

Klein Association of Retired Employees



KARE MAY NEWSLETTER

kleinkaremembers@gmail.com

**We are about halfway through the membership early renewal contest time.
It began March 1 and continues through June 30.**

District 4 is giving an incentive to the unit that has the highest percentage of new members and an award for the unit that has the highest percentage of renewals. The awards will be \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. Last year we won \$100 for the most renewals in one month. With your help, we can do it again.

KARE membership is still \$10 and membership for TRTA is \$35 for a total of \$45. You must be a member of both. However, if you have automatic renewal for TRTA from your annuity, you need only pay \$10 for KARE. For those of you who send TRTA a yearly check, you can send that to KARE and we will take care of renewing your membership. It will save TRTA from having to send you a “bill” and having someone on their staff enter the information. That saves us money in the long run. AND KARE gets credit for the early renewal in the contest. If you feel you must send your check directly to TRTA, be aware that you cannot be considered a member of KARE until TRTA considers you a paid member, so send those checks **now** to be considered an “early” renewal.

It has been suggested that some of you might like the idea of taking your membership form and check or cash to a drop off site near you and by-passing the post office. Please call ahead or email kleinkaremembers@gmail.com to arrange your drop time or if you have questions. If you need someone to pick up your renewal, call Linda Carroll or Sandy Smith to set up a time for us to come to you.

Treasurer Linda Carroll lives at Kuykendahl and Louetta in Cypressdale; 18206 Navajo Trail, Spring, TX 77388; 281-381-1650.

Membership Chair Sandy Smith lives in the Augusta Pines area; 96 Tenkara Path, Tomball, TX 77375; 832-474-7391.

President Robert Hrcir lives in Inwood; 5530 Longforest Drive, Houston, 77088; 281-999-4749.

Legislative Chair Glen Peterson lives in the Tomball/Cypress near 99 area; 19607 Dakota Springs Drive, Tomball 77377; 832-797-7855.

Past President Dale Robinson lives near Glennloch Farms; 19623 Muirwood Place Lane, Spring, 77379; 281-468-7405.

Second Vice President Susan Alter lives in Greenwood Forest; 5311 Spanish Oak Drive, Houston, 77066; 382-286-5595.

Otherwise, please mail your membership form and dues check to Linda Carroll, 18206 Navajo Trail, Spring, TX 77388-9007.

Dues received are entered by midnight on the fifteenth (15th) of each month. To be counted as renewing in May, we must have your check by the fifteenth. There are some slight changes to the membership form this year. Even if you consider all your information to be the same, it is very helpful to those of us doing the paperwork for you to send a completed form with your check, even if you are only sending \$10 to renew your KARE membership.

This is a list of those who have already renewed their membership for 2021-2022.

Sheila Anderson	Kandy Barbier	Jerry Bell
Kathy Bell	Marilyn Bossart	Cora Dean Bradley
Suzanne Bradley	Nettie Briggs	Lynn Brown
Jim Cain	Mary Cain	Susan Cain
Linda Carroll	Gay Cook	Karen Crisler
Sheila Cunningham	Ann Dale	Donna Day
Susan Dorsey	Virginia Drusch	Sue Due
Susan Duens	Janet Flynn	Sharon Glasgow
Eva Grigg	Loretta Hrcir	Robert Hrcir
Frances Jasek	Deborah Johnson	Emily Jones
Jeneen Joseph	Delma Kelley	Dagmar Kidd
Wayland Kidd	Fred Lockwood	Deborah McFall
Jane McKetta	Joyce McMoran	Becky Meredith
Delma Neeley	Glen Peterson	Nancy Radcliffe
Lois Redford	Rose Mary Reeves	Carol Rios
Dale Robinson	Kay Shaver	Mary Ella Smith
David Smith	Sandy Smith	Virginia Sonnier
Mary Jo Voitle	Elaine Volz	Dora Williams
Sheila Williams	Carol Young	Mary Young

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 receive an annuity from a teacher retirement system. [] Yes [] No

If not paid by KARE, my TRTA dues are paid by: _____

If you are not sure how you pay your TRTA dues, check with Linda.

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? _____

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

kleinkaremembers@gmail.com

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership
Sandra Smith Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Club
Suzanne Bradley Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs
Susan Alter Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Books
Janet Flynn Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KARE Trips
Kathy Bell Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Education
Nadine Krebs Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRTA Foundation
Kathy Bell Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Living
Dora Williams Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative
Glen Peterson Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine
Dora Williams Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality
Eva Grigg Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology
Jane McKetta Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services
Linda Carroll Interim Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Member Benefits
Chair needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historian
Wayland Kidd Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Information & Protective Services
Dagmar Kidd Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Committee; Chairs Glen Peterson and Penny Laughlin | |

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)

Due to several comments received on membership forms, it seems some of you feel you must volunteer. While helping with a committee would count as volunteer time, most of that time is spent at home. If you have ideas that you feel would be helpful to any of our committees, please submit those to the KARE email address and they will be forwarded to the correct person. For example, if you know of a great speaker Susan Alter should know about, let us know. If you have read a spectacular book Suzanne Bradley and the book club might want to consider for next year's reading list, pass it on. You do not have to "join" the committee to help them out. KARE is for you and your contributions are welcome.

Trips by Kathy Bell and Linda Carroll

Some of you are ready to get out and visit places again.

Kathy is working on getting a bus to take us to the 90 Miles of Garage Sales on Hwy. 90 June 4 or 5. It begins in Sealy and ends in McQueen (we probably will not go that far). There are eleven towns along the route that will be setting up vendors in their square. That is probably where we will stop because of bus parking issues. **If you are interested, please let Kathy Bell know at KleinKAREmembers@gmail.com or kbell1718@sbcglobal.net**

May 28 was the last day for vendors/garage sale sites to sign up, so the map was not ready when we last checked, but this link should give you an idea of what the trip would entail. [90 Miles on Hwy 90 Garage Sales90 \(flatoniachamber.com\)](http://flatoniachamber.com)

Precinct 4 Fun4Seniors/Encore is increasing their trips every month. This is the link to the events registration site. [Encore! Events – Harris County Precinct 4 \(hcp4.net\)](http://hcp4.net)

There were already several trips with waitlists, but some you could still register for include the Heritage Museum of Montgomery County on May 12 leaving from St. Luke's. The Crocodile Encounter in Angleton June 9 leaving from Barbara Bush Library. Texas Blueberry Picking June 12 leaving from the Healthcare Center in Tomball.

We would also like to know if you would be interested in a Dollar Tree Excursion. Linda Carroll would be leading a group of either car caravans or carpoolers to several Dollar Trees, probably beginning at the Dollar Tree catty-corner from Klein High School. Let her know your thoughts at carroll.lindalou@gmail.com.

Would you want to go to three, five- or seven-Dollar Trees?

Would you want to caravan or carpool?

Would you want to include a meal? Breakfast/brunch before or lunch after?

**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 Hrnair 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
- March 17:** KARE Zoom Meeting: Dr. Nancy Radcliffe and Bob
Anderson. Voting on amendment to By-Laws
- April 6-8:** TRTA's Day at the Capitol held Virtually.
- April 21:** KARE Zoom Meeting – Dr. Jim Cain and election of
officers.
- May 19:** KARE Meeting with author Kathryn Lane and installation
of officers
- June 4 or 5:** 90 Miles of Garage Sales on Highway 90

If you have other ideas for Meet You There or trips you would be interested in taking; please let us know at KleinKAREmembers@gmail.com.

KARE
Klein Association of Retired Employees
19 May 2021
Online zoom meeting agenda

1. Call to order, welcome — Bob Hrcir, President
2. Announcements, milestones [birthdays, anniversaries, new grandkids, etc.]
3. Introduction of guest speaker by Susan Alter, Second Vice President in charge of programs.
4. Speaker: Kathryn Lane
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 and Foundation News – Kathy Bell
 - Legislative – Glen Peterson
 - Health Care – Dora Williams
 - Community Volunteer Services: Linda Carroll
 - Information and Protective Services – Dagmar Kidd
 - Book Club – Suzanne Bradley
 - Historian – Wayland Kidd
 - Technology & Website – Jane McKetta
 - Retirement Education – Nadine Krebs
 - Hospitality – Eva Grigg
 - Children's Book Project – Janet Flynn
 - Scholarship Committee – Glen Peterson, Penny Laughlin and Dale Robinson
8. New Business: Installation of Officers
9. Adjournment

KARE Minutes **April 21, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Hrcir at 10 a.m.

The **guest speaker** Dr. Jim Cain was introduced by Susan Alter. Dr. Cain is the recipient of the 2021 Dr. Collins Education Award. Klein ISD received recognition as a National District of Distinction due to student centered innovative programs. Klein ISD is in the top 1% districts nationwide.

He encouraged those who might be interested to join CASA as a court appointed special advocate for foster children. Casaspeaks4kids.com

WINGS Prison Ministry: wingstofreedom.net or email Dr. Cain.

The March 17, 2021 KARE meeting minutes were approved as published in the monthly newsletter.

Treasurer Report: Linda Carroll. Ending balance for March was \$7,631.30.

Membership report was given by Linda Carroll for Sandy Smith. There are 53 new members. She asked KARE members to contact friends and encourage them to renew. A membership form is in the upcoming newsletter.

The **program for the May KARE** meeting will feature speaker Kathy Lane, author of *Waking up Medellin*. There will also be an installation of officers.

Kathy Bell spoke on **Foundation and Trips**. Donations can be made for scholarships to TRTA.

She encouraged members to visit Wunderlich Farms. Connect to Facebook for more information. There will be a possible KARE trip to Huntsville Market on the Square on October 2. Another possible trip may be to Crocodile Encounter in Angleton, run by a former high school biology teacher.

Legislative: Glen reported that the annual zoom meeting to the Capitol was a success. Lots is happening legislatively. Members can keep up to date with emails from Tim Lee as well as the magazine *The Voice*. Call, write, or email your representative and senator regarding the bills currently in consideration. The COLA bill should pass with a 6% raise.

Health Care: Dora Williams said that April is Stress Awareness Month. Ways to reduce stress are to be physically active, socialize, eat healthy food, and get enough rest. Text Dora if you know of someone needing Sunshine.

Linda Carroll reminded all to keep track of their **volunteer hours**.

Information and Protective Services: Dagmar Kidd there are many COVID scams about and to be careful.

Historian Wayland Kidd said the Kare slides had been updated. Check the TRTA site.

Technology: Contact Jane McKetta if you aren't receiving her emails. The next KARE meeting will May 19, the final meeting until fall. jmcketta@sbcglobal.net

Retirement: nothing new to report.

Children's Book Project: Janet Flynn is still collecting new and gently used books. Let her know if you have a large number of books—she can pick them up.

New Business: Nominees for next 2020-21 offices were:

First Vice President: Sandy Smith.

Move to close nominations by Glen Peterson. Seconded by Susan Alter.

Unanimously approved.

Second Vice President: Susan Alter. Move to close nominations by Glen Peterson. Seconded by

Nadine Krebs. Unanimously approved.

Third Vice President: Kathy Bell

Move to close nominations by Glen Peterson. Seconded by Susan Alter.

Unanimously approved.

Treasurer: Linda Carroll.

Move to close nominations by Glen Peterson. Seconded by Susan Alter.

Unanimously approved.

Secretary: Mary Young

Move to close nominations by Glen Peterson. Seconded by Nadine Krebs.

Unanimously approved.

Installation of officers will be at the May meeting.

Glen Peterson will update the bylaws to reflect the one year extension of officers.

Their term was hampered because of the COVID Pandemic.

The scholarship committee reported that \$2000 has been collected thus far. More details to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Young, Secretary

Treasurer's Report by Linda Carroll	
Balance at the time of April's Meeting	\$8,086.30
TRTA Draft April 26	-455.00
Balance May 3	\$7,631.30

Kathy Bell Foundation News
For Foundation information visit trta.org.

KARE's Children's Book Project
We are hard at work for 2021. If you have boxes of books you would like to donate, please e-mail Janet Flynn at jkmf@postpro.net and you will be contacted to choose a pick-up time.

Healthy Living from Dora Williams
TRTA Healthy Living Tips for May 2021

As the summer approaches and many of us plan to travel, perhaps this will be a good reminder for all of us. This information is on the CDC website (www.cdc.gov) and mentions trips abroad but it is just as applicable for domestic travel.

Resources

- Check the [Transportation Security Administration](http://www.transportationsecurity.gov) website for updates on permitted and prohibited items, including medicines that you are allowed to carry onto an airplane.
- Some items may not be allowed in other countries. It is a good idea to check the [Customs and Import Restrictions](http://www.state.gov) section of the U.S. Department of State Tips for Traveling Abroad.
- * Enroll in the [Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](http://www.state.gov) to get the latest safety updates and help in an emergency.

Have a safe, healthy summer!

Information and Protective Services by Dagmar Kidd

1. Tips to avoid coronavirus scams

- Avoid online offers for coronavirus cures or faster access to vaccines. They are not legitimate.
- Be wary of emails, calls and social media posts advertising "free" or government-ordered COVID-19 tests. Check the [FDA website](#) for a list of approved tests and testing companies.
- Do not click on links or download files from unexpected emails, even if the email address looks like a company or person you recognize. Ditto for text messages and unfamiliar websites.
- Do not share personal information such as Social Security, Medicare and credit card numbers in response to an unsolicited call, text or email.
- Be skeptical of fundraising calls or emails for COVID-19 victims or virus research, especially if they pressure you to act fast and request payment by prepaid debit cards or [gift cards](#).
- Ignore [phone calls](#) or emails from strangers urging you to invest in a hot new stock from a company working on coronavirus-related products or services.

Sources: FTC, FCC, FBI, SEC

2. Senior Scams

[Top 10 Scams Targeting Seniors](#)

Book Club by Suzanne Bradley

We will probably meet for the first time in August, at the Jason's Deli on 249 just south of Spring Cypress Road. At that time, we can decide on the books for the year and determine the meeting dates. If you are interested, please email your name and phone number to sbradley3@sbcglobal.net.

HISTORIAN REPORT -- Wayland Kidd

To view the K.A.R.E. Scrapbook click:
Original Entire Scrapbook <https://tinyurl.com/kaeshare>

To offer an insight or personal story, submit to:
Editable Members' Pages <https://tinyurl.com/kaeshare2>

To submit ideas, send your thoughts in an email: kaeshare.xix@gmail.com

Scholarship Committee Report by Glen Peterson

The scholarship committee met on Nov. 18, 2020 with the following members present: Glen Peterson, Penny Laughlin, and Dale Robinson.

The first item was naming this fund. We decided on: **THE ROBERT LAUGHLIN/KATHY PETERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

The idea of funding this scholarship was the next topic. We did not want to use KARE funds. It was decided to have a silent auction at a Spring (end of year) meeting. We expanded this idea to a silent auction at each of the in person social meetings (beginning of school year and Christmas) and at the end of year meeting where we would have initiation of officers and presentation of scholarships. Invited guests would be the student teachers, their master teachers, and their principals (we are thinking P.R.). Since the End of School gathering is cancelled for this year, our first fund raiser will be in the Fall.

The recipients would be selected from student teachers nominated by their master teacher and school principal. We will alternate districts (Klein, Spring, Tomball) annually.

The amount of money received by the auctions will determine the size of each scholarship, but we decided the scholarships would be a minimum of \$250 and preferably two \$500 (1 elementary, 1 secondary) scholarships. We would not necessarily limit recipients to two. It depends how much money is raised.

A lot of work is necessary for a successful auction, please volunteer, we need ideas and items to auction!!

BYLAWS
Klein Association of Retired Employees

Article I: Organization

The name of this organization shall be the Klein Association of Retired Employees, hereafter referred to as KARE. KARE is to serve as a local unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association, hereafter referred to as TRTA. KARE is a 501(c)(4) membership organization through its affiliation with TRTA.

Article II: Purpose

The purposes of KARE shall be:

- A. To unite retired school personnel in a genuine social and spiritual fellowship.
- B. To support desirable educational legislation in the interests of retired school personnel.
- C. To stimulate the personal growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.
- D. To keep members informed of current economic, social, political, and educational issues.

Article III: Membership

- A. Active: Any retired school personnel who qualifies for benefits from a teacher retirement system, may become an active member of KARE upon payment of local and TRTA dues.
- B. Associate: Any person interested in education and desires to promote the purposes of KARE and TRTA may become an associate member upon payment of KARE and TRTA dues. Associate members shall have all rights of membership except the right to vote and hold office in KARE.

Article IV: Dues

- A. The dues for KARE shall be \$45.00. TRTA dues of \$35.00 will be forwarded by the Treasurer to TRTA.
- B. The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30.

Article V: Officers

- A. OFFICERS: The elected officers of KARE shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These shall constitute the Executive Board, plus the Immediate Past President. The President shall appoint a Historian and a Parliamentarian.
- B. ELECTION: At the January meeting, a Nominating Committee of two shall be elected by the membership. The Immediate Past President shall be the chairperson. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the April meeting. A report of this committee shall be presented to the membership at least one meeting before the election. Voting will be during the month of April. Voting shall be by voice vote unless there are nominations from the floor. Then voting shall be by paper ballot. A majority of those present and voting shall be necessary for election.

- C. TERM OF OFFICE: All officers shall take office on July 1st in the year they are elected and shall serve a one year term or until successors are elected and installed. Except for the Treasurer, who may be elected for multiple terms, all officers shall be eligible for re-election for one consecutive term only.
- D. 2020-2021 KARE Officers shall serve a once only third year.
- E. VACANCIES: Vacancies in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.
- E. Officers of KARE must be active members of KARE.

Article VI: Meetings

- A. A minimum of six (6) regular meetings will be held each year at a designated time and place
- B. Ten per cent (10%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII: Amendments

- A. These Bylaws shall be amended at a regular or called meeting by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present and voting provided that the proposed amendment(s) have been submitted to the members one (1) month in advance.
- B. These Bylaws shall be amended automatically to comply with TRTA and District IV Bylaws, if applicable.

Article IX: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED, shall govern the association when applicable.

Article X: Duties

- A. President: Preside at all meetings of KARE. Appoint all committee chairs and serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. Shall be a delegate to the TRTA Convention and appoint the other delegates. May be a co-signer of disbursement checks. Maintain an archival file of all presidential records and reports.
- B. First Vice-President: Assist the President and preside at meetings in the absence of the President and act for him/her in his/her absence or inability to serve or at the request of the President. Serve as Chair of the Membership Committee. Maintain membership records.
- C. Second Vice-President: Preside at meetings in the absence of the President and the First Vice-President or at the request of the President or the First Vice-President. Serve as the Chair of the Programs Committee
- D. Third Vice President: Shall coordinate trips.
- E. Secretary: Keep accurate minutes of each regular and Executive Board meetings of KARE. Maintain an archival file of all minutes.
- F. Treasurer: Have custody of all funds of KARE. Pay all bills authorized by KARE. Keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements (all disbursement checks shall be signed by two (2) designated members), and present a financial report at each regular meeting. Forward appropriate dues to TRTA.

- Serve as Chairperson of Budget Committee. May be a co-signer of disbursement checks.
- G. Historian: Keep a permanent record of the activities of KARE. Maintain an Archival file of all memory books
 - H. Parliamentarian: Serve as Chair of the Bylaws Committee. Assure that all actions of KARE are in accordance with the Bylaws and with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
 - I. Immediate Past President: Serve as Chair of the Nomination Committee. May be a co-signer of disbursement checks.

Article XI: Committees

There shall be two (2) types of committees.

- A. Standing committees shall be: Children's Book Project, Healthy living, Informative and Protective Services, Legislative, Membership, Retirement education, Programs/Trips, Public Relations, Volunteers Service, and Technology/web site.
- B. Special Committees shall be those the President may establish and appoint as necessary for a limited period of time.

Adopted: 2004

Revised: September 2007

Last amended: January 2021