

TEXAS RETIRED EDUCATORS DEFERRED DIVIDEND ASSOCIATION

December, 2016

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www.tredda.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations are in order to all our members. The annual TREDDA fundraiser generated a net profit of approximately \$7,000, thanks to you. Your participation and donations from sponsors continue to generate more funds for our treasury. The fundraising committee, chaired by Karen Hawkins and Teresa Garces, the raffle committee, chaired by Dianna Buxkemper, did an outstanding job in coordinating all facets of the event. The other team members helped us make another successful event. Corporate sponsors are mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. We also thank our sister organization, the San Antonio Area Retired Teachers Association for publicity in their newsletter and ticket sales at their meeting. The board appreciates the trust which you have given to us in carrying forward our goal of enhancing the quality of life of retirees in financial need. TREDDA membership is comprised of many outstanding leaders in the field of education. Seven members have namesake public school campuses located in Bexar County. We recognize them in a series of mini-biographies beginning with this issue.

Our awardees continue to face daunting challenges from many fronts. TRS pension amounts are virtually frozen until the pension fund balance approaches a more actuarially sound amount. Retirees who chose the regular TRS-care option face increased annual deductibles and higher co-payments beginning January, 2017. Future retirees will face challenges from opponents to the current defined benefits pension versus a defined contribution plan. The defined contribution pension plan places more of the stock market investment risk on the retiree. Most of us do not have the knowledge or time to follow and understand the fluctuations and trends in stock market prices. You either sink or swim on your own or hire an investment counselor for advice. Tim Lee of TRTA provides current updates on this challenge to public school retirees.

Eloy Arguello, Jr.
TREDDA President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mary Arnold Fox

We have 419 members in TREDDA.

Deceased Members:

Kay Allison	Lucille Herndon	Wray C. Hood	Walter Kuykendall
Mary Jo Meyer	John Michalski, Jr.	Vera Lee Phillips	Mary Jessie Roque
Dr. Lucille L. Santos	Edna M. Sharp	Ida Underwood	María Valdez
Beverly Young	Conrad T. Anderson		

New Life Members:

Peggy W. Hayes	Sandra Ojeda Medina	Martha Ann Gutiérrez	Nora Winkler
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New Members:

Irma Longoria Bueno	Katheryn Cox
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Extra Contributions:

Roberta Ackerman	Elisabeth Archinal	Gloria Barrera	Rae Beth Barton
Sylvia Bebinger	Dr. Joe Bernal	Mary Esther Bernal	Naomi Brown
Ollie Burnett	Stella P. Carreón	D. Frank Clark	Katheryn Cox
Virginia de la Zerda	Peggy Duderstadt	Carolyn Farmer	Adela Garcia
Garrie Gillaspie	Bernice González	Derly Guajardo	Kay Lynn Hill

Extra Contributions {Continued}:

Dorothy Holliman	Xonia Kargl	Trudy Kinnison	Mary Lysinger
Joseph Marks	Georgia McCarley	Winn Murnin	Shawn O'Donnell

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Virgil Peterson
Gloria Quiroz
John Thilman
Dorothy Williams
Theresa Zaldívar

Thomas Pettus
Diana Rivas
Gloria Tobin
Armelia Woods

Janice Pohlers
Sid Sablow
Richard Tobin
Alex Yamin

Johnnie L. Porter
Ann Sefcik
Helen Whorton
Henry H. Young

Memorials:

Stella P. Carreón, Ph.D.-In Memory of Glenn Porter
Garrie Gillaspie-In Memory of Glenn Porter
Bernice González-In Memory of Jeanine Close

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER 2016

The TREDDA annual fundraiser and birthday luncheon held on Saturday, September 24, 2016, was a great success. The profit was over \$7,900.00. We want to extend a big thank you to all of our many volunteers and supporters for making this year's event so special for everyone who attended. Thank you for supporting TREDDA and our awardees. Our members on the Luncheon/Silent Auction Committee were Dianna Buxkemper, Dolores Contreras, Teresa Garcés, Dora Garcia, Martha Gutiérrez, Karen Hawkins and Peggy Hayes.

THE 2016 RAFFLE WINNERS:

**LG TV 50 inch 4k Model..... Bea Demitre*
**Americus Diamond Pendant.....Estela D. Arispe*
Arguello
**iBot Roomba 650.....Margaret Mireles*
Villegas
**Spurs Memorabilia.....Thomas Pettus*
**Lake Hiawatha Cottage/Bandera.....Gerald M. Flores*
(2 night stay)

**HEB Gift Card.....Betty Estrada*
**Patio Furniture from HEB.....Javier*
**Cuisinart Oven.....Debbie*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Charlotte Travis

Checking account balance: \$ 39,428.32
Endowments: \$710,610.81
Awardees: \$ 27,995.00 We have 22 awardees.

WE WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT:

Acadiana Café

Initial Tree Gallery---Alex Yamin, owner and charter TREDDA member

Lake Hiawatha Cottage in Bandera, Texas---Margaret Garcia TREDDA corresponding secretary

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Magnolia Pancake Haus
Bill Miller Bar-B-Q
Olive Garden, Bitters Rd./Hwy 281N
54th St
SAS Marketing
Jim's Restaurant
HEB
R Salon & Color Studio
Santikos Entertainment
Spurs Sports and Entertainment
Costco
Americus Diamond

WINN MURNIN: Dr. Winn Murnin Elementary School, Northside ISD

Dr. Winn Murnin graduated from Thomas More College at eighteen years of age! Winn began a 24 year career at Northside in 1970 as a high school math teacher. She then worked in school administration as assistant principal, principal at Stevenson Middle School, director of Secondary Education, and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

Throughout her professional career Winn set high expectations for both students and staff. Her peer attest to Winn's putting students and staff first, and that she promoted a climate of cooperation, humor, and respect. She was innovative in developing pupil-friendly programs; Academic Fair, Independent Study Mentorship, and EXCEL math program for secondary schools.

Since "retiring" Dr. Murnin has worked as Director of Student Teaching at UTSA, operated an estate sales business, and served on the boards of several community groups. When asked to name her greatest achievement, Winn answered that her proudest achievement is her family; the raising of five children and seven stepchildren.

BOBBYE BEHLAU: Bobbye Behlau Elementary School, Northside ISD

Bobbye Behlau is known and recognized for her love of history and education. She began her formal education in a one-room school in Texas. After graduating from Abilene Christian College, she taught in elementary schools in three different states. Her husband's military assignments demanded frequent relocations. They settled in Texas in 1962, when she began teaching first graders at NSISD. In 1972, Bobbye was promoted to reading specialist for five schools. In 1979, she began a career in school administration, retiring as principal of Timberwilde Elementary School in 1989.

The key factors to Bobbye's success as an educator included her efforts to increase parent involvement and commitment to her students' education and literacy. Fellow teacher comments regarding her leadership skills include admiration for her work ethic, dedication to staff, and the development of the Trailblazer Citizenship Program for children. After retirement, Bobbye has written a history of Northside ISD, co-founded its School Museum group, and helped start a retiree newsletter and the annual retiree luncheon. She supervised student teachers at Texas State and taught reading courses a NEISD Community Ed. Now living in Lampasas, Bobbye serves on the board of Preserve Lampasas and writes a monthly column of the local newspaper.

source: *Northside ISD website*

MEMORIALS

By Margaret Garcia

Memorial For:

Memorial From:

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Gail Fordyce	Pat L. Schmitz
Jane Talley	Pat L. Schmitz
Jean Flynn	Elaine Wagener
Glenn Porter	Dr. Nancy Faldik
Jack Jones	Tom & Beverly Rudwick
Father James G. Moncivais	Guadalupe S. Gutierrez
Jeanine Close	Bernice M. Gonzalez
Glenn Porter	Garrie Gillaspie
Glenn Porter	Stella P. Carreon, PhD
Olga Fischel	Teresa Garces
Richard Chisenhall	Wilbert McGeorge
Ida Wells	Wilbert McGeorge
Ruben Flores	Pat Schmitz
Pat Graham	Wilbert McGeorge
Shirley Gearhart	Wilbert McGeorge
Walter Kuykendall	Mary Arnold Fox
Edna M. Sharp	Mary Arnold Fox
John F. Michalski Jr.	Mary Arnold Fox
Isabel Lopez Barnes	Wilbert McGeorge
Barney Bernal	Eloy Arguello Jr.

In Honor of:

Dianna Buxkemper	Xonia Kargl
Charlotte Travis	Xonia Kargl
TREDDA	Mary Cardine Walsh Murguia & Thomas Yarborough Murguia

***Enclosed is your membership envelope for 2017. The annual dues of \$25.00 for TREDDA membership is open to everyone, current or retired educators, and to friends of education.**

Thank you in advance for your continued support.