



McKinney Area School Retirees Newsletter September 2021



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President's Corner

Mary Mikula

We have been apart far too long! It is time to venture out and attend a McKinney Area School Retirees Association Reunion! on Thursday, September 16, 2021 we will have our first in person meeting since February of 2020. I hope you are as happy as I am to see our MASRA family!

Our plan is to bring everyone together as safely as possible. Our meetings this year will be held at Town Hall, Greer Annex, 510 W. Heard Street, McKinney, Texas. Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. we join together before the meeting for coffee and conversation. This facility allows us to social distance comfortably. Please keep these things in mind as we come together again:

- Masks are ENCOURAGED
- Hand Sanitizer will be available
- The round tables allow for 6 people, 5 people will be better to maintain a little distance
- Allow for whatever distance makes you comfortable
- We will wipe down tables, chairs, and other surfaces
- Wipes will be available if you wish to do additional sanitizing
- Refreshments will be pre-packaged or served with gloves

Our meeting will begin with necessary business items that will be attached. We will need to review the Treasurer Report from the end of the year. We need to read and accept the minutes from our last Zoom meeting in May (also attached). We must review the proposed budget for 2021-2022 and ask any questions concerning it, then vote on it. The Book Project Chairpersons, Linda O'Neal and Linda Chapman will present the school they believe will benefit from our book project donation. We will hear from Rose Ann Mott on membership, and Larry Collins will update us on Legislative news. Jamie Pedigo, from Chestnut Square in McKinney has asked to speak to us for a few minutes about volunteer opportunities at Chestnut Square. Then we will visit and enjoy each other's company!

This year we would love to have each one of you actively become involved with MASRA. Think of joining the monthly refreshment committee (we also need a chairperson for that please)! There are opportunities to help with membership, social outings, or consider becoming an officer or committee chairperson for 2022-2023. In December, a Nominating Committee will be appointed.

Stay healthy, and we look forward to our "family" reunion meeting. Wear your bright colors and a big smile!

VOLUNTEER



MASRA has a great unit! For 2021-2022! we need and would love for everyone to join in help us make it stronger!

How do you become involved?
Here are a few ways!

- Renew your membership and recruit new members.
- Members can be Texas School Retirees or Associate members (friends of education, spouses, grandchildren, neighbors, etc.)
- Donate to the Children's Book Project Fund
- Serve as a committee member or become interested in serving as an officer or committee chairperson for 2022-2023



Committees

Children's Book Project – help coordinate the collection/distribution of books to students, works with 2nd Vice Presidents,

Community Volunteer Services – helps Community Volunteer Services Chairperson collect volunteer hours and seeks out volunteer opportunities in our area.

Healthy Living – Helps Healthy Living Chairperson coordinate healthy living education and projects

Informative & Protective Services Committee- helps I&PS Chairperson give information to keep members safe.

Legislative – helps Legislative Chairperson coordinate activities related to Legislative information and helps keep members informed

Membership – helps 1st Vice President maintain and recruit new members. Encourages membership.

Nominating – helps prepare a slate of officers, chaired by Nominating Committee Chair

Retirement Education – helps Retirement Education Chairperson coordinate retirement seminar with TRS and District 10 Retirement Education Chairperson

Member Benefits – helps Member Benefits Chairperson keep members informed of current member benefits

TRTF – Texas Retired Teacher Foundation -works with unit TRTF Representative to keep members informed of activities and programs benefiting retirees, and active members of TRS.

TRTF Tutor Program

The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) is continuing the TRTF Tutor Program. TRTF Tutor Program is an online service that will match retired Texas Public school teachers with students and their families, as well as school districts that need tutoring services and educational support.

This program provides TRTA members with an avenue to give back to their communities, while also allowing them to earn extra income. The TRTF Tutor Program also provides the critical help many of our Texas students and practicing Texas Educators need to navigate the challenges of virtual learning.

Students will receive not only excellent educational support but will also engage on a multi-generational level that improves interpersonal skills when they receive tutoring services from a Texas retired teacher.

TRTF has an ambitious goal of signing up 1,000 tutors by November 16! We know our dedicated TRTA members can surpass this goal and make the TRTF Tutor Program the greatest tutoring service available!

SIGN-UP TODAY!

<https://trta.org/sign-up-to-be-a-tutor-with-the-trtf-tutor-program/>



Membership News

Rose Anne Mott, 1st Vice President, Membership

We may have begun a new tradition for MASRA in August. On August 19, 2021 we invited new school retirees in the area as well as new MASRA members to a “NOT Back to School Brunch” at Starwood Café. Because of the limited space, only a few current members joined the group as hosts. We are so grateful to our local branch of RBFCU for their generous gift in sponsoring this event making it possible for MASRA to meet and make new friends. Here is a list of those new folks who attended that you may know. Invite them to come to future meetings throughout the year. Sometimes it just takes one friendly invite to help these retirees feel welcome at MASRA. Those 2021 retirees who attended the event on August 19 are:

Robin Phillips	Meredith Vestal – New member
Carolyn Ward – New member	Patti Meachum – New member
Scott Edwards – New member	Keli Schoel
Linda Noe	Jan Harres
Maria Baker	Annette Cantu
Larry Jagours	Ken Jeanes – New member
Anna Langley – New member	

TRTA’s membership numbers at the end of the 2021 membership year were just over 80,000. We all know that there is power in numbers, and TRTA is working across the state to make that number grow to 100,000 strong this year.

This year several rewards have been instituted to get members involved in recruiting new members. First, at the State level, “Bracket Awards” for the different sized local units were given for the highest percentage of growth from September 2020 to July 2021. (MASRA did not win that \$500 for our bracket.) TRTA continues its “Each One Bring One” campaign where each member recruiting a new member will have their name entered in a drawing for \$100. District 10 is rewarding a Unit \$50 per quarter in each bracket for the most membership growth in the “Reach for the Stars” initiative. The third quarter begins in September. The Unit with the largest number of new/renewing members (in our bracket size), October 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022, will be recognized by District 10 as well. Finally, MASRA will present any member who recruits two members with a cup of coffee (gift card) from Starbucks. Millie Abbott has already won a gift card by recruiting Carolyn Ward and Patricia Beckham. Thanks, Millie!

I hope to see all of you at the September meeting. Bring a friend! Bring two friends!



New Retiree Luncheon on August 19, 2021

Thank you to Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union for Sponsoring this wonderful Event!

Thank you to Rose Ann Mott, Membership Chair, 1st Vice President for all your creative talents and energy to make this a great success!

Thank you to the new retirees who attended this event! We look forward to many more wonderful times together!



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McKINNEY AREA SCHOOL RETIREES ASSOCIATION (MASRA)
AN AFFILIATE OF THE TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION



MEMBERSHIP FORM 2021-2022

- Check One:** **Retiree** - if you receive an annuity from a teacher retirement system
 Associate - an Associate Membership is for an interested resident or active school employee who is not currently receiving a TRS Annuity

Date:		
Name:		
Circle One: Miss Mr Mrs Ms Dr		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State	Zip Code + 4 Digits
Phone:	Cell phone:	
E-mail Address:		
What District/Campus/Department did you retire from:		
Birthday:		

DUES ARE FOR JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30 (**NEW MEMBERSHIP** OR **RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP**)

Annual Dues: **TRTA - \$35** (State) **MASRA - \$10** (Local) **Total for Both : \$45** (Please circle the amount you are paying)

Make check payable to TRTA/MASRA for \$45 if paying State and Local Dues to Local Unit

If you are a TRTA Life Member or pay your dues directly to TRTA, pay only \$10 to MASRA.

Do you pay state dues directly to TRTA in any of the following ways? If so, what is your **TRTA ID#** _____

- Member At-Large** **Option 1 - Current Monthly Member - CM (TRS Monthly Payroll Deduction of \$2.92)**
Must include a completed 593 form with original signature - www.trta.org/TRS593.
- Life Member** **Option 2 -Bank Draft Member - DM (Monthly Checking Account Deduction of \$2.92)**
Must include a completed & signed TRTA membership form and a voided check.
- Option 3 -Annual Dues (\$35 yearly payment by check, or credit card)**
Must include a completed & signed TRTA membership form

If you are mailing in your membership dues to the **MASRA treasurer**, send to:

Richard Edwards, 315 Arborcrest Drive, Richardson, TX 75080-2605

OTHER

Give name of the current member in **MASRA** who recruited you to join our organization.

How do you want to receive notices, newsletters, etc?

Circle One: **E-mail** **By Mail**

In an effort to save postage, we would like to e-mail all notices, newsletters, etc. , if possible.

<https://trta.org/districts-and-local-units/mckinney>



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Legislative News

Larry Collins

Senate Bill 7 and House Bill 5

Senate Bill 7 provides for a one time supplemental payment for Texas public education retirees who retired before December 31, 2020, not to exceed \$2,400. This bill has been approved by the Texas House Representatives and already approved by the Texas Senate.

House Bill 5 provides funds of 701 million dollars for the supplemental payments to retirees. The payment will not come from TRS pension fund. This bill still has not been approved by the House.

The last step of the legislative process is approval of Senate Bill 7 and House Bill 5 by Governor Abbott.

Thank you MASRA members for communicating with legislators for the passage of Senate Bill 7 and House Bill 5. I personally feel public education retirees will get approval for a 13th check.

MASRA Volunteers in Action



MASRA Volunteers joined in assisting the McKinney Chamber of Commerce as they hosted a breakfast for 300 new hires in

McKinney ISD!

MASRA Meeting Dates 2021-2022 – Third Thursday of each Month

***Unless noted, all meetings will be held at Town Hall, Greer Annex, 510 W Heard Street, McKinney, Texas**

9:30 a.m. Conversation and coffee 10:00 a.m. Meeting begins

September 16, 2021	Town Hall, Greer Annex	Celebration Family Reunion”
October 21, 2021	Town Hall, Greer Annex	Cornerstone Ranch Bring bag of wrapped candy to donate to a “Trunk or Treat”
November 18, 2021	*Senior Recreation Center 1400 S College Street	Tour Senior Center Lunch The Stix Icehouse
December 16, 2021	Town Hall, Greer Annex	Catered lunch White Elephant Gift Exchange
January 20, 2022	Town Hall, Greer Annex	Healthy Living Program
February 17, 2022	Town Hall, Greer Annex	I&PS Program Financial and Electronic Safety
March 17, 2022	*Delaney’s Irish Pub Meeting time changed to 11:00 a.m.	Irish Lunch (BYOL) (Buy your own lunch) Wear Your green and Enjoy some Blarney
April 21, 2022	Town Hall, Greer Annex	Collin College SAIL (Seniors Active in Learning). Presentation and mini lesson

**May 19, 2022 Town Hall, Greer Annex Installation of Officers
MASRA Social Outings for 2021-2022**

October 30, 2021 McKinney Haunted House Trolley Tour

**November 18, 2021 Tour McKinney Senior Recreation Center
Lunch at McKinney Stix Icehouse**

December 4, 2021 Holiday Tour of Homes in McKinney

**January date TBD Tour Collin County Historic Museum
Lunch at Hugs Restaurant**

**February date TBD Let's Celebrate all holidays in February Outing
Visit to Caudalie Crest Winery in Celina, Texas**

March 17, 2022 Lunch at Delaney's Irish Pub

April date TBD Tour Tupps Brewery

Please Feel Free to offer suggestions for outings!

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