

BCRTA NEWSLETTER

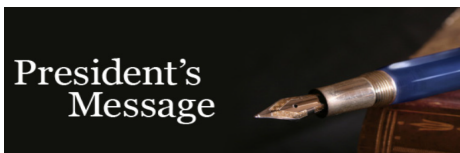
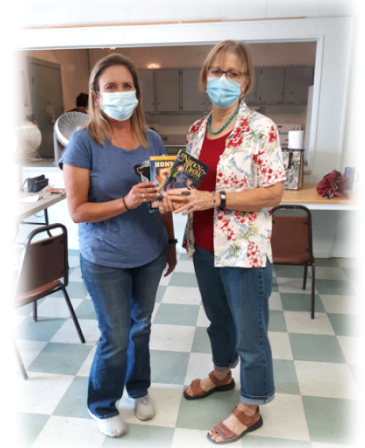
NOVEMBER 2020



Children's Books



ZOOM Meeting



Greetings BCRTA members—

Our plans are chugging along with November activities. Just in time for us to finish with our ZOOM meeting, last Drop-Off and finally our Pizza Fundraiser delivery.

Please join the BCRTA ZOOM meeting on Wednesday, November 11th at 10 am. Our special guest speaker will be Brock Gregg, TRTA Associate Director. He will inform us on the TRTA Foundation activities and the new insurance carrier. Please attend!

It's time for the last Drop-Off of children's books and canned goods for Spirits of Christmas on Wednesday, November 18th at

COVID has changed the Spirits of Christmas arrangements. There are NO wrapped boxes needed this year, while the canned goods requested would make a for holiday meal.

I am waiting for the final date and time for our pizza delivery. There is light at the end of the tunnel! The company informed me that delivery should be the week of November 9th. I will announce the date and time as soon as I am notified.

Now that we are making headway to 2021, I wish all our members a very safe and joyful holiday season!

Thanksgiving Blessings!

Connie Young

BCRTA President
210-737-4835

Upcoming Meetings

Date: **NOVEMBER 11, 2020**

Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM

Place: ZOOM Meeting

ZOOM meeting info will be sent via e-mail 1-2 days prior to meeting

Date: **November 18, 2020**

Time: 10:00 am

Place: American Legion Hall
Drop-off of children's books and holiday meal canned goods for Spirits of Christmas

Date: **November ?, 2020**

Time: TBA

Place: American Legion Hall
Pizza Order Delivery.

Mark Your Calendars!

Date: **January, 2021**

Place: Mayan Dude Ranch
Masks required.

Gratitude turns what we ***have*** into ***Enough***

District 20 Conference

10/22 Highlights

Presenters included were:

*Brock Gregg, Legislative Liasion, who gave info on Texas Educators Vote, the new TRTA App, and the TRTF, and its goals to help teachers, parents, students, and school districts.

*Frana Patterson, District Presidents Council team, who wants to get info to members as quickly as possible.

*Richard Herbst, Legislative Chair, who outlined both State and Federal Issues that affect us.

*John Bishop, AMBA Rep., who shared the Guide to AMBA Member Benefits.

*Marta Zoga, explained that SB12 helped to create a plan of action to make TRS fiscally sound, and in 2024 the state will match our contributions!

*Jace Aubry, TRTA CIO, gave an overview of our investments, explained that COVID did affect the bottom line, but that our investments have recovered due to diversification, prudent fiduciary management and investing in alternative funds.

OTHER VOLUNTEER HOURS

Are you keeping track of your volunteer hours? You should be! Here are more ideas on what counts as service: when you search bookstores for childrens books to donate, when you shop for holiday meal canned goods, or do you tutor a neighbor student? It all counts

ELECTION DAY!

NOVEMBER 3RD

For your **POLLING LOCATIONS**, go to:
banderacounty.org



COVID Fatigue is real, and I bet you know someone who suffers from it. This is not the time to let your guard down! The predicted fall surge is happening, so please use all the precautions that we have been taught. Social distance, wear a mask, wash your hands, and if you don't feel well, STAY HOME. Be safe, my friends.

MORE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

TRS-Care New for 2021

TRS-Care Standard will transition to Blue Cross Blue Shield. Information is at www.bcbstx.com/trscarestandard.

1-866-355-5999

TRS-Care Medicare will transition to United Healthcare. Information is at www.uhcretiree.com/TRS.

1-866-347-9507,

Prescription Drug Coverage (SilverScript)
1-844-345-4577, option 2

TRS-Care Retiree Information Sessions are virtual this year. To sign up, visit: www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/healthcare_benefits_events.aspx

Many thanks to **Andrew Murr** for attending our ZOOM meeting! We appreciate your continued support for public education.



November Birthdays

11/03 Joe Rodriguez (spouse)
11/06 Myron Short
11/09 Linda Mayer
11/14 Sully Woodland (spouse)
11/16 Barbara Skipper
11/26 Laura Wilson
11/28 Barbara Naumann (spouse)
11/29 Novella Strmiska

Please Continue to Recruit New Members

Download the **TRTA App** today! Install it on any device. Features and Highlights: Notifications, Forums, Resources, News Feed, Directory, Events, and Contests. It's all there on the app!

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

Name _____
Phone _____

District 20

Bandera County Retired Teacher Association (BCRTA)



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

Name _____
Phone _____

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