

BCRTA NEWSLETTER

October 2020



President's Message

Greetings BCRTA members—

All Aboard the Express to our October stops! Get your ticket punched at several of our exciting events this month. You can join us at the Drop-Off on Friday, October 2nd to deliver your Pizza Fundraiser forms, funds, and Children's books at the Bandera American Legion Post. We will be on site from 10am to noon.

Join us for your next ticket punch at our next ZOOM meeting on Wednesday, October 14th at 10am. It is just the ticket to get information on our progress and collection of books.

Announcement of the date and time for pizza delivery will be at this time!

Our newsletter will be filled with bells and whistles on the latest information about the 2020 election. Locate your voting site, research the candidates, and make your mark on this election. Our BCRTA officers will chug along to the District 20 Fall Conference on ZOOM, where we will pick up information from District and State Speakers for our unit. We will memorialize the passing of members Frances Harwick, Betty Ruede, and Dale Ethridge.

Don't let your plans get derailed, and come aboard the Express!

Stay Safe!

Connie Young

BCRTA President
210-737-4835

Upcoming Meetings

Date: **October 2, 2020**

Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM

Place: American Legion Hall

Drop off Scholarship
Fundraiser Pizza Order Forms
money, Children's book

Date: **October 14, 2020**

Time: 10:00 am

Place: ZOOM Meeting

ZOOM session info will be
sent via email 1-2 days prior
to 10/14

Date: **October 19, 2020**

Time: TBA

Place: American Legion Hall
Pizza Order Delivery.

District 20 Fall Conference

Date: **October 22, 2020**

Time: 10:00 am

Place: ZOOM

Registration Deadline: 10/1

Don't wish for it. Work for it.

2021 Legislative Priorities State Issues

TRS Pension Fund

- *Preserve the funding plan enacted during the 86th Legislature (SB 12)
- *Secure a financial structure capable of providing a future COLA

TRS-Care

- *Maintain contribution for TRS-Care retiree health insurance

Sunset Review

- *Adopt TRS Sunset Staff Report and additional TRTA recommendations

Federal Issues

Social Security

- *Ensure earned Social Security benefits are paid to retirees

Technology News

Go to TRTA.org for Member Resources. You can find lots of information for members.

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation

The TRTF has created the Tutor Initiative, which will be an online tutor program, hiring retired Texas public school teachers to engage successfully with students of all ages and needs. Go to trtf.org to donate, or for more information.

OTHER VOLUNTEER HOURS

Are you keeping track of your volunteer hours? You should be! Here are some suggestions on what counts as service: if you drive someone to early voting, pick-up prescriptions for someone, or prepare and cook meals. Do you babysit for free, or do you house-sit or pet-sit for someone? It all counts!

EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCTOBER 13th - 30th

Voting Locations:

Ray Mauer Annex, Bandera.

Medina Annex, Medina.

Lakehills Area Library, Lakehills.

Regular hours: 7:30-5:30 M-F

Extended hours: Oct 20th & 27th

7am-7pm

For ballot information, go to:

banderacounty.org or

teachthevote.org



Mental Hygiene is becoming as, if not more, important than physical hygiene. Doctors suggest mindfulness, to recognize the importance of social and emotional intelligence, "garden bathing" -immersion in natural scenery- as a healing and stress-reducing opportunity. The new buzzword of the day is "trashercise" = to clean up garbage while running or walking.

SCAM ALERTS: COVID 19

Testing, Vaccine, and Treatment Scams. Beware of offers for home test kits and unknown miracle cures or vaccines. They do not exist. Scammers also target Medicare recipients by offering COVID-19 testing in order to steal your personal information. Never give it out!

Good decisions come from experience. Experience comes from making bad decisions.



October Birthdays

- 10/05 Steve Skipper
- 10/05 Mary Welch
- 10/13 Tom Doebbler
- 10/16 Bruce Burns
- 10/17 Bessie Short (spouse)
- 10/17 Jackson Smith
- 10/19 Bruce Hayes
- 10/12 Sandra Silkworth
- 10/20 Mike Craddock (spouse)
- 10/22 David Kelley (spouse)
- 10/27 Doris Doebbler

Welcome New Members!

Deborah C. Clark
451 Old San Antonio Hwy #103
Bandera

Albina Butler
289 It'll Do Lane
Pipe Creek

Please Continue to Recruit New Members

Members are asked to complete the book donation(s) and community volunteer service hours each month. Please bring to monthly meetings.

Name _____ District 20
Phone _____
Bandera County Retired Teacher Association (BCRTA)



Number of Books Donated 6/01/2020 – 10/18/2020

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Number of Volunteer Hours 6/01/2020 – 10/18/2020
