



# BULLETIN BOARD

"Serving our educational family members who did not work less; but only worked for less."

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March 2019

## President's Message

These are exciting times for Texas educators. The Texas Legislature meets again this odd-numbered year. Three issues vitally important to educators are on the front-burner: increased funding for public education, increased pay for teachers, and remedying the dire financial status of TRS-Care. The governor is optimistic and has publically endorsed support for increases, but now the legislators must find monies to address current and future needs. Previous legislatures approved stop-gap measures, but failed to consider our population growth, infrastructure needs, and maintenance, etc. Visit the TRS website for additional information and details.

Unfortunately, pension increases for TRS retirees do not appear to be feasible for now. TRS cannot offer a permanent increase until its fund balance exceeds an actuarial threshold. Texas Retired Teachers Association is recommending major changes in the contribution rates from the state and active employees as a means to increase reserves. The sad facts are the following:

- Thirty percent of TRS retirees (130,000) receive \$1,000 per month or less.
- Ninety five percent of public school employees are not covered by Social Security and the TRS pension is the main source of income.

(Source: TRTA The Voice, 2019)

At this time your TREDDA board is increasing its advertising budget to inform TRS retirees of the availability of financial assistance from us. We understand from past experience that many retirees are reluctant to ask for help with the hope that their situation will improve. Many Bexar County retirees need our help. If you know of a TRS retiree who needs financial assistance, please ask them to contact Ann Sefcik at (210) 824-5058 for an application.

Our annual fundraiser was extremely successful, thanks to our members, TREDDA board members, and sponsors. We netted \$9,000.

Eloy Arguello, Jr.  
President

**Membership**  
Mary Arnold Fox

We have 388 members in TREDDA.

**Deceased Members:**

Earnest J. Denham	Sylvia A. Foster	Betty Lou Jordan	Ida Parrish
Myrtle D. Riley	Coy West	Alicia Wilson	

**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.

Aida Rojas	Jill Caldwell
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**New Members:**

Maria Guadalupe Martínez

**Extra Contributions:**

Billy R. Gilliam	Kay Lynn Hill	Paul Kinnison, Jr.
Mary Lysinger	Ruth N. Sagebiel	Donald Stinson
Molly Watt	Barbara Wofford	Alex Yamin

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**Treasurer**  
Dr. Charlotte Travis

February 1, 2019

Checking account	\$23,581.78
Assets	\$702,820.77
Award total for 2018	\$22,764.00

TREDDA currently has 16 awardees who 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. Assets include savings, CDs, money market, stocks, bonds, and property.

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**Memorials**  
Margaret Garcia

<b><u>Memorial for:</u></b>	<b><u>Memorial from:</u></b>	<b><u>Memorial for:</u></b>	<b><u>Memorial from:</u></b>
James Buchanan Coy West Jesus Lopez Henry Young George Washington	Mary C. Tovar Teresa A. Zaldivar Wilbert McGeorge John & Dorothy McCain Pat Schmitz	Virgil Peterson Maria Lopez Alicia Wilson Glenn Porter	Dorothy E. William Wilbert McGeorge Annabelle Tiemann Patricia L. Schmitz

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.

## Annual Fundraiser September 2018

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual fundraiser on September 22, 2018 at Acadiana Café. We had 151 silent auction items. Our profit was over \$9,000. We want to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers, supporters, TREDDA board members, and sponsors for making this event so special for everyone who attended. Thank you for supporting TREDDA and our awardees.

### Raffle Winners:

1 <sup>ST</sup> Prize---\$500 Visa Gift Card	Donald Stinson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize---\$250 Fitbit Smart Watch w/apps	Peggy Ramsey
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize---\$250 Christmas Basket w/quilt	Carolyn Farmer
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize-- \$200 Instapot w/HEB gift card & cookbook	Juanita Felder
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize---\$150 Keurig Brew and cups	Rogelio López
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize---\$140 Six Kiwanis Noche del Rio 2019 tickets	Margaret Míreles
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize---\$276 Four Sea World Tickets	Carol Rabb

The Silent Auction/Luncheon Committee members are Dianna Buxkemper, Dolores Contreras Teresa Garcés, Dora Garcia, Karen Hoppes-Hawkins, Martha Gutiérrez, Judy Jackman, Georgia McCarley, and Peggy Steward.

**SAVE THE DATE.** Our next fundraiser will be on Sept. 21, 2019.

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**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE TREDDA SEPTEMBER 2018 FUNDRAISER:**

Acadiana Café  
San Antonio Gourmet Olive Oils  
Paesanos  
Alamo Café  
Chuy's  
Tobin Center  
Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers  
The Wash Tub  
Chester's Hamburger Co.  
Natural Bridge Caverns  
Las Palapas  
Taco Cabana  
Olive Garden  
Embers Wood Fire Grill & Bar  
Lowe's

The Do Seum  
Initial Tree Gallery  
UTSA  
San Antonio Zoo  
Sea World  
Nicha'S  
Jason's Deli  
SAS Shoes  
Chris Madrids  
Tiago's  
BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse  
54th Street  
Logan's Roadhouse  
Longhorn Steakhouse  
Beads in Wonderland

## Notes From Our Grateful Recipients

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart! You are always a blessing to me. May God bless all of you and your good deeds."

"I want to take the time to thank you for the blessing you have given me all year."

"I just want to thank you for the blessing you have given me this year. It has helped me with so much during the year....Thank you!"

"...I would like to thank you for the hard work that all of you go through in preparing the yearly social every year.... Again, thank you each and every one of you for being so thoughtful. God bless you all and receive my appreciation."

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## 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 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](http://TREDDA.org), for more information about us.

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\*Enclosed is your membership envelope for 2019. 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, [TREDDA.org](http://TREDDA.org).

**Thank you in advance for your continued support of TREDDA.**

**Any questions about the newsletter, contact Karen Hawkins at [thgi1@juno.com](mailto:thgi1@juno.com)**