

Klein Association of Retired Employees



KARE MARCH NEWSLETTER

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SAVE THE DATE!

KARE Meeting March 20

At KNOC, behind Central Office

Speaker TBA

Upcoming trips for the Klein Association of Retired Employees and their friends aged 50+. To sign up email kbell1718@sbcglobal.net or text 281-455-9907.

All trips leave from Barbara Bush Library. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the stated departure time. You will pay any trip fees as you board the bus.

Walking Tour of Glenwood Cemetery and the Houston Toy Museum

Friday, March 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee: \$25

Established in 1871, this beautiful cemetery is the final resting place for many prominent Houstonians. This is a docent-led tour with many interesting facts. Lunch at Shandy's in the Heights.

After lunch we will tour the Houston Toy Museum. Here we will see toys from our childhood along with vintage toys dating back to the 1800s.

Enchanted Forest and Enchanted Garden

Friday, April 26, 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. No fee

Getting Our Gardens Ready for Summer

Enjoy a tour of Enchanted Forest, a delightful nursery in Richmond. After lunch at Sandy McGee's in Historic Downtown Richmond we will stop at Enchanted Gardens.

**Klein Association of Retired Employees
Tentative Events Scheduled for 2023 – 2024
For KARE, TRTA and District IV and Trips
Please let Linda Carroll know of any additions or corrections.**

July 28:	KARE Board Meeting
August 1:	KARE LUNCHEON at Campione's
September 7:	Fall District 4 Conference
September 19:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace
September 20:	KARE Meeting at Klein Multi-Purpose Building
September 22:	Aggieland Safari, & The Brazos Valley Museum
October 7:	Fair on the Square/Huntsville
October 18:	KARE Meeting at Klein Multi-Purpose Building
November 14:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace
November 15:	KARE Meeting at Central Office
December 6:	Christmas Luncheon at Campione's
December 7:	Gullo House Christmas Lights
January 16:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace
January 17:	KARE Meeting canceled due to weather
February 16:	Stargazing at George Observatory
February 21:	KARE Meeting with speakers Penny Laughlin and Dora Williams on their trip to the Amazon.
March 15:	Glenwood Cemetery Tour and Houston Toy Museum
March 19:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace
	"Zero Days" by Ruth Ware
March 20:	Meeting at KNOC (behind Central Office)
April 15-17:	Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas
April 17:	KARE Meeting at Klein Multi-Purpose Building
April 26:	Celebrate Arbor Day with a Garden Tour
May 15:	KARE Meeting at Central Office
May 14:	Spring Conference
May 17:	TBA
May 21:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace
June 18:	TBA
July 16:	Book Club Mtg at Jason's Deli Grand Pkwy Marketplace

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

KARE
Klein Association of Retired Employees
Minutes for the February 21, 2024 Meeting

Call to Order: President Susan Alter called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Penny Laughlin and Dora Williams gave a presentation about their trip to the Amazon Rain Forest.

Announcements: Susan Alter welcomed and introduced guests.

Secretary's Report: Mary Young, secretary, reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Minutes were filed as written.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Carroll reported a balance of \$13,191.16.

First Vice President: Glen Peterson encouraged members to send in their TRTA and KARE membership forms with payment for 2024-2025 dues to Linda Carroll as soon as possible.

Second Vice President: Dale Robinson announced the April speaker—a member of the Audubon Society. The March KARE meeting will be to nominate new KARE officers.

Third Vice President: Kathy Bell noted the rescheduled trip to the George Observatory. She has scheduled a March 15, 2024 trip to Glenwood Cemetery and a toy museum in the Heights. April 26 a trip is planned to Enchanted Forest and Enchanted Garden.

Nadine Krebs noted she has trips planned to the Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show for February 28, 2024. Email her at krebs128@gmail.com or call 712.410.7952 if you have any questions.

Monies from the “piggies” totaling \$127.32 was donated to the TRTA foundation.

Legislative: Robert Hrnecir encouraged members to vote in the upcoming primary.

Health Care: Dora Williams reported that the two KARE teams walked 3,041 miles in the Walk Across Texas event. Since February is Heart Awareness Month, she encouraged members to be aware of any symptoms of heart disease.

Community Volunteer Services: Susan Alter reported that Barbara Polit said of the 146 KARE members, 18 people reported 7,685 volunteer hours. Of that number, Susan Bradley clocked 963 hours.

Book Club: no report given.

Historian: no report given.

Technology and Website: no report given.

Retirement and Education: no report given.

Information and Protective Services: Dagmar Kidd alerted members to be aware of AI scams.

Children's Book Project: Carol Rios reported that 150 books were donated this year.

Hospitality: no report given.

Member Benefits: no report given.

New Business: TRTA April convention will be held in Corpus, Texas April 15-17. We are allowed four delegates.

A nominating committee of 3 (Susan Alter, Robert Hrcir, and Joyce Davis) will be meeting to select a slate of candidates to be presented at the March KARE meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by Mary Young, Secretary

Treasurer's Report: Linda Carroll
There was no activity in February, so our balance remains at \$13,191.16.

Nomination Information: At our meeting on March 20, we will be taking nominations for officers. If you would like to be considered or know someone you think would be interested, please contact Susan Alter or Bob Hrcir.

The following are job descriptions from the TRTA Resource Guidebooks. The guidebooks are available at the TRTA Website under Member Resources/Resource Guides.

The TRTA Local Chapter President:

Presides at local chapter meetings, informs local chapter membership on a regular basis about TRTA, district and local chapter activities and works to increase membership.

Disseminates TRTA information and reports changes of officers or committee chairs to the district president.

Follows the monthly calendars in the TRTA Leadership Manual and completes other items as assigned to fulfill the objectives of TRTA.

Heads the Executive Committee consisting of the local chapter officers and anyone else who wishes to attend.

Become familiar with the Leadership Manual.

The TRTA Local Chapter First Vice President:

Presides at meetings of the local chapter in the absence of or at the request of the local chapter president and acts for the president in his or her absence or inability to serve.

Serves as chair of the membership committee for the local chapter.

Develops a plan to involve members to recruit, retain and regain members.

Promotes the individual membership incentive as determined by the district leadership.

Keeps the district membership committee chair informed of membership status and activities.

Assists the president.

Attend the District Fall Conference, if applicable.

Attend the Spring Conference as the incoming first vice president, if applicable.

Attend the first vice president training at the TRTA Convention and the Spring Conference training session, if possible.

Performs other assigned duties to fulfill the objectives of TRTA.

As a KARE member you are a member of the Membership Committee. KARE is one of the best kept secrets in Klein. Spread the word.

At KARE's discretion and under the by-laws, part of the first vice president's and second vice president's duties differ from those in the resource guidebooks. Under TRTA's guidelines, the first vice president is also the Community Services Chairperson and the second vice president is responsible for technology. KARE Chairpersons for those committees can find a job description in those officer's guidebooks. Please note that all officers and chairpersons are heads of a committee that other members should be part of. I am challenging every KARE member to join at least one committee. Find out what that committee does and how you can help. There is a list of committees on the membership form below.

Under KARE guidelines the second vice president is responsible for obtaining meeting places and speakers. Can you speak about something you are passionate about or know of someone you would like to hear speak?

Under KARE guidelines the third vice president is responsible for bus trips and other social activities. Is there a place you would like to visit and share with other KARE members? Any ideas for Meet You There "trips?"

The TRTA Local Chapter Secretary:

Record or cause to be recorded the proceedings of local meetings and perform other assigned duties to fulfill the objectives of TRTA. Would you be willing to take notes at meetings the secretary cannot attend?

The TRTA Local Chapter Treasurer:

Is responsible for TRTA Portal submissions to the TRTA office. Collect and record the receipt of dues and forward all membership dues to TRTA monthly by TRTA Portal.

Assemble materials for the annual audit.

Complete and submit TRTA tax reporting activity forms.

Develop the local chapter budget.

Complete and submit annual mandatory bonding of the local chapter by August 1.

Pay bills as approved in the budget.

Keep an accurate record of the local chapter's financial transactions.

Prepare financial reports for regular meetings of the local chapter.

Provide current membership data to president and membership chair regularly.

Attend the treasurer training session at the TRTA Convention and, if possible, attend the treasurer training at the Spring Conference.

Submit to the district treasurer the scholarship reporting form.

Perform other duties as necessary to fulfill the objectives of TRTA.

Each month the treasurer is supposed to have someone double check that he/she has balanced the statement correctly. Would you be willing to help with that?

First Vice President Glen Peterson
Preparing for a new year.

TRTA is the only organization that works exclusively for retired school personnel. It is an organization well worth joining. For \$45 you can join TRTA and KARE and reap the benefits of an organization that will get things done.

If you have not joined, fill out the invoice or membership form and send it to Linda Carroll with a check for \$45. Linda will take care of paying your TRTA dues. If you are already a member of TRTA and would like to become a member of KARE, fill out the membership form and send it to Linda with a check for \$10.

Please Note: If any of your personal information changes, we would like to know. We can now make the changes to your TRTA Profile. If your email address changes, you must let Glen know if you wish to receive information from KARE. If you are not receiving information from Glen please go to the website or KARE email [see page one] and let us know.

To pay your dues, fill out either the invoice or the membership form and give or send with your check (or cash if in person) to Linda Carroll. I know, I know, your information is the same, but that piece of paper is where your payment is recorded [KARE's copy of the receipt] and is especially important if you pay cash.

INVOICE

DATE: MARCH 1, 2024

Mail to: KARE

Linda Carroll, Treasurer
18206 Navajo Trail Dr
Spring, TX 77388-9007
XXXXXXXXXX

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

TRTA ID #: _____

FROM	JOB	PAYMENT TERMS	DUE DATE
Glen S Peterson, 1 st Vice President	Membership	Due on receipt	ASAP
QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
1	2024-2025 KARE Membership	10.00	10.00
1	2024-2025 TRTA Membership	35.00	35.00
	TRTA membership is a requirement to be a KARE member		
	Likewise, KARE membership is a requirement for TRTA membership		
	If you are having 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

MEMBERSHIP/DIRECTORY FORM for 2024-2025
KLEIN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES
Local Chapter of the TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Apt#: _____

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

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

If any of your information changes, please go to trta.org and update your profile.

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:

Linda Carroll, Treasurer, 18206 Navajo Trail Drive, Spring, TX 77388-9007

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

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

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

_____ Membership

_____ Glen Peterson Chair

_____ Programs

_____ Dale Robinson Chair

_____ KARE Trips

_____ Kathy Bell Chair

_____ TRTA Foundation

_____ Kathy Bell Chair

_____ Legislative

_____ Bob Hrnecir Chair

_____ Hospitality

_____ Jan Bragg Chair

_____ Community Services

_____ Barbara Polit Chair

_____ Historian

_____ David Brand Chair

_____ Scholarship Committee; Chairs Glen Peterson and Penny Laughlin

_____ Book Club

_____ Suzanne Bradley Chair

_____ Children's Books

_____ Carol Rios Chair

_____ Retirement Education

_____ Healthy Living

_____ Dora Williams Chair

_____ Sunshine

_____ Dora Williams Chair

_____ Technology

_____ Jane McKetta Chair

_____ Member Benefits

_____ Penny Laughlin Chair

_____ Information & Protective Services

_____ Dagmar Kidd Chair

Third VP Kathy Bell

Trips: See Save the Date and the events calendar.

Community Service – Barbara Polit

Keep a record of your volunteer hours to be turned in on or before February 1.

_____ January	_____ May	_____ September
_____ February	_____ June	_____ October
_____ March	_____ July	_____ November
_____ April	_____ August	_____ December
	_____	Total for 2024

Book Club Suzanne Bradley

We still meet the 3rd Tuesday of every other month at Jason's Deli at Market Square (Kuykendahl and 99). Everyone is welcome.

March 19 “Zero Days” by Ruth Ware

May 21 “Horse” by Geraldine Brooks

July 16 “Hello Beautiful” by Ann Napolitano

Children’s Book Project Chairman Carol Rios

Book donations for the Children's Book Project are always appreciated. We can accept new or gently used books for students in K - 12. These books are donated to charities or organizations that give books to children that may not have any of their own. For more information, contact me at crios1055@gmail.com or see me at the KARE meeting.