

TEXAS RETIRED EDUCATORS DEFERRED DIVIDEND ASSOCIATION

JULY 2017

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your TREDDA board is happy to report the approval of the long-awaited logo for our organization. We will place the logo on the yearbook, envelopes, newsletters, and correspondence. Members should be pleased with the visual impact of the design which evolved from several presentations with input from board members. We expect to showcase it soon in our website, www.tredda.org.

The Texas legislature made some tough-love decisions affecting retirees. TRS-Care is a pay-as-you-go health plan which faced a massive deficit in two years. The State will contribute approximately \$500 million, employers and active workers will contribute additional amounts, and retirees will generally pay higher premiums beginning in January 2018. For example, an over-65 retiree with a spouse on tier two now pays \$130.00 monthly with Humana Medicare Advantage coverage; the monthly premium will increase to \$590.00 monthly (retiree rate, \$146.00; spousal rate, \$444.00). The three tier advantage system option and three tier regular care option are eliminated.

Two bills of interest to baby boomers, already signed into law by the governor, are HB 3921 and HB 1043.

HB 3921 requires financial professionals to report suspected exploitation of clients age 65 and over. They report the suspected abuse to the Department of Family and Protective Services and the securities commissioner. In addition, the law allows banks and securities firms to place a temporary hold on transactions. HB 1043 helps grandparents who are raising their grandkids. This bill empowers grandparents to obtain a court order to allow them to make important decisions on behalf of a child so long as "no objection is made by the child's parent, conservator, or guardian." These bills will become law on September 1, 2017.

Please remember to support our annual TREDDA birthday lunch and silent auction fundraiser scheduled for September 23, 2017 at Acadiana Café. Dianna Buxkemper will be sending out more details to you. If you know of vendors who can donate gift cards, let us know. We have a solicitation letter which is shown to potential donors. Thanks for all your support on behalf of our awardees.

Eloy Arguello, Jr.
TREDDA President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mary Arnold Fox

We have 411 members in TREDDA.

Deceased Members:

Roberta Ackermann

Charles E. Brown

Louise Jones

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Jack Jordan Nancy Koett Frieda Martinez
Linda McCarley Agnes A. Perdue Paul Rode
George Woelfel

Membership (continued)

New Life Members:

Yolanda Almaguer Shirley R. Harris Carolyn P. Newman

New Members:

Beatrice Demitre Allen Gaza Carrie Mayfield
Dr. Norma Smith-Tyler Beatrice A. Zepeda

Extra Contributions:

Sonya Acosta	Elizabeth Archinal	Joe & Mary Esther Bernal
Ollie G. Burnett	D. Frank Clark	Joanne Cockrell
Katheryn Cox	Peggy Duderstadt	Edwina Fanner
Carolyn Farmer	Adelia García	Rupert García
Ben Gutiérrez	Kay Lynn Hill	Ana M. Martínez
Georgia McCarley	Joaquina McCartney	Mary Navaira
Janice Pohlers	Johnnie L. Porter	Gloria Quiroz
Carmen Rivas	Diana Rivas	Dr. Victor Rodríguez
Sid Sablow	John V. Thilman	Gloria Tobin
Richard Tobin	George Vakey	George & Sharon Walling
Jerome & Adrienne Weynand		Dorothy E. Williams
Lou Williams	Armelia H. Woods	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Charlotte Travis Ph.D

Checking Account Balance:\$ 32,606.40

Endowments: \$761,068.36

Some grateful words from our awardees

"Thank you for the birthday gift. I had a wonderful 82nd birthday. Thanks again."

"Little did I know when I came to San Antonio that my first principal for two years at Emerson Junior High would be Glenn Porter. He was a caring person to his teachers and students. He was also concerned about the conditions of retired teachers. As a result, he was a driving force along with other administrators and teachers behind the formation of TREDDA.

Thank you TREDDA for the wonderful gift. May God bless all of you. In his infinite wisdom He placed all of us on this earth for a purpose. You all have obviously found this purpose in TREDDA.

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Thank you is never enough to say for what you have done. With admiration and love to all of you."

JACK C. JORDAN: Jack C. Jordan Middle School, Northside ISD

Jack's mother was a high school biology teacher who influenced him in his career choice. He attended Southwest Texas State, where he played on the basketball team. His schooling was interrupted when he was drafted by the Air Force during the Korean War.

Jack Jordan had a public education career which spanned 43 years, serving San Antonio ISD, Northside ISD, and Harlandale ISD. He began working at Harris Junior High as a teacher and coach in 1955. By 1964, Jack Jordan was the first Principal of Holmes High School. Throughout his career, Jack stressed his firm belief that parental involvement is the key to student achievement. This conviction made him develop close relationships with his schools' PTA's. After fifteen years in central office administration, in 1982 Jack began his tenure as Superintendent of Northside ISD. He was instrumental in the creation of magnet schools which serve the needs of a diverse student population. In addition to his involvement in academic programs, Jack pioneered the use of the more-efficient propane fuel in buses and convinced the UIL to create more divisions in athletic to allow additional student participation in championship level competition. Jack received many accolades, but he would attribute his success to teamwork by staff, teachers, and students. Texas Association of School Boards recognized Jordan as a top 5 superintendent twice, in 1989 and 1991. The PTA Council endowed the Jack C. Jordan PTA Scholarship fund.

Jordan "retired" in 1993, but in 1997 Harlandale ISD hired him as Interim Superintendent. That year Jordan also became president of TREDDA. He continued his active participation in other community organizations such as the Northside Museum by recording life histories of retired teachers.
Jack C. Jordan, 12/08/30-03/24/17

**source Northside website*

PAUL ANDREW MIRELES: Judge Andy Mireles Elementary School, Northside ISD Judge Andy Mireles Law Magnet High School at Fox Tech, San Antonio ISD

Andy Mireles was born and reared in Lockhart, Texas. He was an avid car racing fan, but even as a young boy he realized that education would have a higher priority than his hobby. Andy enrolled at St. Mary's University in San Antonio and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. A professor suggested to Andy that he consider becoming a lawyer. Andy took the professor's advice and enrolled in law school at St. Mary's. Andy graduated from law school in 1975. After seven years of law practice, in 1982, he formed his own law firm of Watkins, Mireles, Brock, and Barrientos. Between those years, he met and married his wife Margaret, a school teacher. As an advocate for children in the courtroom coupled with a commitment to serve the children of San Antonio, Andy decided to run for school board trustee of San Antonio ISD in 1985. He won the election to represent the Jefferson High School area. This office allowed him to become a board member for the Texas Association of School Boards. These two boards were a training ground for his next endeavor. Leaving private practice, he ran for judge of the 73rd District Court and won. After joining the Bexar County Juvenile Board, he saw the need for a separate juvenile justice system. Judge Andy Mireles is now known as the father of the Bexar County juvenile justice system. He successfully pushed for the creation of a separate juvenile-based crime docket. Mireles did not use his authority solely for punishment, but rather to hold young people accountable for their crimes while giving them options to turn their lives around.

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Andy was a close friend of TREDDA founder Glenn Porter and wrote the bylaws of our association. As a judge, Andy had high expectations of everyone and instilled the following lessons to his sons and the juveniles in his courtroom:

Be responsible, be honest, give back to your community, and leave the world a better place.
Paul Andrew Mireles, 04/03/50-12/15/09

*source: Northside website

2017 Board of Directors

		<u>Year Term End December 31st</u>
President	Eloy Arguello, Jr.	2017
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Joseph Marks	2017
Georgia McCarley	2018
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Memorial For

Jane Cotton

Lucille Herndon

Truett & Opal Chance

In Honor Of

Memorial From

Stella P. Carreon, PhD

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Trudy Kinnison

From

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Nancy Jeffrey - for her Birthday

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Marty Barton-Rivera