



BULLETIN BOARD

"Serving our educational family members who did not work here, but only worked for here."

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September 2020

**YOU ARE UN-INVITED
TO ATTEND
TREDDA'S 1ST NO-SHOW EVENT
September 26, 2020**

Due to the health risk of COVID-19, you will not be able to shop in the silent auction area, socialize or enjoy lunch catered by Acadiana Café. However, you can show your support for TREDDA by sending a donation by October 10th, 2020,

TREDDA
P. O. Box 28295
San Antonio, TX 78228

-----Your financial support helps TREDDA remain a public supported 501(c) 3. -----

The name of every donor will be put in a hat for a drawing after October 10th 2020 for:

- \$150.00 Gift Card
- \$100.00 Gift Card
- Sea World 4 tickets (expires 07/2021)
- Electric WORX Leaf Blower, 2 speed 120 volts
- Golden Fall Wreath, 20 in.
- Happy Holidays Christmas Wreath, 20 in.

**Winners will be notified by phone.*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a turbulent five months we have encountered! The COVID-19 health crisis has upended all our lives. A safe return to normalcy remains uncertain even as teachers are returning to work. The unfortunate summer spike in positive cases requires our exercising the recommended precautions. We hope and pray that teachers can resume on-site instruction by mid-September. We parents can now more fully appreciate the work that teachers do with our children. Tutoring a child with one laptop was difficult for me.

Living in semi-hibernation forces us to adapt to the social distancing recommendation. As you see in page one of this newsletter, the fundraising committee is conducting a virtual no-invitation event. We do stay at home and learn new words like Zoom meetings which can be conducted on our smart phones and our doctors practice telemedicine with the results published on our email portal. We also watch more movies on the TCM network. One movie which especially caught my attention is "A Letter to Three Wives" starring Kirk Douglas as a dedicated teacher. In one of the scenes three couples are at a club having mostly friendly discussions. Suddenly, one of the other men says to the others, "George is a school teacher. He doesn't make any money." Sadly, sixty five years later, that statement can still be made. Career teachers are still underpaid, compared to other professions. Remember our motto, "They did not work less; they only worked for less."

World War II ended 75 years ago this month. We salute and give a shout out to members Don Stinson and Joe Bernal, who served our country during that war. Thank you gentlemen. We also would like to thank Dave Saylor, owner of Acadiana Café Restaurant, for hosting our annual TREDDA Luncheon/Fundraiser for many years. The COVID-19 virus has impacted many events this year, yet we appreciate and thank Mr. Saylor and his staff for their great service and generous support of our organization.

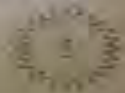
Eloy Arguello, Jr.
President

Welcome To Our New TREDDA Board Member, Jannette Sherry!

Hello everyone. I'm Jannette Sherry. I taught for 28 years before retiring in 2009. After my retirement, I tutored dyslexic students at Learning Foundation for 5 years.

I received my certification in Elementary/Bilingual Education for grades 1-8 in 1980. I was lucky to have experience in working for 3 school districts: Goose Creek ISD in Baytown, Texas, Comal ISD, and Northside ISD. I taught grades 1-8, all subjects, in bilingual classrooms, and ESL classrooms. In Baytown, all my students in my classrooms of about 24 students were Bilingual. That was a unique experience compared to the classrooms I taught in Comal ISD and Northside ISD.

I look forward to serving you as a new board member.



Mary Arnold Fox
Membership Report

We have 351 members in TREDDA.

Deceased Members:

Betty Boothe ✓	Virginia De La Zerda ✓	Albert Fox ✓	Camille Gong ✓
Katherine Michalski ✓	Henry Rodriguez ✓	Gloria Sparkman ✓	George Walling ✓
	Alex Yamin ✓		

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:

Steve Gilliam Irma Hill

Extra Contributions:

Gay Chedester	D. Frank Clark	Beatrice Demitre	Peggy Duderstadt
Louis Goldsmith	Teresa Harmon	Kay Lynn Hill	Georgia McCarley
Janice Pohlers	Betty Rodriguez	Elizabeth B. Rodriguez	Sid Sablow
Judine Taylor	George & Sharon Walling	Adrienne & Jerome Weynard	
Arthur Winden	Nancy York		

Treasurer

Dr. Charlotte Travis
August 31, 2020

Checking account	\$ 4,398.96
Assets	\$801,144.92
Awards	\$13,134.00

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, and bonds.

Memorials

Margaret Garcia

Memorial for:

Alicia Wilson
Gloria Tobin
Gloria Tobin
Glenn Porter
Gloria Tobin
Gloria Tobin
Alex Yamin
Henry Rodriguez
Henry Rodriguez
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Memorial from:

Maria Elena G. Rodriguez
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Richard Tobin
Stella Carreón
Edwina L. Fanner
David F. Splitok
Dr. Jaclyn Low
Alma Pina
Yolanda Gentile
Kathy Collins
Ann Stevens
Becky & Ted Mercado
Laura & Jason Mercado-Wright
Lisa Diane & Joey Etheridge

Memorial for:

Fred Reininger
Mary Loving Baker
Greg Garcia
Alex Yamin
Alex Yamin
Earle Benson
George Walling
Henry Rodriguez
Henry Rodriguez
Henry Rodriguez
George R. Walling

Memorial from:

Pat Schmitz
Maria P. Kaminski
Richard Tobin
Juan M. Salas
Dianna Buxkemper
Sid Sablow
Richard Tobin
Nena Ramirez
Alicia Flores
Joyce Esparza
Dianna Buxkemper

Notes From Our Grateful Recipients

"Just a few lines to say thank you for the nice Birthday card. I will spend on myself as soon as when things get back to normal. My TREDDA check was a means to help pay my bills."

"Dear TREDDA members, Thank you for the birthday gift. I had a quiet birthday as we were told to stay home. Thanks again."

"Thank you for everything you do for us retirees thru out the year. Wish that everyone can be as loving and generous like you and TREDDA. You bring joy to my heart and a little peace with the monies you give me. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart to you and the organization (TREDDA)."

"Thank you so much for your Christmas gift. You are an angel in disguise. May God Bless you always."

"I just want to tell you how much your help has meant. I am able to have heat in the house and have food for my son. It is a tremendous help! God Bless You and thank you so much. Especially since I was hospitalized for several weeks. Again, God Bless You."

"Thank you for the holiday gift and thanks to all members."

"TREDDA friends, Thank you so much for blessing my Christmas. I received my birthday check and my Christmas check. It helps more than you'll ever know. May God bless each of you and your charitable works!"

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 guidelines for reduced or free lunch 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.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of TREDDA

Any questions about the newsletter, contact Karen Hawkins at thg1@juno.com.