

## Klein Association of Retired Employees



### **KARE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

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#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**See the Events Calendar for more activities.**

- October 19:**      **Fall District 4 Conference**  
**October 20:**      **KARE Meeting at Klein Multi-Purpose Building**

To members from Reesa Ammons at the KMPC,  
We are to enter the main entrance of the KMPC by the flag poles, sign in and wear a visitors badge the entire time you are in the building for security reasons **Most important, no one is allowed to prop open or allow guests to enter through the Technology door as this is a violation of our safety guidelines.**

Thanks, Susan Alter

- October 22:**      **Holiday Market at Fort Bend County Fairgrounds**

If you are interested in attending any of our upcoming trips, please contact Kathy Bell at [KleinKAREmembers@gmail.com](mailto:KleinKAREmembers@gmail.com) or [kbell1718@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kbell1718@sbcglobal.net) or sign up at the meeting.

For those with questions about our *benefits changes*.  
Your policies with AMBA are still in effect for as long as you pay the premiums. If you have questions about policies with TRIDENT, our new benefits provider, you can contact Debbie Potter, the Territorial Representative at [dppotter@tridentbenefits.net](mailto:dppotter@tridentbenefits.net) or 346-800-9308 or 432-488-9668.



**WUNDERLICH FARM**  
GOING BEYOND HISTORY

## Haunted House

October 22, 23, 29 and 30th | 8 PM - 11 PM  
18218 Theiss Mail RT RD.

 Are you brave enough to venture into the Haunted farmhouse? And then stroll through the haunted grounds?  
Come explore what happens on the farm after everyone goes to bed.

**Tickets: \$5**

***Skip the line and pay in advance***



**venmo**



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Scan. Pay. Go.



<http://www.kleinhistorical.org>

### **Lone Star College and Tomball Library**

Are you a veteran? Do you know a veteran that you would like to honor?  
Then we would love to hear from you!  
Please send a picture and a brief story to [tb@hcpl.net](mailto:tb@hcpl.net) so we can honor our veterans  
this November.

**Klein Association of Retired Employees  
Tentative Events Schedule for 2021 – 2022  
For KARE, TRTA and District IV and Trips  
[KleinKAREmembers@gmail.com](mailto:KleinKAREmembers@gmail.com).**

- August 4:** **Presidents' Zoom Meeting**  
**August 18:** **KARE ZOOM Chat/Tim Lee**  
**September 1:** **Fall Planning Meeting [President, First VP and Treasurer]**  
**September 15:** **10 a.m. KARE Meeting at Klein Multi-Purpose Building. Our speaker will be Kathryn Lane, author of Waking Up in Medellin and Danger in the Coyote Zone.**  
**September 23:** **Buffalo Bayou Cistern Tour.**  
**October 2:** **Fair on the Square/Huntsville**  
**October 19:** **Fall District 4 Conference**  
**October 20:** **9:30 Social Time/10 a.m. KARE Meeting at Klein Multi-Purpose Building. Speaker: Dr. McGown.**  
**October 22:** **Holiday Market at Fort Bend County Fairgrounds**  
**November 3:** **Scarecrow Festival at Shangri-La in Orange, Texas.**  
**November 17:** **9:30 Social Time/10 a.m. KARE Meeting at Klein Multi-Purpose Building**  
**December 9:** **Moody Gardens**  
**December 15:** **Christmas Luncheon**  
**January 19:** **9:30 Social Time/10 a.m. KARE Meeting at Klein Multi-Purpose Building**  
**January:** **Hemi Hideout/Lunch at Brookwood**  
**February 16:** **9:30 Social Time/10 a.m. KARE Meeting at Klein Multi-Purpose Building**  
**February:** **Resale Shop (4) Explore/Lunch at Katz's Deli**  
**March 4:** **River Oaks Garden Club Azalea Trail Tour**  
**March 16:** **No Room/Spring Break/Trip instead  
BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu Temple in Stafford**  
**April 11-13:** **68<sup>th</sup> TRTA Convention in Dallas. Watch for registration information in the September [The Voice](#).**  
**April 9:** **Bluebonnet Festival in Chappell Hill**  
**April 20:** **9:30 Social Time/10 a.m. KARE Meeting at Klein Multi-Purpose Building**  
**May 18:** **9:30 Social Time/10 a.m. KARE Meeting at Klein Multi-Purpose Building**  
**May:** **Crocodile Encounter in Alvin**

**Klein Association of Retired Employees  
Basic Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to order, welcome — Bob Hrcir, President
2. Announcements
3. Introduction of guest speaker by Susan Alter, Second Vice President in charge of programs.
4. Speaker:
5. Minutes: Mary Young, Secretary
6. Treasurer's Report: Linda Carroll, Treasurer
7. Standing Committee Reports:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Membership: Sandy Smith
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Programs: Susan Alter
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Trips and Foundation News – Kathy Bell
  - Legislative: Glen Peterson
  - Health Care: Dora Williams
  - Community Volunteer Services: Carol Rios
  - Information and Protective Services: Dagmar Kidd
  - Book Club: Suzanne Bradley
  - Historian: Call for new chair.
  - Technology & Website: Jane McKetta
  - Retirement Education: Nadine Krebs
  - Hospitality: Call for new chair.
  - Children's Book Project: Janet Flynn
  - Scholarship Committee: Glen Peterson and Penny Laughlin
8. New Business:
9. Adjournment

## **K.A.R.E. Meeting Minutes September 15, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Approx. 10:00 by Bob Hrcir, President

**Announcements:** One anniversary

**Speakers:** Susan Alter introduced Kathryn Lane, Author, and Award winner of **Nikki Garcia Mystery Series**. She discussed how she researched for her book *Danger in the Coyote Zone*.

Dr. Jim Cain discussed the upcoming Klein Board of Trustees Election and introduced two candidates for two positions: Doug James and Rob Anderson. Both spoke.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Mary Young was unable to attend, but previous minutes were in the September Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current Balance: \$10,108.30

Linda Carroll asked for members to review 2021-2020 Proposed Budget.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**1st Vice President:** Sandy Smith has sent information for rejoining. Send her your address via email if you want election signs for your yard.

**2nd Vice President:** Susan Alter gave speakers for October- Dr. Jenny McGown and for November- Klein Chief Police David Kimberly.

**3rd Vice President:** Kathy Bell discussed TRTF org. tutoring, piggy banks on tables for money donations to the foundation.

Sept. 17-deadline to register for Cistern Trip.

**Legislative:** Glen Peterson - 13th check will be soon. TRTA works for everyone. AMBA no longer represents TRS, but insurance is still good until you drop it. The State Convention will be in Dallas in 2022 and in 2024 it will be in Houston. Membership total is 93,000 with a goal at 100,000.

Name tags have been updated.

**Health Care:** Dora Williams- September Issue *Living Issues*. Exercise, work out and a team can form for *Walk Across Texas*.

**Community Volunteer:** Carol Rios has replaced Linda Carroll as committee chair. She discussed how to volunteer and keeping track of your hours. Hours need to be sent to District 4 in February.

**Information & Protective Services:** Dagmar Kidd has a link in the Newsletter.

**Book Club:** Suzanne Bradley-September session was cancelled due to weather. The November book is *Red River by Lalita Tedemy*.

**Historian:** We need a person for this position. Wayland Kidd has resigned. Thanks, Wayland.

**Technology & Website:** Janet McKetta was absent.



Updated October 6, 2021

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

Ann Adkinson	LeNell Allee	Susan Alter
Sheila Anderson	Sue Ayers	Sara Ballard
Jennifer Banks	Kandy Barbier	Jerry Bell
Kathy Bell	Darlene Blair (10)	Donna Blanton
Marilyn Bossart	Sherry Bowersock	Clora Dean Bradley
Suzanne Bradley	David Brand	Nettie Briggs
Lynn Brown	Margaret Brown	Jim Cain
Mary Cain	Susan Cain	Linda Carroll
Laurie Combe	Gay Cook	Linda Cox
Karen Crisler	Sheila Cunningham	Ann Dale
Donna Day	Diane Dean	Susan Dorsey
Virginia Drusch	Sue Due	Doris Duff
Susan Dunens	Joyce Finch	Janet Flynn
Marsha Franty	Carolyn Gandy	Sharon Glasgow
Eva Grigg	Deborah Havemann	Deborah Hayes
Loretta Hrcncir	Robert Hrcncir	Marie Hynes
Frances Jasek	Carlene Jensen	Deborah Johnson
Linda Johnson	Tonie Johnson	Emily Jones
Jeneen Joseph	Delma Kelley	Dagmar Kidd
Wayland Kidd	Nadine Krebs	Penny Laughlin
Roma Livingston	Fred Lockwood	Mary Ann Marshall
Joanne Martin	Deborah McFall	Jane McKetta
Joyce McMoran	Elaine McMullen	Becky Meredith
Delma Neeley	Barbara Pack	Linda Page
Glen Peterson	Helen Philip (10)	Carolyn Philp
Barbara Polit	Diane Porter	Nancy Radcliffe
Lois Redford	Rose Mary Reeves	Georgan Reitmeier
Annet Riley	Carol Rios	Dale Robinson
Mary Rosler	Donald Sajda	Roberta Sajda
Kay Shaver	David Smith	Mary Ella Smith
Sandy Smith	Virginia Sonnier	Judy Stacy
Maryanne Straub	Barbara Streit	Flo Sullivan
Marsi Thomas	Cynthia Thompson	Carol Upchurch
Anne Vallette	Barbara Velotas	Mary Jo Voitle
Elaine Volz	Lana Webster	Dora Williams
Sheila Williams	Marla Wood	Carol Young
Mary Young	(10) Will be entered as renewals on October 15.	

**Programs: Susan Alter**

Dr. McGown, Klein ISD superintendent, will be our October speaker.

## JOIN THE FUN

**Oct. 22 - Friday**

10:30 – 4:30

**Holiday Market Ft. Bend Co. Fairgrounds**

Indoor craft fair and food show – entrance fee \$6

**Nov. 3 – Wednesday**

8:00 – 5:00

**Scarecrow Festival at Shangri La Botanical**

**Gardens in Orange Free**

Lunch at Old Orange Café



Each October, **Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center** hosts the largest Scarecrow Festival in Texas. Dozens of hand-crafted scarecrows will be displayed throughout the gardens. Created by community organizations, businesses, schools, and families, the scarecrow designs range from funny, to clever, to wacky and weird. This will be a fun way to celebrate the changing season! Lunch will be at the **Old Orange Cafe** where you will be able to order off the menu.

**Dec. 9 – Thursday Festival of Lights at Moody Gardens in Galveston**

3:00 P.M. – 10:30 P.M. We will be joining a Precinct 4 Encore Group.

Cost \$14 plus dinner.

**All trips leave on time from Barbara Bush Library.**

**To sign up: Call Kathy Bell 281-455-9907 or e-mail**

**kbell1718@sbcglobal.net**



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](mailto:kleinkaremembers@gmail.com)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership<br>Sandra Smith Chair                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Club<br>Suzanne Bradley Chair                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs<br>Susan Alter Chair                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Books<br>Janet Flynn Chair                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KARE Trips<br>Kathy Bell Chair                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Education<br>Nadine Krebs Chair             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRTA Foundation<br>Kathy Bell Chair                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Living<br>Dora Williams Chair                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative<br>Glen Peterson Chair                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine<br>Dora Williams Chair                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality<br>Chair Needed                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology<br>Jane McKetta Chair                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Services<br>Carol Rios Chair                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Member Benefits<br>Chair Needed                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historian<br>Chair Needed                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Information & Protective Services<br>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)

## ABOUT COMMITTEES

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. You do not have to “join” the committee to help them out. KARE is for you and your contributions are welcome.

Third VP/Trips Chair Kathy Bell

Trips: Research and schedule interesting places to visit and arrange transportation with Harris County Precinct 4 busses.

### **KARE's Children's Book Project, Chair Janet Flynn**

**For all in-person KARE meetings, I will be collecting Children's Book Project donations on the parking lot from 9:30 am to 10:00 am prior to each meeting. My car is a green Subaru Forester.** During the calendar year 2021 we have collected 3885 books to be distributed to children in our community. All the books have been screened and labeled and 844 have already been distributed. The goal is to get the remainder of the 2021 books donated and into the hands of children by November 1. A special thanks to all who have donated. -- Janet Flynn

Who We Are:

***KARE Technology – Jane McKetta ([jmcketta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmcketta@sbcglobal.net))***

**KARE Website:** <https://trta.org/districts-and-local-units/klein/>

**KARE Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/KARE-Klein-Association-of-Retired-Employees-919459104867291/>

OR search for “KARE – Klein Association of Retired Employees”.

**Once you find our Facebook page, please be sure to like our page.**

**Contact Us:** [Kleinkaremembers@gmail.com](mailto:kleinkaremembers@gmail.com)

### **KARE HISTORY by Wayland Kidd**

To view the K.A.R.E. Scrapbook click:

Original Entire Scrapbook <https://tinyurl.com/kareshare>

To offer an insight or personal story, submit to:

Editable Members' Pages <https://tinyurl.com/kareshare2>

To submit ideas: [kleinkaremembers@gmail.com](mailto:kleinkaremembers@gmail.com)

We are looking for a new Historian to continue documenting our unit's activities and business transactions. Templates and tutorials are available with examples. Let's start the new year fresh out of the gate:

It has become apparent that we need more than one person to replace Wayland as our Historian. We need a committee of people who can contribute their various talents. Committee members are needed to help with changes the district and state are making to the Historian position. Example: A written history is due December 10 to the District 4 Chairperson. This does not have to be done by the Historian and would benefit from someone who has been a long-term member.

We need all of you photographers to bring your cameras to every event, so we can capture them from various points of view. We need the scrapbookers who can turn those pictures into beautiful pages; especially if you have experience with Shutterfly. We need people who can write about the events with descriptive text. We need long term members who can recall our history from a personal point of view, so we can share it at the state level.

While we are on the subject of changes to our committee chairs, we need all of you who are interested in being a member of the Trips Committee to join now with the idea that someone will be taking over as the chair of that committee next year. **The committee chair must live in Harris County and will need to take the trip coordinator training.** It would be even better if every member of the committee took the training, since they will not let the bus go on the trip if there is not a coordinator on board.

If you are interested in being a member of this committee, please let Kathy Bell know at [KleinKAREmembers@gmail.com](mailto:KleinKAREmembers@gmail.com) or [kbell1718@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kbell1718@sbcglobal.net).

**Information and Protective Services by Dagmar Kidd**

**Better Business Bureau**

**Medicare Open Enrollment Scams**

<https://youtu.be/qSUSoZCX0ZE>

(Control + click on link)

**Book Club Chair Suzanne Bradley**

If you are interested, please email your name and phone number to [sbradley3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbradley3@sbcglobal.net).

## NEW BUSINESS

The budget will be voted on at the October meeting.

### 2021-2022 Proposed Budget

Revenue 2021-2022		
Annual Support from District IV	\$550.00	Voted at September 1 meeting \$750.
Convention Support from District IV	\$150.00	No change
Incentive from District IV	\$100.00	No change
KARE Membership Dues	\$1,300.00	Assume 130 KARE Members <b>[90 members Sep 1]</b>
<b>RESERVE Hospitality (Silent Auction)</b>	\$160.00	Remainder in fund July 1, 2021
<b>RESERVE Scholarship from Prior Year</b>	\$2,305.00	Total of Scholarship Fund July 1
Carryover from prior years	<u>\$1,105.00</u>	

### Funds Available for 2021-2022 \$5,670.00

Modest increases. Some funds will be needed to cover 2021-2022 expenses not yet turned in. Spending some of funds received from District IV.

### Expenditures 2021-2022

Convention Delegate Expenses	\$1,200.00	No change
Convention Expenses funded by District IV	\$150.00	No change
First Vice President/Membership	\$300.00	\$100 increase
Second Vice President/Programs	\$150.00	\$50 increase
Treasurer (Banking Supplies & Fees)	\$ 80.00	\$40 increase
Hospitality	\$500.00	\$100 increase
<b>RESERVE Hospitality (Silent Auction)</b>	\$160.00	Remainder in fund July 1, 2021
Information/Protective Services	\$ 25.00	No change
Sunshine	\$ 50.00	No change
Other Officers & Committees	\$300.00	\$150 increase/ \$150 pending Children's Books
<b>RESERVE Scholarship from Prior Year</b>	\$2,305.00	Total of Scholarship Fund July 1
Retirement Education Events	\$350.00	No change (If online, minimal expense)
TRTA Foundation Donation	<u>\$100.00</u>	No change
<b>Total Projected Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,670.00</b>	

## Delegates

### Hotel Reservations for The TRTA 68th Convention Are Now Open!

The Texas Retired Teachers Association's (TRTA) convention will be held April 11-13, 2022 at the Hilton Anatole on 2201 North Stemmons Freeway in Dallas. See the website for reservation information.