

***AUSTIN RETIRED
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION***



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*ARTA - Bridge to the Future
Pennybacker Bridge*

ARTA has served retired school personnel for 73 years!

ARTA Membership Yearbook – 2025-2026

Affiliated with Texas Retired Teachers Association

1953-2025

**AUSTIN RETIRED TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION (ARTA)
2025-2026 YEARBOOK**



1953-to present

Seventy-three Years of Service to Retired School Personnel

Organized March 21, 1952

*United in 1967 with the Cora L. Woodard Chapter of Retired
Teachers*

*Associated with the Texas Retired Teachers Association
(TRTA) since 1953*



"TRTA: The Voice for All Public Education Retirees."

Yearbook Cover: TRTA President's Theme is ***Bridge to the Future***. Following with that theme, the Percy V. Pennybacker Jr. Bridge in Austin is a through-arch bridge across Lake Austin which connects the northern and southern sections of Loop 360, also known as the Capital of Texas Highway. No part of the structure touches the water 100 feet below. The bridge is 1,150 feet long with a 600-foot central arch span.

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ARTA CHARTER MEMBERS

Organized March 21, 1952

Mrs. J.E. Acklin	Miss Kate Gannaway	Mrs. Lalla M. Odom
Miss Frances Alexander	Miss Mamie Heflyblower	Dr. Clara May Parker
Mrs. J.M. Alexander	Miss Annie C. Hill	Miss Eula Lee Payton
Miss Mamie Dell Barrow	Miss Hettie Hofstetter	Miss Rosa A. Penick
Miss Ada Blackburn	Miss Della Houssels	Mrs. Noel B. Scott
Miss Ethel E. Brown	Miss Josephine Houston	Mrs. Nancy L. Smith
Miss Nellie Lea Brown	Mrs. C.S. Jacques	Mrs. M.A. Starks
Miss Mary Dibrell Carlisle	Miss Elfreda Jessen	Miss Dot Thornton
Miss Edith Lanier Clark	Miss Emmy Jessen	Mrs. M. M. Washington
Mrs. Florence Crofoot	Mrs. Sadie Jones	Miss Lillian Wester
Miss Salette Darden	Mrs. Ruth H. Junkin	Dr. Jet C. Winters
Miss Mary E. Decherd	Mrs. Nellie C. Lamar	Miss Juliette Wright
Mrs. P.W. Duncan	Mrs. R.S. Lovinggood	Miss Katherine Wright
Mrs. W.B. Duncan	Mrs. Z. B. Madison	Mrs. E.E. Yerwood
Mrs. M.E. Durden	Mrs. I.D. Nelson	

HONORARY MEMBERS

Georgia B. Lucas	<i>(deceased, 1994)</i>
Leonidas Theodore Barrow	<i>(deceased, 1978)</i>
Laura Thomson Barrow	<i>(deceased, 1996)</i>
Annie M. Smith	<i>(deceased)</i>
Flossie Sweat	<i>(deceased, 2008)</i>
Mike Lehr	<i>(deceased, 2019)</i>

TRTA E.L. GALYEAN SERVICE RECIPIENTS

Dilla Enochs 1996 *(first TRTA recipient)*
Mike Lehr 2002
La Vonne Smith Rogers 2005
Tom Rogers 2014

IN MEMORIAM August 2024-July 2025

Estella Akins	Stanley M. Brooks	Elizabeth "Betty" Owen
Susana Alemán	Ruth Elizabeth "Rusty" Cribbs	Mariam "Mimi" Parris
Mary Alice Alvarez	Loretta Hughes	David M. Robinson
Margaret Anderson	Judith Kalb	Kim Royal
Mary Bach	Fred Leider	Jane Willis
Joe Bell	Betty Moore	Charlene Zimmermann
Betty Jean Blomquist	Ruzenika Oliver	

ARTA PAST PRESIDENTS

■ Edith Lanier Clark	1952-1960	■ Roberta Hartung*	1992-1994
■ Mary Louise Rogers	1960-1962	■ La Vonne Rogers*	1994-1996
■ Jennie S. Wilmot	1962-1966	■ John Pearson*	1996-1998
■ Dorothy Gebauer *	1966-1970	■ Dr. Timy Baranoff*	1998-2000
■ Mattie Lee Seymour	1970-1972	■ Warner Dahlberg*	2000-2002
■ Col. M.S. Martin	1972-1974	■ Pat ten Broeke*	2002-2004
■ Grace Carrell *	1974-1976	■ Wes Braden*	2004-2006
■ Dr. Roy Johnson*	1976-1978	■ Jackie Hastay*	2006-2008
■ E.L. & Thelma Galyean*	1978-1980	■ Emma Lea Mayton*	2008-2010
■ A.J.W. (Bill) Mortimer	1980-1982	■ Wayne King*	2010-2012
■ Dr. M.G. Bowden	1982-1984	■ Jane Garner*	2012-2014
■ Martha Nelle Bain*	1984-1986	■ Dr. Mary Lou Clayton*	2014-2016
■ Julia Mellenbruch *	1986-1988	■ Gladys Havel*	2016-2018
■ Dr. Alice R. Kidd *	1988-1990	■ Dr. Rosemary Morrow*	2018-2020
■ Dr. Ione D. Young*	1990-1992	■ Joe Ramirez*	2020-2024
■ <i>deceased</i>		■ <i>*ARTA Life Members</i>	

ARTA SWEETHEARTS

1981-2025

Each year the ARTA FOUNDATION BOARD selects a
Sweetheart of the Year for outstanding service to ARTA.

♥ E.L. & Thelma Galyean	1981	Edith McKinney & Ruth Sauls	2004
♥ Dilla Enochs	1982	♥ Pat ten Broeke	2005
♥ A.J.W. "Bill" Mortimer	1983	Lawrence Buford	2006
♥ Roy Johnson	1984	♥ Wes & Barbara Braden	2007
♥ Dr. M.G. Bowden	1985	Robert "Bob" Enos	2008
♥ Russell & DeEtta Sayers	1986	♥ Jackie Hastay	2009
♥ Martha Nelle Bain	1987	Glenda Black	2010
♥ Jack & Hazel Larson	1988	♥ Emma Lea Mayton	2011
♥ Julia Mellenbruch	1989	Lois Mayes	2012
♥ Justine A. Lewis	1990	♥ Wayne King	2013
♥ Dr. Alice R. Kidd	1991	Tom Rogers	2014
♥ Bea D. Jones	1992	♥ Jane Garner	2015
♥ Dr. Ione D. Young	1993	Linda Harvey	2016
♥ Weldon B. Scheel	1994	♥ Dr. Mary Lou Clayton	2017
♥ Roberta Hartung	1995	Joyce Clendennen	2018
♥ Irene Randerson	1996	♥ Gladys Havel	2019
♥ La Vonne Rogers	1997	Dolly & Clyde Simeroth	2020
♥ Joe Stepan	1998	♥ Dr. Rosemary Morrow	2021
♥ John Pearson	1999	Dr. Wayne Schade	2022
♥ Novella Wiley	2000	Carole Stockton	2022
♥ Dr. Timy Baranoff	2001	♥ Joe Ramirez	2023
♥ Arthur Amundson	2002	Judy Reinhart	2024
♥ Warner Dahlberg	2003	Betty Clough	2025
♥ <i>service as ARTA president</i>			

AUSTIN RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
2025-2026 Officers
ELECTED

PRESIDENT
Norma Jost



PAST PRESIDENT
Joe Ramirez



**FIRST VICE-
PRESIDENT**
Terry Morganti-Fisher



**SECOND VICE-
PRESIDENT**
Patty Young



SECRETARY
Marcia Caldwell



TREASURER
Tony Dishner



**ASSISTANT
TREASURER**
Wendy Abel



APPOINTED

EDITOR ARTA NEWS
Debbie Sansom



HISTORIAN
Joyce Clendennen



PARLIAMENTARIAN
Jane Garner



AUSTIN RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
2025-2026 Standing Committees & Positions

*The ARTA President is an ex-officio member of all committees,
except the Nominating Committee.*

ARCHIVES

Joyce Clendennen, Chair

Jane Garner

AUDIT

Anne Hyzak, Chair

Gladys Havel

John Serrill

Shirley Paz

Al Weber

BUDGET

Tony Dishner, Chair

Wendy Abel

Rudy Munguía

Gladys Havel

Joe Ramirez

COMMUNICATIONS

Mary Sue Neptune, Chair

Craig Campbell

Kristen Marsteller

Norma Silva-Quinn

Beth Hudson

Emma Lea Mayton

Rosa Zuniga

Nancy Lehmann-

Sheila Sargent

Carssow

COURTESY

Liz Abrahams, Chair

Maria Martinez, Co-Chair, Children's Book Project Coordinator

Gerry Brooks

Emma Lea Mayton

Judy Reinhart

Craig Campbell

Terry Morganti-Fisher

Kathryn Stone

Betty Clough

Rudy Munguía

Camille Street

Pat Emmert

Alesia Osborne

Patty Young

Joe Ramirez

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Rose Gonzales & Gladys Havel, Co-Chairs

Laurie Barber

Lucy Estrada

Michele Rusnak

Gerry Brooks

Connor Grady

Camille Street

Joyce Hancock

IDENTIFICATION

Lois Mayes & Betty Zschiesche, Co-Chairs

Gloria Barrett

Rachel Davila

Shirley Paz

Betty Clough

Maria Martinez

Judy Reinhart

LaNell Coltharp

Emma Lea Mayton

Debbie Sansom

LEGISLATIVE

Dr. Craig Campbell & Gloria Cisneros Lenoir, Co-Chairs

Wayne Bowen	Gladys Havel	Rosemary Morrow
Patricia Budak	Norma Jost	Mary Sue Neptune
Marcia Caldwell	Heidi Langan	Joe Ramirez
Julie Campbell	Janie Maldonado	Diane Rogers
Jane Garner	Maria Martinez	Sheila Sargent
Laura Grayson	Emma Lee Mayton	Anita Uphaus

MEMBER BENEFITS

Laura Grayson & Lucia Facundo, Co-Chairs

MEMBERSHIP

Bonnie Cross & Terry Morganti-Fisher, Co-Chairs

Tony Dishner	Marilyn Gregory	Joe Ramirez
	Ruth Hansen	

NOMINATING

Joe Ramirez & Rosemary Morrow, Co-Chairs

Leilani Clark	Gladys Havel	Marjeanne Rutt
Mary Lou Clayton	Kristen Marsteller	
Trish Davis	Rudy Munguía	

PROGRAM

Warren Faulkner, Chair & Trish Davis, Co-Chair

Ellen Bell	Leilani Clark	Mary Alice Hatchett
Craig Campbell	Mary Lou Clayton	Rosemary Morrow
	Carol Deuser	

RECORDS

Betty Clough & Lois Mayes, Co-Chairs

RETIREMENT EDUCATION

Judy Wallace, Chair

Pam Hall	Terry Morganti-Fisher	Naomi Tafoya
	Judy Rice	

SOCIAL

Patty Young & Linda Burns, Co-Chairs

Linda Jackson	Barbara Wilson	Catherine van Zanten
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STANDING RULES

Jane Garner, Chair; Rosemary Morrow, Joe Ramirez

TECHNOLOGY

Judy Wallace & Linda Holt, Co-Chairs;

Judy Wallace (Website), Betty Clough (Mailchimp)

Craig Campbell	Adam Miller
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TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Rachel Davila & Sheila Sargent, Co-Chairs

Mary Ashford	Sandy Doughty	Barbara Mayo
Johnette Champion	Bonnie Elliott	Linda Roberts
Melva Codina	James Harrington	Kathryn Stone
Rachel Davila	Linda Jackson	Kim Thonhoff
	Martha Langford	

TRTF REPRESENTATIVE

Julie Campbell

VOLUNTEER SERVICES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Dr. Marcia Lyons-Gray, Chair

Vicki Baldwin	Irene Garcia	Lydia Moore
Craig Campbell	Laura Grayson	Norma Silva-Quinn
	Janie Maldonado	

YEARBOOK

Marilyn Gregory, Editor

Special Positions

ARTA BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Dr. Mary Lou Clayton, Chair

Tony Dishner

ARTA FACEBOOK MANAGER

Claudia Kramer Santamaria

DOOR PRIZES

Catherine van Zanten & Gloria Cisneros Lenoir, Co-Chairs



TRTA District 13 President Joe Ramirez, TRTA Executive Director Tim Lee and District 13 Legislative Chair Mollye Long at the March 25, 2025, Day at the Capitol Event.

AUSTIN RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

Glenda Black, President	Linda Harvey, Treasurer	
TBA, Vice-President	Michele Hewlett-Gomez, Secretary	
Term expires in 2026:	Term expires in 2027:	Term expires in 2028:
Linda Harvey	Pat Boswell	Glenda Black
Charlie Hirst	Wayne Bowen	Joan Fisher
Elizabeth Newell	Lydia Moore	John Fisher
Judy Reinhart	Gloria Munguía	Marilyn Gregory
Linda Roberts	Yolanda Uribe Rangel	Michele Hewlett-Gomez
Diane Rogers	Sheila Sargent	

The Austin Retired Teachers Foundation was certified in 2008 as a legal foundation by the Texas Secretary of State. The Foundation is operated exclusively for educational purposes in accordance with Section 501(c-3) of the Internal Revenue Code. For the year 2025, the ARTA Foundation gave 13 \$1,200 scholarships to 13 high school seniors graduating in the spring of 2025 intending to pursue a career in education and three continuing scholarships of \$1,200.

Donations to this foundation are tax deductible.

2025 ARTA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

RECIPIENT	SCHOOL	SCHOLARSHIP
Janese Lenora Counce	Akins	Arthur Amundson Memorial Scholarship
Anna Wright Lake Taylor	Anderson Austin	Tom Tollefson Memorial Scholarship by Caroline Tollefson
Lucy Johnson Aubriana Arispe Gisselle Ramirez	Bowie Crockett Eastside	Lloy Lizcano Scholarship Rudy and Gloria Munguía Honor Scholarship
Abigail Reyes <i>No Applicant</i> Yamilet De Leon Nathan Howard	Garza LASA LBJ McCallum	Audrey Little Memorial Scholarship given by Patricia Boswell
Cently Delgado Angelica DeLeon Iris Nicholson	Navarro Northeast Richards	Derly Rivera Scholarship given by Friday Mountaineers
Giselle Trejo-Rodriguez	Travis	
Continuing Scholarships: Angelica Chu Devonna Sterling Dulce Nolasco	Bowie/UT-Austin Eastside/ACC Travis/Huston-Tillotson	Julia Mellenbruch Scholarship given by the Mellenbruch family

**AUSTIN RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
ARTA Foundation Fund
2025-2026**

\$ _____ Date: _____
(Amount)

FROM:

Association Name _____

Or

FROM:

Individual Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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In Honor of _____

Or

In Memory of _____

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SEND CARD TO:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Make check payable to the ARTA Foundation Fund.

Mail your check to:

Linda Harvey
P.O. Box 143483
Austin, TX 78714

phone: 512-762-9908
email: adni1810@yahoo.com

Community Volunteer Reminder
By Marsha Lyons-Gray, Volunteer Services/Community
Involvement Chair, 2024-2025

We are pleased to report that in 2024 the Austin Retired Teachers Association collected a monetary equivalent contribution of \$2,807,969.05 with 109 of our members reporting their total hours of service. These individuals reported a collective 83,845 hours at a value of \$33.49 per hour. Just imagine if every ARTA member reported their volunteer hours next January what we could show our legislators!

Please keep track of your volunteer hours in May and throughout the entire summer and fall so you can submit them to ARTA next January. Go to the ARTA website at: <https://austintrta.org/volunteer-opportunities> . There, you will find a paper form to download and use to keep track of your hours. You can then use it to complete the Google Form on the website to submit to Marsha Lyons-Gray.



ARTA Volunteer Services/Community Involvement Chair Marsha Lyons-Gray and ARTA President Norma Jost present a check of over two million dollars in volunteer time to Texas Deputy State Comptroller Lisa Craven.

ARTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS 2025-26

ALL meetings will be via ZOOM beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, August 4, 2025	Monday, April 6, 2026
Monday, January 5, 2026	Monday, June 1, 2026
Join Zoom:	
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89356092280?pwd=8C1kK8IRDasMKCbKHvbMCAc1DpskP8.1	
Using computer, tablet or smartphone:	Using telephone, dial 1-346-248-7799
Meeting ID: 893 5609 2280	Meeting ID: 893 5609 2280
Passcode: Retired	Passcode: 0273629

AUSTIN RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

**INDIVIDUAL RECORD OF
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

Name: _____ **Total Hours Reported:** _____

MONTH	HOURS GIVEN	MONTH	HOURS GIVEN
January		July	
February		August	
March		September	
April		October	
May		November	
June		December	

Please submit your information in one of the following four ways:

Postal:

Marsha Lyons-Gray
3901 Amy Circle
Austin, TX 78759-8101

Bring:

To the monthly meeting
AND hand to Marsha

Email:

Marsha_gray@att.net

Text:

(512) 924-2049

Deadline for counting hours: December 31, 2025

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FORM: January 23, 2026



Membership Form: AUSTIN RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (ARTA)

ANNUAL ARTA & TRTA MEMBERSHIP DUES – Supporting ALL Retired School Personnel

To be a member of ARTA, you must **ALSO** be a member of the *TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION*(TRTA) Please pay **BOTH** your membership dues online at our ARTA Website:

<https://austinrta.org/membership>

or

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO USE THE ARTA WEBSITE, please complete this form **AND SEND IT WITH** a check payable to **ARTA** for **\$50.00**

****If you have your TRTA membership dues deducted monthly or annually by TRS, TRTA or AMBA, please *COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND IT WITH* a check payable to **ARTA** for **\$15.00****

QUESTIONS ABOUT PAYMENT: DADISHNER@ATT.NET

Mail to:

Tony Dishner, ARTA Treasurer
2218 Speidel Drive
Pflugerville, TX 78660-5067

NAME _____

PHONE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CIRCLE: Do you want to be contacted by the ARTA Telephone Tree for meeting reminders?

YES NO

Do you want your phone number and address listed in the ARTA Yearbook?

YES NO

For new members only: Please list the name of recruiter: _____

➔ If you would like to pay by credit card, complete your card information on the back of this form and mail to Tony Dishner, ARTA Treasurer.

Other questions about membership & support please contact us at tamf5683@gmail.com or bonnie@bonniecros.com Thank you for your membership and support,
Terry Morganti-Fisher and Bonnie Cross, ARTA Membership Committee Co-chairs

For treasurers' use only:

TRTA Member# _____	Payment Date: _____	Payment Amount: ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Cash _____ ☐ Credit Card/Debit _____
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Membership Form continued

- ➔ If you would like to pay by credit card, please complete your card information and mail this form to:

Tony Dishner, ARTA Treasurer
2218 Speidel Drive
Pflugerville, TX 78660-5067

Please charge my card: Card Number:	☐ Am Express	☐ Discover	☐ MasterCard	☐ Visa
Expiration Date:	Amount: ☐ \$52.00 (\$50 dues + \$2.00 fee)			
CVC Code:	OR			
Zip Code:	If you have your TRTA membership dues deducted monthly or annually by TRS, TRTA or AMBA, please pay Amount: ☐ \$17.00 (\$15.00 dues + \$2.00 fee)			
Signature: _____				

	DATE	1234
PAY TO THE ORDER OF ARTA		
\$ 50.00		
Fifty dollars and 00/00		
DOLLARS		
FOR ARTA and TRTA dues paid together		
		
⑆23456789 ⑆890 567⑆		

	DATE	1234
PAY TO THE ORDER OF ARTA		
\$ 15.00		
Fifteen dollars and 00/00		
DOLLARS		
FOR ARTA dues		
		
⑆23456789 ⑆890 567⑆		



ARTA has a website:

<http:austinrta.org>

On the website find:

- **Membership form** (click on MEMBERSHIP and scroll down to 'member form') <https://2cba4700-d754-4eef-86ab-0f69edb7e76d.paylinks.godaddy.com/Dues>
- **ARTA Foundation Fund** (click on ARTA FOUNDATION and scroll down to select blue DONATION FORM)
- **Volunteer Services Form** (click on <https://austinrta.org/forms> or <https://austinrta.org/volunteer-opportunities>)

ARTA Standing Rules (formerly Bylaws)

ARTA Standing Rules are based on TRTA's Bylaws and were last amended on May 10, 2025.

The Standing Rules can be viewed and downloaded at
(<https://austinrta.org/about-us>)

TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS FOUNDATION (TRTF)

The TRTF is operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

Donations to TRTF are tax deductible.

To learn more about the following initiatives, please visit

<https://trtf.org/TRTF/TRTF/Initiatives/Initiatives.aspx?hkey=a2393bcc-9630-442b-87c0-4ae50a545489>

- Beginning Teacher Scholarship
- "A Helping Hand" program
- Classroom Assistance Grants
- The Lehr-Pritchard Endowment Fund

TRTA CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

The *Children's Book Project* donates books to young children who otherwise might not have a book of their own. In April 2025, ARTA members along with donor school Maplewood Elementary donated a total of 873 books to Cook Elementary for distribution.

ARTA Community Involvement

Community involvement is the heartbeat of any thriving group and of individual achievement. ARTA's involvement encompasses the collective efforts of our members who dedicate their time, skills and resources to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods and beyond. Collectively and individually, our goal for 2025-2026 is three million dollars in in-kind dollars based on the hours we serve others.

Collectively ARTA's members are involved in the following opportunities:

Safe Alliance	Lions Club Eyeglass Drive
Children's Book Project	Austin Pet's Alive!
ARTA Foundation Drive	

In addition to these core initiatives, our members are continually seeking new avenues for outreach as well as maintaining their commitment to those they currently serve on a continuing basis. A small sampling of service includes:

Local Shelters	Environmental Cleanup
Food Pantries	Child and Elder Care
Animal Shelters	Hello! How are You?
Settlement Club	Prison Ministry
University of Texas - UT Outpost – On Campus Food Pantry & Career Closet for students	

Service is when we give to others our commitment, tireless efforts and passion for making a difference without personal monetary compensation.

Please keep track of your volunteer hours and submit to Dr Marsha Gray on a monthly, quarterly or end-of-year basis. On the ARTA Website or on page 11 of this yearbook, you will find a form to complete and options for submissions.

*Note: No collections will take place at the March Birthday Luncheon.



ARTA members helping with the Children's Book Project at Cook Elementary.

ARTA 2025-2026 Programs

ARTA Meeting Location

Faith Lutheran Church 6600 Woodrow Avenue
Refreshments/Visiting: **9:15 a.m.** Program: **9:45 a.m.**

Exception:

ARTA Birthday Luncheon on March 13, 2026, at Chez Zee,
5406 Balcones Dr., Austin, Tx. 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

September 12, 2025

“Report on the 89th Legislative Session”

Tim Lee, Executive Director, TRTA

Introduced by Dr. Gloria Lenoir

October 10, 2025

“Connecting Children with Their Incarcerated Moms Through the Joy of Literature”

Tim Ball, Development Associate, Women’s Storybook
Project of Texas

Introduced by Mary Alice Hatchett

November 14, 2025

“National Museum of the Pacific War: 80 Years After the End of World War II”

Bill Dolman, National Museum of the Pacific War

Introduced by Dr. Rosemary Morrow

December 12, 2025

“Stress Strategies for the Holidays”

Nancy Barr, Counselor and Group Coach

Introduced by Leilani Clark

January 9, 2026

“Capital City Village: A Journey from Strangers to Friends”

Johanna Stahl-Mandel, Executive Director

Introduced by Ellen Bell

February 13, 2026

“Heart Health”

Dr. Joaquin Cigarroa, MD, St. David’s Healthcare

Introduced by Diane Rogers

March 13, 2026 (11:30 a.m.)

74rd ARTA Birthday Luncheon at

Chez Zee, 5406 Balcones Dr., Austin, TX.

“ATX Good News”

Judy Maggio and Leslie Rhode, Co-Founders, ATX Good News

Introduced by Norma Jost

April 10, 2026

“Better ATX”

(Previously known as the Assistance League of Austin)

Peg Besar and Deborah Hornickel

Introduced by Norma Jost

May 8, 2026

ARTA Committee Fair

Introduction of ARTA Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Introduced by Glenda Black, ARTA Foundation President and

Linda Harvey, ARTA Treasurer

Installation of 2026-2028 Officers and Ice Cream Social

If unable to join our meetings in person, PLEASE join us via ZOOM.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85025126693?pwd=JBbLTGRS9mmlbQ9rFzkobSRrRhVfVJ.1>

Meeting ID: 850 2512 6693

Passcode: Retired

If calling in by telephone, dial 1-346-248-7799

Meeting ID: 850 2512 6693

Passcode: 1430945



ARTA members at the Birthday Luncheon

Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA)

- ✓ TRTA Office Staff
- ✓ State Board of Directors & Committee Chairs
- ✓ District 13 Officers & Committee Chairs

Can all be found on the TRTA Website

www.trta.org

To access the MEMBER LOGIN site:

- Click the red MEMBER LOGIN button at the top right of the main TRTA website.
 - Enter your username and password. (Your username is your member ID that is printed on the back of every issue of *The Voice*.) The generic password is trta123.
 - If you have forgotten your username or password, use the Forgot Username or Forgot Password link. You will receive an email to reset your password.
 - If you have difficulty with your username or password, please send an email to **membership@trta.org** or call 1-800-880-1650, and a staff member will assist you.
 - To return to the TRTA home page, simply click on the TRTA logo at the top of your screen.
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District 13 Conferences

Fall Conference Day: Wed. Sept. 17, 2025; 9am - 2pm

Location: San Marcos Activity Center
501 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

Spring Conference Day: Wed. March 25, 2026; 9am - 3pm
TRTA Virtual House of Delegates/District 13 (The Virtual House of Delegates replaces the 2026 TRTA State Conv.)

Location: San Marcos Activity Center
501 East Hopkins
San Marcos, TX 78666

TRTA Photo Policy

If a TRTA member wishes not to be photographed, recorded, or appear in promotional items, the member should avoid any cameras in the area during TRTA or ARTA meetings and events.

2024-2026 TRTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Ella Gauthier, District 4, Pasadena ARSE

Past President: Marcy Cann, District 4, Houston ART

First Vice-President: Frana Patterson, District 11, Palo
Pinto County RTA

Second Vice-President: Terri Navrkal, District 17, Lubbock
South Plains RTA

Secretary/Treasurer: Gary Schepf, District 10, Irving
RSPA

TRTA Legislative Coordinator and Chair: Dr. Mary
Widmier, District 4, Humble Area RTA

District Presidents Council Chair: Karen Hoelscher,
District 15, Runnels County RSE

District Presidents Council Vice-Chair: Judy Kennedy,
District 17, Terry County RSPA

District Presidents Council Recorder: Stephen Evans,
District 19, Ysleta RSEA

Board information: <https://trta.org/about-trta/board-of-directors/> . TRTA State Office Staff can be found at
<https://trta.org/about-trta-staff/> .

2024-2026 DISTRICT 13 OFFICERS

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**AUSTIN RETIRED TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION
2025-2026
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

ARTA Purposes

The purposes of the Austin Retired Teachers Association shall be:

1. To promote the professional, intellectual, social, and healthy well-being of retired school personnel
2. To encourage retired school personnel to give voluntarily of their time, talents, and experience in furthering the educational and civic endeavors in the community, the state, and the nation
3. To promote membership in the local chapter and TRTA
4. To afford opportunities for united action in solving problems relative to the needs of retired public school employees
5. To support a scholarship program through the ARTA Foundation for high school seniors who qualify for and intend to pursue teaching as a career

