



## Greetings!

Texas Retired Teachers,  
Foundation Liaisons,  
Representatives & Friends!



Welcome to the March issue of *The Ledger*.

**The 60th Annual TRTA Convention date is approaching. Read about our Convention plans of page 2!**

**Local unit holds a Game Night/Silent Auction. See page 4**

TRTF appreciates your feedback. Please let us know if the newsletter is helpful to you as a representative of the foundation. Send feedback to [beth@trta.org](mailto:beth@trta.org)

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**The next meeting of the TRTF Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the American Bank Convention Center in Corpus Christi. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 11:30 a.m. This is the board’s annual meeting, when officers for the year will be elected. See more details on page 2.**



## *The Foundation's 2013 Convention Plans*

The 60th Annual TRTA Convention is almost here! On April 9-11, over 1,000 TRTA retirees will gather in Corpus Christi to celebrate the "Diamond Jubilee by the Sea" at the American Bank Convention Center for three full days of vital association activities.

The annual Foundation Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 11:45 a.m. in the Henry Garrett Ballroom A and B. We would love to have you as our guest! Tickets cost \$30. Pre-registration is closed for Convention, but tickets to the luncheon may still be purchased by visiting the on-site registration booth at the convention center.

During the luncheon, the recipients of the 2013-14 student scholarships and classroom assistance grants will be announced. TRTF trustee and former Executive Director of Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) Ronnie Jung will be our speaker.

It is common for individuals, districts and local units to present gifts to the Foundation at the end of the luncheon. If you are attending the luncheon and would like to make a donation, you may complete a form to include a personal message. Many take this opportunity to honor a current TRTA member or memorialize a retiree or loved one who was dear to them. These forms will be available on your luncheon table or on page 5. Bring your form and donation forward to the podium on April 10<sup>th</sup> and your message will be announced!



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### *TRTF Luncheon*

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

11:45 a.m. — 1:15 p.m.

Henry Garrett Ballroom A & B  
American Bank Convention Center

### *Menu*

Classic Caesar Salad  
Pan-roasted Chicken Breast with  
Pomodoro Sauce served over  
Angel Hair Pasta  
Grilled Seasonal Vegetables  
Strawberry Shortcake with  
Mango Sauce



### **TRTF BOARD MEETING**

On Tuesday, April 9, 2013 the board of trustees of the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation will have its annual meeting at 10:00 a.m. Guests are welcome. If you plan to attend the meeting, please RSVP so that we may provide materials for all our guests. Send your RSVP to Beth@trta.org.

### **TRTF TRAINING SESSION**

For the third year in a row, TRTF will provide an information seminar on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. in the Rotunda, Level 2 of the Convention Center. All local unit Foundation Representatives and District Foundation liaisons attending convention are encouraged to attend. Understanding the role of Foundation Liaisons and Representatives, including talking points, accepting donations and launching "A Helping Hand" in your area will be discussed.

## *Scholarship and Grant Update!*

A special thank you to all who supported and promoted the TRTF Student Scholarship and Classroom Assistance Grants programs. The Foundation received 49 scholarship applications and 78 grant applications. Two committees have reviewed the applications and selected 15 recipients for each program. The winners will be announced at the TRTA Convention on April 10, 2013 during the Foundation Luncheon. In the next issue of *The Ledger*, we will share detailed descriptions of the winners. Also, Foundation trustees have the opportunity to deliver several awards in person over the next few months. Photos of the winners will be included in forthcoming issues as they are made available.

### **Did You Know?**

#### **The Foundation Accepts Applications for "A Helping Hand" Year-Round!**

If you have questions about "A Helping Hand", such as how to apply or assist a member with the application process, please email [beth@trta.org](mailto:beth@trta.org) or call Beth at 1-800-880-1650 x 102. Currently, applications are not available for download from the TRTF website, but are emailed or mailed upon request. If you know a TRTS annuitant who is experiencing a financial hardship, and in need of assistance, please encourage them to apply today.



## *The Legacy Continues*

The Legacy Campaign was launched in 2011 when the TRTF Board of Trustees recognized the need to promote a positive image of Texas education and to educate both retired and active education employees about the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS).

Thank you to all who have designated funds to this important program. These funds are being used to produce a video to educate active teachers and the general public about defined benefit plans and the value TRS provides to the entire state.

During the annual Foundation luncheon, TRTA Executive Director Tim Lee will provide an update on the Legacy Campaign.



## Generous Donations Made by Districts and Local Units

Numerous districts and local units have offered generous donations to the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation in honor or in memory of fellow retirees, loved ones and community leaders. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you for giving not just your monetary gifts but also the time as you have dedicated to sharing the Foundation's vision with others.

**Thank you for donating to important causes that positively impact public education retirees across the great state of Texas.**

The following list includes donations made by local units and districts between February 28, 2013 and March 29, 2013:

Humble Area Retired Teachers donated \$140. Bee County Retired School Personnel donated \$500. Red River Retired School Employees donated \$100 in memory of Doyle Wooten. Temple –Bell County RTA donated \$100 in memory of Mary Anne Cox. District 16 Texas Retired School Personnel Association donated \$100. Canyon Association of Retired Teachers and School Personnel donated \$100. San Marcos Association of Retired Teachers donated \$25 in honor of Eloise Hudson, CASA of Central Texas. Odessa Retired Teachers and School Personnel donated \$50. Caldwell County Retired Teachers donated \$35. Panola County Retired School Employees Association donated \$25 in honor of Gloria Bethany. Plainview Texas Retired Teachers donated \$20 in memory of Virginia Sears. Menard-Kimble RTA donated \$20 in honor of Nancy Byler and Lynn Grangin.

### A Special Thank You to Frost Bank!

The Foundation would like to thank Frost Bank for their recent donation of \$500!! TRTF appreciates the support of Texas businesses that help to sustain our programs.

### Local Unit Shares Fundraising Story

The members of Bee County Retired School Personnel achieved their goal of raising \$500 for TRTF. To encourage donations from members and the community, Bee County held a Game Night/ Silent Auction fundraiser on January 17th. Entrance fees, donations and the silent auction brought in a total of \$450. All who attended had a great time and enjoyed supporting the worthy cause. Then in February the local unit raised an additional \$50 to reach their \$500 goal.

TRTF is greatly appreciative of the efforts made in local units to raise funds to support our programs. The Foundation is interested in hearing the innovative ways local units are raising money. To share your story, email [beth@trta.org](mailto:beth@trta.org).

### TRTF Raises \$68,500 since November 1st.

After this issue, we will no longer be updating The Ledger with the tally of Foundation Month/Annual Appeal donations. We will begin again when our next annual appeal starts in November 2013.

Thank you for your generosity!

## SPECIAL FOUNDATION LUNCHEON DONATION CARD . . .

It is common for individuals, districts, and local units to present gifts to the Foundation at the end of the luncheon, resulting in a rousing display of generosity. This year, TRTF will ensure that your donation is publicly recognized. If you are attending the luncheon and making a donation, you may complete the form below and include a personal message. Many attendees take this opportunity to honor a current member of TRTA or to memorialize a retiree, family member, or friend who was dear to them. Bring your form and donation to the podium on April 10, and your message will be announced for all luncheon attendees to hear.

### *Texas Retired Teachers Foundation*



Annual Luncheon  
April 10, 2013



This donation of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(dollar amount)

is being given by

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Individual, Local Unit, or District)

This gift is designated for (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ “A Helping Hand”

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Scholarships

\_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Assistance Grants

\_\_\_\_\_ Legacy Campaign

and is being made in **HONOR** or **MEMORY** (circle one) of

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(name of honoree)

For **HIS**, **HER**, or **THEIR** (circle one)

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(example: dedication to education)