

October 2025



HARTA

Humble Area Retired Teachers Association

Local Chapter of Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) District 4

HARTA is an organization for all retired educators & school employees who reside in the Humble, TX area.

2025-2026 HARTA OFFICERS

President..... Linda Spiro
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3rd VP Programs Janie Branham
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HARTA MEETING DATES AND PROGRAMS 2025-2026

August 18: Welcome Back and Pot Luck Luncheon
September 15: Congressman Crenshaw & Sen. Creighton
October 13: The Women's Storybook Project
December 8: High School Choir and Pot Luck Luncheon
February 9: *Butterflies: A Practical & Spiritual Guide*
April 13: Safety Presentation by Vicky Stansifer
May 18: Installation/Awards and Pot Luck Luncheon

Social time—9:30 a.m.; Meeting—10:00 a.m.
Eggers ISC, 4810 Magnolia Cove Dr., Kingwood, TX 77345

To access HARTA Webpage and Facebook:

Go to www.trta.org, Districts & chapters, District 4, scroll down to Humble.

Need to contact us? hartamembers2@gmail.com

The Voice of all Public Education Retirees



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LINDA SPIRO

It was great to see around 80 people at the September meeting! The room was buzzing with people getting a chance to reconnect with old friends they hadn't seen in a while. The October meeting promises to be exciting too since Tiel Rainelli from the Women's Storybook Project will discuss recording incarcerated mothers reading books to their children with the recording and books then sent to the children. (Thanks to those who donated books and money to buy books for this project!) Also at the October meeting, considering all the shootings in the news, I asked HARTA members Trilla Cook, Safety Chair, and Tom Duffey, the former Humble ISD Assistant Maintenance Director, to provide a brief article (Trilla) and an in-person update (Tom) on safety procedures/building safety.

Also exhilarating are the fun HARTA trips which are always described in the newsletters. Until I started organizing some of the trips, I didn't know about certain Precinct 3 rules regarding riding the free buses they provide us. For example, if you ride to a site on the bus, you must also ride back on the bus. Riders must be at least 50 years old unless they are a caregiver of a special needs passenger or the spouse of someone over 50 or an adult special needs child over the age of 18 traveling with a parent. (Call 832-927-6820 or email transportation@pct3.hctx.net to request an exception to the age requirement.) If a couple is traveling together, they must use a third person not on the bus as their emergency contact.



OCTOBER PROGRAM
- Janie Branham

At our October meeting, Tiel Rainelli will discuss the Women's Storybook Project whereby incarcerated mothers are recorded reading a book to their child/children and then the book and recording are sent to the child/children.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed books or cash for books to support this important project!



HEALTH
- Dawn Meador

Remember to stretch and hydrate every day! Here are some of the best cancer-fighting and preventive foods to add to your plate and daily diet!

Cancer-Fighting Foods to Add to Your Diet

- [Broccoli](#)
- [Cranberries](#)
- [Green leafy vegetables](#)
- [Garlic](#)
- [Grapes](#)
- [Green tea](#)
- [Soy](#)
- [Winter squash](#)
- [Tomatoes](#)
- [Whole grains](#)

Borrowed from Healthgrades 2025, updated by Dr. Adam Bernstein ❤️

JOIN US FOR TEXERCISE - Mondays at 10 am

Kingwood First Baptist, 3500 Woodland Hills Drive
9/29

10/06	11/17
10/20	11/24
10/27	12/01
11/03	12/08
11/10	12/22

No Texercise on
10/13 or 12/15
because of HARTA
meetings

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Last Name	First Name	B-Day
Sellner	Suzanne	Oct 02
Thompson	Mona	Oct 03
Gascoyne	Aura	Oct 04
Black	Latreca	Oct 09
Fahrenthold	Margaret	Oct 11
Sponaule	Arlane	Oct 13
Mashburn	Carolyn	Oct 19
Balshaw	Barbara	Oct 20
Peterson	Linda	Oct 22
Jordan	Christie	Oct 23
Olenkiewicz	Doreen	Oct 24
Muthart	Patricia	Oct 25
Hancock	Diana	Oct 27
Pate	Karen	Oct 27
Chrzanowski	Eileen Medler	Oct 28
Kelly	Terry	Oct 29
Grosser	Kent	Oct 30
Reid	Cheryl	Oct 30
Widmier	John	Oct 30

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Last Name	First Name	B-Day
Eleby	Sandra	Nov 01
Rhodes	Linda	Nov 02
Avina	Linda	Nov 07
Burroughs	Susan	Nov 07
Pate	Sondra	Nov 07
Piggott	Cindy	Nov 11
Wetuski	Kendra	Nov 13
Bivin	Kristin (Tina)	Nov 16
Guidry	Jeanette	Nov 17
Atwood	Carol	Nov 21
Graham	Betty	Nov 21
Thomas	Sandra	Nov 21
Dos Santos	Mary Ann	Nov 22
Moore	Cheryl	Nov 22
Hall	Paula	Nov 24
Storey	Brenda	Nov 24
Holden	Patsy	Nov 25



BOOK PROJECT

- Chris Pieknik

HARTA Book Project Report for September 2025

As of September 24, 2025, we have distributed 12,958 books. We started the month with 12,783 books and have since given 175 books to Magdalene House. We have not had a major book giveaway since the HEB first responders' celebration. My deepest admiration and thanks to all who volunteered at the HEB event, those who have brought in high quality books to distribute, and those who have helped to place our HARTA stickers on book plates. All these activities represent labors of love. THANK YOU for supporting the book project!

Halloween Book Giveaway Saturday, October 25th at My Happy Place 10-5 PM

Our Halloween Book Giveaway will be held in front of My Happy Place in Town Center on Saturday, October 25th from 10 AM-5 PM with set-up at 9 AM. We may split the day between HEB and My Happy Place. (It all depends on what HEB decides to do for Halloween.) Please plan to help for an hour or two. We especially need help in the afternoon, Contact Chris Pieknik, 540-660-2879; Email: pieknikpw48@yahoo.com.

Women's Book Project Donations

Cash donations for books for the Women's Book Project will still be accepted at our October meeting. The donations will be used to purchase books for incarcerated parents to read and record to share with their children. The program requires brand new books with specific titles that we will order with your donations. If you wish to purchase and bring books yourself to the October meeting, please check out the list of recommended books on the HARTA website. So far, we have collected \$206.00 dollars and several books.

We have offered to have book giveaways at our Humble ISD schools. Recently, I have heard from Marilyn Mann at Humble ISD, and she is working on finding ways that we can support the district through the distribution of books.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS for Stillwell

Carolyn Mashburn has collected 62 large print books for Stillwell Teacher Retirement Community. Thank you for contributing to this effort. We will deliver these to Bob from Stillwell at the District TRTA meeting on October 3rd.

Bear Branch Fall Festival Friday, October 24th, 5-8 PM

PLEASE HELP! Bear Branch is looking for volunteers to help with their fall festival on Friday, October 24th. (Only two people signed up at the September meeting.) There are opportunities to help supervise lines for bouncy houses, working with food distribution, and game stations (handing out tokens and explaining games). The hours are 5-8 PM with shifts from 4:45-6 PM, 6-7 PM, and 7-8:15 PM. Please contact Chris Pieknik if you can help. Phone: 540-660-2879; Email: pieknikpw48@yahoo.com.



Volunteer Services/Community Involvement Committee

- Patty Murphy

YOU ARE A VOLUNTEER!!

The calendar year end is fast approaching. Remember, volunteer hours are reported from January through December. So, we are in the home stretch for volunteer hours for 2025! Thanks to Bobby McAndrews' help, we are now able to report volunteer hours MULTIPLE WAYS! First, you can continue to report your hours on the index cards provided on the table at each meeting. There were MANY gathered at the September meeting. Secondly, you can go to the website and click on the link that brings you directly to a Google page where you can enter your own hours in the appropriate month. A third way is to use the QR code that was provided at our last meeting which will also bring you directly to the Google volunteer page. PLEASE do NOT alter the Google page! Just put your hours in the monthly box. Of course, you can always text or email me hours throughout the year (832-444-6630; patty253@gmail.com). PLEASE NOTE: anything you do for someone for which you do NOT get paid counts as volunteer time, up to 12 hours per day. Visiting a sick friend, running errands for someone homebound, providing transportation, are just a few of the suggestions that count! The list is pretty much endless!! You count and so do the hours!!! Thanks for all that you do!

Please remember to bring **new or gently used books** to the meeting. We can use as many as you can provide. Thank you!



READERS LOVE TEACHERS

- Jan Resell / Patti Sano

READERS LOVE TEACHERS!

On September 26, we had a presentation at Hidden Hollow Elementary where we gave Reading Interventionist Amy Shatzer a Readers Love Teachers award and \$25.00. Patti Sano, Carolyn Mashburn, Chris Pietnick, Janie Branham, and Jan Resell participated.

Our October presentation will be at Eagle Springs with a date to be determined.



SAFETY

-Trilla Cook

Humble ISD Strengthens School Safety with State-Mandated Protocols

In response to statewide requirements to enhance school security, Humble ISD has expanded its safety measures to protect students and staff against intruders or active shooter threats

Texas law now requires every school district to maintain a Multihazard Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that includes specific protocols for active-shooter situations. Districts must also undergo safety audits every three years, ensure standardized terminology during emergencies (such as Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate), and implement trauma-informed safety drills.

Through the Texas School Safety Center, schools follow the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) system, which unifies communication between educators, students, and law enforcement during emergencies. Recent legislation also requires districts to install silent panic alert systems and maintain an armed security presence at each campus.

Humble ISD has gone further by:

- Establishing a Safe & Secure Schools program with a districtwide Emergency Operations Plan.
- Using clear action terms such as Hold (remain in classrooms) and Secure the Perimeter (lock outside doors).
- Providing a safety hotline and iHELP app for students, staff, and parents to report concerns.

- Equipping staff in some schools with ballistic shields as an additional protective measure.
- Partnering with law enforcement for coordinated response drills and crisis planning.

Humble ISD has installed an AI-powered weapons detection system in its six high schools. There were some delays and long lines during the initial entry process, but those issues reportedly improved after a few days.

- The system is designed to detect weapons while allowing students to carry normal personal items (laptops, umbrellas, etc.) without triggering false alarms.
- At Turner Stadium (used for athletic events) there is a weapon detection system at both the Home and Visitor entrances, along with a clear-bag policy. That system is called Evolv Express.

Parents and community members can learn more through Humble ISD's safety website and downloadable resources:

- Safe & Secure Schools Page:

<https://www.humbleisd.net/page/safe-secure-schools/>

- Humble ISD Safety PDF:

<https://www.humbleisd.net/documents/departments/safe-%26-secure-schools/450974>

Humble ISD emphasizes that safety is a shared responsibility and encourages families to stay informed and engaged in school security practices.



LEGISLATIVE NEWS

- James Ellis

All those registered to vote by October 6 are eligible to vote in the November elections. I recommend going to your county clerk's website (in Harris County that is www.harrisvotes.com) to see what will be on your ballot. All of us will find sixteen proposed amendments to our state constitution, eight of which bear on property taxes, education, or both. Some local jurisdictions, such as cities and school districts, may also have elections on that same ballot. To be an informed voter, check to see what will be on the ballot where you live and vote. Early voting will be available between October 20 and October 31. Last chance is Tuesday, November 4. Turnout for such elections is usually very low, sometimes fewer than ten percent of registered voters. We can lament that, but we can also know that we who do show up really count!



TREASURER'S CORNER

- John Widmier

As of September 22, 2025, HARTA has a balance of \$23,951.89 in the Business Checking Account at PNC Bank.

The Certificate of Deposit held at PNC Bank earned \$33.68 in interest in September and now has a balance of \$10,125.49.

The Endowed Fund with the Humble ISD Education Foundation had a balance of \$36,702 at the end of the second quarter of 2025 (June 30, 2025). That balance does not reflect a deposit of \$3000 for student scholarships for 2025-26 nor a transfer of \$2100 from the Endowed Fund to the Humble ISD Education Foundation to reimburse the foundation for Educator Grants for 2024-25.

A big thanks to those who have paid their TRTA and HARTA dues for 2025-26. For those who haven't paid your TRTA and HARTA dues, you may find it easier to pay your TRTA (\$35) and HARTA (\$10) dues at the same time with one payment of \$45 to HARTA. When you do so, you will be paid through June 30, 2026.

If you don't receive a monthly annuity from the Teacher Retirement System (TRS), you may still participate in meetings and HARTA trips and tours by either joining TRTA and HARTA as a non-annuitant or making an annual donation of at least \$10 to HARTA. Our non-annuitant members and donors are an important part of HARTA.

If you have any questions regarding HARTA's finances, please feel free to contact me at (281) 798 8735 or

johnwidmier@yahoo.com



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

- Bobby McAndrews

Thank you to everyone who has renewed your dues for the current (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) membership year. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so today. If you are not sure whether you did or not, please email harta1stvp@gmail.com. Often, members

pay their TRTA dues by bank draft but forget to renew their HARTA local membership.

Since our last meeting, many of you have renewed. Currently, the Humble Chapter has 439 paid TRTA members and 226 paid HARTA local members.

Thank you for helping HARTA to attract new members. By growing our membership, we can keep this chapter vital and strong. We are stronger when we come together for a common purpose. The work you do to support education with books, scholarships, and support of our students and teachers is commendable.

Let's spread the word and give all retired school employees the same opportunity to serve our community. After all, who doesn't want to help kids become more literate? Who doesn't want to help kids without beds get one? Who doesn't want to support our current teachers? Who doesn't love our school children? Who is not interested in retired teachers' benefits? Who doesn't like to visit with old friends and make new ones? Who doesn't love to go on fun trips and outings with friends? These are all great reasons why we must invite every retired school employee to join HARTA.

There are still several copies of the directory available for a small donation of \$2.00. For privacy and commercial security reasons, ***the directory is not available in electronic format.*** Please come to the next meeting and verify your contact information so that it is accurate in the next edition of the directory.

Be sure to visit our NEW and improved Webpage and Facebook group page by going to www.trta.org. Simply click on Districts and Chapters > District 4 and scroll to Humble RTA.

Our webpage has everything HARTA members need to stay informed including announcements, meeting dates, newsletters, trips and events, meeting minutes, new member/renewal application and more.

If you are a donor, please consider the benefits of joining as a non-annuitant member in 2025-26. Paying the additional \$35 to join TRTA allows you access to support teacher initiatives and to purchase AMBA's member services and discounts.

If you are new or have misplaced your name tag, please let me know and I will make a new one. You may message me via email at harta1stvp@gmail.com.

Thank you for being a HARTA Member.





FOUNDATION NEWS

- Glenda Laney

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation will have its major push for fundraising statewide during November. Since we don't meet that month, we will have our focus in October with a special Wine Gift Basket Raffle fundraiser. Remember the Foundation was created to help retired public school teachers as they face financial emergencies. The two programs I speak of most are "A Helping Hand" and "Disaster Relief". Over the years, thousands of dollars have been distributed through these programs. Therefore, there is a continuing need to replenish the funds. Two years ago the Disaster Relief ran out of money completely.

One day you may need financial help for an emergency. TRTF will be there for you.

We will have a special table set up before the meeting with a "Wine Gift Basket Raffle". You can purchase 2 tickets for \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the meeting. You may use cash or write a check to HARTA, with Foundation in the memo line. Red envelopes will be on the tables as well. ALL monies go directly to the Foundation. Thank you!

Those who volunteered for the October Meeting:

Those bringing beverages are:

Carolyn Monroe Janet Rogers
Fran Simister Peggy Wilkinson

Those bringing snacks are:

Diana Hancock Chris Pieknik
Jan Blackwell Hayley Manuel
Barbara Barbato Cindy Piggott
Janie Branham

Those bringing Door Prizes are:

Marlece Davis Chris Pieknik
Trilla Cook Tom Duffee
Diane Sconzo Cathy Readin
Dolly Smith Beckye Hendricks
Dawn Meador Marjorie Isgitt



MEMBER BENEFITS

- Beckye Hendricks

TRS-Care Medicare Advantage Monthly Premiums				
				2026
Retiree only				\$75
Retiree + spouse				\$250
Retiree + child(ren)*				\$408
Retiree + family*				\$613

*TRS-Care reduces premiums for retirees with disabled children (regardless of the disabled child's age) by \$200 in plans with covered children.

TRS-Care Dental and Vision premiums will stay the same in 2026! Open enrollment for TRS-Care Dental and TRS-Care Vision for the 2026 plan year is Oct. 1 - Dec. 8, 2025. If you're waiting for the first time, you can enroll yourself and your dependents in less than five minutes through [MyTRS.texas.gov](https://mytrs.texas.gov). If you're already enrolled, you don't need to do a thing — unless you want to add eligible dependents. If you are adding eligible dependents, you can download and complete the application at [MyTRS.texas.gov](https://mytrs.texas.gov) or call TRS Health at 1-888-237-6762 to get an application.

TRS-Care DENTAL		Retiree + Spouse		Retiree + Child(ren)		Retiree + Family	
Monthly Premiums		Monthly Premiums		Monthly Premiums		Monthly Premiums	
\$41.64		\$83.28		\$27.45		\$129.93	

TRS-Care VISION		Retiree + Spouse		Retiree + Child(ren)		Retiree + Family	
Monthly Premiums		Monthly Premiums		Monthly Premiums		Monthly Premiums	
\$5.89		\$13.78		\$15.57		\$24.08	

BABY CLOTHES DONATION

HARTA has donated baby board books to Humble ISD's pregnancy support program for several years. We recently learned of their need of footed sleepers, bibs, and burp cloths. At the December meeting Melissa Whittington will accept our donations. They prefer size 3 to 6 months. Carolyn Mashburn recently found these items at the big Kroger on 59 and the Beall's store in Porter. \$5 - \$6



HARTA MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES



Representative Cunningham and his wife reminded us to vote in November. See Legislative News article on page 4.



Book Giveaway hosted by HARTA volunteers. See information on page 3 for opportunities to join this group.



Dr. Brown, Superintendent of Humble ISD, stops by to give updates and answer questions about Humble schools. See page 7 for information about school tours.



Bring \$5 to participate in Wine Gift Basket Raffle benefiting TRTA Foundation. More information on page 6.



Dawn leads us in an exercise and invites everyone to join Texercise. See Page 2 for more information.



*Join us for our
next meeting
on October 13*



Sandra and Linda drawing for gift basket winners. Proceeds go into the Scholarship fund.

TRIPS AND TOURS

- HARTA MEMBER SPONSORS

All trips are sponsored by HARTA members. Please sign up at the meetings or contact the trip sponsor. **Some trips require pre-payment which can be done at the meeting.**

Hey, have you ever wanted to go to the **Philippine Islands**? You can do it with a Fabulous Asiatown Foodie Tour in Houston. Leaving on **October 9th, 2025**. Departing the ISC Building at 8:15 a.m. and returning at 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$40.00 plus \$5.00 for the bus driver—\$45.00 in total due at the September meeting. The cost covers lunch and the tour. We will have a cultural experience, lunch, visit a market, and see a dance, etc. **Let's go!** Nancy Timothy



Porky's Backyard Food Truck Park **Friday, October 10 at 11 am**. Meet co-owner Austin Wolf and hear his story of the concept, creation and direction of a family-friendly food truck park. The park will surprise you with its size, décor and fun atmosphere. There are 17 food trucks offering a variety of foods. Austin is hosting HARTA members to a Bingo game and a DJ will provide music. Porky's offers a full bar for those who might be interested. Seating is at picnic tables so bring a cushion if needed. Seating will be indoors with tables reserved for us. It is a short drive to 5131 Atascocita Rd. 77338. Plenty of parking. RSVP to Michele Wolf at michelewolf@gmail.com if you have not signed the trip sheet.



On **Wednesday, November 19**, HARTA will be taking the Precinct Bus to Madisonville to visit the Madisonville Christmas Company store. The bus will leave the ISC at **8:30am**. We will shop and have lunch at the store and then head to Kim's Home and Garden Center in Huntsville. Hopefully, on the way home, we will be able to take a quick look at the Christmas Village, located just south of Huntsville. Arrival back in Kingwood is expected to be by 5:00 pm. The cost is \$5 to ride the bus. Lunch and all your shopping treasures are at your own expense. The trip has a full list of participants, but we almost always take people who are on the waiting list. So, look for the sign-up sheet at the meeting and add your



name to the waitlist. This trip is sponsored by Brenda Pearson.

"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" - STAGES THEATER



(The bus is full, but sign up for the waitlist.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

Bus leaves the ISC at **3:45 PM** and returns about 10:00 PM. Dinner on your own at Barnaby's Café. Performance begins at 6:30 PM. Tickets \$46 plus \$5 for the bus = \$51.

Contact: CAROLYNMONROE36@GMAIL.COM

Checks to Carolyn Monroe or Zelle **832-724-9052**

January - Dawn Meador

Save the date (January 7, 2026) for one of our amazing Humble ISD school tours. Planning is still in the works, but sign up now while seats are available. We'll leave the ISC Building at **8:30 am** and tour two elementary schools. At 11 am the district will serve us a meal at the Humble ISD School Administration Building. After lunch we can shop at the Spirit/Mosaic store before boarding the bus. We'll then tour a secondary school and be back at the ISC at 2:30 pm.



February - Linda Spiro

Million Dollar Quartet - Hobby Center - February 17

If you want to put on your blue suede shoes and walk the line to a great show, join fellow HARTA travelers for the **Tuesday, February 17th** performance of the Million Dollar Quartet based on the night Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Louis, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash had a special jam session at Sun City Records. All the tickets are taken, but one person with a \$45 ticket cannot go so please contact Linda Spiro gglspiro@gmail.com or text 713-703-7240 if you want that ticket or if you would like to buy your own tickets and ride with us. Only 8 bus seats are still available so please check with me before buying tickets if you are depending on riding the bus with us. You can also get on the wait list for \$70 or \$45 tickets since there always seem to be cancellations with those canceling hoping to sell their tickets. The bus will leave the ISC building at **4 pm** so please arrive no later than 3:45 pm. We'll eat at Barnaby's at 414 W. Gray and then arrive at the Hobby Center by 6:45 pm since we must pick up the tickets before 7 pm. We'll arrive back at the ISC around 10:45 pm.





ROAD SCHOLAR TOURS 2026

- Carolyn Mashburn

HARTA has an opportunity to earn over \$6,000 for our scholarship program through sponsoring a wonderful educational adventure to PANAMA! Please join us; tell your family and friends, neighbors, cousins, Sunday School class and bridge group. You get the idea. The more the merrier. This program is open for registration. No need to contact me. Road Scholar will let me know that you've registered. **Hurry! The program is currently exclusive to us but will open to the public soon.**

ROAD SCHOLAR

A Learning Adventure for HARTA Members

Program # 9901–Grit and Glory: Exposing the Panama Canal

Friday, September 18 to Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Program Overview:

The Spanish thought about it. The French drew plans for it. In the end, though, it took a revolution, technology, money, determination and grit to complete the Panama Canal. On this unique journey, traverse the canal by boat and learn about the epic struggle to carve a nautical shortcut from one ocean to another. Learn about the canal's construction and its impact on world history, commerce and medicine.

Program Highlights:

- Learn about the history of the Panama Canal during exclusive boat transit.
- Witness the workings of the busy Miraflores and Gatun Locks and the Alajuela Dam.
- Admire the eclectic architecture of Casco Viejo — a UNESCO World Heritage Site — during a walking exploration of its cobblestone streets.

Program Only Prices:¹

- Double Occupancy: \$2,499
- Single Occupancy: \$2,929

Activity Level: On Your Feet – Walking and standing for up to 90 minutes at a time in hot, humid weather. Getting on/off a boat, ascending/descending steps, no wheelchair access.

Program Price Includes:

- 5 nights of accommodations
- 14 meals (5B, 4L, 5D)
- 1 expert-led lecture
- 8 expert-led field trips



- Performance
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- A Group Leader to accompany you throughout the program to handle all logistics
- Modest gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- The Road Scholar Assurance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

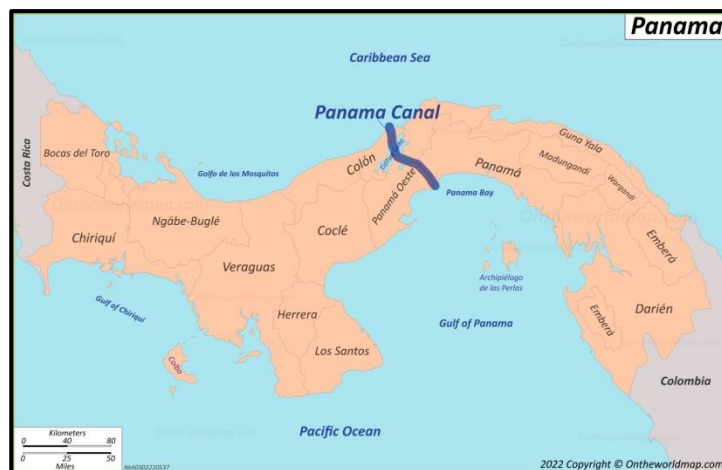
Accommodations:

Radisson Hotel Panama Canal, Panama City, 3 nights

- Modern hotel located at Fort Amador, on the boardwalk overlooking the entrance to the Panama Canal and the Bridge of the Americas.

Gamboa Rainforest Resort, Gamboa, 2 nights

- Resort is strategically located on the banks of the Chagres River and the Panama Canal, near the Soberania National Park. The lush surroundings and quiet neighborhood are a nice refuge from the hustle and bustle of Panama City, just 30 minutes.



**To learn more, please contact
Carolyn Mashburn at**

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HARTA MEMBERSHIP FORM for Enrollment or Renewal (Please fill in all blanks)

Name _____ Date _____ New Member _____ Renewing _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Birthday: Mo _____ Day _____ Cell Phone _____ and/or Home Phone _____
 Email _____ TRTA Member # (if known) _____
 Emergency contact for trips: Name _____ Relationship _____ Cell # _____

I receive a monthly annuity from TRS.

- ☐ I am paying both my TRTA dues of \$35 and my HARTA dues of \$10. I owe \$45
☐ I already pay my TRTA dues monthly by TRS annuity auto deduction, I am paying my HARTA dues. I owe \$10.
☐ I already pay my TRTA dues monthly by bank draft auto deduction, I am paying my HARTA dues. I owe \$10.
☐ I have already paid my TRTA dues of \$35 by check or credit card. I am paying my HARTA dues only. I owe \$10.

I do not receive a monthly annuity from TRS, but I want TRTA group benefits.

- ☐ I am paying both my TRTA dues of \$35 and my HARTA dues of \$10. I owe \$45.
☐ I already pay my TRTA dues monthly by bank draft auto deduction, I am paying my HARTA dues. I owe \$10.
☐ I have already paid my TRTA dues of \$35 by check or credit card. I am paying my HARTA dues only. I owe \$10. _

I am a Donor / Friend / Spouse who wishes to support HARTA. I owe \$10.

Designate donation to: _____ General Funds or _____ Scholarship Funds or _____ Where Needed

Or Donation Honoring (Name) _____ Address to notify honoree (if desired) _____

Amount Paid _____ Cash _____ or Ck # _____ Mail Checks payable to **HARTA**, PO Box 5102, Kingwood, TX 77325

*** For the HARTA directory & publications, please initial your choices below. (Donors are listed only by name.)**

- ☐ Please include my name, address, email address, phone # and birthday (no year)
☐ Please include my name only **OR** ☐ Please do not include me in the directory (opt out entirely)
☐ I give permission for HARTA to use my likeness in photographs, videos, or digital media in its publications.