



HOUSTON-HARRIS COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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FARWELL FROM THE PRESIDENT

Faye Moseley

TEAMWORK has brought us through many challenges. Special thanks to all our officers, committee chairs, and all our members who said "YES" when asked to perform a task. Going beyond the 'call of duty' is part of their DNA.

I appreciate the kindness extended to me at our May 26 Chapter Meeting. We will all give our full support to our new president, Debra McDonald. Please continue to encourage retired educators to join our ranks and help TRTA find the right path to get us a COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA). Enjoy each day!

LEGISLATIVE

Lue Williams, Chair

The Texas House Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services Committee will meet soon to review and evaluate the actuarial soundness of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) pension fund, and to study possible benefit enhancements, including a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for TRS retirees.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Dorothy Wiggins, Chair

The H-HCRTA is elated and highly delighted to announce the Vivian R. Bower Scholarship recipients for the 2021-2022 school year.

We are awarding scholarships to two students in the HISD school district. These students are strong academically and involved in many extracurricular activities. They both volunteer in activities at their church and do social services in their communities.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Rosalind Haynes, the newly elected President of District 4, installed the 2022-2024 H-HCRTA officers using a Dr. Seuss theme. Our new officers were installed at the May 26 meeting and given Dr. Seuss books that were donated to the Children's Book Project.

Pictured from left to right: Debra McDonald, President; Muriel Jackson, 1st Vice President; Barbara Punch, 2nd Vice President; Doris Delaney, Secretary; Carolyn Davis, Correspondence Secretary; Cynthia Bello, Assistant Secretary; Georgia Traylor, Treasurer; Zerlene Black, Financial Secretary, and Gwendolyn Parker, Parliamentarian.

We are awarding these students a \$1000 scholarship to help them defray some of their college expenses.

Elena Westbrooks, granddaughter of Margaret Westbrooks attends Energy Institute High School and plans to attend North Carolina A & T University.

Parker Coleman, granddaughter of Patricia Grant attends Lamar High School and plans to attend Prairie View University.

We wish them good luck and much success in all their future endeavors.

HEALTHY LIVING

Patricia Grant, Chair

The Healthy Living Committee planned a day for socializing again with a picnic in MacGregor Park on March 31. The theme was "Healthy Brains and Body". The members played fun games for the brain and BINGO.

More information was provided in the May meeting about Mental Health and Ways to Prevent Loneliness.



MEMBERSHIP

Una Topps, Chair

TEA AND HAT SHOW



On April 28, the membership committee invited members to a tea wearing their hats and gloves. The ladies modeled their hats and were awarded prizes: First Place- Patricia Grant, Second Place – Debra Gibson, and Third Place – Gwendolyn Parker.

Our effort to **Renew, Regain, and Recruit** members for 2022-23 started with a membership drawing each month (March – May) to award a \$15 gift card. The winners of the drawing were: March- Dianne Lewis, April – Muriel Jackson, and May – Darnell Walker.

A gift card was also awarded to Georgia Traylor for recruiting the most members.

Over 220 members renewed their dues, and 16 new members were recruited.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Debra Castleberry
Mary Carroll
Alicia Lacy-Castille
Audrey Cherry
Alin Clark
Debra Gibson
Lucille Harris
Dianne Iglehart

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