

BCRTA NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021



President's Message



Happy New Year, Members!

Our unit will start off 2021 with a ZOOM meeting on January 13th at 10AM. The State TRTA has continued the no in-person meeting policy through this spring. All meetings are to be virtual until then. Therefore, we will be handling all our business on ZOOM this spring.

We will have another Drop-Off on January 20th at the Mayan Dude Ranch starting at 11:30 to 12:30pm. Please bring your 1 pound peanut butter jars, your total volunteer hours for the year, and the number of books that you gave in 2020, and pick up your train ticket! Please contact me if you want to carry out a lunch, or want to eat lunch at the Mavan Dude Ranch.

I will need a number by our meeting on January 13th.

Looking forward to seeing all of you once again, either in ZOOM or at the Mayan Dude Ranch this January.

Please continue to be COVID safe. May this New Year be filled with good health, great friends, loving family, and a brighter future.

Blessings to All,

Connie Young

BCRTA President
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Save the Date: April 7th

TRTA Visit Your Legislator & Rally
Day @ Capitol.
Make your plans now!



Upcoming Meetings

Date: **January 13, 2021**

Time: 10:00 am

Place: ZOOM Meeting
American Legion Hall for those without internet.
ZOOM meeting info will be sent via e-mail 1-2 days prior to meeting

Date: **January 20, 2021**

Time: 11:30AM-12:30PM

Place: Mayan Dude Ranch
Drop off your Volunteer Hours, 1lb. of peanut butter, and # of donated Children's books. You can pick up a to-go lunch, or dine in the safely-spaced dining room.

Date: **February 17, 2021**

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: American Legion Hall for those without internet access.

The joyfulness of a man prolongeth his days. -Psalms

ZOOM Executive Meeting 12/9/2020 Highlights

Items Discussed:

Tim Lee has cancelled all in-person meetings through April, 2021.

Due to our success with the pizza fundraiser, our pizza sales will continue next fall. Good job, members!

Congratulations to Alan Caza, retiring from the high school after 31 years of service. The event was coordinated and hosted by BCRTA members: Connie Young, Michelle Barnett, and Denise van Dyke.

The American Legion Hall has graciously opened their facility for all members who are having trouble accessing our ZOOM meetings. You are able to use their internet to attend ZOOM meetings, in a safely spaced environment. Just bring your laptop, i-pad, or phone with you to attend our meeting on January 13th.

OTHER VOLUNTEER HOURS

Are you keeping track of your volunteer hours? I bet you have done many things over the holidays to add to your hours! Baked Christmas Cookies? Count up the hours. Help clean and decorate the church for services? Count those hours. Add up all your hours and turn them in, in January.

Be like a postage stamp. Stick to one thing until you get there.
-Josh Billings



In the TRS newsletter: "Fresh Picks "

Make sure to check out your TRS website! In it you will find that they are concerned with our mental health, due to the stress related to COVID, and gives us a link to access mental health services, including virtual visits.

Fresh Picks also links us to our new TRS-Care plan, both for those on TRS-Care Standard, and those on TRS-Care Medicare Advantage. It's a great planning tool! Don't forget to eat your bright, colorful vegetables.

MORE EXECUTIVE HIGHLIGHTS:

COVID has affected our community in so many ways, as you know. The Silver Sage has experienced a 300% increase in their number of meals delivered by Meals-On-Wheels. They are now up to 15 routes, with 300 volunteer drivers. They also assist 1,830 families with basic food supplies. Therefore, BCRTA has made a charitable donation to assist them during these financially difficult times.

As we learn, we always change, and so does our perception. This changed perception then becomes a new Teacher inside each of us.. -Hyemeyohsts Storm



December Birthdays

- 12/1 Carla Kelley
- 12/2 Joyce Watts
- 12/6 Tracy Thayer
- 12/19 Dan Dugosh
- 12/28 Chela Thompson
- 12/29 Sandra Vannatter

January Birthdays

- 1/1 Patricia Albrecht
- 1/4 Linda Hunter
- 1/4 Karen Zickler
- 1/6 Jan Turner
- 1/14 Kenneth Greebon(spouse)
- 1/17 Debra Cummings(spouse)

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 _____

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 Phone _____
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Number of Volunteer Hours _____