

# BCRTA NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2022



Lynn's Convention Report



April's Guest Speakers



Sherrie's Convention Report

### President's Message



Greetings BCRTA Members,

Welcome May! It is time to bake your brownies and cookies for Teacher Appreciation Week. Bring those goodies to the Bandera American Legion Hall on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> between 10am till noon. We will assemble boxes for each campus and be delivering goodies that day.

I'm so glad that our Chapter decided to give two scholarships this year. There is one student from Medina and one student from Bandera who will be given a \$1000 scholarship at their Award Ceremony. Thank you members for all your generous support and hard work in making these scholarships happen.

Our last event is the Spring Leadership Conference in Hondo on June 2. Remember that we

will carpool from the Bandera Methodist Church parking lot at 8:30am. If you have any questions, please contact me.

This is my last message as your President as I move into the Past President position. I appreciate all the officers and members for your assistance and support of all our activities.

Please welcome our new President, Lynn Oliver.

Sincerely,

*Connie Young*

BCRTA President  
210-737-4835

### **Association of Professional Educators, ATPE**

Bandera President John Milner informed us about the history and benefits of his organization. It is a non-union service organization that gives out scholarships, and sponsors the Young Life Golf Tournament. It has membership benefits, liability coverage, and deep discounts at participating businesses.

### Upcoming Meetings

Date: **May 4, 2022**

Place: American Legion Hall

Time: 10-12

Deliver Your Cookies and Brownies to the Hall for Teacher Appreciation Week

Date: **April 25-May 3, 2022**

Early Voting for May 7 General and Special Elections

Date: **May 7, 2022**

Vote in the General Election.

ZOOM Training in May for officers

Date: **June 2, 2022**

Spring Conference in Hondo, at the Baptist Church. All members are invited. Carpool 8:30, from Bandera Methodist Church

Guest Speaker **Levin Crawford**, from the Silver Sage, spoke about VaccinateBandera.org, a project sponsored through the Silver Sage Center and the Texas Health Department, who will set up clinics in any neighborhood for as few as five citizens. The county vaccination percentage is about 46%, and they are working to increase that rate.



***If You Don't Go After What You Want, You Will Never Have It.***



## BCRTA Business



### How to Stay Safe During Summer Months?

With all those fun summer activities, the following safety tips are offered to make your summer journey a safe and happy one.

\*Hydrate. Hydrate. Hydrate. Always carry water with you and drink (water) frequently. If you feel thirsty, you are already dehydrated.

\*Always wear sunscreen outside and reapply frequently. It will help keep your skin young looking, and prevent cancer.

\*Landscape Responsibly. Yard work is a given in the spring and summer months. But practice safety by putting away your tools, and secure any chemicals such as fertilizer, bug sprays and plant chemicals.

\*Practice Pool Safety. Either learn or teach basic water safety such as how to: enter the water safely, get a breath, stay afloat, change position, and get out of the water safely.

\*Be Road Trip Ready. Essentials for the auto are: water, a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, and seat belts for everyone.

Be Smart, Be Safe, and Have Fun!



### Gratitude

There are not enough words to express our thanks to our out-going president, **Connie Young**. Her tireless dedication to our chapter, her work with each committee, her guidance, organizational skill, scheduling, delegating, and efforts to increase our membership numbers are all hallmarks of leadership. **Thank You** from all the members of BCRTA!



### May Birthdays

- 5/6 Lois Nichols
- 5/7 Peggy Schott-Nickel
- 5/10 Jerry Neuenschwander
- 5/11 Sherrie Keese
- 5/12 Dee Anne Mazurek
- 5/30 Johnny Moore (spouse)

### June Birthdays

- 6/2 Mary Lou Mims
- 6/3 Darlene Stevens
- 6/6 Cynthia Tuttle
- 6/27 Al Kindla
- 6/27 Denise van Dyke
- 6/28 Sandra Mauer



Kim Beasley, AACOG Rep, Connie

Alamo Area Council of Governments, AACOG rep **Kim Beasley** spoke about the many services available: ART, which provides seniors with rides to appointments, of Health and Wellness programs and classes, Medicare benefits counseling, help for caregivers and help with emergency response systems. They have an Ombudsman who acts as a spokesman for those who need help when trying to get the care they need. She also said that volunteers are always welcome.



ATPE Rep John Milner



Members at the Sandwich Bar

### 4/20 Meeting Notes

\***May 4th** we will be collecting all those yummy cookies and brownies you baked for Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers LOVE our thoughtful gesture.

\*The Scholarship Committee has selected 2 recipients for our \$1000 scholarship program for this year. Winners will be announced at their school's Awards Ceremony.

\*We will need approximately 650 new or gently used chapter books to make our **Book Drive** a big success this fall. Keep collecting chapter books for grades 4-6 over the summer.

Members are asked to complete the book donation(s) and community volunteer service hours each month.

Send Volunteer Hours to Sarah Baxter: [sarahmwb@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmwb@gmail.com), 210-412-4723, text or call and leave a message.

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