

Houston Harris County Retired Teachers Association

DISTRICT 4



Message from the President - Faye Moseley

Greetings,

Hope this Newsletter finds you and your family safe and in good health. We are experiencing a lot of unexpected changes, and we are finding creative ways to make those changes. We are grateful that our annuity is safe and will be paid on time. We have Zoom, teleconferencing, and Unit phone messages from Lena Gilmore to keep us connected. Stay safe.

TRTF TUTOR INITIATIVE

The Foundation's newest initiative is the Tutoring Program. TRTF wants to reach every Texas child. The TRTF tutoring service will employ retired and certified Texas school teachers who have the experience, time and dependability needed to engage successfully with students of all ages and educational needs. Retirees can earn \$30-\$40 per hour without TRS penalty concerns. If interested go online to help@trtf.org/tutors or call 1.800.880.1650.

SCHOLARSHIPS

H-HCRTA was highly elated and proud to give five scholarships to the grandchildren of some of our members. Each student was given an award of \$1000. We want to thank our organization for helping us to raise money to assist the five scholarship recipients with donations and support of the February Banquet.

AMBA

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Association Member Benefits Advisors offer special benefits to members of H-HCRTA. Insurance rates and merchant discounts are available to all. We will highlight two benefits each month starting in November.

FACTS ABOUT OUR NEW TRS UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE FOR MEDICARE RECIPIENTS

- *New United Healthcare cards will be issued in December
- *New Pharmacy cards will be issued in December
- *Monthly premium will remain the same
- *Will not lose any benefits
- *Hospital Stay - \$500 maximum out of pocket
- *Out Patient care - \$250 maximum out of pocket



We are very close to reaching our State Organization's 100,000 members. H-HCRTA has a membership of 336 members as of October 2020. This includes members who have paid State dues but not local dues. TRTA pays each Unit \$500 plus a bonus for each additional 100 members. This year we received \$800. If you have not renewed your membership, send your check or money order to P. O. Box 311383, Houston, Tx 77231-1383.

Under His Wings You Will Find Refuge – Psalm 9:1

It is H-HCRTA's policy to offer the family of a deceased member, spouse, child or grandchild a monetary gift of \$50. The family may choose to donate that \$50 to our Scholarship Fund in memory of the deceased.

In the event of the death of a sibling, a card would be sent.

To report a death or illness, please contact Willie Burgs at 713-436-3794.

*To Find the Fountain of Youth –
Keep Moving*

Don't forget the importance of drinking plenty of water.

If you are interested in joining a telephone Chair Exercise group, here are the details: Monday-Saturday, 10:00 - 11:00 am.

Call this number 844-854-2222,
Access Code 105424#

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS

Due to Pandemic times, the total number of Community Volunteer Services hours collected for the 2020-2021 year should be sent to (trshoustoncvs@gmail.com).

If you do not have access or use a computer, you can mail your total hours to the address found in the H-HCRTA yearbook. Do not send hours to my email address.

CVS hours will be accepted on or before January 31, 2021.

Linda Luster, CVS, Chair

Children's Books Project

We are asking each member to donate 2 or more books targeting Pre-K to Grade 3.

We are grateful for the following donations: Faye Moseley, Sistah's Sippin Tea Book Club, Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Tarrance Earle, Dr. Carrathers and Dr. Gary Shepherd.

Our selected school is Kashmere Gardens Elementary School.

Committee Chair - Erla Nelson

CHRISTMAS ZOOM PARTY

DECEMBER 10, 2020 @ 1:00

We are planning a program where we are asking persons to participate. These are the topics:

1. Poem or Short Christmas Story
2. Favorite Thing to do at Christmas
3. Christmas/Holiday Jokes

All persons who participate in the program will be eligible to win a \$20 Gift Card. To be on the program, choose one of the topics and e-mail Willie Burgs, wwillie404@yahoo.com. The deadline to submit your Program Selection is Thursday October 29.

We are asking everyone to wear a Christmas hat or a party hat. Also, a member might choose to decorate a door inside their home. We plan to have Christmas music and special guests.

Lastly, You are encouraged to BYOCT. Bring Your Own Cookies, Cupcakes and Tea. (Some may have eggnog.)

Committee members: Willie Burgs, Chair, Gail Gullette, Glenda Sanding, Helen Eagleton, Barbara McCoy, Ruby Shankle and Rita Smith