



**TRTA Day in Austin!** Attending from Bronte were (front row, right) Merle Kelso and Janet Wommack, (back row, right) Brenda Hines and Charlotte Jackson.

**TRTA Day at the Capitol makes impact on Texas Legislature**

By Janet Wommack  
Brenda Hines, Charlotte Jackson, Merle Kelso, and Janet Wommack from Coke County Retired Teachers and more than 800 TRTA members converged on the Texas Capitol on Wednesday, March 23 to stress the importance of maintaining state appropriations to the TRS-Care health insurance program and TRS pension trust fund.

TRTA members delivered a message to the Texas Legislature, and it came through loud and

clear...Restore Funding To TRS And TRS-Care; Protect Our Health Care Program!!

The four ladies from Bronte visited with Rep. Drew Darby's staff since he was on the floor of the House of Representatives. They said that Rep. Darby would continue his support of TRTA and education. He and many legislators promised they would fight any effort to transition the pension fund from a defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan.

Legislators in both the Texas Senate and House recognized the work done by TRTA volunteers to improve the livelihood of all public

education retirees.

Senator Robert Duncan and Representative Vicki Truitt authored resolutions recognizing this week as TRTA week. This news was met with loud applause from the hundreds of retirees taking nearly every seat in the public galleries. In fact, the Texas Senate was standing room only!

Dozens of senators spoke in favor of the resolution in the Texas Senate.

**CCRTA combines luncheon/business session**

The Coke County Retired Teachers Association met Monday, March 21 for a noon luncheon at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

Following the sumptuous lunch buffet, Beth Prather, president, presided at the business session.

Supt. Alan Richey of BISD, told of numerous upcoming school events including the District Track Meet on April 5.

He asked for volunteers to work in the concession stands that day. Richey reported the Supt. Aaron Hood of RLISD is in Austin this past week to

communicate with legislators on school issues. Supt. Richey plans to go to Austin this week for the same purpose.

Four members of Coke County unit of RTA went to Brownwood to board a special District XV bus to go to Austin for the Texas Retired Teachers Rally day that was held on March 24. They had an appointment with Rep. Drew Darby that day to discuss school and retiree concerns. Those representing our unit were: Brenda Hines, Charlotte Jackson, Merle Kelso, and Janet Wommack.

Members voted to send contribution to the Bronte and Robert Lee Project Graduation Funds. Unit members enjoyed the colorful, creative posters from the elementary libraries of the Bronte and Robert Lee schools. Students made and signed the posters to express their appreciation for the books given to them by CCRTA last month.

Janet Wommack announced that Betty Tankersley is a new member of the unit.

Members attending the meeting: Wanda Barbee, Jamie Boren, Nina Brewer,

June Gulley, Ann Hamilton, Brenda Hines, William Hood, Jerry Horn, Mimzi Horn, Charlotte Jackson, Merle Kelso, Mary Lawhon, Pat Lee, Beth Prather, Kenneth Rasco, Gary Smith, Charlotte Tounget, Janet Wommack, Lee Wommack, and guests: Donna Poehls and Alan Richey.

**Genealogy classes to meet**

Monday, April 4, will conclude the first group of lessons with internal migrations of the United States. A second series, historical development of states and European migration will commence in the fall.

The members of the classes have expressed an interest in becoming a genealogical club and continuing with meetings during the summer and fall. These meetings would have programs ranging from preserving heirlooms, history of trails, a Civil War battle, etc.

The meeting will be from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Coke County Library. We ask everyone who is interested, even if they have not attended a session to please come Monday night. Any questions should be directed to Fran Lomas at 453-2894 or Beth Prather at the library.

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**Relay for Life Fundraiser**  
*Proceeds to Benefit the Coke County Relay For Life*  
**Sunday • April 19th**  
**11 am to 1 pm**  
**Robert Lee Catholic Hall**  
**\$6 per plate**  
*(Includes Dessert • Take-Outs Only)*  
Tickets can be purchased from the following team members:  
Valerie Howard, Brenda Skinner, Stephanie Puentez, Lisa Service, D'Ann Eubanks, Brandi Sawyer, Krystal Raney, Teresa Millican, DeeAnna Harmon, Cookie Burns, Molly Burns, Kayli Jo Dickey Rose, Becca Skinner McGuire, Sandy Sawyer or Jesse Puentez  
**For More Information, call 453-2545.**

**Your Attention Please**  
This message is for all ladies, age 13 & up, in Robert Lee, Bronte and surrounding areas!  
Are you ready to be pampered and treated like you're "somebody special"? Well, you can be because we believe you are. Just make a point to attend the **Spring Tea 2011**.  
April 16, 2011  
11:30 am to 1:30 pm  
Robert Lee Rec Hall  
Presented with "love" and a lot of excitement by the ladies of Victory Assembly of God.

