card---C.L. Adamson*

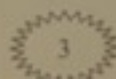
*\$100.00 H-E-B gift card---Harry Baker*

*Three Mini Appliances---Barbara Holdsworth*

*Texas Wildflowers Kitchen Utensils Gift Basket---Dorothy Hollimon*

*Lemon Design Place Settings for Four Gift Basket---Nora Winkler*

*Holiday Spirit Christmas Wreath---Edward Vara*



## ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREES

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

We invite all public school retirees who believe that they qualify to submit an application for help. If you know someone who may qualify, ask them to call Ann Sefcik at (210) 842-5058 for an application form.

Visit our website, [TREDDA.org](http://TREDDA.org), for more information about TREDDA.

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### MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL DUES

Why does TREDDA continue to hold fundraisers you might ask? On the 990, IRS expects us to show community support for our mission. It means so much to our awardees that TREDDA continues and the TREDDA Board thanks you, our supporters, for your continuing support of our mission.

Enclosed is your membership envelope for 2022. 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](http://www.tredda.org), to pay for your dues or make a donation.

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Thank you in advance for your continued  
support of TREDDA!

Questions about the newsletter? Contact Karen Hawkins email: [thgil@juno.com](mailto:thgil@juno.com)

