

# TRTA District XVIII Newsletter

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Welcome to the news of our district. This is sent to the local unit presidents with the intent that it will be available to all members of the seven TRTA Local Units. It is sent as an electronic newsletter so that it can be forwarded to everyone with an e-mail in our district. I hope it will be informative and enjoyable.

As the 85<sup>th</sup> legislative session continues to move forward it is important that all TRTA members support the Inside Line by Tim Lee. If you are not signed up to receive this from TRTA, you need to do so today at TRTA.org. It is very important that you contact your State Representative and your State Senator. Please encourage every retiree to do the same. Encourage the legislators to support the issues that will affect you and your future in TRS and TRS Care. Let them know what your choices are on all issues and how their vote will affect your future.

The TRS Board Election is going on now and you need to send in your vote for your choice. TRTA has two members running as 2017 Retiree Election Candidates and the one with the most votes is chosen. Four for the 2017 At-Large Election Candidate - then the three candidates with the most votes is sent to Governor Abbott for a selection. You need to vote and let your ballots speak for you.

The TRTA State Convention will be in Austin beginning on Monday, March 27-28, with Rally Day on March 29. The schedule for the convention can be found in the latest edition of *The Voice*. Your delegates and representatives that will be attending the convention from District 18 will be Ricky Chandler, Janet Mayo, Sara Beth Warren, Shirley Johnson, Phyllis Anderson, Loyce Phillips, Michelle Cobb, Lois Hillary, Ann Parish, Karron Pearson, Nancy Young, Martha Kallus, Maridell Fryar, Debbie Treadaway, Sonja Hanks, Mary Reeves, Marcus and Sandra Ramage, Kathy Chandler, Carol Horton, Tommy Dittberne, Ethel Pope, Judy Crawford, Trena Dittberner, Darleen Peel, Bo Gladys Fryar, Shirley Shroyer, Kaye Barr, Millie Ward, and A. L. Ward. All members need to let their delegates know which amendments and other items that they would like their representatives to express at the convention and rally day. Be sure and thank them for all the hard work that they will be doing for your unit.

The TRTA District 18 Retirement Education Seminar was a great success this year being led by Sara Easley, the District 18 Retirement Education Chairman. The seminar was held on the

Odessa College Campus at the Saulsbury Center. There were 129 future retirees in attendance from the following locations:

Midland ISD	47
Kermit ISD	8
Forsan ISD	9
Andrews ISD	18
Ector County ISD	26
Fort Stockton ISD	5
Big Spring ISD	5
Crane ISD	4
Alpine ISD	3
MWP ISD	4

Angie Cano from TRS presented a wonderful program with information that the future retirees needed to know to help them make an educated decision about their future. Seth Taylor told about the benefits of AMBA. Dale Strauss discussed basic wills and probate. Sara wants everyone to know how much she appreciated the help from all the local units in preparation and carrying out all the details on the day of the seminar.

The TRTA Membership Drive is now in progress for the 2017-2018 year. Overall, our district membership has dropped below previous years. If you forgot to renew your membership in your State and Local unit last year, please remember to get registration information sent in this year. There are several ways to pay your membership – just contact your local unit for more information. If you belong to the state and not to a local unit, you need to belong to both organizations.

If your local unit has an event or information that you would like all the units in district 18 to know about, please send it to me at [r\\_chandler@grandecom.net](mailto:r_chandler@grandecom.net) (there is an Underscore between the r and c). You can call or text me at 432-631-1039.

Let's make TRTA District XVIII the best represented at the State Convention and Rally Day!  
Hope to see everyone there!