

Klein Association of Retired Employees



KARE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

WEBSITE <https://KleinKaremembers.wixsite.com/Kare>

SAVE THE DATES!

KARE Meeting

Monday September 22 9:30 a.m. Social Time; 10 a.m. Meeting
at Klein Multipurpose Center, 7500 FM 2920
Speaker: Jenny McGown

Please understand that we had trouble getting a meeting room this year, so please make note of the day, date and place of the meetings.

If you can help with refreshments for social time, please respond to this newsletter and I will let Bob know. Thank you.

KARE TRIPS

Sept. 24 9:30 - 4:00 Murals at Texas Southern University, Lunch at Rado Market & Tour Project Row Houses.

October 22 8:00 - 6:00 Scarecrow Festival at Shangri La Botanical Gardens in Orange and Lunch at Old Orange Café.

November 21 3:00 -10:00 Dinner at Kelly's Country Cookin' then on to Radiant Nature at Houston Botanic Gardens.

December 4 10:00 - 5:30 Lunch at Cafe Texan in Huntsville (Texas History Museum) then on to Madisonville Christmas Store.

If you have not previously signed up for these trips, sign-up will be available at the September 22nd meeting and by email when the trip info comes out.

**SIGN UP NOW: message, email or call Kathy Bell at 281-455-9907
kbell1718@sbcglobal.net. I need your name and email address**

About KARE Trips:

You do not have to be a KARE member to travel with us. Feel free to invite any friends who are age 50+. Send name and email address to kbell1718@sbcglobal.net in order to get on the trip list.

If you need a lift (cannot climb the bus steps) please let me know so that I can request a bus with a lift.

Arrive at the Barbara Bush Library parking lot at least 15 minutes before departure time in order to complete the sign-in list before the bus leaves.

Bring a sweater or light wrap as sometimes the bus AC is on high.

Trips are limited to 26 people. I will keep a waiting list if trips are filled.

QR Code
Use to link to the KARE website.



Texas Retired Teachers Foundation: Please read all TRTF information found in The Voice and sent out by Tim Lee.

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Scheduled Events and Tentative Events for 2025–2026

For KARE, TRTA and District IV, Trips, Book Club and Other KARE (day or place)

Unless otherwise noted all meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m., with social time beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the Klein Multipurpose Center at 7500 FM 2920, Klein, Texas 77379.

- August 2:** 4 p.m. Stargazing at Dominey Observatory SHSU Campus
- August 20:** 11:30 a.m. Ha Ha, You Have to Go Back to School Luncheon at Spring Creek BBQ, 6068 FM 2920
- September 16:** Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace
THE FROZEN RIVER by Ariel Lawhon
- September 22:** Monday KARE Meeting at Klein Multipurpose Center
Speaker: Jenny McGown – The State of the District
- September 24:** 9:30 a.m. Murals at Texas Southern University, Lunch at Rado Market & Tour Project Row Houses.
- October 3:** District 4 Fall Conference
- October 15:** Wednesday KARE Meeting at Klein Multipurpose Center
Speaker: Richard Ford, BBB Fraud Control - Top Scams of 2025
- October 22:** 8 a.m. *Scarecrow Festival at Shangri La Botanical Gardens in Orange and lunch at Old Orange Café.
- November 18:** Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace
I'M GLAD MY MOTHER DIED by Jeanette McCurdy
- November 19:** Wednesday KARE Meeting at Klein Multipurpose Center
Speaker: Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management – Emergency Preparedness
- November 21:** 3 p.m. Dinner at Kelly's Country Cookin', and Radiant Nature at Houston Botanic Gardens
- December 4:** 10:00 a.m. Lunch at Cafe Texan in Huntsville (Texas History Museum) then Madisonville Christmas Store.
- January 21:** Wednesday KARE Meeting at NOC
- January 20:** Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace
MY FRIENDS by Fredrik Backman
- February 13:** Friday KARE Meeting at Klein Multipurpose Center
Speaker: Tom Ramsey, Precinct 3 Commissioner - The State of the Precinct.
- March 12:** Monday KARE Meeting at Klein Multipurpose Center
- March 17:** Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace
SHARP FORCE by Patricia Cornwell
- March 23:** Monday KARE Meeting at Klein Multipurpose Center
- March 25:** A.M. TRTA Virtual Convention P.M. Dist. 4 Spring Conf
- April 22:** KARE Meeting at Klein Multipurpose Center

- May 19:** **Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace**
 JAMES by Percival Everett
- May 20:** **KARE Meeting at Klein Multipurpose Center**
 Speaker: Shane Harris, Branch Manager, Barbara Bush Library
 – Information about the Library
- July 21:** **Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace**
 THE PALACE AT THE END OF THE SEA by Simon Tolkien

Children's Book Project

The Children's Book Project is a service activity through TRTA in which books are collected by KARE members and then donated to organizations, libraries, shelters, community clinics, etc. The purpose is to get books in the hands of children.

We can accept books for children from K-12 that are new or gently used. These cannot be religious in nature and must be age appropriate.

If you are a retired educator and have books from your teaching days that you would like to donate, please contact the Children's Book Project chairman, Carol Rios, at crios1055@gmail.com. We can also accept cash donations to purchase books.

Carol Rios will be accepting books at all meetings during the year.

SCAM ALERT from KHOU 11

[FBI warns about scam targeting older adults](#)

KARE
Klein Association of Retired Employees
Minutes for the May 21, 2025, Meeting

Call to Order: President Linda Carroll called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Speaker: David Brand introduced Steven Baird from the Klein Historical Foundation.

He highlighted various aspects of Wunderlich Farm. www.kleinhistorical.org

Minutes as printed in the newsletter: Accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Hrcir made a motion to accept as printed. Dale Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership: Dora Williams presented a power point ([photos and script were designed by David Brand and Linda's sister) featuring KARE and TRTA. Plans are to show this video to Kein ISD faculty meetings, as well as to Spring ISD, Tomball ISD; and all other area ISD's.

KARE is still accepting membership dues.

2nd Vice President: David Brand is planning program speakers for the 2025-2026 KARE meetings.

Trips: Kathy Bell has planned trips for the summer: June 5, 2025: Conroe Resale Shop Hop;

July 10, 2025: Transtar and Tamales; August 2, 2025: Stargazing, Dominey Observatory, SHSU; September 24, 2025.

Hospitality: Bob Hrcir thanked the members who have donated goodies for each meeting's morning treats. "Great job!"

Books: Carol Rios has collected donations of over 100 books to donate this summer. This September she will begin accepting donations for new or lightly used books.

The August Ha Ha Luncheon is set tentatively for the 3rd Wednesday in August.

Safety: Dagmar Kidd. Members suggested a home phone just for family for safety.

Another idea was to check with the county clerk for possible fraud if you own property. You can get a duplicate copy of your deed.

Unfinished Business: Linda Carroll announced a game of Spite and Malice the 28th at Luby's. 11 a.m. She then passed out specially selected fun gifts for the KARE board members.

Adjournment: 11:42 a.m.

Submitted by Mary Young, Secretary

Financial Report for June, July and August.

Beginning Balance June 1, 2025		\$ 12,585.99
Dues Deposited	\$ 600.00	
Klein ISD Catering	\$ 60.00	
Balance June 30, 2025		\$ 13,125.99
Dues Deposited	\$ 225.00	
TRTA Dues	\$ 70.00	
Balance July 31, 2025		\$ 13,280.99
Dues Deposited	\$ 370.00	
TRTA Dues	\$455.00	
Balance August 31, 2025		\$ 13,195.99

Submitted by Dale Robinson, Treasurer

From the Minutes of the District 4 Planning Meeting held August 14, 2025

The Fall Conference will be held on October 3, 2025, at the Merrell Center in Katy. Each chapter will be allowed to bring 10 members. Registration is 9 – 10 a.m. Tim Lee will be the speaker. Memorial Program, led by Brenda Teykl, will take place. Election for 2026-2028 will be held. Legislators will be invited to lunch and will be asked to sit with their constituents and chat. Sheila asked for volunteers to help make the Conference fun and interactive. Kay Danziger, Fort Bend County volunteered to work on the menu. Cheryl Glasser of Katy and Linda Spiro of Humble expressed an interest in decorations. Carolyn Mashburn of Humble, Johnnie Robinson of Houston HART, and Carla Meuth of Fort Bend Harris are eagerly ready to prepare a line dance.

Officer Needed: Parliamentarian

Each chapter is supposed to have a parliamentarian to make sure we follow Robert's Rules of Order. We have the book; we just need someone to keep us in line.

Committee Chairs Needed:

Member Benefits

Legislative

Foundation

Retirement Education

Please consider joining, and better yet heading, a committee. See the list of committees on the membership form at the end of this newsletter.

The Social Committee is seeking coordinators and other ideas for social get-togethers. If you would like to host a get-together, let us know. Even if you would just like company to pick out new flowers for your flowerbed, that could be a meet you there.

Would you be interested in a meet-you-there visit to Arbor Gate or Plants for All Seasons? Would you want a tour?

Would you be interested in a tour visit to the Pearl Fincher Museum? Would you be interested in coordinating that?

Sunshine: The health and welfare of KARE members is important. Text or email Dora Williams or Sharon Glasgow with notifications of members who are ill, recovering from surgery or have a death in their immediate family. See the website [see first page of the newsletter and the QR Code] for contact information or reply to this newsletter email.

Who wants to play Spite and Malice and when?

Volunteer Hours Record for 2025

Please keep track of your volunteer hours so you can turn them in at the end of the year.

January _____ hours

May _____ hours

September _____ hours

February _____ hours

June _____ hours

October _____ hours

March _____ hours

July _____ hours

November _____ hours

April _____ hours

August _____ hours

December _____ hours

Total hours for 2025 _____

Membership 2025-2026

Enrollment began March 1, 2025

If you are not on this list, a Membership Form and an Invoice are at the end of this newsletter with information about where to mail your check. Spouses are eligible to join with full membership privileges. This is through September 1, 2025

Jennifer Banks	Jerry Bell	Kathy Bell
Sherry Bowersock		
Clora Dean Bradley	Janice Bragg	David Brand
Jim Cain	Linda Carroll	
Molly Cordeau	Karen Crisler	Shiela Cunningham
Sherri Davenport	Sherry Davidson	Susan Dorsey
Sue Due	Susan Dunens	
Rosa Faircloth		
Susan Gaubatz	Sharon Glasgow	Eva Grigg
Loretta Hrncir	Robert Hrncir	Marie Hynes
Emily Jones	Joan Kehlenbach	
Delma Kelley	Tommy Kelley	
Dagmar Kidd	Wayland Kidd	
Penny Laughlin		
Fernando Martinez	Lori Martinez	
Debbie McGee	Jane McKetta	Elaine McMullen
Joyce McMoran	Karen Becky Meredith	
Delma Neeley		
Barbara Polit	Edna Ponton	
Lois Redford	Carol Rios	Susan Rowald
Cynthia Smith	David Smith	Sandra Smith
Virginia Sonnier	Rhonda Stowe	
Donna Taylor	Mary Todeschini	
Barbara Velotas	Wanda Washington	
Dora Williams	Sheila Williams	Charlene Wilson
Marla Wood	Carol Young	Mary Young

The 2025-2026 Membership form is included at the end of this newsletter. Mail to Dora Williams (address on the form) or bring your checkbook to a meeting and turn in your form and check to Lori Martinez, Dale Robinson, Dora Williams, or Penny Laughlin. Yes, we accept cash, but it is even more important that you include a membership form to be used as your receipt that you paid.

September 2025 Agenda Draft

9:30 Social Time will be extended until our speaker arrives.

10:30 Call to Order

Greetings

Linda Carroll

David Brand

Speaker: Jenny McGown: State of the District

Break

Birthdays and Special Events

Any questions about the minutes?

Any questions about the financial report?

Fall Conference October 3

Membership: Dora Williams and Penny Laughlin

Programs: David Brand

Trips: Kathy Bell

Hospitality: Bob Hrcir

Safety: Dagmar Kidd

Unfinished Business: Chairs/Coordinators needed. Information about these positions is available on the TRTA Website.

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Suggestion for lunch:

Adjourn

If you are on the agenda and do not wish to be, let us know.

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KLEIN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES 2025-2026
Local Chapter of the TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt#: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Birthdate [mo/day] _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

I receive an annuity from a teacher retirement system. [☐] Yes [☐] No

If not paid by KARE, my TRTA dues are paid by: _____

I worked in [school(s)/district(s)] _____

Retired employees from districts other than Klein are welcome to join KARE.

Department(s) worked in _____

Who recommended KARE to you? _____

Return the form and a check payable to KARE to:

Dora Williams, 33611 Windcrest Estates Blvd, Magnolia, TX 77354

KARE will take care of submitting your dues to TRTA, if you are not already in a program that pays them for you.

Dues for both: \$45 (KARE \$10; TRTA \$35)

I would be interested in serving on the following committee(s): kleinkaremembers@gmail.com

____ Membership
Dora Williams and Penny Laughlin
____ Volunteer Services
Mary Young
____ Community Involvement
Martha Mallory
____ Member Benefits
Needs chair
____ Programs
David Brand
____ Children's Book Project
Carol Rios and Dale Robinson
____ Communications and Technology
Jane McKetta
____ Historian
David Brand
____ Legislative
Needs chair
____ Scholarships
Penny Laughlin

____ KARE Trips
Kathy Bell
____ Social Committees
Coordinators needed
____ Hospitality
Bob Hrcir
____ Book Club
Suzanne Bradley
____ Sunshine
Sharon Glasgow
____ TRTA Foundation
Needs chair
____ Retirement Education
Needs chair
____ Health
Lori and Fernando Martinez
____ Safety
Dagmar Kidd
____ Treasurers
Lori Martinez and Dale Robinson

INVOICE

DATE: 2025-2026

Mail Check Payable to KARE
Dora Williams
33611 Windcrest Estates Blvd
Magnolia, TX 77354

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

TRTA ID #: _____

FROM	JOB	PAYMENT TERMS	DUE DATE
Dora Williams, 1 st Vice President	Membership	Due on receipt	ASAP

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
1	2025-2026 KARE Membership	10.00	
-----	2025-2026 TRTA Membership	35.00	
	TRTA membership is a requirement to be a KARE member		
	If you have your TRTA dues debited from your Annuity, your KARE dues are \$10.00		
	Please return this invoice with your remittance		
TOTAL			

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO KARE
Thank you for your prompt remittance