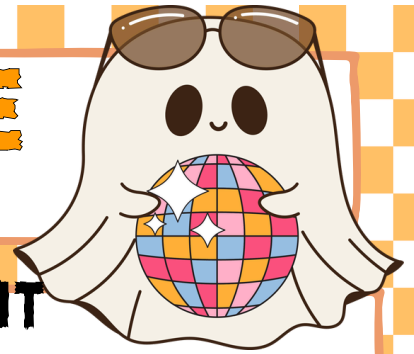


OCTOBER MOUTHPIECE

THE VOICE OF THE FRISCO AREA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL



ON THE TRAIL WITH THE PRESIDENT

GOOD MORNING, CAMPERS!

What a wonderful way to kick off our new FARSP year! Our first meeting was filled with laughter, friendship, and so much excitement. I loved seeing so many familiar faces reconnecting after the summer, and it was especially exciting to see new faces joining our FARSP family. There is something so special about coming together with people who share our love for education, service, friendship, and making the most of retirement.

As we begin this year with our theme "Adventure Awaits," I hope each of you will embrace all the adventures that FARSP has to offer. Retirement is not the end of the journey—it is the beginning of a new chapter filled with opportunities to try something new, meet someone new, explore new places, serve our community, learn something new, and simply enjoy time with friends.



And speaking of new adventures... I LOVE FALL! 🍁 There is just something magical about this season—the cooler weather, colorful leaves, pumpkins, football, cozy gatherings, and all the little things that make fall special. Fall reminds us that change can be beautiful and that every season brings something new to discover. I think that is a perfect reminder for us as retirees, too!

This year, I hope FARSP feels like a place where you can come, reconnect with old friends, make new ones, laugh a lot, learn something interesting, and find your next adventure. Whether it is a field trip, a volunteer opportunity, a book project, a luncheon, a new friendship, or simply sharing a cup of coffee with someone you haven't seen in a while—there is an adventure waiting for you!

Our board has been working hard to make this a fun, meaningful, and memorable year, and I am so excited about what is ahead. Thank you for bringing your enthusiasm, your ideas, and your wonderful spirits to FARSP.

So grab your coffee, gather your friends, and get ready...Adventure Awaits at FARSP!

With excitement for the year ahead,

Paige Almond
FARSP President





What Does Your TRTA Membership Provide for You?

At FARSP, we continually look for ways to increase both our local and state-level membership. There is strength in numbers, and we know how important it is for retired educators to have a strong voice when speaking with our legislators and protecting the benefits we have earned. Your TRTA membership provides more than just advocacy. TRTA keeps you informed about legislation affecting retirees and provides access to The Inside Line, a free e-newsletter with the latest news about retirement security and Texas public education retirees. Members also have access to endorsed benefits and discounts that have been carefully reviewed and approved by TRTA.

If you are not receiving The Inside Line, just let me know, and I can show you where to sign up.

Thank you for being a member and helping make our voice stronger. I can't wait to see you all again on October 6th! I'll be available to help you—and anyone you bring with you—become a member of TRTA and FARSP.

Together, our voices matter!

Brenda Youngblood
1st VP of Membership



MORE NEWS

OCTOBER 2026

OCTOBER Birthdays

DOUG ZAMBIASI	1
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BILL YOUNGBLOOD	3
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SHERRI FORREST	11
RHONDA JACKSON	12
THERESA LAVALLE	21
MELANIE WALL	21
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Hope your day is
Spooktacular! ♥

September Program

Cindy Zukowski

Is a retired educator with a lifelong passion for learning, leadership, and serving others. Retirement has given her the opportunity to pursue another passion—exploring the outdoors and volunteering at Big Bend National Park. She truly enjoys helping preserve one of our nation's most remarkable natural treasures. While mentoring others, hiking scenic trails, or giving back through volunteer service, Cindy values making a positive impact in her community and embracing the beauty of the natural world.

D10 Fall CONFERENCE



October 26th



FISD Athletics Office



9:30 AM

DISCO ATTIRE!

Break out your bell bottoms, glitter, platform shoes, and disco vibes!

RSVP to Paige

Update on the Children's Book Project

By Diane Steward – Book Project Coordinator

Book Donation Info:

- Continue to bring book donations to the FARSP meetings in October through February.
- Drop off books in the “school bus” boxes near the FARSP Welcome Table.
- Sign your name on the clipboard located by the boxes. (This will be used to issue raffle tickets during the February Meeting.)

February FARSP Meeting:

- This meeting will be our culminating event with some amazing raffle prizes and a celebration of FARSP's hard work on the project.

Reminder on types of books:

- Hardcover books are preferred, but softcover is also fine.
- New or very gently used. (Minimal signs of wear. No tears or scribbles.)
- Suitable for pre-K through middle school.

See Diane if you have any questions.

Thank you for supporting this annual project!



DON'T LET YOUR VOICE DISAPPEAR!

Failure to add your voice to TRTA's advocacy
puts your pension at risk!

SPEAK UP
VOTE
ADVOCATE

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TOGETHER, EVERY VOICE COUNTS!

DAY AT THE CAPITOL
MARCH 31, 2027



TOGETHER
WE CAN

October 5, 2026
Last Day to Register to Vote

October 23, 2026
Vote by mail-in ballot
application due

October 19 - 30, 2026*
Early Voting Period

Mark
Your
Calendars!

November 3, 2026
Completed mail-in ballot
return deadline

November 3, 2026
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Election Day

For more detailed information go to
<https://www.votetexas.gov/index.html>

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Care Crew

Hello FARSF friends! I will be organizing care for our members who need a little extra love from us this year due to injuries, illnesses, bereavement, etc., so, please, if you know of a dear member who needs our care, please let me know.

You can text me at 972-658-0222; email me at jacksonrhonda4@gmail.com; or let me know in person. We have an amazing team that is more than willing to help out. Thank you!

Look for our Lending Library this year! Did you read some good books recently that you want to share? Do you have an excess of books on your shelves that others might enjoy? Please bring them to share! I have at least a half-dozen that I can't wait to share. If you want your books back after sharing, just leave a post-it in the front—I'll make sure that they are returned to you. I'll be in the front foyer with my suitcase of books every month, and I cannot wait to talk books.

Rhonda Jackson
Care Crew &
Lending Library

Hello my friends!

It was great to see so many of you at our meeting last month! 🙌

Be sure that you are signing in on the clipboard along with your volunteer hours for the previous month. We will also have a binder for you to record the same hours in under your name. That way at the end of year it will be easy to tally up and see if anyone is missing any month. Paige sent out an email recently for the ones missing the 4 previous months to send them to me. I know we have new members that won't have any. By the way, please let me know if you don't understand about volunteer hours and recording it. Paige did a great job in her email of suggestions for ways to volunteer! I'm starting to get emails from principals who are wanting our help. Paige will send out an email letting you know about them.

This relates to our JAR program. This will be a fun way to volunteer at a school to help!! Thanks for representing FARSP!!

You're the BEST!!!

❤️ Susan Burkett

Community Volunteer Chair

972-984-9117



SEPTEMBER MEETING ADVENTURES



Frisco Area Retired School Personnel

Name: _____

IF CONTACT INFORMATION HAS NOT CHANGED – WRITE **SAME** ACROSS THIS SECTION

Address: _____ City: _____, TX Zip: _____

Email: _____ Birthday: _____

Telephone: HOME _____ CELL _____

PAYMENT: TRTA = \$35 ANNUALLY FARSP = \$20 ANNUALLY

_____ I am a **NEW MEMBER JOINING TRTA and FARSP** at this time. Pay **\$55** (checks payable to FARSP)

_____ I am **RENEWING TRTA and FARSP** at this time. Pay **\$55** (checks payable to FARSP)

_____ I participate in the **BANK DRAFT PROGRAM** (one-time payment of \$35 to TRTA on July 1) or the **TRTA DIAMOND PLUS PROGRAM** (provides that your TRTA dues will be a monthly annuity Deduction of \$2.92. FARSP can provide a form for this option. To learn more about the program visit www.trtadiamondplus.org.) Pay **\$20** (checks payable to FARSP)

_____ I already belong to TRTA, but wish to join FARSP Pay **\$20** (checks payable to FARSP)

_____ Join as a local sponsor. Pay **\$20** (checks payable to FARSP). You can not vote or hold office

TOTAL AMOUNT OWED:

MEMBERSHIP \$ _____ + DIRECTORY MAILING (\$5) \$ _____ Total Due: _____

_____ Yes, I would like to make a monetary donation to the book project. \$ _____

_____ Yes, I would like to donate to help fund FARSP programming and other projects. \$ _____

_____ Yes, I would like to donate money to the TRTA Foundation (TRTF). \$ _____

Total Membership: _____ + Any Additional Donations: _____ Total Due: _____

Mail to: Brenda Youngblood 2096 Finch Street Frisco, TX 75036

For more information: bbyblood@gmail.com 214-686-8039

VP Membership or Treasurer to complete only

Date _____ CASH _____ Check # _____ Check Amt _____ Payment Included

for _____ Donation Amounts: Book Project _____ FARSP Programs _____

TRTF _____

Completed by _____ DATABASE entry: _____