

# HART BEAT

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## TRTA Convention Will Be in Houston

Fellow retirees, we have a great opportunity – The TRTA Convention is at the Westin Galleria, 5060 West Alabama, March 25 -27. The registration fee is a bargain – only \$20. You meet our state officers and the speakers and presenters are outstanding. Brian Guthrie, TRS executive Director, and Anita Palmer, TRS Board of Directors member who is a retired teacher, will be here. We will also be able to learn more about defined benefits and the challenges we are facing.

This really is a bargain and I hope each of you will make every effort to attend. We have volunteer opportunities on Sunday and Monday. We need your help greeting and registering our guests. There will be around 1,000 retired educators in attendance. District IV members are encouraged to purchase a tee shirt for \$6.00 (cash or check made out to HART). The shirts will be red and can be used for Lobby Day in Austin as well. So, even if you cannot attend the convention, you may want to purchase a t-shirt.

Please take advantage of this opportunity. The next edition of the TRTA Voice will have more details, but I can assure you that you will be glad you attend this event.

### Joe Tusa Honored at November Meeting



HART member Joe Tusa was honored at the November meeting after the HISD Board of Education voted to rename the district's north-side sports complex the Delmar-Tusa Athletic Complex, located at 1900 Mangum Road.

Joe Tusa, a retired 37-year HISD administrator, is the district's longest-serving athletic director from 1965 to 1989.

Tusa led HISD through the desegregation of its sports teams and into the Title IX era that expanded athletic opportunities for female students.



Judy Harwell and Yolande Eugere join in the celebration of HART's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday at the November meeting.



# Books for Children



Books for Children provides a book for each child at one Houston ISD elementary school. Last year the 600+ students at Shearn Elementary received a book to take home! Books for Children has been serving schools since the school year 2000-2001 The following schools have been the recipients:2000-2001—Port Houston; 2001-2002—Whittier; 2002-2003—Clinton Park; 2003-2004—Houston Gardens; 2004-2005—Fairchild; 2005-2006—Dodson; 2006-2007—Gregory Lincoln; 2007-2008—R. L. Stevenson; 2008-2009—Elrod; 2009-2010—Almeda; 2010-2011—Shearn. Benjamin Franklin Elementary has been chosen by the Books for Children Committee for the 2011-2012 school year. Your cooperation and donations are what makes this project possible. Thanks to all of the following donors. Submitted by Terry Stoger

Billie E. Adams	Janice D. Hampton	Mary New
Carolyn Allen	Judy Harwell	Jerry Newton
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Iris Gutierrez	Sammy Munson	Alice Young
Deborah Hall	Maggie Nealy	Gladys and William Young

# Good Food and Good Conversation at January Social



# Meet New HART Members



Jane Eixmann welcomes new members Cecilia Jackson, Margaret Egan, Rosalind Newell and Carlita Gray.

- Cecilia Graves Jackson taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Milne Elementary, was a mathematics coordinator in Fort Bend, and also taught at Herod, Pleasantville, Walnut Bend and Anderson in HISD. She retired after 34 years.
- Rosalind Newell was a library media specialist in Fort Bend ISD when she retired after 35 years in education. She also worked in Houston ISD and the Las Vegas school system.
- Jo Ann Thomas (pictured in November HARTbeat), a 25 year teacher, last served in a generic self-contained classroom. She has worked at Frost ES, Sterling HS, Hartman MS and Foster ES.
- Luisa Lago (pictured in November HARTbeat) spent 31 of her 35 years in education at Hamilton MS, HISD, teaching Spanish to GT students. Her first 4 years were with the NYC Board of Education.
- Julie Causley (pictured in November HARTbeat) devoted 34 years of her life to education, ending her career as an English/reading teacher at Revere MS. She also taught at Attucks MS and Sterling HS, HISD.
- Vivian White (pictured in November HARTbeat) retired after 32 years in education. Her last position was as the department chair of health and physical education in North Forest ISD.

## Member News

- Get well cards were sent to: Barbara Jane Allen, Tim Lee, Jo Ann Earnest, Maxine Dorsey
- Sympathy cards were sent to: Gloria White (husband William--Member), Maxine Dorsey (husband), Peggy Robin (husband), Janice Powell (son)
- Thinking of You cards were sent to: Erna Joy Dempsey, Mary Peek
- Member Ruth Dollahon died on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Condolences may be sent to: Mr. and Mrs. Winston Dollahon (son and daughter-in-law), 6107 Cheena Drive, Houston, TX 77096.

### *For the latest news and information:*

- [www.houstonarearetiredteachers.org](http://www.houstonarearetiredteachers.org). Submit pictures, news and information to Tom Sanders at [tom@bethanyumc.org](mailto:tom@bethanyumc.org).
- **HARTbeat** - Send news or information to Margaret Preston, HARTbeat editor, at [mspreston1@gmail.com](mailto:mspreston1@gmail.com). The final issue for the year will be available at the April 13 meeting. The deadline for the submission of articles is March 21.
- [www.trta.org](http://www.trta.org), website for the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

Smart Financial Credit Union does it again! Thanks for under-writing the cost of preparing the mail-out for this issue of the HARTbeat newsletter.

## **HART 2012-2013 Slate of Officers**

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### **Nominating Committee**

Winnie Adams      Carol Greene

Judy Harwell      Anne Holloman

Margaret Preston      Johnnie Robinson

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## **Don't Miss a Meeting!**

HART meets at:

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

3471 Westheimer @ Edloe

9:30 AM coffee and conversation

10:00 AM program

- March 9
- April 13
- May 11



## **December Luncheon Festive with Music, Food and Friendships**



Door prize winners with Gary Tuma, Smart Financial President and CEO;



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## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

A belated “Happy New Year” to everyone! Since our last issue, we have held two well-attended events: The Holiday Luncheon at the Junior League and the January luncheon at Los Tios in Meyerland. Thank you to everyone who participated and made these events special! Be sure to look for photos on the HART website ([houstonareartiredteachers.org](http://houstonareartiredteachers.org)).

Now it’s time for the TRTA Annual Convention to be held on March 25-27, 2012, at the Westin Galleria. Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to help. Please remember that all volunteers must register for the convention. Registration forms can be found on the TRTA website ([trta.org](http://trta.org)) or the last issue of Voice, the TRTA newsletter. I hope that many of you will attend some of the sessions; they are free with your registration. That is the best way to learn more about TRTA. T-shirts for District IV members attending the convention can be ordered at our next meeting for a cost of \$6.00. If you miss the meeting, but still want to purchase a T-shirt, please contact Jane Eixmann (713-729-6776) or Marcy Cann (713-869-5636) immediately.

Thank you for all that you do to promote and support HART and TRTA!

*Jane*