



FARSP Meetings Have Been Canceled Until Further Notice

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From Your President

Karol's Komments....

Happy November, FARSP Dudes and Dudettes!

What a wonderful time to be retired! Beautiful weather, Cowboys (oops, never mind), family you don't get to see, online shopping stolen off your front porch, wearing those fabulous masks, and cabin fever. Can't get any better than this, right? Uh, no... Fortunately, we have each other to talk to, vent to, complain to, and laugh with. Hang tight – this, too, shall pass...sooner or later.

In the meantime, check out the videos on YouTube and look forward to January when we'll be back together at The Grove! That's

our plan right now.

I've loved seeing those of you that have come by to get your directory! It's amazing what a little interaction with others can do for your soul. If you haven't gotten your book, you may get it from me any time you'd like. Just text me and tell me you're coming.

A huge "Thank You" to the board for being supportive and available for all kinds of tasks. Our organization could not survive this time without these wonderful people.

Enjoy the newsletter and we'll see you soon!

Air hugs,
Karol Kuykendall-President

Report Your Volunteer Hours

Volunteerism is encouraged for members who are able to give of their time to help others or lend a hand to complete a project for the community.

The unit's volunteer hours are submitted to TRTA every year to show how involved in helping others our members are.

But many members do not realize they are performing volunteerism daily without even thinking about it. Think about when you watch those precious grandchildren (I assume you are not getting paid to do so), or preparing a dish to take to a pot-luck dinner. Maybe you drive a friend or neighbor to an appointment, or give them a ride to church.

Your volunteer efforts do not have to be part of a FARSP program, they are for anything you do to

make someone else's life easier or brighter.

If you are a member of another group and you give of your time to prepare programs, take food, serve as an officer or take time to call others to check on them or remind them of upcoming events, that all counts for your FARSP hours.

Several members are putting together appreciation packages as part of our "School Adoption" effort. The time it takes to drive to the store, prepare the goodie bags (or whatever you are putting together), and deliver the surprise gifts all count as volunteer hours.

So think back all the way to January of 2020 and add up the hours you have spent doing things you do not get paid to do. Send the total to Susan Burkett at ssburkett@gmail.com or 972-984-0117

2021 Meetings

Meetings sites have changed so be sure to note these changes.

January 5th - The Grove

February 2nd - The Grove

March 2nd - The Depot

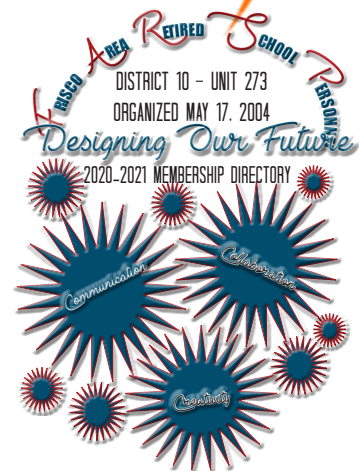
behind The Heritage Museum
(not the Exxon station LOL)

April 6th - The Depot

May 5th - The Depot

Times will be confirmed later but 9-12 seems to be the overall time. The May meeting might be changed to 10-1 since it's supposed to be a Cinco de Mayo

Directory Is Now Available



TRTA EVENTS

March 2021

Spring Executive Board Meeting

April 7, 2021

TRTA Rally Day in Austin

April 26, 2021

District Spring Leadership Training

August 23, 2021

Summer Executive Board Meeting

October 25, 2021

District 10 Fall Conference

Scenes From FARSP UNCUT November



Robin and Randy Heisig are the proud grandparents of twins Rhett and Ansley who were born July 1.

Where you can tell everyone about the happy things going on in your world. Send them to cboxbab@gmail.com at the first of each month.



Doug and Donna Zambiasi are looking forward to the arrival of a grandson in December. Proud parents are Travis (Principal at Lawler Middle School) and Amanda (Counselor at Liberty High School.)

Jordan Carlisle, daughter-in-law of **Sandy and Ron Carlisle** was named by her peers as Teacher of The Year at Sontag Elementary.



Sandy and Ron Carlisle want everyone to know their four granddaughters have a baby boy cousin to fuss over. They love Benny!



And yet he still had time for me

Daniel Brunson, four-year-old grandson of **Beverly Brunson**, presents a creation poem. Technology starts young these days.

Walk Across Texas!

For Texans walking the road to a healthier life, the journey begins with a single step.....

Walk Across Texas! (WAT!)

WAT! Adult is an eight-week program designed to help Texans establish the habit of regular physical activity using fun and motivating team approach.

Each adult team, including a team captain, may include up to eight team members, all working together towards the goal of 832 miles!!

Learn More at walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu

Vickie Ryan
Healthy Living Chair

Book Project News...

Janis and I are looking so forward to donating books this year! We are slowly getting more donations from our members, but we most definitely need more!

If you have gently loved books (or money) that you'd like to donate to the Children's Book Project, please let me know, and I can pick them up from you. All you have to do is set your donation on your porch, and I'll swing by to get them. It can be as contact-less as you'd like!

Our lives are in a crazy place right now, and it can be especially scary for kids. For many, books provide that much needed escape from reality. The Children's Book Project is designed to get books into the hands and homes of our Title 1 kids who may not have books of their own. We'd love to have as many of you donate as possible so we can impact the lives of the many, many children who need our help.

Janis and I want to say a giant THANK YOU to Susan Burkett and her church group, Agape Life Group at Cottonwood Creek Church, for raising \$300 for the Book Project!! Each year, they choose a different group to honor with their fundraising, and this year, they chose FARSP's Children's Book Project. Thank you, Susan, for getting word of our project out into the world, and for honoring us in such way.

Thank you also to FARSP member, Harriet Sweat, who contributed \$100 of that donation to honor her mother's memory. She would have been 100 on

Oct.6th and was a 4th grade teacher who loved to teach kids to read.

If you belong to a group of any kind, please consider letting them know about our need for donations as Susan did with her life group!

Debbie Owen
2nd Vice President

As a retired librarian, life during this odd quarantined-filled year has had me thinking about all those kids who haven't had their usual access to books.

So many of the middle school students I taught did not have books in their homes. If it hadn't been for school, they may never have had books to read at all.

I can't imagine being confined to our homes for long periods of time with no reading materials, can you? That's why the TRTA Book Project is so important. This is our way to put books in the homes and hands of our area children.

I would love for YOU to join us in the Book Project by either donating new or gently-loved books, or by donating money to FARSP and marking it as specifically for the Book Project.

If you have books you'd like to donate, please contact me at dowen68@gmail.com or 972-965-7468

I will pick up the books and take care of the necessary COVID safety measures.

Debbie Owen
2nd Vice President



To our new members; welcome to FARSP! It will be a pleasure to meet you in person, hopefully very soon!

FARSP is the local unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA)!

The only organization that works exclusively for Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) annuitants, you! TRTA has an Executive Director (Tim Lee) and 21 legislative committee members.

All TRTA local unit (FARSP) members receive the "Voice," by mail, (snail mail) an informative TRTA news bulletin. Also, the "Inside Line," an immediate update on legislative issues. Sign up at www.trta.org

The Texas legislature meets in 2021; stay informed of issues which affect our retirees pension fund and health care. Tim Lee, executive director, and our legislative committee members will be meeting with the legislative elected Texas representatives to keep us informed of any legislation that pertains to TRS annuitants = You and I.

Please encourage your newly retired friends to join the TRTA (FARSP local unit) family! Frisco Area Retired School Personnel, is all inclusive. If you retired from any school/education position, you are welcome to become a member! If you have an questions, please contact me!

Pat Smith
First Vice President
Membership Chair

In Memory

Gerald "Gerry" Holdridge
Gerry's wife, Gloria, is also a FARSP member.

Janie Lucado
Janie is the wife of FARSP member Dan Lucado.

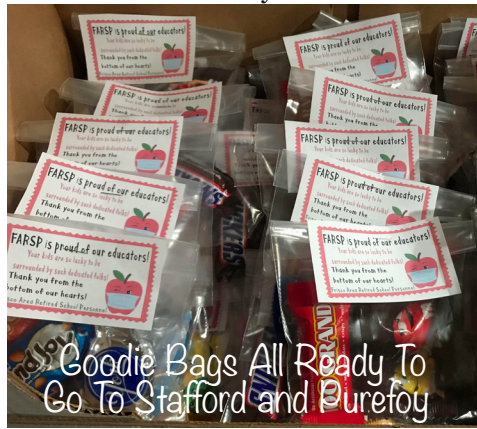
School Adoption Project

In recognition of their hard work amid the unprecedented situation in education today, the FARSP Board decided to adopt campuses to surprise them with a "Thank You" for the faculty and staff.

Pat Smith delivered her bags of goodies to Lone Star where her daughter, Caroline, teaches science, and Carole Babineaux delivered to Liberty and Scoggins where her granddaughter, Hope, teaches math.

Karol Kuykendall surprised staffs at Robertson, Fisher, and Christie.

Debra Purefoy sent packages to Stafford and Purefoy



Directory Drive-By Pickup October 21, 2020



Information on Recent Scams

1. Paying with gift cards, with someone calling to tell you that you've won the lottery, a prize or sweepstakes, or they claim to be from the government and tell you there is a problem with your Social Security number. To collect your winnings or solve your problem, you have to pay with gift cards. Anyone who insists that you pay by gift card is always a scammer.
2. Scammers prey on your kindness asking for donating money during disasters with blog posts on your Facebook or phone messages: wildfires raging out west, the hurricane season, or civil unrest. All of this is happening during a global pandemic that has claimed its own devastating share of deaths. Don't participate; this is a scam.
3. Chain letter scams tempting you to play "The Circle Game," join a "Blessing Loom," or jump on a "Money Board". These are some of the names for an online scam that's making the rounds at a time when millions of people are out of work and scraping for cash. Don't be scammed. www.consumer.ftc.gov

Mercy Westphal
Information & Protective Services Chair