



## **KARE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2020**

**First on the agenda for our first ever ZOOM Leadership Meeting held April 1, was the slate of officers and how you can vote. Most will be serving their second year, but the office of President and Third Vice President (Trips) will be serving their first year.**

### **Nominated**

**President: Bob Hrcir**

**First Vice President (Membership): Sandy Smith**

**Second Vice President (Programs): Susan Alter**

**Third Vice President (Trips): Kathy Bell**

**Secretary: Jo Ann Colson**

**Treasurer: Linda Carroll**

**Past President: Robert Laughlin**

**Members will be receiving an email soon from Glen Peterson regarding how and when the voting will take place.**

**KARE and TRTA are now accepting memberships for the 2020-2021 year. AND, if you pay your dues now, you will be entered in KARE's membership contest to win \$10. That's right, you will get your KARE dues paid for. So, print out the Membership Form at the end of this newsletter and mail it, with your check, to Linda Carroll per the instructions on the bottom of the form. The Leadership Committee voted to choose 20 winners this year, so your odds are better than ever. Send any questions to [KAREMembership@Outlook.com](mailto:KAREMembership@Outlook.com).**

Since we are unable to go into the schools and introduce KARE, we would appreciate it if all members who know of friends who will be retiring to send Sandy Smith ([sandyjs@swbell.net](mailto:sandyjs@swbell.net)) their names and contact information. Someone from KARE will contact them and tell them about our organization. Growing our membership this year may be difficult and we need a head start.

## Keeping Up with KARE

An update on KARE Social Media: Jane McKetta, Social Media Chair

If you would like information about KARE, go to our webpage on the TRTA website at: <https://localunits.org/klein/> You can also find our webpage by going to [trta.org](http://trta.org)>District (4) and local Pages>Klein. At this site, you can find a wealth of information related to our organization including the monthly newsletter. Our local webpage has a new look. TRTA has completed the transition to the new form. Take a look.

Once you find our Facebook page, please be sure to like our page, so you will be notified of any updates. Tim Lee's videos about what is going on with TRTA these days are available on our Facebook page.

### DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Have you used the Member Login feature at [trta.org](http://trta.org)?

By Janet Flynn

There are many helpful options found under the **MY ACCOUNT** and **MEMBER BENEFITS** tabs when you login as a member.

Under the **My Account** tab you can:

- Update your contact information in TRTA's records
- Check your TRTA membership status
- Print your membership card
- Sign up for TRTA events (when available)
- Change your password
- See your billing history

Under the **Member Benefits** tab you can view more detailed information about the many benefits and discounts offered to you as a TRTA member. These include Insurance, Medical, Lodging, Security, Travel, and Entertainment.

### Let's get started!

Get started by going to [trta.org](http://trta.org). In the top right portion of the homepage, click on the box that says **MEMBER LOGIN**, located beside the Texas Flag. This will take you to the login page. **Enter your Username and your Password. Your Username is your TRTA Membership Number.** If you have forgotten your TRTA Membership Number, it can be found on the address label of The Voice.

If this is your first time logging in, **the default Password is trta123**. Once you are logged in, it is a good idea to go ahead and change your password to a more secure password. Be sure to make note of your change.

Please note that these instructions are for accessing [trta.org](http://trta.org) on your computer. Using a phone or other mobile device will look a little different. For example, to see the Member Benefits tab on your phone, you must click on the "hamburger" (box with three horizontal lines).

**Klein Association of Retired Employees  
Events Schedule 2019 – 2020**

**All meetings will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.  
in the Klein Multipurpose Center at 7500 FM 2920, Klein TX 77379  
unless otherwise noted**

- August 21:** “Ha-ha You Have to Go Back to School and We Don’t” KARE Brunch at Cypresswood Clubhouse. Speaker: **Tim Lee, Executive Director TRTA**
- September 17:** **TRTA District IV Planning Meeting at Memorial Church of Christ for President, First VP & Legislative**
- September 18:** KARE Meeting - Nick and Diane Marson – Come From Away
- October 15:** **TRTA District IV Fall Convention at Memorial Church of Christ for all officers and chairs. Please RSVP**
- October 16:** KARE Meeting – Wayland Kidd – Veterans Tribute
- November 15:** **Nutcracker Market**
- November 20:** KARE Meeting – Dr. Jim Cain
- December 18:** Christmas Brunch at Cypresswood Clubhouse
- January 15:** KARE Meeting – Dr. Jenny McGown, KISD Superintendent
- January 17:** **Sea Center Texas**
- February 18:** **TRTA District IV Planning Meeting at Memorial Church of Christ for President and others to be announced**
- February 19:** KARE Meeting – Don’t Fall for a Scam by The Better Business Bureau.
- April 1:** KARE Leadership Zoom Meeting. Preparation to vote for officers.
- April 6:** Members receive Slate of 2020 - 2021 Officers for voting.
- April 14:** Last day to vote on 2020 - 2021
- May 1:** We must turn in our slate of officers.
- May 15:** Last day to receive memberships to be entered in the membership contest.

MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY FORM  
KLEIN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES  
Local Unit of the TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TRTA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt#: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate [mo/day] \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree for my contact information to be included in a KARE Directory. [ ] Yes [ ] No

I worked in [school(s)/district(s)] \_\_\_\_\_

Department(s) worked in \_\_\_\_\_

Retired employees from districts other than Klein are welcome to join KARE and spouses are eligible to join as well.

Who recommended KARE to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know someone who should be a member of KARE? \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in serving on the following committee(s): KAREMembership@Outlook.com

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| _____ Hospitality                       | _____ Book Club                              |
| _____ Eva Grigg Chair                   | _____ Kathy Peterson; Interim chair          |
| _____ TRTA Foundation                   | _____ Children's Books                       |
| _____ Kathy Bell Chair                  | _____ Janet Flynn Chair                      |
| _____ Historian                         | _____ Public Relations                       |
| _____ Wayland Kidd Chair                |  |
| _____ Information & Protective Services | _____ Healthy Living                         |
| _____ Dagmar Kidd Chair                 | _____ Dora Williams Chair                    |
| _____ Membership                        | _____ Sunshine                               |
| _____ Sandra Smith Chair                | _____ Dora Williams Chair                    |
| _____ Legislative                       | _____ Retirement Education                   |
| _____ Glen Peterson Chair               | _____ Nadine Krebs Chair                     |
| _____ KARE Trips                        | _____ Member Benefits                        |
| _____ Deborah Hays Chair                | _____ Robert Hnrcir, Interim chair           |
| _____ Community Services                | _____ Social Media                           |
| _____ Linda Carroll Chair               | _____ Jane McKetta Chair                     |
| _____ Programs                          | Other activities you might be interested in: |
| _____ Susan Alter Chair                 | _____  |

Return the form and a check payable to KARE to:

Linda Carroll, Treasurer  
18206 Navajo Trail Drive  
Spring, TX 77388-9097

KARE will take care of submitting your dues to TRTA, if you are not already in a program that pays them.  
Dues for both: \$45 (KARE \$10; TRTA \$35) If you are not sure how you pay your TRTA dues, you can check your TRTA membership on their website.

