

You Are Invited To Join
Highland Lakes Retired Teachers Association
(Organized October 8, 1970)
And
Texas Retired Teachers Association
(Founded in 1953)

Two organizations that EXCLUSIVELY represent retired public school and higher education personnel.

Mission Statement

TRTA shall promote the professional, economic, intellectual, social, and physical well-being of its members; shall encourage volunteer opportunities in the community; and shall provide the advocacy for improved retirement benefits of all public school and higher education retirees.

TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (TRTA)

TRTA is an independent non-profit organization made up of 80,000+ retired public school and higher education secretaries, bus drivers, lunchroom personnel, custodians, librarians, counselors, teachers, and administrators.

The roll of TRTA has changed dramatically since TRS was prohibited from being an advocate for retirees. TRTA must now gather information from its members and TRS to determine TRTA's goals for the upcoming legislation session and present them to the state legislature.

The Legislative Committee of TRTA initiates and supports legislation favorable to TRS annuitants and opposes legislation that might be harmful to the solvency of the TRS trust fund. TRTA can be successful in the above tasks *ONLY* if *ALL* public school and higher education retirees (TRS annuitants) join the Texas Retired Teachers Association!!!

TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS (TRS)

TRS was an advocate for the improvement of benefits to public school and higher education retirees to the Texas Legislature until 1995 when the 74th Legislature passed a law prohibiting advocacy by TRS for retirees or active employees. The current role of TRS is to collect contributions, invest the funds, pay annuitants, and administer TRS-Care. As a state entity, the role of TRS is determined by the Legislature.

WE NEED YOU and YOU NEED US!

For more information about HLRTA
Email: highlandlakesrta@gmail.com
URL: <http://localunits.org/HighlandLakes/>

Or

For more information about TRTA, call 800/880-1650 or visit www.trta.org

Join Highland Lakes Retired Teachers Association (HLRTA) and TRTA

email: highlandlakesrta@gmail.com <http://localunits.org/HighlandLakes/>

Meetings:

When: The 1st Tuesday of each month

(Oct. – May, Sept. & Nov. will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month)

(Sept – Dec 2020 via Zoom starting at 1:30)

Where: Marble Falls Church of Christ **Time:** 1:00 pm – fellowship, 1:30 - meeting

All public school and higher education retirees (TRS annuitants) are invited to become members of the Highland Lakes Retired Teachers Association and the Texas Retired Teachers Association. Active employees may join as Associate Members of TRTA & HLRTA. Spouses of annuitants may also join by paying same dues.

The influence of TRTA on the Texas Legislature increases considerably as state and local membership grows. *YOUR MEMBERSHIP* is *VITAL* even though you may not be able to attend the local unit meetings.

Benefits of HLRTA Membership

- Fellowship with others in a local unit.
- HLRTA Directory.
- Informative & enjoyable programs.
- Participate in Children's Book Project.
- Provide for a scholarship to an adult learner preparing for career in education.
- Become active in educating the currently employed educators of their retirement program.
- Actively work with other members on legislation issues.

Benefits of TRTA Membership

- Quarterly TRTA News - "*The Voice*"
- Legislative Updates and an 800-number news hotline during legislative sessions
- Discount opportunities for dental, vision, medical, and prescription.
- Health services information
- Plus, many other member benefits

TRTA'S WORK WITH LEGISLATURES

When the 2021 Legislative Session begins in January, TRTA will be the voice for retired and active teachers. With the legislature already announcing a budget shortfall because of the pandemic, it is even more critical that TRTA members make their voice known concerning their pension and health care.

Highland Lakes RTA Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Date _____

How did you hear about HLRTA? _____

Annual dues for joining TRTA & Highland Lakes RTA are \$35 TRTA + \$15 HLRTA = \$50.
Make your checks payable to Highland Lakes RTA and mail to Lynda Jackson Treasurer, 309
Highland Drive, Burnet, Texas 78611. If you would like to have your state dues of \$35
deducted from TRS Annuity (\$2.92/month), you can request a form from Lynda Jackson at
512.659.6875

Are you:

_____ Retired TRS Annuitant _____ Working TRS member _____ Friend of either?