# August 2024

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The TREDDA Board of Directors is made up of nineteen retired educators who are dedicated to the purpose of the organization. When we hear the income levels of prospective awardees, we realize the need of the retirees who "only worked for less" is great.

Currently we have thirty-three awardees who receive a check three times a year. The total of checks sent out April 1<sup>st</sup> was \$25,000.00. Multiply that by three and it is an eye opener for 2024.

At the June Board Meeting, it was decided not to receive any more applications as we had a long-term obligation to the thirty-three awardees we are currently helping.

This long-term obligation becomes apparent when we looked at the age range of the current awardees: 2 are in their 80's; 10 are in their 70's; 16 are in their 60's; and 5 are in their 50's.

As a TREDDA member, you are a supporter and I know you will help us as you are able when you reply to this fundraiser mailing.

Thank you!

Charlotte Travis, Ph.D. President

### **NEW TREDDA BOARD MEMBERS**

We welcome two new TREDDA Board members, Maria Garza and Irene Flores.

Maria Garza has been an educator for over 27 years. She served on the ALTRUSA International of San Antonio Board, Circulo de Chispas Board and Pan American League Board. She is a SMU Field Supervisor and OLLU Adjunct Faculty Member. Her passion is coaching new teachers.

Irene Flores worked with the San Antonio ISD for 38 years. She was a Middle School English teacher, earned her MS degree in Bilingual Education to become one of the first ESL teachers at the Secondary Level, a Guidance Counselor at Brackenridge High School for 21 years, and SAISD Guidance Coordinator for Secondary Counselors.

# **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

# **Mary Arnold Fox**

We have 302 members in TREDDA.

# **Deceased Members:**

Mary B. Bowe Earl L. Campbell (Life Member) Yvonne Goodwin Maria G. Martinez Sidney Sablow (Life member) Irene S. Slaughter

Nina F. Stewart (Life Member) Dr. Dorothy 'Dottie' Williams (Life Member)

# **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.

Manuela M. Salaiz Norma G. Maldonado

New Members:

None

## **Extra Contributions:**

Ollie G. Burnett Sonia Acosta Dr. Gay Chedester **Katheryn Cox Beatrice Demitre** Joanne Cockrell Adela García Helen Hamm Carolyn Farmer **Mary Huron** Nancy Jeffrey Mary B. López Georgia McCarley **Margaret Mireles** Shawn O'Donnell Gloria Quiroz **Peggy Ramsey Ed Rawlinson Carmen Rivas Betty Rodríguez Sid Sablow** Susan Saenz-Solis **Judine Taylor Sharon Walling** 

Nancy York

#### TREASURER

Eloy Arguello, Jr.

(As of May 31st, 2024)

Checking Account: \$12,246.00

Savings, CD's, Money Market, Investments in Stocks and Bonds: \$1,117,381.00

Awards: \$25,250.00

We now have 33 awardees who have an income lower than the Federal Schedule for Reduced or Free Lunch. The next award will be sent August 1<sup>st</sup>. TREDDA awardees 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 Christmas.





# YOU ARE INIVTED TO JOIN US FOR

# THE ANNUAL TREDDA BIRTHDAY LUNCH AND FUNDRAISER

When: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Where: Alamo Café, 14250 San Pedro Ave. (US HWY-281) S.A. 78232 Phone # (210)495-2233

<u>Time:</u> 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch served about noon.

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person (for the cost of your lunch)

-- Deadline for lunch reservation: Tuesday, September 10, 2024.--

Menu: You can choose from three plate options: Sizzling Fajitas, Chicken Fried Steak or

Fiesta Platter (enchilada, beef taco, chalupa). Please arrive before 11:15 p.m. to place

your lunch choice at the restaurant, Alamo Café.

Reserve your place now by sending checks (payable to TREDDA) to:

Dianna Buxkemper 309 Ripley Ave. San Antonio, TX 78212

We will host a silent auction at 11:00 a.m. that day, so come prepared to shop for yourself or for gifts. We have items, gift baskets, wreaths, a jewelry table, and a bargain table. (Note: Do not bring any donated items on the day of the luncheon.) We also have a few bucket raffle items for those who attend the luncheon.

At the end of the luncheon, we will have the drawing of the winners of our TREDDA raffle. We have enclosed 5 tickets in this mailing for you to either purchase or sell for \$5.00 each. The tickets say Acadiana Café, but the raffle will be held at Alamo Café at 1:00p.m. We have some great gift cards for our raffle to assist our organization, so we hope you will request more tickets to help make this year's raffle a big success. Thank you to those of you who have supported us in the past as your continued support is greatly appreciated.

A small envelope has been enclosed for your convenience to return your lunch check and/or your raffle sales check. (You may write only one check for both if you prefer.) PLEASE remember to put your return address on the small envelope. Please have purchasers of the raffle tickets make their checks payable to TREDDA. If you need more tickets, please call Dianna Buxkemper at (210)733-8058, or Eloy Arguello at (210)680-0565, and we will be happy to get them to you.

If you are unable to attend the luncheon and would like to make a donation to TREDDA in honor of or memory of someone, please indicate as such and send the contribution to Dianna at the address listed above. All proceeds will go to TREDDA and all donations are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your continued support of TREDDA and the retirees we help.

Directions: Alamo Café is located on the access road of San Pedro Ave (US Hwy 281).

From US-281N, exit Bitters Rd. From US-281S, exit Bitters Rd., take the turn around and head north on the access rd.

We hope you will join us at the new location, Alamo Café.

We thank all those who have made contributions with items or money for the silent auction.

# **MEMORIALS**

## **Margaret García**

<u>Memorial To:</u>	<u>Memorial From:</u>	<u>Memorial To:</u>	<u>Memorial From:</u>
Wilbert B. McGeorge	Dr. Rogelio López	Rosemary Padilla	Gloria E. Padilla
George Walling	Sharon Walling	Wilbert B. McGeorge	Dr. Rogelio López
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## Mail Donations of Memorials To and In Honor Of to:

Margaret Garcia, Corresponding Secretary 8419 Chesham San Antonio, Texas 78254

For more information, call Margaret Garcia at (210)213-9962 or visit our website at www.tredda.org.

## NOTES FROM OUR GRATEFUL RECIPIENTS

"I wish to extend my gratitude to the TREDDA Board for my monetary award. I wish the TREDDA Board and its members and you safe holidays and Happy New Year."

"Thank you so much for your card and expression of sympathy for the death of Dorothy "Dotty" Williams. She was a great educator and supporter of many educational groups and organizations. She will be greatly missed by the community and her loving family."

"Thank you for everything. I received my birthday and Christmas checks. God bless you and TREDDA."

"Thank you for the check and Christmas gift. The money will be well spent. Hope everyone will have a nice Christmas and Happy New Year."

Why does TREDDA continue to hold fundraisers you might ask? On the Form 990, IRS expects us to show community support for our mission. It means so much to our awardees that TREDDA continues. The TREDDA Board thanks all of you for your continued support of our mission.

Questions about the newsletter? Contact Karen Hawkins email: thgi1@juno.com.

