

Merry Christmas to all of our Kendall County Retired Teachers Members!

As Texas Retired Teachers Members, we have much to be joyful for this year. The most significant, of course, is the repeal of the WEP and GPO. In the Boerne and Comfort ISD areas, one thousand two hundred fifty-four (1,254) retired educators received social security increases totaling NINE MILLION, three hundred sixty-eight thousand and eight hundred fifty-one dollars (\$9,368,851.00). Wow! Just think in our lifetime! Who would have thought this would be possible! Not only did we receive more retirement income, but more money also came with NO increase in our TRS health premiums. We owe Tim Lee, Brock Greg, and the entire TRTA staff a debt of gratitude for the countless hours, days, and months that they spent working towards this wonderful outcome! But, now, out comes the Christmas Grinch. In the 2025 Texas Legislative Session 2025, retired school district personnel received NO TRS Benefit Enhancement plus a concern arose about the effect that teacher educator salary increases might have on the TRS Fund. So, there is no time to be complacent! Retired educators must continue to protect our benefits and support TRTA/KCRTA, the organizations that are there to fight for us. It is vitally important that as current TRTA/KCRTA members, we maintain our **state and local memberships in 2026** and encourage those retired school employees who are not members to become members. Strength is shown by membership numbers. Strong membership in TRTA reminds our legislative members that maintaining a viable TRS fund is important to them as well as to us! Now, on to KCRTA upcoming events...

KCRTA Calendar of Events

KCRTA December Luncheon and Book Drive

Thursday, December 11, 2025

El Rio Restaurant

Hill Country Square

1361 S. Main St., Boerne

11:30 AM

Come join us for a Christmas get-together with great company, good food, and a very special guest, Brock Gregg, TRTA Associate Director. Oh, and don't forget to bring a children's book to donate to our KCRTA/TRTA statewide book drive. Also, if you would like to contribute, we will be collecting donations for the TRTA Foundation Fund.

Other Scheduled KCRTA Events

Thursday, January 1:00 PM	Program TBA	Patrick Heath Publ 451 N. Main Boerne
Thursday, February 12, 2026	Bingo/Game Fun, Prizes, and F	Comfort Public 701 High Street Co
Wednesday, March Time TBA	TRTA Virtual House of Delegates	Region 20 E 1314 Hines San Anto
Thursday, May 1 11:30 AM	KCRTA Awards and Program	Menger Spr 1100 Grand Blvd.

Volunteer Hours

Another way to demonstrate TRTA/KCRTA strength-in-numbers is by turning in the volunteer hours that you accrued from January thru December of 2025. Your totals do not need to be exact; good estimates of hours will do. Don't forget to include travel time. Also, attending KCRTA, District 20 meetings, or volunteer planning meetings are part of your volunteer hours. Our hours transfer into MONEY so that our legislators know how much retired school personnel contribute to our respective communities. I have attached a simple tally sheet for volunteer hours in case you would like to use one. Please text or email your 2025 hours to Susan Brown (That's me.) after January 1, 2026.

Email: satb2004@gmail.com

Text: (409) 658-2728

And now ... the last Reminders

FYI: No Bunco in November or December due to our busy holiday schedules. Bunco will resume the last Wednesday of January 2026.

Additional KCRTA Helpful Information

Sunshine - Shirley Barnett

If you know a member in need of a card (Sympathy, Get Well, or Thinking of You), call or email Shirley at 210-422-4512 shirleyzbarnett@gmail.com.

2nd VP/Communications - Frances Zamorano, Chair

website: <https://kcrtaweb.wixsite.com/kcrtा-district-20-ke>
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Bunco-Michele Herbst, Chair

Bunco last Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3:30 PM
Let Michele Herbst know if you are interested in joining this "strictly social" group.
herbstmichele1@gmail.com

Teachers Retirement System Newsletter

Are you receiving the TRS Newsletter? Click here to go to [TRS](#) for a copy. Be sure to sign up to receive it if you have not seen it. All Active and Retired School Personnel should be receiving this important information.

Tim Lee/TRTA

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