

TRTA District 18 Newsletter -- May 2020

Wow, what a different spring we have had so far this year! Meetings were cancelled, conventions were cancelled, district meetings were cancelled, no handshakes, no hugs, just step back, stay home, and for goodness sakes-don't cough. Spring Leadership Training Conference is cancelled. As a good friend of mine said," I never thought that I would be wearing a mask and going into a bank to ask for money". But think of all the good things to look forward to in 2020-2021. Everyone will be ready to work extra hard to make sure District 18 remains the best TRTA District with the Best Local Units.

TRTA Executive Director, Tim Lee, has sent out an e-mail with a video with information to all local unit presidents to be sure to get the local unit delegate's names into the state TRTA office to be certified for the upcoming poll to choose the next Secretary/Treasurer for TRTA. Since there was not a state convention for the House of Delegates to vote for state officers, his video lays out the plan to get the officers into their leadership roles. If your local unit did not send in delegates for the state conventions, you have another chance to choose your delegates and send in their names to be certified to membership@trta.org by May 8th. During the week of May 18th the certified delegates will be contacted by email and given the opportunity to suggest which candidate their unit would like to have as the state secretary/treasurer. The two choices are June Cooper from district 17 – Lubbock area and Frana Patterson from District 11—Fort Worth area. I think that it would be great to have our own June Cooper elected to this position from the West Texas Area. Maridel Fryar has sent me information in support of June Cooper. Leroy Dehaven will take the information from the delegate poll and select the next Secretary/Treasurer for 2020-2022. All the other state TRTA offices are uncontested so the officers in place will be appointed by the Leroy Dehaven after Pat Macias resigns as State President and then Leroy can appoint. TRTA is not allowed by the state bylaws to vote with an electronic ballot.

The Each One Bring One forms for 2019-2020 will be honored at the TRTA District 18 Fall Conference. The state Treasurer has already sent the \$100.00 to the district 18 treasurer for this drawing. At this time each local unit need to send the Each One Bring One forms to Ricky Chandler; 5205 Redbud Ave; Odessa, TX 79762 to be placed in the drawing. (Some local units have already sent the forms). Just a

reminder—this form is for any member who brings a new potential member to their local unit meeting for the first time. Please make this a big deal in all your meetings and get a better chance to win the \$100.00 in 2020-2021.

Since District 18 has already elected new officers for the 2020-2022 term, these officers will take their new positions on July 1, 2020. The District Committee Chairs will be noted in the future. It takes a lot of help to run a successful organization. Go ahead and step on up to make district 18 a winning team with winning local units.

The membership drive for TRTA started on March 1, 2020. I really hope that each local unit is pulling in a lot of new members and all of the current members are returning. Remember active teachers and local businesses can belong to TRTA as an associate member just by paying the state and local dues. TRTA did not meet the 100,000 member goal last year so we need to make it our priority to meet the goal this year. The more members we have the better our chances of receiving better benefits, a cost of living adjustment, better insurance premiums, etc.

Please work with the newly elected officers and newly named committee chairs to get everyone up and ready for the challenges of their new position. You can go to trta.org and get the training resource guides for them and help them work through the guides.

I know all the local units are working and planning very hard for the upcoming year.

Thank you for all that you do for TRTA. Remember: You need your organization and your organization needs you.

Ricky Chandler
TRTA District 18 President