January 2018

President's Message

"When I'm worried and I can't sleep
I count my blessings instead of sheep.
Count your blessings instead of sheep
And you'll fall asleen counting your blossings " Irving Berlin

We can, indeed, count our blessings and good fortune for living in this great country of opportunity. We begin each New Year with resolutions and optimism. Most of us are fortunate in having a support group of family and friends. Irving Berlin wrote patriotic and inspirational songs; he wrote the song quoted above in 1942 when the Axis powers were at their peak and the outcome of World War II was uncertain. A younger Israel Baline (Irving Berlin) and his parents fled from Russia to the United States in the 1890's to escape religious persecution. He became a singing waiter in New York who developed a knack for writing songs. His inability to read music was not a handicap because of help from collaborators. Two of his more memorable songs from the 1940's war years which became popular with the assistance from music composers are "White Christmas" and "God Bless America." Berlin was a master songwriter/lyricist, but music composers provided the necessary technical support to create beautiful songs.

Some of our colleagues are unable to fulfill their destiny because of illness or injury. TREDDA is their support group which provides financial assistance. As our motto says, "Serving our educational family members who did not work less; but only worked for less." Twenty years after our founding, TREDDA is the vital lifeline to those public school retirees whose pensions do not keep up with the cost of living indices. Your TREDDA board expresses its thanks for the ongoing support from our membership and friends. Our annual fundraiser recorded a net profit of over \$7,000.00

Everyone have a great new year.

Eloy Arguello, Jr. TREDDA President

<u>Membership</u> Mary Arnold Fox

We have 410 members in TREDDA.

Deceased Members:

Nancy Doolittle María M. Matocha

Margaret J. Placek

New Life Members:

Carolynn A. Newman

New Members:

Carmen Flores

Extra Contributions:

Kay Lynn Hill Mary A. Lysinger

<u>Treasurer</u> Dr. Charlotte Travis

We have 19 awardees.

Award total for 2017 was \$30,055.78

Endowments: \$673,010.13

Checking Balance: \$19,351.81

Annual Fundraiser September 2017

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual fundraiser on September 23, 2017, at Acadiana Café. We made over \$7,000 profit. We want to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers and supporters for making this event so special for everyone who attended. Silent Auction/Luncheon committee members are Dianna Buxkemper, Teresa Garcés, Dora Garcia, Judy Jackman, Peggy W. Steward, Martha Ann Gutiérrez, Georgia McCarley, Mary Arnold Fox, Dolores Contreras, and Karen Hoppes-Hawkins.

The winners of the raffle are:

1st Prize...... Valero Gas Card
2nd Prize...... HEB & Target Gift Card
3rd Prize...... Americana Quilt & Gift Basket
4th Prize...... Girl's Bicycle
5th Prize...... 4 Tickets Kiwanis Noche del Rio (2018)
6th Prize...... James Avery Jewelry

Ms. Mae J. Moore
Patricia Storlie
Angelina Moncivais
John Thilman
Rich Peterson
Nancy Perkins

Thank you for supporting TREDDA and our awardees.

Numerous individuals who made donations for this fundraiser will be acknowledged in our next newsletter.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE SEPTEMBER 2017 FUNDRAISER:

Acadiana Café

Initial Tree Gallery

Garcés Waterjet

San Antonio's Gourmet Olive Oils

Café Martinez

James Avery Jewelry

Furniture in the Raw

SPURS Sports and Entertainment

Hearthstone BakeryCafe



2018 Board of Directors

		Year term end
		December 31st
President	Eloy Arguello, Jr.	2018
1st Vice President	Karen Hoppes-Hawkins	2018
2nd Vice President	Ann Sefcik	2018
3rd Vice President	Mary Arnold Fox	2018
Recording Secretary	Martha Ann Gutiérrez	2018
Corresponding Secretary	Margaret Garcia	2018
Treasurer	Charlotte Travis, Ph.D.	2018
Board Members		
2018	2019	2020
Jeff Blum	Dianna Buxkemper	Mary Esther Bernal
Teresa Garcés	Barbara Holdsworth	Bonnie Kuykendall
Dora Garcia	Bert McGeorge	Dolores Contreras
Georgia McCarley	Jeanette Marcinowski	Joseph Marks
Celeste Flores	Judith Jackman	Peggy W. Steward

Memorials Margaret Garcia

Memorial For	<u>Memorial From</u>

Eloise López Alemán Wilbert McGeorge
Lucy Garibay Wilbert McGeorge
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Jane Cotton Dr. Stella Carreón
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Robert Tiemann
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tobin
Muría Elena Rodríguez
Kurley Tobin & Gloria Tobin
María Elena Rodríguez
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In Honor Of From

TREDDA Carmen Rivas
Alicia Flores Wilson-for her birthday Nancy B. Jeffrey

A NOTE FROM A GRATEFUL RECIPIENT:

"I sometimes wonder if I'd make it without TREDDA! I thank God for all your help-it is truly a blessing. No matter what the job, you've all proven that we really are all in it together! May others follow your lead. Thanks again for your generosity. It is a great help. God bless."

"Thanks so much for making me feel 'special'......With so few family left as I grow older, it lets me know others do care. It brought a smile. Keep up the good work. God surely had a hand in my connecting with TREDDA! God bless all of you."

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** We hope you have noticed our new logo! **

The following TREDDA members have schools named in their honor, Dr. Joe Bernal and Ed Rawlinson.

DR. JOE J. BERNAL MIDDLE SCHOOL, NORTHSIDE ISD

Joe Bernal was born and reared in San Antonio. His widowed mother Antonia raised 9 children by herself, refusing to accept government housing or welfare. Graduating from Lanier High School in 1944 at the age of seventeen, he immediately enlisted in the Army. Army regulations regarding his youth prevented his deployment to the Japanese war zone until September, 1945. After his army service, Joe took advantage of the GI Bill and obtained a bachelor's degree from Trinity University and a Master's degree from Our Lady of the Lake University. Later, he obtained a Ph.D. in Cultural Foundations in Education from UT Austin. After teaching for twelve years at Kosciusko, Edgewood, and San Antonio schools, Joe entered politics, serving in the Texas House from 1964-1966 and the Texas Senate from 1966-1972. His state service can be characterized as service for the underdog and a strong advocate for the city of San Antonio; authorizing bills to establish free Kindergarten, 45-minute planning time for teachers, the UTSA school, bilingual education reform, and the establishment of the Dental and Nursing schools.

After ten years in research and management, Joe returned to public education. He served as Principal of Emma Frey Elementary School (Edgewood ISD) from 1982-1987 and Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services (Harlandale ISD) from 1988-1992. Since then, Joe has served for 10 years on the State Board of Education and is an adjunct professor at UTSA, Trinity University, and Our Lady of the Lake University. He and wife Mary Esther, a retired teacher and former SAISD Board member, enjoy the company of their six grandchildren in their spare time.

*UT Latino/a World War II Oral History Project

*Northside ISD

ED RAWLINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, NORTHSIDE ISD

Ed Rawlinson was born in Kingsville, Texas. He received a B.S. degree in secondary education (math and history) from Texas A&I University in 1963. He then completed the coursework in school administration and English for his Master's Degree awarded in 1967, also from Texas A&I University. Jack spent the next eight years in that area of the state, working as a teacher in Kingsville and as an administrator in the Tuloso, Midway, and Corpus Christi school districts.

Ed was recruited by Northside ISD in San Antonio in 1971. In the next thirty one years as an educator, he built up a reputation as a visionary in curriculum and instruction and as an authority in the political world of school finance. To quote a colleague, Ed "....earned tremendous respect because of his integrity, his even-temperedness, his attention to detail, and his drive to do what is right. He is a man who believes in seeking and speaking the truth."

Ed's initial assignment at Northside ISD was to assess the tremendous increase in student growth versus available classroom space. His immediate solution was the successful implementation of the year-round Alternate Calendar Education for elementary schools. Rawlinson was also instrumental in the development of the magnet high school concept. His career at Northside includes the following jobs:

- Associate Superintendent, Research and Planning, 1975-1976.
- Associate Superintendent, Instruction, 1982-1994
- Deputy Superintendent, Instruction, 1994-1995
- Superintendent, 1995-2002

As superintendent, Ed led two successful bond issues totaling over \$700 million to build new schools. During his tenure as superintendent, he established the concept of "Family Friendly Schools" where all students can reach their maximum potential together with a school district that builds in teachers and principals the capacity to accomplish that. Ed, with wife Bobbye, spends his spare time with family, playing contract bridge, and cooking.

*Northside ISD *SA Express News

*Enclosed is your membership envelope for 2018. The annual dues of \$25.00 for TREDDA membership is open to everyone, current or retired educators, and to friends of

<u>education.</u>

Thank you in advance for your continued support of TREDDA.

