

Klein Association of Retired Employees



KARE SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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KleinKaremembers@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES!

KARE Luncheon 11:30 a.m., August 20, 2025

Spring Creek BBQ

6068 FM 2920, Klein, TX 77379

Bring a friend(s), pay for their lunch, write your name and their name(s) on the receipt, and give it to Dora or Penny.

If your friend joins, KARE will reimburse you for their lunch.

If you are not currently a member of TRTA and KARE and join at the luncheon, write your name on your receipt and turn in with your check and a membership form (see end of newsletter).

KARE will pay for your KARE Membership.

KARE TRIPS

Saturday, August 2 – 4 p.m. Stargazing - Dominey Observatory, SHSU and Dinner at The Cafe Texan - Huntsville

Wednesday, September 24 – 9:30 a.m. Murals at Texas Southern University, lunch at Rado Market, Tour Project Row Houses

*Wednesday, October 22 - Scarecrow Festival - Shangri La Botanical Gardens in Orange *Tentative

**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.

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 the back-to-school luncheon and all meetings during the year.

Klein Association of Retired Employees
Scheduled Events and Tentative Events for 2025–2026
For KARE, TRTA and District IV, Trips, Book Club and Other KARE
Get these dates on your calendar for 2025-2026
Meeting dates will not be set until August. 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

July 10:	Beaumont Edison Museum and Fire Museum
July 15:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace THE WOMEN by Kristen Hannah
July 17:	KARE Board Meeting at Broken Yolk
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:	KARE Meeting at Klein Multipurpose Center
September 24:	9:30 a.m. Murals at Texas Southern University, Lunch at Rado Market & Tour Project Row Houses
October*:	District 4 Fall Conference
October:	KARE Meeting at Klein Multipurpose Center
October 22:	*Scarecrow Festival at Shangri La Botanical Gardens in Orange
November 18:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace I'M GLAD MY MOTHER DIED by Jeanette McCurdy
November:	KARE Meeting at Klein Multipurpose Center
November 21:	*Radiant Nature at Houston Botanic Gardens
December 4:	*Holiday Lights
January 20:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace MY FRIENDS by Fredrik Backman
March 17:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace SHARP FORCE by Patricia Cornwell
March 25:	A.M. TRTA Virtual Convention P.M. District 4 Spring Conference
May 19:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace JAMES by Percival Everett
July 21:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace THE PALACE AT THE END OF THE SEA by Simon Tolkien

Trip dates are set but some trips are tentative*.

This is a cumulative event record [Includes events that have already transpired.] Please report any corrections or additions.

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 _____		

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? The current exhibit ends August 30.

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] for contact information or reply to this newsletter email.

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.

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

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. Or attend the back-to-school luncheon August 20 and bring your check. Spouses are eligible to join with full membership privileges.

This is through June 3, 2025

Jennifer Banks	Clora Dean Bradley	Janice Bragg
David Brand		
Jim Cain	Linda Carroll	
Molly Cordeau	Karen Crisler	Shiela Cunningham
Susan Dorsey	Sue Due	Susan Dunens
Rosa Faircloth		
Sharon Glasgow	Eva Grigg	
Loretta Hrnair	Robert Hrnair	Marie Hynes
Emily Jones	Joan Kehlenbach	
Delma Kelley	Tommy Kelley	
Dagmar Kidd	Wayland Kidd	
Penny Laughlin		
Fernando Martinez	Lori Martinez	
Joyce McMoran	Karen Becky Meredith	
Barbara Polit	Edna Ponton	
Lois Redford	Carol Rios	Susan Rowald
David Smith	Sandra Smith	Virginia Sonnier
Mary Todeschini		
Barbara Velotas		
Dora Williams	Sheila Williams	Charlene Wilson
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.

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 Woodcrest 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
Need chair
____ Scholarships
Penny Laughlin

____ KARE Trips
Kathy Bell
____ Social Committees
Coordinators needed
____ Hospitality
Bob Hrcir
____ Book Club
Suzanne Bradley
____ Sunshine
Sharon Glasgow
____ TRTA Foundation
Coordinator needed
____ Retirement Education
Coordinator needed
____ 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 Woodcrest 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