

Humble Area Retired Teachers Association
(HARTA)

May 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Instructional Support Center by president Linda Spiro.

The pledges to the flags were led by Bobby McAndrews.

Linda introduced Superintendent Dr. Roger Brown who gave an update on graduation dates, district construction projects, legislative issues and teacher pay raises. She also introduced school board member Robert Scarfo. She announced that Ann Robbins had passed away. Ann was a former Kingwood High School Assistant Principal.

New HARTA members were asked to introduce themselves and talk about their work experience in the district.

Linda recognized the guests present at the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary Margaret Fahrenthold reported that the minutes were reviewed by committee. They were posted on the white board in the room and on the HARTA website.

Treasurer John Widmier reviewed the report placed on all tables. The Business Checking Account- PNC Bank has a Balance of \$24,814.00. The Certificate of Deposit-PNC Bank has a balance of \$11,243.46. The HARTA Endowed Fund - Humble ISD Education Foundation has a balance of \$38,125.

1st Vice President - Membership Bobby McAndrews conducted two drawings. The first drawing was from the group of **new** HARTA members. The winner was Karen Boughton. The second drawing was for the HARTA member who referred new members. The winner was Peggy Wilkinson. Each winner received \$25.

Linda Spiro presented a certificate for member recruitment to Peggy Wilkinson.

She also presented a certificate for member recruitment to Cindy McAndrews who referred five new members to HARTA.

Bobby announced that AMBA will host a Lunch and Learn at Italiano's on June 3.

Bobby pointed out the fliers on the tables.

Members can get information about HARTA (important dates, minutes, newsletters etc) by going to trta.org>Districts & Chapters>District 4>Humble Area RTA.

Bobby talked about the app "Group Me" which was also listed on the flier. He reminded members that directories are still available. He asked everyone to email him if they need a name tag. He asked all May, June and July birthdays to come forward to say their name and birthdate.

2nd Vice President Chris Pieknik thanked all the volunteers who worked the Easter weekend Book Give Away at Town Center. She asked for volunteers to work at the July 4th Book Give Away. She announced that 6894 books have been given away to date.

Readers Love Teachers chair Jan Resell reported that teacher awards have been given to teachers at Woodland Hills, Foster, Shadow Forest, Deerwood, Centennial, and Pine Forest . She invited members to join her at Humble Elementary on May 20 to present an award to a Humble Elementary teacher.

SPECIAL EVENT: Installation of Officers

The installation of officers was conducted by past presidents Susan Burroughs, Pat Kahak, Brenda Pearson, Marian Mannix, Carolyn Mashburn, Carolyn Monroe and Mary Widmier.

The officers for 2025-2026 are:

President- Linda Spiro

1st Vice President- Bobby Mc Andrews

2nd Vice President—Chris Pieknik

3rd Vice President- Janie Branham

Secretary- Margaret Fahrenthold

Treasurer- John Widmier

Brenda Pearson installed the Nominations Committee for 2025-2026:
Patty Murphy, Jan Resell, Angie Shepherd, and Dottie Willner

HARTA AWARDS

Linda presented certificates to HARTA members:

Trip organizers

January-Jeanne Barton and Vicky Stansifer

February- Susan Burroughs

March- Linda Spiro and Carolyn Mashburn

April- Chris/ Phil Pieknik and Linda Spiro

May- Latreca Black and Michele Wolf

June- Janie Branham

July-Brenda Pearson and Bobby/ Cindy McAndrews

August-Brenda Pearson

September - Carolyn Monroe

October- Ann Rice and Nancy Timothy

November- Brenda Pearson

December -Carolyn Monroe

Outstanding Recognition and Achievement-

Brenda Pearson

ABCD Award (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty-Bobby McAndrews and John Widmier
Linda also announced that Bobby had the most volunteer hours for this year .

Twenty-First Century (Outstanding Community or Local Unit Service)-James Ellis, Glenda Laney, Marj Isgitt, Patty Murphy Janet Roberts, Bill Beard.

TRTA Appreciation Award - Mary Widmier

HARTA President's Appreciation Award-Janet Orth, Margaret Fahrenthold, Janie Branham

HEART OF HARTA-Linda Rhodes and Chris Pieknik

SOUL of HARTA-Carolyn Monroe and Carolyn Mashburn

HARTA President's Appreciation Award-Ann Rice, Jan Resell, Beckye Hendricks, Virginia Cowan, Fran Simister, Angie Shepherd, Carolyn

Farley, Susan Burroughs, Sandra Fountain, Dawn Meador, Dottie Willner, Cathy Shepeard, Barbara Hamilton

APPRECIATION AWARD -Scholarship Funds Raffles- Diana/ Darrell Hancock and Trilla Cook

Healthy Living chair Linda Rhodes led the group in stretches.

A group picture was taken of members who had brought Care Kits and/or sneakers.

Linda announced that the next meeting (August 18) would be a potluck luncheon.

She also announced that August 13 will be TRTA District 4 Day at the Astros. A TRTA choir will sing the national anthem at the game. Practice for members who wish to perform with the choir are July 21, August 4 and August 11.

A Leadership Team meeting will be held on July 15th at the home of Linda Spiro.

Dawn Meador brought out the Brag Bucket.
Braggs are \$1 per brag.

John Widmier announced the winners of the door prizes.

James Ellis gave the blessing before lunch.

Linda thanked everyone who brought door prizes, refreshments, Care Kits and sneakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12.

Margaret Fahrenthold, secretary

Linda Spiro, president