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CALENDAR

12/08 Christmas! Di Ann's house

02/07 Master Gardener Speaker, Anne S.'s house

No March Meeting

04/11 Entomologist, Montgomery County Library



BIRTHDAYS

12/22 Di Ann S.

01/04 Janet R.

01/24 Pat S.

GIFT CARDS FOR ...

Please remember to bring a gift card for our former foster kids when we hold our December meeting. The amount should be small to give them a little extra cash for their needs or just to enjoy. This is a part of our ongoing project throughout the year as we did last school year.



Their possessions are minimal, and their needs are great. Your contribution will help them have a chance to become successful adults.



Annette is a most effective webmaster for our chapter. She received the new **seal of compliance for our site for 2018-2020**. Thank you, Annette, for all your hard work in keeping us up to date—not an easy task when technology changes with every click of the button.

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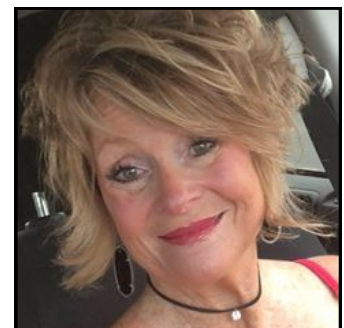


BIRTHDAY DINNER A PLEASING SUCCESS

On November 6 both the Conroe chapter and our Magnolia/Montgomery chapter met to celebrate the birthday of the founding of the Conroe chapter, our “mother” chapter. We filled the back room at Olive Garden in Conroe and enjoyed our food of choice from the menu as well as birthday cake. Most of our members attended.

Our Carrie Cassata presented an overview program of her “moonlighting” job as a trainer for a teacher/student program, “Capturing Kids’ Hearts”. She captured the hearts of those attending and tugged at them as we think of students with so many issues and needs.

Thanks, Carrie, for representing our chapter and showing leadership in action. Your positive spirit helps teachers around the US.



Posted
from the
President....

Dear Sisters,

Our project to help those now-adult former CPS children is going well. Last year we provided specific items that we knew the young adults needed, and this year we are continuing our commitment to them with gift cards so they can purchase needed items on their own. We will provide gift cards in a Christmas card for Christmas gifts and continue that for Valentine's Day. Thank you for continuing your commitment to them!

Please continue to keep Di Ann and Dudley in your prayers. Di Ann is struggling to care for him, and Dudley continues to have serious health problems.

Love,

Patty



Reminder: Bring a guest to one of our meetings. Your action will help our chapter grow and give another professional an opportunity to be a part of the organization.



From the Texas Retired Teachers Association's e-newsletter, *The Inside Line*:

Did you know that more than 100,000 TRS retirees receive less than \$1000 per month from their annuity?...While there is no promise that benefits will increase, it is a reasonable expectation that they will increase over time. Now that the rate of return reception has been lowered, retirees have been told it could be 50 to 100 years before they receive an increase of any kind.

This issue is not limited to retired educators. Active educators have a stake in this too. Some politicians will use the rate of return assumption as a window to break down the refined benefit plan that active educators are paying in to....

It is likely that one of two things will happen to the pension fund after this legislative session: either the Legislature will adopt a plan to adequately fund the pension system, or current and future retirees will see their benefits reduced over time! The formula is simple: contributions plus investments equal benefits. With a lowered rate of return assumption, there will be less money to ensure that the promises made will be kept....

The end result is that **future retirees** will receive a much lower benefit for their years of service;..current retirees will never receive a benefit adjustment.

[Educators and retirees] should reach out to their [elected officials]...to [request they] set a policy that will provide adequate funding for the TRS pension fund. ...

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