Our 59th Convention was held in the Houston Westin Galleria. During the opening ceremonies Houston Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Gonzalez welcomed us to Houston with a very pro-teacher and pro-TRTA address. Carlos Ortiz was part of the TRTA Male Chorus that entertained during the Opening Ceremonies. Joni Rodgers, the Keynote Speaker, was diagnosed with lymphoma in 1994. Her memoir of living though her treatments is the subject of her book, *Bald in the Land of Big Hair*. Her presentation was positive, informative, and filled with humor. There were a number of topics offered in three Breakout Sessions.
There were breakout sessions for each of the officer positions and the standing committees plus some special interest sessions. Bob Elder’s presentation was on “How to Protect Your Investments”. Andrew Peterson, the TRTA Webmaster, taught classes on how to use TRTA’s new web building system. Nancy Byler, TRTA Health Care Committee Chairman, and members of her committee including Judy Lynn, provided ideas on how to become and stay healthy. Their goal was to keep members more active and liven-up meetings. Other topics included Age Well-Live Well, The Sam Houston Movie- Behind the Scenes, and Brain Growth & Repair as well as a TRS’ Benefits Update. Kay Below, District XX President, led the our caucus reviewing the issues that would be dealt with during the meetings of the House of Delegates.

Entertainment for the Monday night banquet was provided by the Champion Sisters, Molly and identical twins Brenda and Sandra. Their music ranged from swing to jazz, rhythm and blues to folk, big band to Contemporary Christian and country-western.
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Janet James and Elise Townsend

Paul and Maureen Cwiklik

Ken and Judy Lynn

Carlos Ortiz

Nancy Black and District 4 tour guide
John Widmier

Tim Lee, TRTA Executive Director