

Klein Association of Retired Employees



KARE NEWSLETTER for February 2021

Save the Date!

**Join us for our next KARE Zoom meeting on February 17 at 10 a.m.
Our speaker will be Chief David Kimberly from KISD Police Department.**

In March our speaker will be Dr. Nancy Radcliffe.

**TRTA's Day at the Capitol event will be held virtually April 6 through 8,
2021.**

**Klein Association of Retired Employees
Tentative Events Schedule for 2020 – 2021
For KARE, TRTA and District IV**

- August 12:** KARE Board Zoom Meeting
- September 8:** KARE Board Zoom Meeting
- September 9:** Foundation Meeting
- September 16:** KARE Zoom Meeting – Installation of Officers
President - Bob Hrnecir Past President - Dale Robinson
1st Vice President (Membership) - Sandy Smith
2nd Vice President - (Programs) - Susan Alter
3rd Vice President (Trips) - Kathy Bell
Secretary - Mary Young Treasurer - Linda Carroll
- September 29:** TRTA District IV Virtual Fall Conference
- October 21:** KARE Zoom Meeting – Candidates
Doug James – Klein ISD Board of Trustees President
Georgan Reitmeier – Klein ISD Board of Trustees Position 1
Dr. Jim Cain – Lone Star College Board of Trustees
- November 18:** KARE Zoom Meeting – Dr. Jenny McGown,
Superintendent of Klein ISD.
- December 16:** No meeting
- January 20:** KARE Zoom Meeting – Nomination of Officers
Speaker: Jennifer Salazar from the Better Business Bureau.
- January 30:** Meet You at the Wunderlich Farm Market Day
- February 17:** KARE Zoom Meeting: Chief David Kimberly from KISD
Voting on amendment to By-Laws
- March 17:** KARE Zoom Meeting: Dr. Nancy Radcliffe
- March 26:** Hodge Podge Lodge and shopping.
- April 6-8:** TRTA's Day at the Capitol held Virtually.
- April 21:** KARE Meeting – Election of officers
- May 19:** KARE Meeting
Installation of Officers
- Keep an eye on the events schedule each month for any changes or additions.
Trips will be added when the trip schedule is announced.**

Keeping Up with KARE

Just before the pandemic hit us last year, TRTA had suggested/requested that each unit set up a gmail address to be used as the official contact for the unit. Jane McKetta has done that for us and so we will have a new address that will be posted on our correspondence and materials that go out of KARE. The new address is:

kleinkaremembers@gmail.com

Jane is submitting the change to our official contact email address on our webpage.

Thank you, Jane, for doing this!

Sandy

The newsletter is posted on our webpages with TRTA and Facebook. Our KARE webpage can be found on the TRTA website at: <https://localunits.org/klein/>

Our KARE Facebook page can be found by searching for KARE – Klein Association of Retired Employees. Be sure to Like us.

Technology by Jane McKetta: Members will receive the Zoom link via email. If you do not receive an email with the link by the day before the scheduled meeting, please contact me at jmcketta@sbcglobal.net

KARE
Klein Association of Retired Employees
17 February 2021
Online zoom meeting agenda

1. Call to order, welcome — Bob Hrnecir, President
2. Announcements, milestones [birthdays, anniversaries, new grandkids, etc.]
3. Introduction of guest speaker – Susan Alter
4. Speaker: Chief David Kimberly
5. Minutes Mary Young
6. Treasurer's Report – Linda Carroll
7. Standing Committee Reports:
 - 1st Vice President – Membership – Sandy Smith
 - 2nd Vice President—Programs– Susan Alter
 - 3rd Vice President –Trips/Foundation – Kathy Bell
 - Legislative – Glen Peterson
 - Health Care – Dora Williams
 - Community Volunteer Services: Linda Carroll
 - Information and Protective Services – Dagmar Kidd
 - Book Club – Request for new Chair
 - Historian – Wayland Kidd
 - Technology & Website – Jane McKetta
 - Retirement Education – Nadine Krebs
 - Hospitality – Eva Grigg
 - Children's Book Project – Janet Flynn
 - Scholarship Committee – Glen Peterson
8. New Business – Amendment to By-Laws
9. Adjournment

KARE Meeting Minutes January 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hrcir, who then turned the meeting over to Sandy Smith.

Susan Alter introduced the program with speaker Jennifer Salazar from the Better Business Bureau. She talked about the top 10 recent scams, focusing on the top 5 current scams including Medicare, Tech support, Robocalls, and COVID-19. If you have questions or problems about scams, she may be reached at:

TXSMP Hotline: 888.341.4187 Phone: 713.341.6184 Email: jsalazar@bbbhou.org

KARE minutes for the November 18, 2020 meeting were read by Mary Young and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of December 31, 2020 was \$5,646.30

Sandy Smith reported that Klein ISD has agreed to let KARE publish retirement information through their communication system with all schools. If you have information that will help with this process, please let Sandy know. She is open for suggestions.

Susan Alter noted that Chief David Kimberly from Klein ISD will be the speaker for the February 17 meeting. Dr. Nancy Radcliffe will speak at the March 17 meeting.

Kathy Bell spoke on Foundation News and trips. Check Tim Lee's newsletter about the Foundation. There will be no trips until March, due to COVID. She would appreciate ideas for future KARE trips.

Legislation: Glen said that the next Capitol in-person meeting April 6-8 has been cancelled but will be virtual. More information is in **The Voice**. Members can still individually contact their representatives.

Dale Robinson reported for Dora Williams. The KARE Kruisers are actively walking for the program Walk Across Texas. Two more team members are needed to fulfill the team of 8. She encouraged all to exercise and get the COVID vaccine. If you know of someone needing cheer, let Dora know.

Please send your volunteer hours to Linda Carroll. (remember KARE volunteer hours count). Email or text her.

Dagmar said to call and verify scams asking for money. (See the BBB) She encouraged all to walk to get exercise and said it is also good therapy in these pandemic stressful times.

The book club needs a new chairman. Contact Sandy Smith if you can chair this group.

Historian Wayland Kidd: This month's issue of TRTA District 4 contains slides that he submitted about our KARE group. Please read. Glen sent this out to KARE members.

Hospitality (Eva Grigg): no report.

Technology: Jane McKetta said that the KARE meetings will continued to be zoomed through the March meeting. The next meeting will be Feb. 17, 2021.

Retirement: Nadine Krebs said that District 4 will be having zoom meetings on retirement. There will be two broadcasts: March 27 and April 24, Saturdays at 10 a.m. She is working with Kelly Schumacher from Klein ISD to get the information out to future Klein retirees. She hopes to have a special Klein ISD retirement meeting virtually.

Books: Janet Flynn took 11 boxes of books (over 400 books donated by KARE) to Klein ISD, representing the donation for 2020. If you have a large number of books to donate, email her and she will pick them up.

New Business: Regarding the newly formed scholarship committee, Glen Peterson reported that they had met and named the scholarship the Robert Laughlin/Kathy Peterson Memorial Scholarship Fund. There will be a silent auction in May to raise money for the scholarship(s). There currently is \$800 in the fund. If you wish to make a donation, send your check to Linda Carroll, labeling it for the Scholarship Memorial Fund. Details about selection of scholarship recipients is under discussion. Volunteers are needed to organize the auction in May. Sandy Smith volunteered to be on the committee.

Dale Robinson contacted current officers to extend their term another year 2021-2022 so future officers can stay on a two-year term rotation. A simple motion is needed to get everyone on the same cycle.

Dale Robinson made the motion that the By-Laws be amended for 2021-2022 to reflect the extension of current officer's terms an additional/third year. The motion was seconded by Glen Peterson. This will be voted on at the February KARE meeting. This will be a one year only amendment to the constitution.

With the sad passing of Kathy Peterson, it was suggested that Dora Williams send the family a sympathy card.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Young, Secretary

Financial Report by Linda Carroll
No bank activity in January. Balance remains \$5,646.30

Membership by Sandy Smith:

The membership committee has been working hard to prepare materials to send out to Klein employees about KARE, Klein ISD has graciously agreed to allow us to send KARE information out through their employee intranet, thus enabling us to reach all employees who may be considering retirement. This month, we will be sending out a one-page introduction to KARE. We are also sending out two flyers about retirement seminars that will be held March 27 and April 24.

KARE will be sending out monthly information through this route until the end of the school year. If you have any suggestions for other things you think would be pertinent to recruit new retirees, please let me know. You can call me or send them to KleinKAREmembers@gmail.com.

Programs/Second Vice President – Susan Alter

Our speaker for the meeting on February 17, 2021, will be Chief David Kimberly from the Klein ISD Police Department. The topic will be: Awareness and Safety of Senior Citizens.

For March 17, our speaker will be Dr. Nancy Radcliffe on Maintaining Professional Development During the COVID Period.

Trips/Third Vice President – Kathy Bell

On Friday, March 26th, we will attempt to take a trip to Montgomery with Brunch at Hodge Podge Lodge, followed by shopping. We leave from the Barbara Bush Library at 10:15 and return at or before 4:00. **Please e-mail me if you plan to go.** I have to sign each person up ahead of the trip as we cannot pass the sign-up sheet around on the bus. **Masks are mandatory!!**

If you have any trip ideas, send those to KleinKAREmembers@gmail.com or kbell1718@sbcglobal.net

Foundation News – Kathy Bell Chair

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation Grants and Scholarships: Applications for the 2021-2022 Beginning Teacher Scholarship program and Classroom Assistance Grant program are available on the TRTF website at www.trtf.org for download. The scholarship program has been updated so that the applicants no longer need to be related to a TRTA member. Rather, a referral from a current TRTA member is now accepted. **The deadline to submit an application is Thursday, February 25, 2021.**

For the latest Foundation news, specifically information about the new tutoring program, refer to the TRTF website.

Healthy Living – Dora Williams

February is nationally recognized as American Heart Month - a time the nation turns its attention to keeping families and communities free from heart disease, the number one killer of Americans.

Here is a list of common heart attack signs and symptoms that include:

Pressure, tightness, pain, or a squeezing or aching sensation in chest or arms
Nausea, indigestion, heartburn, or abdominal pain
Shortness of breath
Cold sweat
Fatigue
Lightheadedness or sudden dizziness

Community Volunteer Services – Linda Carroll Interim Chair **Volunteer Hours for 2020 were 5,278.**

INFORMATIVE & PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT – Dagmar Kidd

[10 Scams You SHOULD NOT Fall For in 2021! - YouTube](#)

ALL ABOARD THE TRTA EXPRESS
INFORMATIVE & PROTECTIVE SERVICES NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021

10 Habits of Extremely Likeable People
They greet the world with a smile on their face.
They ask questions.
They are consistent.
They remember names and use them.
They put the phone away.
They keep an open mind and don't pass judgement.
They are authentic.
They are kind and generous.
They're accountable for their mistakes.
They send thank you notes. Just like mama always told you!

From <https://www.southernliving.com/healthy-living/how-to-be-likeable-person>

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is sending out millions more checks in this second round of stimulus payments. As people start to spend their money, some wonder: Is my stimulus payment taxable? The short answer: No.

In the somewhat longer words of the IRS: “No, the payment is not income and taxpayers will not owe tax on it. The payment will not reduce a taxpayer's refund or increase the amount they owe when they file their 2020 or 2021 tax return next year. A payment also will not affect income for purposes of determining eligibility for federal government assistance or benefit programs." If, for some reason, you didn't get any stimulus payment last year, but you're owed one, you can get it this year when you file your 2020 tax return.

From <https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2020/are-stimulus-checks-taxed>.

html for John Waggoner, AARP, Updated January 4, 2021

I & P S Committee Members Eugene Buford, Dana Jordy, Mary Sexton, Alicia Smith, Ruth Stewart

4 Life Lessons We've Learned from Reba McEntire This Year By Melissa Locker December 30, 2020 From https://www.southernliving.com/culture/celebrities/4-things-we-learned-from-reba-mcentire2020?utm_source=emailshare&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=email-sharearticle&utm_content=20210129

Country star Reba McEntire has had a lot of success in her life. Despite all her accolades, she says success isn't a number — it is about being happy. “It doesn't matter how successful you are with money or materialistic things,” she told Southern Living in a 2016 interview. “That stuff doesn't mean anything. I've been poor, and I've been rich. But out of all of it, I like to be happy.”

That is a valuable reminder that happiness is more important than many things. During a year as trying as 2020 with its seemingly endless onslaught of pandemic, civil unrest, political mudslinging, and an economic downturn, that is a lesson that bears repeating.

Here are some of the other things we've learned from the star this year: Keep working hard - her childhood lessons about “working hard and taking direction” clearly made an impact in her life and one that we could all take to heart.

Don't be afraid of your past - We all have moments from our past that we are glad to relive, and we've all made mistakes and suffered hardships. Learning to accept those parts of ourselves can be fruitful and possibly help ourselves and others.

Take time to connect - Reba reached out and Face Timed with a young fan recuperating in the hospital after a serious spinal cord injury. By taking just a little time, Reba made that young woman feel very special during a really difficult time, a true act of kindness.

Focus on the silver lining - In 2020, Reba suffered the devastating loss of her mother, Jacqueline McEntire. Such a loss is difficult at any time and it would be understandable if her grief was compounded by the pandemic. She said being quarantined together with her grieving family was a blessing during the lockdown. “I got to stay there at Mama's house and help... clean everything out. We had so many great times, going through drawers and boxes, and found

pictures we'd never seen before, and we cried, we laughed, we toasted Mama. It was just an absolute, huge blessing to get to do that."

May we all be able to count our small blessings.
Happy Valentine's Day

Technology by Jane McKetta

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and an order from TRTA, **all KARE meetings through June will be held online via Zoom.** If you are a member of *KARE*, you will receive an email with a ZOOM meeting invitation. Just click on the blue link when the meeting is scheduled to start, and you will be admitted to the meeting. If you do not receive an email by the day before, please email Jane McKetta at jmcketta@sbcglobal.net.

Historian Report by Wayland Kidd

Our [kareshare2](#) link is available for those of us who wish to depict how our unit is remaining active and involved. If you have ideas and wish to share, I can do the illustrations (to the best of my ability) and make slides for you. Ideas can also be submitted without giving identities or sources. Our historical reporting can simply be identified under the heading: ***K.A.R.E. Unit Members Activities***.

To submit ideas: kareshare.xix@gmail.com

The KARE Scrapbook has been updated and includes the latest tour to Wunderlich Farm and the Farmers' Market. See the Original Scrapbook link below.

Original Entire Scrapbook <https://tinyurl.com/kareshare>
Editable Members' Pages <https://tinyurl.com/kareshare2>

Is there something else you would like to see reported in the newsletter?

MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY FORM
KLEIN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES
Local Unit of the TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt#: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Birthdate [mo/day] _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

I worked in [school(s)/district(s)] _____

Department(s) worked in _____

Retired employees from districts other than Klein are welcome to join KARE.

Who recommended KARE to you? _____

Do you know someone who should be a member of KARE? _____

I would be interested in serving on the following committee(s):

KAREMembership@Outlook.com

____ Membership
Sandra Smith Chair

____ Programs
Susan Alter Chair

____ KARE Trips
Kathy Bell Chair

____ TRTA Foundation
Kathy Bell Chair

____ Legislative
Glen Peterson Chair

____ Hospitality
Eva Grigg Chair

____ Community Services
Linda Carroll Interim Chair

____ Historian
Wayland Kidd Chair

____ Scholarship Committee; Chairs Glen Peterson and Penny Laughlin

____ Book Club

Chair needed

____ Children's Books

Janet Flynn Chair

____ Retirement Education

Nadine Krebs Chair

____ Healthy Living

Dora Williams Chair

____ Sunshine

Dora Williams Chair

____ Social Media

Jane McKetta Chair

____ Member Benefits

Chair needed

____ Information & Protective Services

Dagmar Kidd Chair

Return the form and a check payable to KARE to:

Linda Carroll, Treasurer, 18206 Navajo Trail Drive, Spring, TX 77388-9007

KARE will take care of submitting your dues to TRTA, if you are not already in a program that pays them. Dues for both: \$45 (KARE \$10; TRTA \$35) If you are not sure how you pay your TRTA dues, check with Linda.