

Frisco Area Retired School Personnel

MOUTHPIECE

May
2022



FARSP End of Year Picnic and Awards 10:00 a.m. CTE Center

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

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A Message From Our President -

KAROL'S KOMMENTS

Well, my party is over and I can cry if I want to. But, that's not going to happen. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your co-president and president for the last three years. The "COVID Challenge" was certainly a trip down Creativity Lane, ricocheting meeting spaces, freezing drive-bys, fear of returning to meetings in person, fundraising ideas, and all the other issues with which a president must deal have kept me hoppin'!

However, with all confidence, I hand over the reins to Vickie Ryan! She is ready to rock the FARSP world, so put on some comfortable shoes and get ready! I will serve as her 1st VP, and, hopefully, can help her as much as she has helped me the last three years.

Thank you all for making my presidency such an incredible ride. With that, I say farewell.

- KAROL

Four Receive Scholarships As They Complete First Year Of Teaching



FARSP recognized four first-year educators with \$100 New Teacher Scholarships. They were awarded to Kelsey Sevcik, Wester Middle School; Jaeda Ransom, Emerson High School; Matt Williams, Isbell Elementary School; and Kaylin Carmichael, Mooneyham Elementary School.



Eloise Isbell and Charles and Charlotte Mooneyham were on hand to congratulate the teachers from campuses named in their honor.



Joining in the celebrations were Lynn Cain, daughter of Eloise Isbell, and FARSP President Karol Kuykendall and President-Elect Vicki Ryan.

MAY 3 MEETING

5/3/2022:

End of year picnic and awards
10:00 a.m. CTE Center

9:30 - 10:00 meet the candidates
for Fisd School Board

Help FARSP Grow, Renew Membership

Hello there fellow FARSP members! Just wanted to remind everyone to, please, renew your membership. TRTA, along with FARSP, need each and every one of you!

If you did not receive a form for renewal, contact Karol Kuykendall (call, text or email), as she will be our new membership chairperson.

Hope to see all your smiling faces at the May meeting!

Pat Smith
Membership Chair



I Can Make A Change

Thank you for your change donations last month. We collected \$13.51 passing the bucket. Look for the bucket once again at each meeting.

Any monies we collect will be added to our TRTA foundation donation. November is Foundation Month.

Please consider bringing your change. Let's rally to help those who could use a helping hand.

Deb Thompson

TRTA Foundation Representative

Send Your Ideas For Fun Things To Do Together

We are so excited about the covid free upcoming year where we can spend more time together! We would LOVE to have your suggestions about possible places to go and things to do together in 2022-23. Group outings are always fun with our FARSP friends! We will be making plans soon for our 2022-23 outings so please share your ideas with us as soon as possible at purefoy@gmail.com.

Debra Purefoy
Public Relations

State Convention



April Meeting



May



- 5/1 Quinn, Kellie
- 5/5 Patterson, Donna
- 5/14 Fowler, Catherine
- 5/16 Walsh, Terry
- 5/20 Ryan, Vickie
- 5/20 Zambiasi, Donna
- 5/21 Hickman, Karen
- 5/23 Baker, Minnie C.
- 5/23 Calhoun, Brenda
- 5/23 Studdard, Ann
- 5/28 Tyler-Arrambide, Zella
- 5/29 Kildebeck, Diann

June



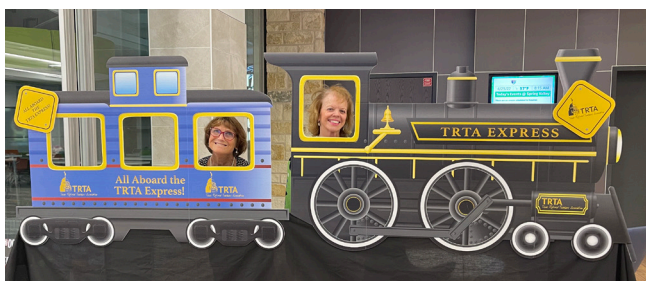
- 6/2 Jernow, Andrea
- 6/3 Nelson, Debra K.
- 6/4 VanBebber, Linda
- 6/6 Bollinger, Irma
- 6/7 Bentley, Erin Melissa
- 6/7 Forwark, Laverne
- 6/9 Higgins, Georgann
- 6/13 Chapman, Mary (Tina)
- 6/14 Young, Barbara
- 6/15 Robles, Diana
- 6/17 Mancill, Terri
- 6/26 Jasper, Pat
- 6/27 Kraft, Karen
- 6/28 Isbell, Eloise
- 6/30 Flores, Delores (Lolly)

July



- 7/5 Brunson, Beverly
- 7/6 Hughes, Shari
- 7/7 George, Steve
- 7/7 Jaynes, Michelle
- 7/9 Clair, Diane
- 7/10 Wakeland, Justin
- 7/13 Culberson, Vicki
- 7/16 Biggio, Carolyn
- 7/19 Vandeventer, Billy
- 7/21 Campbell, Sue
- 7/22 Smith, Patricia
- 7/22 Westphal, Mercedes
- 7/26 Hambrick, Theresa
- 7/28 Carlisle, Ron
- 7/28 Ketzal, Carol
- 7/29 Grant, Linda
- 7/29 Hall, Susan (Joyce)

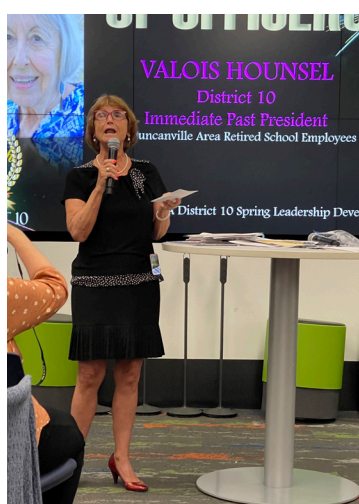
District 10 Training



August



- 8/3 Scott, Mary (Margaret)
- 8/4 Reedy, Dr. Rick
- 8/5 Holdridge, Gerald
- 8/5 Thompson, Debbie
- 8/6 Babineaux, Carole
- 8/7 Reeder, Andrea
- 8/7 West, Gail
- 8/10 Carlisle, Sandy
- 8/13 Farnen, Larry
- 8/13 Morgan, Diana
- 8/15 Holdridge, Gloria
- 8/17 Smith, Mary
- 8/17 Thompson, Latralle
- 8/18 Mitchell, Toni
- 8/20 Pritchard, Linda
- 8/20 Riley, Connie
- 8/21 Knuth, Marsha
- 8/23 Hons, Cindy
- 8/25 Nesmith, Susan
- 8/26 Woodson, Beverly
- 8/29 Edens, Matilda
- 8/30 Dubner, Terye



Local Elections & Special Constitutional Amendment Elections - May 7, 2022 Early Voting -April 25 - May 3

Meet and Greet the Fisd School Board candidates during our coffee time from 9:30-10:00 before our last meeting of the year, May 3! We have three incumbents three other candidates who will be coming to meet you. Please come early to make them feel welcome and appreciated.

The Community Impact has a Q & A section and the Frisco Chamber of Commerce has an on line video of the recent candidate forum.

Two propositions are on the ballot and explanations can be found in several places as well, including League of Women Voters Voter Guide, <https://www.lwvtexas.org/> (pages 5,6), Community Impact, Dallas Morning News, many other news sources.

Sandy Carlisle
Legislative Chair



Individuals elected for a two-year term as a TRTA state officer beginning July 1, 2022 include: Marcy Cann, TRTA President; Ella Gauthier, TRTA First Vice-President; Frana Patterson, TRTA Second Vice-President; Terri Navrkal, TRTA Secretary/Treasurer

State Convention Included Legislative Luncheon Where Representative and Senators Addressed TRTA Concerns

What a great TRTA State Convention we had in Dallas! The legislative luncheon brought words of encouragement and advice from four of our representatives and senators concerning a COLA.

TRTA Executive Director Tim Lee hosted a panel during the luncheon and TRTA expressed its thanks to State Senator Royce West, and Representatives Rafael Anchia, Giovanni Capriglione, and Tony Tinderholt for taking the time to discuss the issues that matter most to TRS retirees. Topics covered included how to win a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) and improve funding for the TRS-Care health insurance program. More action for us plans will be coming soon.

Sandy Carlisle
Legislative Chair

Charity scams: 8 tips to help avoid fakes

Scammers have long relied on the good intentions of Americans to trick them into giving money to fake charities.

For example, a variety of charity scams related to the Ukraine crisis have appeared, often claiming to seek donations for humanitarian aid.

Here are eight tips you can use to help identify charity scams and avoid them.

Take time to research Before you give to any charity, do the research necessary to verify that the organization is legitimate. A good place to start is by checking the lists run by watchdog groups such as CharityWatch, CharityNavigator, and the Wise Giving Alliance run by the Better Business Bureau. You can also check your individual state's charity regulator to verify that a charitable organization you are considering donating to is allowed to raise money in your state.

Add key search terms The federal Trade Commission recommends that you search on line to help narrow down whether a charity is legitimate. Say a charity contacts you seeking relief for homeless children. Type into your favorite search engine the charity name you've been given plus words such as "complaints," "review", or "scam."

If you find many complaints or charges that the "charity" that has reached out to you is a scam, it's wise to avoid giving it any of your dollars.

Look for warning signs AARP says that there are several warning signs of a fake charity. If someone calls you on the phone and pressures you to give money immediately, that's a good sign that the "charity" you are dealing with likely isn't legit.

Real charities won't pressure you to give immediately. They'll take your dollars whenever you are ready to give them.

Watch for payment methods Be wary, too, if a representative from a charitable organization asks you to pay by wire transfer, cash, or through a gift card. AARP says that these are the most common payment methods requested by scammers. Why? Because these payment methods are more difficult to trace.

Beware of bogus thank-you emails Be suspicious, too, of emailed thank-you letters from charities you don't remember supporting in the past. Scammers often try to trick you into giving by convincing you that you have supported their fraudulent organizations in the past.

Consider donating directly Charity Navigator says that you should never give money to a charity just because they sent you an email. If you do want to give, contact a charity directly to learn more about its needs and where it is sending donations.

Guard your personal information Never provide anyone saying they are from a charity your financial information. Legitimate charities won't ask for your bank account information or credit card numbers by phone or through email. And be suspicious of charities that ask you wire money overseas, too. Charity Navigator says that this is a common scam.

Delete emails with attachments Charity Navigator says that should immediately delete emails supposedly from charities that contain attachments. These attachments often contain viruses and malware that can infect your computer.

Mercy Westphal
Informative and Protective Services