

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mary Arnold Fox

We have 354 members in TREDDA.

### Deceased Members:

Teresa Aguilar  
D. Frank Clark  
Zelda Hentschel  
Joaquina McCarthy  
Rebecca Villarreal  
Adrienne Weynand

Yolanda Calderon  
Beatriz Garcia  
Xonia Kargl (Life Member)  
Wilbert B. McGeorge (Life Member)  
Maria Elena Watkins (Life Member)  
Dr. Jerome F. Weynand

Jill Caldwell (Life Member)  
Lionel T. Gregory, Jr.  
Dr. Dolores Lott (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.

None

### New Members:

Minnie Abrego-Sánchez  
Josie Cortez  
Norma G. Maldonado  
Susan Saenz-Solis

Dixie Andersen  
Holly Dean  
Linda McCarley

Dr. Albert Cortez  
Maria T. Garza  
Rosana Rodríguez

### Extra Contributions:

Dr. Gay Chedester  
Martha N. Evans  
Rosemary Guevara  
Gerald Lamping  
Peggy Ramsey  
Josephine P. Russomano  
Annabelle Tiemann  
Armelia H. Woods

Kathryn A. Cox  
Adelia A. Garcia  
Helen Hamm  
Georgia McCarley  
Sylvia R. Reyna, Ph.D.  
Suzanne Sturdivant  
Richard Tobin  
Nancy York

Peggy Duderstadt  
Rupert Garcia  
Kay Lynn Hill  
Janice Pohlers  
Betty Rodriguez  
Judine Taylor  
Edward Vara

## TREASURER

Eloy Arguello, Jr.

Checking Account: \$39,612.00

Savings, CD's, Money Market, Investments in Stocks and Bonds: \$905,445.21

Fundraiser 2023: \$5,448.00

Awards: We now have 29 awardees who have an income lower than the Federal Schedule for Reduced or Free Lunch. The next award will be sent April 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 at Christmas.

## MEMORIALS

Margaret Garcia

Memorial To:

Dr. Jerome Weynand  
Frank D. Clark  
Henry Rodriguez  
Dr. Jerome Weynand  
George Walling  
Adrienne Weynand  
Wilbert B. McGeorge

Memorial From:

Eloy Arguello, Jr.  
Eloy Arguello, Jr.  
Eloy Arguello, Jr.  
Teresa Garcés  
June Moore  
Dr. Jerome Weynand  
Mary Arnold Fox

Memorial To:

Glenn Porter  
Andy Stepanski  
Glenn Porter  
George Walling  
Sandy Pernel  
Wilbert B. McGeorge

Memorial From:

Patricia Schmitz  
Patricia Schmitz  
Stella P. Carreón, Ph.D.  
Sharon Walling  
Mary Jo Watkins  
Dr. Rogelio López

In Honor Of:

Teresa Garcés

From:

Trudy C. Kinnison

Mail donations of Memorials To and In Honor Of to:

Margaret Garcia, Corresponding Secretary  
8419 Chesham  
San Antonio, Texas 78264

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

### TREDDA'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH/FUNRAISER 2023 RESULTS

Our Annual TREDDA Fundraiser/Lunch took place on September 23, 2023 at Acadiana Café. Thanks to all of you who had a huge part in making this fundraiser a success. Special thanks to Dianna Buxkemper and Dora Garcia for their dedication and effort in making the TREDDA Silent Auction possible. Together we raised \$6,448.00 for our awardees. We are truly thankful for everyone's support of this event which helps us to further our mission of TREDDA.

Congratulations to the raffle winners!

\$500.00 VISA GIFT CARD.....Harold Uecker

\$250.00 HEB CARD.....Mary Arnold Fox

\$150.00 HEB CARD.....Irma Hill

\$100.00 HEB CARD.....Gloria Quiroz

Donations Sent-TREDDA Fundraiser 2023:

Sonya Acosta  
Gerald Flores  
Bonnie Kuykendall  
Johnnie McBe  
Betty Rodriguez  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Vara

Patricia Biry  
Juanita Felder  
Mary B. López  
Georgia McCarley  
Ann Sefolk

Barbara Cage  
Jody Harkrider  
Arturo Madrid  
Sen. José Menéndez  
Annabelle Tiemann

Peggy Duderstadt  
Trudy Kinnison  
Carrie Mayfield  
Peggy Ramsey  
Charlotte Travis, Ph.D.

Memorial Donations-TREDDA Fundraiser 2023:

Steve Gilliam by Billie Gilliam  
Gloria Bolick by Ana Martinez  
George Walling by Sharon Walling  
George Walling, Mary Esther Bernal by Maria Elena Rodriguez

Milton & Felicitas Albrecht by Carolyn Farmer  
D. Frank Clark by Pat Schmitz  
Margaret Torres by Dave Splittek  
Gloria Tobin, Andy Mireles by Maria Elena Rodriguez

In Honor of Donations-TREDDA Fundraiser 2023:

Birthday of Trudy Kinnison by Johnny & Dorothy McCain  
Honor of Joe Bernal, Eloy Arguello by Maria Elena Rodriguez

## NOTES FROM OUR GRATEFUL RECIPIENTS

"Thanks to all my friends at TREDDA! May God bless you all. It's a great help to me."

"I want to thank the TREDDA Board for their monetary gift. It is very helpful."

"Thank you for the check. It came when most needed for our bills. Thanks again."

"I wish to extend my gratitude to the Board of Directors at TREDDA for my monetary award. I hope to enjoy good health this spring and wish the same for you and your family. Have a safe spring and thank you for your part in helping me become an awardee."

"Just wanted to let you know and the TREDDA Board of Directors know that I appreciate the monetary birthday gift. I will use it just for something just for me. I am truly grateful to be one of TREDDA's awardee."

"Thank you so much for my birthday check. You all bless me so much. May your kindness continue and help many others."

"No love is more shown than caring and sharing which is what TREDDA does. It is so helpful and appreciated! God bless each of you for all your hard work and support."

"Thank you for your love and care to me over all these years. May God bless."

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## ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREES

Texas Retired Educators Deferred Dividend Association, TREDDA, is an IRS section 501(c) (3) charity. We provide financial assistance to any Teacher Retirement System retirees who meet National School Lunch Program income criteria for Reduced/Free Lunch Guidelines.

We invite all public school retirees who believe that they qualify to submit an application for help. If you know someone who may qualify, ask them to call Ann Sefcik at (210)842-5058 for an application form.

Visit our website, [www.tredda.org](http://www.tredda.org), for more information about TREDDA.

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## TREDDA Board Officers

We welcome Dr. Rogelio López who retired after 40 years in education. He served as Assistant Director for Multilingual Programs and High School Principal in Houston ISD and Senior Education Associate and Director of Marketing for IDRA (Intercultural Development Research Association) in San Antonio, Texas.

We thank retiring board members Jeanette Marciniowski, Georgia McCarley, Jannette Sherry, Joseph Marks, and Celeste Flores for their service to TREDDA.

## MEMBERSHIP/ANNUAL DUES

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

Enclosed is your membership envelope for 2024. 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, [www.tredda.org](http://www.tredda.org), to pay for your dues or make a donation. Thank you in advance for your continued support of TREDDA!

Questions about the newsletter? Contact Karen Hawkins email: [thg11@juno.com](mailto:thg11@juno.com).





# BULLETIN BOARD

www.tredda.org

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

January 2024

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As TREDDA closes out 2023, the twenty-two member Board of Directors are taking steps to put the "train back on the tracks" so to speak. Since 2020, the two-year shut down due to COVID with all our meetings being virtual, the Board was able to keep fulfilling our mission of providing financial assistance to retired public school employees who meet the Reduced Lunch guidelines of the Federal Lunch Program. We are now assisting twenty-nine retirees.

The past three years we have not done a good job of getting our newsletters mailed out in a timely manner. Hopefully you will receive the January 2024 edition with an envelope for dues in January and not several months later in the New Year.

At the December 2023 meeting of the TREDDA Board, the TREDDA Bylaws were updated. This was last revised in 2013. A new yearbook will be coming out in 2024 where you will have a copy of the updated Bylaws. To save money, a yearbook is mailed out every two years.

TREDDA was organized in 1988 by Glenn Porter. During the 35 years that have passed, we have lost much of our history. Who were the original Charter Members? Are past minutes hiding under someone's bed? If you have any pieces of our history, let us know. The TREDDA Board knows the organization that the yearbooks were donated to at one time. Now they need to find "that box".

One date to be put on your 2024 calendar is December 4<sup>th</sup>. This is the date of the annual meeting where all TREDDA members are invited to attend. As a member, you are a big part of the group that supports our twenty-nine awardees. Besides financial support, you can participate in TREDDA business at this annual meeting. This is an important event that the TREDDA Board has let slip by.

Charlotte Travis, Ph.D.  
President

### In loving Memory of Bert (Wilbert) McGeorge, 1947-2023 TREDDA Board Member

For over 15 years, Bert was a hard-working member of the TREDDA Board of Directors. He served on the Finance Committee. He would meet the Treasurer at the drop-of-a-hat to co-sign checks and help set up for fundraisers through the years. He was adamant that he didn't like setting up the Bargain Table for the annual fundraiser, but those low cost items were the best sellers. He was able to attend the 2023 TREDDA Birthday Lunch/Fundraiser before his last hospital stretch.

In his professional life, Bert spent 15 years teaching overseas in U.S. Military bases in Okinawa, Japan and Berlin, Germany. When he returned to the states, he found a home in San Antonio where he was the Librarian at Fox Tech High School. Donations were requested to be made to TREDDA by going to the website [www.tredda.org](http://www.tredda.org). Bert was buried in his hometown of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

