**PRESIDENT’S CORNER, Judy Lynn**

Well, brothers and sisters, this is it!! This is my final NSARTA Newsletter after three, FABULOUS, FANTASTIC and AWESOME years. The President could not have asked for more support during her tenure. You sang when it was requested you do so, you brought members into our Unit, you stayed in office for three full years, you brought food, decorated tables, planned "over the top" speakers, attended extra meetings, ran for office, attended District and State Meetings, and wrote articles for our Newsletter. What more could a President ask her members to do? You guys, have been TERRIFIC!! It is time, however for Fresh Blood, NEW IDEAS and a change in Leadership. Change is always good. Please, promise the President that you will support your new LEADERS, as well as you have supported me. All of you will remain in my heart and in my spirit forever.

Remember, please, that we are having a Luncheon, Awards Ceremony, and Installation of Officers at our May meeting. If you are being installed, please, try to be there so you can be properly recognized. If you are a present Officer and/or Committee chair, you will be recognized for your good work--so please try to be present.

Harold Black, our outstanding First Vice-President and Membership Chair, just told me that 96 Members have renewed his/her Membership. That's terrific news, however we have ended the year with 268 members. Please come prepared to renew your NSARTA Membership so we can retain that many members (I'd really like to exceed that). It would be wonderful if we could increase our Membership to 300. The State recognizes Units who increase their Membership. It would be very satisfying if we could receive that recognition.

Just, a reminder to our Newly elected Officers and our Incoming Chairmen--June 2, 2016 in Floresville, Texas--will be our Spring Leadership Workshop. It's very well worth your time to attend. Great materials are available, State Leaders are present and a SUPER lunch is served. Hope to see you there.

Kenneth and I want to wish all of you a blessed, relaxed and healthy summer. We are looking forward to seeing you in September. God Bless You. We love all of you!!
LEGISLATIVE/FOUNDATION  Carlos Ortiz

At the present, very little is happening in the Legislative arena with one exception—who will replace Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon (District 120). As you all know the Foundation raises money for the Legacy, Grants for active Teachers, Helping Hand for retirees, and Scholarships. The Scholarship is being revised to award the money to graduating college seniors who will enter the teaching profession. These seniors need the money to pay for their certification tests and/or to set up a new classroom. Preference will be given to seniors who are related to TRTA members.

PROGRAM  Michele Bibb

Looking back over this NSARTA year brings many smiles, laughs, memories of great programs, and some sadness and tears. As 2nd Vice President, I've had the privilege of meeting many of the members and now know most by name. I'm not one that loves to attend meetings, goodness, we've all attended too many of them in our teaching profession, but attending NSARTA Meetings is always an experience. I've learned a lot about parliamentary procedure, current TRTA mandates, state senators and representatives that really DO want what is best for retired teachers, brainstorming how to increase our membership; as well as maintaining current members, and enjoyed working with a dedicated team of officers. I encourage all members who want to continue keeping NSARTA strong, to consider becoming a future officer or committee chairman. By working together, we keep our unit strong and productive.

As I reflect over this year's programs, I want to thank all of our presenters. Having Tim Lee as our kick-off speaker, was a great way to begin a new NSARTA year. I hope members will continue donating fabric/time to our Stitchery Group.....they are always wanting/need members to come stuff pillows, cut fabric, and enjoy a fun day of fellowship. Nothing says the "holiday season" is upon us more than listening to a children's choir. Did you do any toe tapping or clapping to the bluegrass music of the "Fire On The Mountain Cloggers"? And how could you not get goosebumps watching the "PET" presentation and realizing how fortunate we are to live a healthy life in the United States? Please, if you have suggestions for future programs, please let us know.

We are always looking for speakers you feel will entertain or enrich our meetings.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2nd Vice President for the past 3 years.  Michele Bibb
Tribute to Fred Atchley

Fred was a long time member of NSARTA. He and his wife, Lillis, were a dedicated member of the sewing group. In recent years they were not able to attend meetings or participate. At one time, Lillis reported the most volunteer hours of anyone in our group. In 2011 they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

OBITUARY

November 17, 1926 - April 30, 2016

Frederick Pendleton Atchley of San Antonio, Texas went home to be with the Lord on April 30, 2016 at age 89. He was born on November 17, 1926 in Melvin, Alabama, Choctaw County. His son Frederick Vaden Atchley preceded him in death, as did his brother William Harrell Atchley and his parents, William Vaden Atchley and Mattie Pendleton Harrell Atchley.

He is survived by his adoring wife of over 66 years, Lillis Rae Fuller Atchley, whom he married May 23, 1949. Also surviving him are his son Roderick Pendleton Atchley, 3 granddaughters: April, Kelly and Erin, 4 great-grandsons, a sister Betty Ann and her husband Bobby DeWitt Brewer of Quitman, MS.

Mr. Atchley attended Livingston State Teachers College (now University of West Alabama) where he met his bride, Lillis Rae Fuller and where he earned his Bachelor's Degree. He earned his Master's Degree at Incarnate Word.

Mr. Atchley served in the Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas before he was sent overseas to Japan during the Korean Conflict after which he received an honorable discharge.

Mr. Atchley worked a few years at American Hospital and Life Insurance Company in San Antonio and afterwards a year or so with National Life of Nashville, Tennessee.

For most of his career, Mr. Atchley was a Biology teacher, teaching at South San Antonio High School in South San Antonio School District, teaching at Lee High School, Roosevelt High School and MacArthur High School all in North East Independent School District. He retired in June of 1990.

During his retirement, he served as docent for 15 years at the Institute of Texan Cultures, was a life member of both North San Antonio Retired Teachers and Texas Retired Teachers Association, and, with his wife, joined the Greater San Antonio Quilt Guild, and continued membership in San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society.

Mr. Atchley was a member of the Huguenot Society, both national and the local Languedoc chapter and he was also a member of the Presidential Families of America.

Mr. Atchley was ordained a deacon in Government Hills Baptist Church in January 1954 and served as an active deacon in Highland Hills Baptist Church as well as serving in Harmony Hills Baptist Church until his accident and brain surgery in 2013.
TREASURER'S REPORT

Carolyn Pfeiffer 210-372-0434, carolynpfeiffer48@gmail.com

As of May 11, 2016, our checking account has a balance of $2,156.73.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Michele Bibb

I would like to thank all the members of the Notification Committee for calling NSARTA members who don’t have access to computers. These volunteers have faithfully called members each month sharing information that is included in the Newsletter. I have been Notification Chairman for the past 4 years and each year these members continue to volunteer to be "callers". Thank you to Betty Moseley (Newsletter), Barbara Yates, Anita Oberle, Frances Garcia, Troy Rowe, Janet James, Margaret Bates, and Helen Taulbee.

HOSPITALITY

Michele Bibb

Let’s give a final THANK YOU to our Hospitality Committee for their unwavering energy and creative ideas we have enjoyed at each meeting. Committee members include Peggy Peterson (Chmn.), Barbara Rothe, Linda Nolder, Kathy Cook, Sue Blom, Glennie LeCocke, Michele Bibb, Karin Stanley, Dolores Ramon, Teresa Flansburg, and Pat Unruh.

These ladies arrive an hour before the meeting begins and don't leave until all tables have been cleaned, dishes washed, kitchen left spotless, and everything has been put away. All decorations are either made or donated by these members. The Committee meets the Wednesday before each scheduled meeting to plan a monthly theme and begin collecting personal items to be used. They keep the refreshment tables clean and refilled with goodies as well as making sure there's plenty of coffee, tea, or water for everyone. They collected names of members who volunteered to bring refreshments for each meeting and many times brought refreshments to several meetings as needed. Ladies, THANK YOU!!!

VOLUNTEERING

Sue Winebrenner, suehwine@sbcglobal.net 695-2629

Be sure to add the hours you have volunteered in 2016 to our Volunteer book at the Registrar’s table at the May meeting. You should fill out a sheet if you have not already done so. Don’t forget to keep up with your volunteer hours in the summer. You can just keep them on a calendar until September or you can email me each month with your hours.
CHILDRENS’ BOOK DRIVE

On Wednesday, May 25th, we will be distributing over 600 books to each child at Passmore Elementary School in Northside ISD. We still need your support to complete our collection of these books. So please take the opportunity to participate in this project and bring your book (new or very gently used) and/or cash donations to the May 18th meeting. Baskets for donations will be at each table. Each book donated will have a bookplate identifying it as a gift from TRTA and NSARTA.

Hopefully, many of you can join us for the distribution on May 25th and see the enthusiasm and appreciation of the students when they choose a book of their very own. We start at 8:00 am and it takes a little over 3 hours for each child to receive his/her book to take home for the summer. You could come for some or all of the time. The school is located at 570 Pinn Road, 78227 (397-0500). From 410 West, take Military Drive W (a marked exit) inside the loop; after you pass under Hwy. 151 take a left on Brown Leaf Drive and the school (and Pinn Road) is on your left. The librarian plans to write an article on the NISD website, and Harold Black will take pictures to put on our web page. For more information, please call or talk with us at the meeting.

MEMBERS BENEFITS

Going on a trip? Rent a car, and get a discount. See your Voice magazine for more information. And don't forget your pet. Insurance is also available for your pet, but there are some restrictions.
APPRECIATION LUNCHEON, Michele Bibb

Plan on attending our last meeting of this year. We will be saying “Good-bye” and “Thank You” for a job well done to our officers for the past 3 years. Then we will install new officers for 2016-2018. They are ready to take over and move our unit into the future.

After officer installation, we will enjoy a pot luck lunch provided by many of our members. If you were unable to sign up to bring a dish and would like to bring one, you can call Michele Bibb (494-8197) and tell her what you’d like to bring. Be sure to bring whatever dishes/utensils you need for your dish. Dessert will be provided. If you are unable to bring a dish, DON’T WORRY……just come with a smile on your face!

We’ll have some surprises, entertainment, and lots of fun at this meeting……believe me, you don’t want to miss this event!!!!!

**Independence Hill Retirement Community Tour/Luncheon on Wed. May 4, 2016**

Nine men and women (NSARTA members and NSARTA member’s wives) were greeted by Chickie Backhaus (Outreach Coordinator) at 11:00 AM at their facility located at 20450 Huebner Road.

We all boarded a van and were driven to a resident’s apartment for a tour. It was a one bedroom apartment, very spacious, with a balcony. The lady living here was very gracious to allow us to visit her independent living apartment.

Then all boarded the van to go to the largest independent facility on their campus. It was in the Village (resort style homes). This was a very large home and, again we were welcomed graciously by the residents (a married couple from Georgia).

We boarded the van for a third time to stop at the assisted living facility, still on the same property, but separate from the independent community. Here the rooms were smaller, had their own private dining room, and other amenities.

One last time on the van to head back to the main building for lunch. A lovely, delicious lunch was enjoyed by all in their community dining room. Chickie gave away a door prize. Sue Winebrenner was the winner.

All who attended received a bag of information about Independence Hill Retirement Community.

It was a delightful time.

Maybe next year more will want to join us from NSARTA. You can also call for a tour of your own, 210-615-4000, or go to [www.independencehill.com](http://www.independencehill.com) for more information.

Submitted by:
Carolyn Pfeiffer
In March we officially start collecting dues for the year 2016-2017 which begins in June. The amount has not changed. Annual renewal for TRTA is $35.00 while NSARTA dues are $15.00. PLEASE RETURN YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM, WITH ALL BLANKS FILLED IN WHEN YOU RENEW.

TRTA is encouraging members to join the Diamond Plus Program with either a monthly payroll deduction or by monthly bank draft for your TRTA dues. To become a Diamond Plus member you have to submit TWO forms: the TRTA Membership renewal form and complete the TRS 593. Please return them to me. You will still need to fill in the NSARTA renewal for local dues with a check for $15.00, but the TRTA dues will be taken care of by TRS at a rate of $2.92 per month beginning in July.

All the forms are included in the newsletter.

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN A TRTA/NSARTA MEMBER FOR AT LEAST THE LAST THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS, PLEASE USE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM.**

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TRTA/NSARTA ANNUAL RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016-2017

NAME ____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS ___________________________ CITY _______________ ZIP CODE

PHONE __________________ EMAIL ________________________________ TODAY’S DATE__________

School district from which you retired ___________________________ Retirement Year __________

ANNUAL RENEWAL: TRTA $35.00 and NSARTA $15.00 = TOTAL AMOUNT $50.00

Make check payable to NSARTA for the total amount of $50.00. CHECK # _________

If by mail, send to: Harold Black, 13307 Sage Heights Dr, San Antonio, TX 78230-5847
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IF YOU ARE EITHER A TRTA LIFE MEMBER OR A NSARTA LIFE MEMBER, PLEASE USE THE LIFE MEMBER RENEWAL FORM. IF YOU ARE A LIFE MEMBER OF BOTH TRTA AND NSARTA, PLEASE COMPLETE THE PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLY AND MAIL THE FORM TO UPDATE OR VERIFY OUR RECORDS.

TRTA/NSARTA LIFE MEMBER RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016-2017

NAME ________________________________

ADDRESS ___________________________ CITY __________________ ZIP CODE ________

PHONE ___________ EMAIL ___________________________ TODAY’S DATE ____________

School district from which you retired ___________________________ Retirement Year ______

ANNUAL RENEWAL FOR TRTA ONLY: $35.00    ANNUAL RENEWAL FOR NSARTA ONLY: $15.00

Make check payable to NSARTA for the amount of EITHER $35.00 OR $15.00.   CHECK # ________

If by mail, send to: Harold Black, 13307 Sage Heights Dr, San Antonio, TX 78230-5847

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING FORM FOR NEW MEMBERS OR FOR THOSE WHOSE PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP LAPSED MORE THAN THREE YEAR AGO.

TRTA/NSARTA NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016-2017

NAME ________________________________

ADDRESS ___________________________ CITY __________________ ZIP CODE ________

PHONE ___________ EMAIL ___________________________ TODAY’S DATE ____________

School district from which you retired ___________________________ Retirement Year ______

TRTA: $35.00 and NSARTA: $15.00 = TOTAL AMOUNT $50.00 MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH IS REQUIRED.

Make check payable to NSARTA for the total amount of $50.00.   CHECK # ________

If by mail, send to: Harold Black, 13307 Sage Heights Dr, San Antonio, TX 78230-5847
ASSOCIATION DUES
PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION

MAIL (do not fax) this form to:
TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
1000 Red River Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2698

By signing below, I authorize the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) to withhold each month 1/12 (one-twelfth) of my annual Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) membership dues from my TRS monthly annuity payment. I understand that the amount of TRTA membership dues is set by TRTA (not TRS) and that to receive membership dues information, I must contact TRTA at (512) 476-1622 or 1-800-880-1650. I understand and agree that the monthly deduction from my TRS annuity will automatically increase upon the effective date of all future increases in my TRTA membership dues unless this authorization is cancelled in a manner indicated below.

Also, I understand and agree to the following:

- As provided in Texas Government Code §825.507(b)(6), I authorize TRS to disclose to TRTA the following information: date TRS received this form; name and TRTA number reflected on this form; and dates and amounts of dues deductions made from my annuity and if provided below my phone number.
- This deduction will be effective no earlier than my July 1, 2003 annuity payment. However, once begun, this deduction will remain effective until the earliest of the following: 1) the date my annuity terminates for any reason; 2) the date the Association Dues Deduction Agreement between TRS and TRTA is terminated for any reason; or 3) the date of the first annuity payable after the date TRS receives a signed form TRS 594, Association Dues Payroll Deduction Cancellation, unless this cancellation form is received by TRS after the monthly payroll cutoff date established by TRS. In that event, the deduction will continue until the first annuity payable for the month after the month in which TRS receives the cancellation form.
- All other appropriate deductions will be made from my annuity before TRTA dues are deducted. If the amount of my annuity payable is not sufficient for such dues deduction, no deduction will occur.
- TRS assumes no liability or responsibility for any disputes, damages or other consequences relating to dues deduction or this authorization.
- TRS is not affiliated or associated in any way with TRTA, nor is TRTA authorized to act on behalf of TRS.

To ensure processing of this request, all of the information in the blanks below, except phone number, must be complete and accurate. Please print your name as it appears on the mail you receive from TRS.

Printed Name ________________________________

TRTA Member ID Number ____________________________

Do not submit this form to TRS without your TRTA member number. If you are already a TRTA member and are now requesting payroll deduction for the payment of TRTA dues, please provide your current TRTA member ID number. If you are not currently a TRTA member, wish to join the Association and use payroll deduction, TRTA will assign a member ID number. Call TRTA at (512) 476-1622 or 1-800-880-1650.

Social Security Number ____________________________ Telephone No. ____________________________
(Optional)

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________
2016-2017 TRTA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name ________________________________ Member ID ________________________________
Address ________________________________ Date of Birth __/__/____
City ________________________________ State ______ Zip ______
Phone ________________________________ Email ________________________________

I receive an annuity from a teacher retirement system: ☐ Yes ☐ No

TRTA membership year is July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 Membership dues are not tax deductible.

TRTA OFFERS THREE EASY WAYS TO RENEW!
Please select one option and return to TRTA today.

☐ Option 1 - $2.92 Monthly Payroll Deduction - Diamond Plus Program

Monthly Payroll Deduction: $2.92 monthly
Complete the payroll deduction form TRS 593 and this form. Must receive a TRS annuity to enroll. The Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) will withhold $2.92 for TRTA membership dues from your monthly TRS annuity check. TRS 593 is available for download at www.trta.org/TRS593.

☐ Option 2 - $2.92 Monthly Bank Draft - Diamond Plus Program

Monthly Bank Draft: $2.92 monthly
Attach a voided check for the account debited (deposit slips are not accepted) and this form. I authorize my bank to honor drafts drawn by Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) for TRTA membership dues. I hereby authorize AMBA to initiate debit entries on my account. This authority is to remain in effect until revoked by me in writing and until AMBA receives such notice. I agree that AMBA shall be fully protected in honoring such debit. I authorize future increases and/or decreases in the cost of membership dues to be automatically deducted without further authorization from me.

Signature as it appears on your bank records ________________ Date ________________

☐ Option 3 - $35.00 Annual Dues

Annual Dues: $35.00 yearly
Return this form and your $35.00 payment. Select either check (payable to TRTA) or credit card.
Check # ________________ Date ________________ Amount $ ________________

Please charge my: ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Master Card ☐ Visa Credit Card Expiration __/____

Credit Card # ________________ ________________ ________________ ________________ Signature ________________

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ALS was first found in 1869 by French neurologist Jean-Martin Charcot, but it wasn’t until 1939 that Lou Gehrig brought national and international attention to the disease. Ending the career of one of the most beloved baseball players of all time, the disease is still most closely associated with his name. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to their death. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected, patients in the later stages of the disease may become totally paralyzed.

Lend your voice to the fight against ALS this month to help bring awareness and understanding of this devastating disease. Become an ALS advocate, urge your representatives to support legislation that impacts the entire ALS community, and bring attention to the needs of people with ALS so, together, we can realize our dream of a world without ALS once and for all.

My mother died from this awful, debilitating disease which leaves your mind intact while robbing you of the use of your body, even to the very breath you take in the end. Hopefully, research will lead to a cure. Betty
ENJOY SOME Summer Fun