



THE
Educators Continue Helping Others

SEPTEMBER 2020

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to:

Ann Williams in the passing of her Sister

Barb Lecheler in the passing of her Son

Johnetta Voss in the passing of her Husband and AREA Member,
James Voss

Susan McDaniel in the passing of her Mother

Family of Elizabeth Ann Reagan, Former AREA Member

Family of Carolyn Kerr, Former AREA Member

Family of Jo Bolin, Allen ISD School Namesake



With Heartfelt Sympathy

*What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose.
All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.*

Helen Keller



SUSAN MCDANIEL
PRESIDENT

Welcome September! In some ways it seems like just yesterday it was June and now here we are in September but in other ways it seems like it took forever to get here due to our crazy COVID world. I hope you are looking forward to cooler temperatures, pumpkins, fall leaves and Halloween décor.

AREA officers and committee chairs are off and running after attending our training session on August 17. We have programs planned for the upcoming months and our committee chairs will be letting us know about their committee and what all they are going to do, starting at our September meeting.

I attended the District 10 Executive Board meeting last month. Each One Bring One is a district initiative for every member, where you invite your friends to join and when they do, your name goes into a drawing for \$50.00. So, don't be shy! Let all your friends know that AREA is still going strong and they should join us!

AREA won the District 10 Reach for the Stars initiative for increasing our membership by percentage or by number. We won \$50. Thanks to Donna Jones and Karen Malinowsky for all their hard work which made this happen!

And finally, the District 10 Fall Conference will be held via Zoom on October 26. More information to come.

I want to leave you with a few thoughts:

1. 7% of American adults believe that chocolate milk comes from brown cows.
2. Chickens don't have fingers.
3. Buffalos don't have wings.
4. If an abbreviation is a shortened term, why is the word "abbreviation" so long?
5. New movie clips are shown prior to the movie you came to see. So why are they called trailers?
6. St. Lucia is the only country in the world named after a woman.

Stay safe and take care!

Susan.mcdaniel1@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, September 21, 10:00 AM, AREA Regular Meeting (via Zoom)
- Monday, October 19, 10:00 AM, AREA Regular Meeting (via Zoom)
- Saturday, October 24, 9-11, AREA Fall Drive Through (See Invitation/Page 11)
- October 26, District 10 Fall Conference (via Zoom)
- April 7, Rally Day in Austin (Details pending)

CATCHING UP WITH AREA'S PAST PRESIDENTS

During these times of social distancing and staying at home, we wondered what these ladies had been up to.

They were given a list of 75 questions and asked to answer 10-15 of them. See the next page for comments that these leaders recently shared. Enjoy!





Anita Rushing
2001 – 2003
AREA'S 1ST PRESIDENT

- I get angry when children are disrespected or wrongfully accused.
- Favorite Book to read is Bible & novels by Janet Evanovich.
- Favorite game to watch is high school football & soccer.
- If I won the Lottery I would donate winnings to charity & or family.
- The tallest building I've been in was probably a 24th floor balcony in NEW YORK.
- My favorite holiday is Christmas because families get together.
- My favorite foreign food is Mexican Food, as my parents took us out for it weekly.
- A favorite family recipe is cheese cornbread.
- Our family motto is "Prayer works."
- My first job was as Movie Theater Concession Stand Clerk.
- A favorite music group is The BGs.
- I prefer a cat for a pet.

In 1970, my family moved to west Allen before it was developed. We lived on a small airport named Kittyhawk. I learned to fly a small air craft and completed a cross country solo flight. We attended many "fly ins," where local pilots met to socialize and of course picnic in various north Texas private hangers.

I have enjoyed my teaching career and was blessed to teach blind students in Dallas for many years, putting their lessons into Braille & helping teachers find ways of integrating these precious students in a regular classroom. I served all grade levels as a traveling teacher. I was always amazed at their positive attitudes and abilities.

My last 16 years in the teaching profession was as a high school counselor in Allen ISD. I loved my job and was privileged to work with students and parents as an academic counselor. One of my favorite responsibilities was to host a Career/College Day where many colleges sent reps so students and parents could get their questions answered right here in Allen and plan for college applications.

I chose to become a teacher when I was a third grader. I was inspired by my teacher and loved school. I was truly blessed to serve many students & parents.



Mary Jane Hamilton
2003-2005

- What really makes you angry:** having to go thru phone automation, finally getting a human, and they don't know the answers or what they are doing!
- What is your favorite book to read:** historical fiction; novels (many based on true stories); last book I read was "Code Name: Lise" by Larry Loftis.
- Share a meal with any 4 individuals:** Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Princess Diana
- What's your favorite type of foreign food:** Mexican
- What's your favorite fast food chain:** Sonic
- Three items you would take on a deserted island:** a good book, lobster dinner, and a bottle of wine
- What celebrity would you like to meet at Starbucks for coffee:** Barbara Walters (to hear about her life and all the people she has interviewed; her experiences)
- What is your guilty pleasure:** Blue Bell Mint Chocolate Chip and/or Tin Roof ice cream
- Camped out in front of TV:** good drama/romantic movie
- Named for anyone:** Yes; Mary, for my mother's sister and Jane, for my mother's mother.

During this time of COVID and isolation and with the cancellation of in-person TRTA meetings, it is most important that our unit members stay in touch with each other. The local unit and its members are the grass roots of our organization. We must not be splintered nor let our units fall apart by letting our network collapse or by not retaining our membership. We stand dedicated to AREA and to TRTA, our time to gather again will come; in the meantime, keep in touch, stay informed, stay safe, and stay well! We need each other!



Anne Sandfort
2005-2007

Who is your hero? Whoever develops a vaccine for COVID-19
What is your favorite game or sport to watch and play? Monopoly with my six-year old grandson. He loves to watch me go bankrupt.
What's the most daring thing you've ever done? Jumping off a garage roof as a kid on a dare...lucky I didn't break any bones!
What's your favorite family recipe? My grandmother's bread pudding.
What is your favorite childhood memory? Building a treehouse with girlfriends & throwing tin cans at the neighborhood boys to keep them out.
What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten? Guinea Pig at a host home in Peru which they consider to be a delicacy.
Is there anything you wished would come back into fashion? The Mumu which helped to disguise weight gain.
If you got arrested, what do you think it would be for? Strangling my husband because of too much togetherness during COVID-19!
What is your guilty pleasure? Making s'mores just for me by roasting marshmallows over the cooktop.
You're camped out in front of the TV, what are you watching? Mysteries or Home Improvement.
Are you named after anyone? Both my grandmothers

"YOU CAN'T STOP THE WAVES, BUT YOU CAN LEARN TO SURF."
JOHN ZINN



Jo Long
2007-2009

- My proudest accomplishments are my three sons.
- My favorite book is "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- From the time I was in fourth grade, I wanted to be a fourth grade teacher. I was lucky that's what I got to do.
- I would rather drive a car.
- If I could only eat one meal for the rest of my life it would be fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, and gravy.
- My favorite author is John Grisham. I read every book he writes.
- I own about 50 pairs of shoes.
- My favorite zoo animal is the giraffe.
- The four people I would share a meal with would have to be my parents and grandparents and my husband.
- I've been to the top of the Willis Tower and the Empire State Building.
- Christmas is my favorite holiday.
- The last book I read was Camino Winds by John Grisham.
- I love Mexican food.
- I use my microwave every day.
- I hate rollercoasters.
- My favorite movie is "Steel Magnolias".
- My favorite subject in school was language arts; loved Reading, English, and Spelling.
- I have several collections: birthday angels, Texas books and memorabilia, Joan Walsh Anglund Collection, Boston Terriers, one piece nativities (crèches), ceramic lady heads, magnets and Christmas ornaments from my travels.
- My favorite teacher was my fourth grade teacher, Miss Willis.
- My first job was at Retail Merchants in Denton. I typed credit reports.
- I prefer coke.
- I feel so lucky to have been to all seven continents and 60 countries and islands. I've also been to all 254 counties in Texas and all 50 states.
- I can name all 50 states and their capitals. I love anything that has to do with travel.



Dale Howard
2009-2011

Who is your hero? My late mother
What really makes you angry? Injustices to others
What is your proudest accomplishment? My two daughters
Who is your favorite author? Erik Larson
What would you do if you won the lottery? Donate to medical research
What's your favorite type of foreign food? Vietnamese
What's your favorite family recipe? Crepes
What is your favorite childhood memory? Camping
What's the craziest thing you've done in the name of love? Rock climbing
What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten? Frog legs
Are you related or distantly related to anyone famous? Mary Surratt, the first woman in the U.S. to be hung.
What is your biggest pet peeve? Self-righteous people
What is something on your to-do list currently? Put photos on a CD
Do you have a hidden talent? Can milk a cow

***"LIFE'S A WAVE – CATCH IT!"* AUTHOR UNKNOWN**



Sondra Long
2011-2013

The real Sondra Long: I've been the Secretary, First VP, Social Chair, Historian, and President of AREA.

My Bumper Sticker would say, "Beware BOSSY! And my family says I'm not as funny as I think I am.

Who is my hero? Well, I've had many throughout my lifetime. Right now, in this day and time, my heroes are the nurses working so hard to help the doctors and staff take care of COVID patients.

If I'm camping out in front of TV I'm watching "Salvage Dogs" and "Barnyard Builders." Taking the old and making something new. On another note, I may be watching "Naked and Afraid."

My favorite family vacation was with the kids and grandkids on a six bedroom houseboat on Lake Ouachita Lake in Arkansas.

Quick Answers:

- Coke Zero over Pepsi (but crave diet Mountain Dew)
- Favorite Book - The Whole Town's Talking by Fannie Flag
- Favorite Movie - "August Rush"
- Wanted to be a beautician when I grew up.
- Could eat steak, baked potato, salad with Thousand Island dressing and hot bread and butter every meal.
- Grew up water skiing on Brownwood and Cisco Lakes
- Only have 20 pairs of shoes since Covid forced me to spring clean. Some are the same 3 pairs in three different colors.
- My favorite sport to watch is Soccer if my grandkids are playing.
- I loved Navarre Beach in Florida.
- Married 53 years. Not bad for a bossy person.
- Now, can I name all 50 states? Only if there is a word pool or it is multiple choice
- And I'm waiting for Publishers Clearinghouse to knock on my door.

These Past Presidents have already had their 75 Question info shared via email by President Susan McDaniel:

Karen Malinowsky 2013-2015

Carole Smithwick 2015-2018

Marian Chrisman 2018-2020

A big THANKS to all our past presidents who took time to share with us.

FREE STUFF-FREE STUFF-FREE STUFF

The Academic Planning Calendars from Credit Union of Texas were delivered to Marian Chrisman's home. If you want one, she will put them on her doorstep and you can just grab one and go:

902 New Bedford Lane Allen, TX 75002

Many, many thanks to those of you who have taken the time to renew your AREA Membership!! Karen Malinowsky and I have been working hard to get our member numbers to the 300 mark soon to hopefully qualify for one of the TRTA Membership Incentive Awards that will be presented this fall!! At this time, we are approximately 28 member renewals short of our goal!! If you have NOT renewed your membership with TRTA and/or AREA, please do so now! If you are a Diamond Plus member or have your TRTA dues covered by a bank draft, you will still need to renew your AREA membership for \$13.00. You can send your check made out to AREA to Karen Malinowsky at 805 W. Concord Lane, Allen, TX 75002.

If you know of a retiree who might be interested in joining AREA, please share their name and contact information with me.

We will hold a drawing at the first of October to give away a free membership to a new member or retiree who has joined AREA since July 1, 2020!!

This is an especially important time to be involved in TRTA/AREA since this is a legislative year! We need to make SURE that our TRS monies are actuarially sound, our pensions are strong and our insurance costs are low!! Please join AREA in staying informed and making our voices heard in Austin!!

The more members - the louder our voices!!

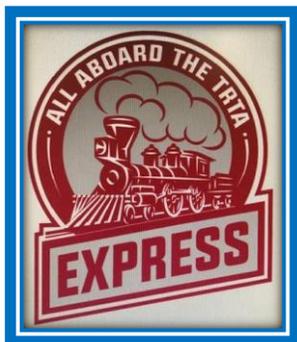
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DONNA JONES

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Memberships must be renewed by September 15 in order to be included in the AREA Directory.



The new 2020-2022 TRTA Membership theme is "All Aboard the TRTA Express." The goal is to achieve 100,000 members and beyond. Everyone is encouraged to Jump On for what will be a Memorable Ride!

August 17th Zoom Meeting with AREA's new members/retirees and prospective members.
What an awesome, informative meeting!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Cindy Blair, Tim Carroll, Pat Enlow, Steve Evans, Dick Flunker, Patricia Gear, Cindy Trantham, Izzie Waller, Anne Young, Jack Young



**SANDI
YOUNGBLOOD**

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

My plans for the Children's Book Project are currently in the formative stages. Our school for this year is Roundtree Elementary School.

I will be sending out an email soon to committee members. I am open to all suggestions.

You can contact me at 214-208-4430 or sandi.youngblood943@gmail.com.

AREA PROGRAM INFORMATION

Helping us kick off our September 21st AREA meeting will be our very own Jackie Payne. Even with her busy schedule, Jackie has found time to be a longtime member of AREA, attending monthly meetings, outings, and supporting AREA committee projects.



A native Oklahoman, Jackie is a retired first and second grade teacher as well as a lifelong musician. As a professional entertainer, Jackie has been performing at senior centers, retirement communities, churches, clubs, and a variety of other venues for a number of years.

CAROLE SMITHWICK

3rd VICE PRESIDENT

A composer, songwriter, author and poet, Jackie has added book reviewing to her list of offerings with books that allow music to be incorporated into the programs.

Jackie enjoys her grandchildren, horses, quilting, her menagerie of animals, and performing her original music. She and her husband live in the country near Princeton, Texas.



Be sure to join our Zoom Program and enjoy the talents of Jackie Payne!
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JACKIE PAYNE



Dear Mrs. Chrisman,

Thank you so much for awarding me the Allen Retired Educators Association Scholarship. I am so honored to receive this and cannot thank you enough. This will really help me while attending Abilene Christian University in the fall. I have provided my contact information below if you would like to reach out to me. Have an amazing day!

Thank you,
Hailee Crabtree

214-310-6298 hcrabtree.02@yahoo.com

thank you



Dear Mrs. Chrisman and the Allen Retired Educators Association,

Thank you all so much for the generous scholarship! I am thrilled to continue my studies at SFA in the fall. I will be working towards my degree in primary education and this scholarship will definitely make that easier. I can not wait to become a teacher and have my own classroom and hopefully I will be able to do so in Allen! Again, thank you for helping me pursue my passion and future career.

From,
Mattie Mayfield

FROM AREA'S 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS...

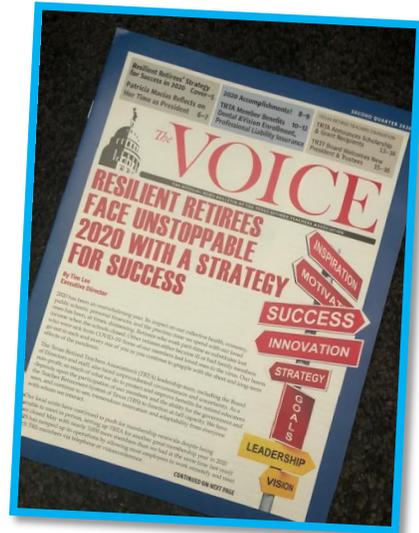


**SANDRA DUNCAN
TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS
FOUNDATION**

A reminder to read *The Voice* which lists scholarships and some of the recipients to which our donations go. There might be someone on that list that you know, either the recipient or the family member or a friend who knows them. Also you can see what Tim Lee and his group are doing to benefit you in your retirement years.

If you need financial help or know an AREA member who does, please don't forget that **Helping Hands** is there to assist our TRTA members.

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If you are not receiving *The Voice* in the mail, four times a year, please contact trta.org to make sure you are on their mailing list.



**PHYLLIS SPAIN
LEGISLATIVE**

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Voting 101

As the upcoming election approaches, listed below is information that I hope you find helpful!

- To vote in Texas, October 5, 2020, is the last day to register for the November 3, 2020 election.
- In Texas, early voting begins 22 days before the election. Early voting ends 4 days before the election.
- Last day to apply for ballot-by-mail is Friday, October 23, 2020 (received not postmarked).
- Early voting period extends from Tuesday, October 13, 2020 – Friday, October 30, 2020.
- Early Voting location information will not be available until October.

Some websites you may find helpful include the following:

- 1) www.votetexas.gov, 2) www.lwv.org/tag/voter-guides, and
- 3) www.collincountytx.gov/elections. Website #2 refers to League of Women Voters.

When you go to vote, take 1 of these 7 acceptable forms of ID to the ballot when you vote: Texas Driver License, Texas Election ID Certificate, Texas Personal ID Card, Texas Handgun License, U.S. Citizenship Certificate with Photo, U.S. Military ID card with photo, or, your U.S. Passport (Book or Card).

Most of all, this is an especially important election! **Every vote matters!!**

Unfortunately, it looks like we may not have a retirement seminar this year for retiring teachers. Due to the COVID-19 virus, it has been difficult to reserve a place or make any plans for the event.

Frisco is in charge of hosting the seminar this year.

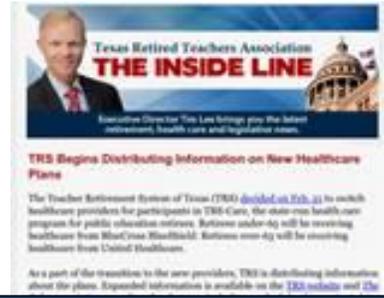
I have heard from the District 10 Retirement Education Chairperson, Cori Pratt. She is suggesting patience and flexibility; a meeting might be done virtually, but no plans have been made yet.

Thanks to a wonderful Retirement Education Committee for the wonderful support with last year's seminar which we hosted. I hope you will all stay on the committee and we welcome anyone else who would like to help retiring teachers through the complex web of retirement.

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**VICKI BROOKSHIRE
RETIREMENT
EDUCATION**



All TRTA/AREA members should be receiving The Inside Line emails from Tim Lee, TRTA Executive Director. Contact trta.org if you are not seeing these in your inbox.

HOW TO ZOOM

Please view the attachment in this email titled
 “First Time Users Guide To Zoom Videoconference Meetings.”
 Sign up for a Free Account!

Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 14	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
<i>Monday, September 21</i>	<i>AREA Meeting</i>	<i>Zoom</i>
Monday, October 12	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
<i>Monday, October 19</i>	<i>AREA Meeting</i>	<i>Zoom</i>
<i>Saturday, October 24</i>	<i>AREA Fall Drive Through</i>	
Monday, October 26	District 10 Fall Conference	Zoom
October-November	TRS-Care Virtual Info Sessions Begin	Zoom
Monday, November 9	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
<i>Monday, November 16</i>	<i>AREA Meeting</i>	<i>Zoom</i>
Monday, December 7	Executive Board Meeting	Zoom
<i>Monday, December 14</i>	<i>AREA Meeting</i>	<i>Zoom</i>
Wednesday, April 7	TRTA Day at the Capitol	

You're Invited!



AREA FALL DRIVE THROUGH

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 24 – 9 TO 11

Mark Your Calendar For:

- Supporting AREA Projects
- Picking up 2020-21 Directory
- Winning a Door Prize
- Receiving a Goody Bag

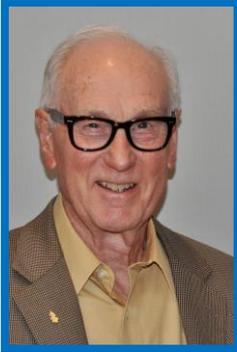
More details will be shared in October about this awesome AREA Event. Stay tuned...



SAVE THE DATE!

It's A Virtual, Virtual World

No in-person meetings have been scheduled for the remainder of 2020. We will revisit plans for 2021 at year's end. In the meantime, take a trip while sheltering in place.



DAVID OLSON

AREA TRAVELERS

VIRTUAL HIKE/YOUTUBE: Take a virtual hike on a mountain trail or in a national/state park.

VIRTUAL CRUISE: By invitation only, our daughter and her husband (empty nesters in Coppell) host an overnight cruise experience for one couple poolside in their backyard and use a spare bedroom as a private stateroom. Guests arrive masked/gloved and social distancing is observed throughout the stay. Meal preparation is shared for themed meals in which guests bring their own food and drink. The mood is complete with music, photo albums, leis for everyone, and adult dress up. You can do this!

VIRTUAL PICNIC: Lynda and I have a favorite shade tree in Allen Station Park. We do curbside pickup for the meal and bring a beverage from home along with a beach towel for lap protection. With the top down or the roof open, there you have it - picnic in the park! And, a trash can is nearby!!

VIRTUAL TIME TRAVEL: If you have access to NETFLIX, checkout the TV series McLeod's Daughters, Heartland, Outlanders, and Hell On Wheels. This is for those who enjoy historical fiction. Word of caution, try to limit viewing time to only three episodes per day and stand/stretch after each episode. Breathe.

If you plan to make a road trip in the near future, this article from a recent issue of *AARP Magazine* might be of interest: <https://www.aarp.org/travel/travel-tips/safety/info-2020/road-trip-safety-during-coronavirus-pandemic.html>

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**JOYCE HORTON
HEALTHY
LIVING**

"Make Your Bed" by Admiral W. H. McRaven is a book I bought for my grandchildren as a gift (which probably hasn't been read yet, but maybe someday!)

We all realize that life has been trying these days. Admiral McRaven says in his book that to do the small things helps make your life healthier and happier.

He writes:

"If you make your bed every morning, you will have accomplished the first task of the day. If you can't do the little things right, you will never do the big things right. And, if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made - that you made - and a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better." He goes on to say, "Little things in life matter."

I want you to know you have been missed. jkhorton@sbcglobal.net



Carole Smithwick: Allen Eagle fans - thought I would share with you a great reason to watch the Allen Football games on Friday night. They will be live streamed, so there is no reason to miss our "Friday Night Lights" right here in Allen, and cheer for the EAGLES. My 10th grade grandson, Brock Winsett is a member of the varsity team this year. A big honor for a 15 year old who for whatever reason skipped over the JV team....he must be good! In my opinion, yes, however, I would have much preferred that he continued playing baseball, but he didn't ask me! He told me that he would not be a starter but would play. Jersey #98 (but that could change) defensive end, 6'4" 207 lbs. right now! GO BROCK!

Karen Malinowsky: My sweet hubby and I celebrated 50 years on June 6, 2020. And our big day even fell on the same day we were married - a Saturday! Our big plans for a party had to be postponed - darn that Covid 19. Oh well, maybe we can party next year!!!

Sandi Youngblood: Two of my granddaughters wanted to help me get started with the Children's Book Project. They are both avid readers. I am very proud of these girls.

- 1st. Clarissa (age 11 - 6th gr) put all of the book plates on the 6 boxes of books received from Linda Rood. Clarissa got all of the book plates in the books in one three hour afternoon. She was very excited that she was faster putting on the plates, than I was stamping the plates.
- 2nd. Kellen (age 15 - 9th gr) created the poster to be used at AREA Meetings. Since AREA is not meeting face to face right now, I am sharing a photo of her very talented work. Kellen took a very rough drawing and went with it. The outcome is beautiful.
- 3rd. Kellen made the Freshman Volleyball team at Lone Star High School in Frisco, TX. She works very hard at her sport and has been playing since she was 6 years old. Kellen also plays competitive volleyball for Frisco Flyers. Kellen is only 5'5" tall and is an awesome setter.

District 10: Congrats to AREA for the largest membership percentage increase in Bracket 2 of our district's own "Reach for the Stars" membership incentive! AREA will receive \$50 for this accomplishment.

SEND YOUR BRAGS IN FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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AREA MEMBERS SUPPORTED "FILL THE BUS" PROJECT



SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AT ACOCARES.ORG



SHARE YOUR FAVORITE VENDOR/REPAIRMAN

If you have a favorite/very reliable yard person, plumber, electrician, pest control company, etc., please forward that info to karenmalinowsky@gmail.com and a list will be shared in the October ECHO!





We are in need of volunteers to lead our pledges, prayer, or inspiration at our September 21 meeting. Please email [Cindy Trantham](mailto:CindyTrantham@gmail.com) at tranthamcynthia@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you!

The following AREA Chairs are looking for Committee Members.

If you are interested in volunteering this year, please contact the Chair listed beside each Committee Name.

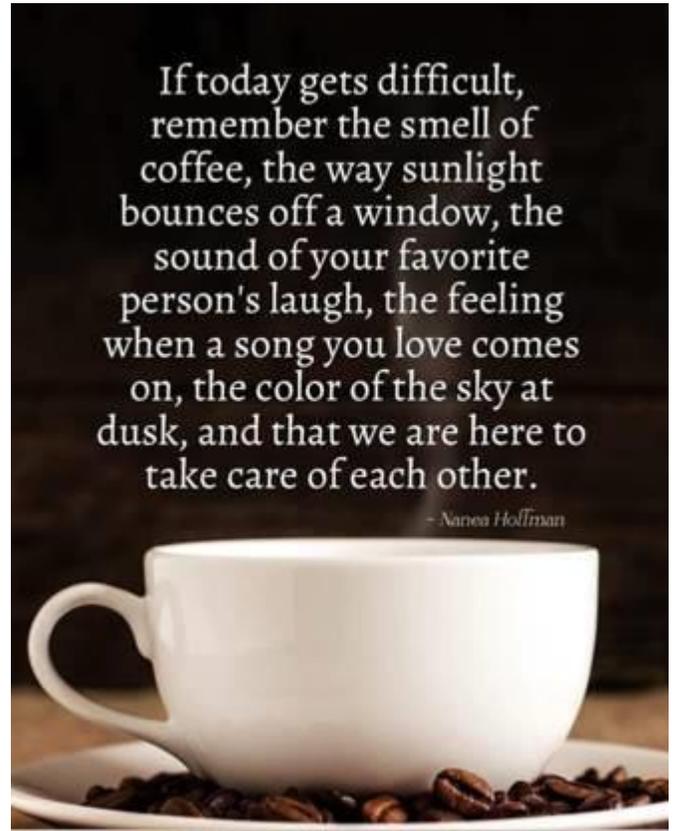
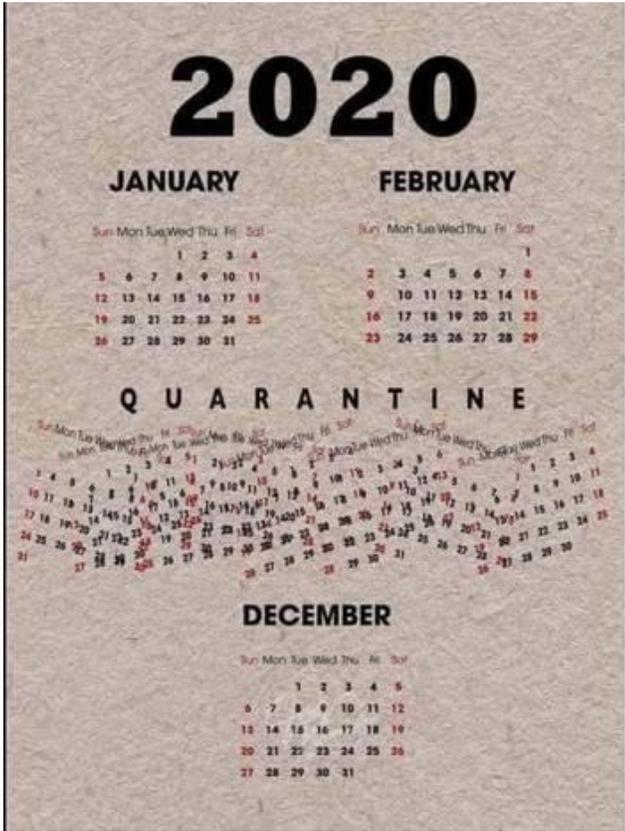
Thank you, in advance, for supporting AREA this year!

By-Laws	Carolyn Bones	candgbones@grandecom.net
Children's Book Project	Sandi Youngblood	sandi.youngblood943@gmail.com
Directory	Ellen Gilbert	epgilbert@sbcglobal.net
IPET/PET	Tammie James	tammiejames@ymail.com
Legislative	Phyllis Spain	pspain56@gmail.com
Membership	Donna Jones	dkjones812@gmail.com
Retirement Education	Vicki Brookshire	brookshirevicki@gmail.com
Scholarship	Carole Smithwick	cpsmithwick@att.net

TRTF Tutor Initiative

TRTA and TRTF volunteer leaders can work with a program that represents a monumental change in how we help Texas public education. The best part is that **any retired TRS certified schoolteacher can participate and earn extra income by becoming an online tutor** for public school children. TRTF wants 1,000 tutors by October 1, 2020. TRTF is working to ensure that retirees can earn between \$30-\$40 per hour without TRS penalty concerns. The projected launch date is September 2020. **Get more information:** help@trtf.org 1.800.880.1650

During this time of social distancing and staying at home, here are some items for your enjoyment that will hopefully put a smile on your face, give you hope for the future or perhaps provide a giggle or two...



I'm So Old That

I have dialed a rotary phone, listened to music off an 8-track tape, watched a black and white TV with foil on the rabbit ear antennas, and went through a whole day without taking a picture of myself.



7 RULES OF LIFE

1. Make peace with your past so it won't disturb your future.
2. What other people think of you is none of your business.
3. The only person in charge of your happiness is you.
4. Don't compare your life to others. Comparison is the thief of joy.
5. Time heals almost everything Give it time.
6. STOP thinking so much It's alright not to know all the answers.
7. SMILE You don't own all the problems in the world.

Everyone PLEASE be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home!

I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my coffee, and we all agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she puts a different spin on EVERYTHING!! Certainly couldn't share with the fridge, cause he's been acting cold and distant!

In the end, the iron straightened me out! She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out!

The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up buttercup! But the fan was VERY optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon!

The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip!! You can just about guess what the curtains told me: they told me to "pull myself together!"

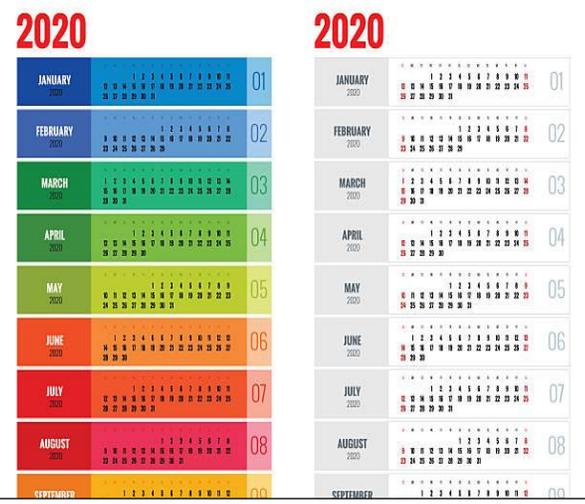
We will survive!!



HELP

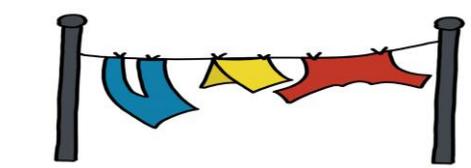
The buttons on my jeans have started
social distancing from each other!

Keep in mind, even during a Pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit!



**It took
“Click it or Ticket”
to get people to
wear a seatbelt.
I wonder if
“Mask it or Casket”
might work?**

The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 Planner!



Treat Your Mask Like Underwear

- Do Not Touch or Adjust (especially in public)
- Do Not Borrow or Lend
- Make Sure the Fit is Tight but Comfortable
- Make Sure it is Clean
- Wear the Right Side Out
- If it is Damp, Change it
- Don't Go **COMMANDO!**

**POSTED IN A STORE WINDOW:
IF YOU COME INTO OUR
STORE WITHOUT A MASK, WE
WILL HAVE TO TAKE YOUR
TEMPERATURE.
P.S. WE ONLY HAVE RECTAL
THEROMETERS!**

I see people my age out there climbing mountains and zip lining and here I am feeling good about myself because I got my leg through my underwear without losing my balance!

