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# *Sweet 16 News*

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## **From the President**

*Susanne Hutchinson,*  
**Area President**



Area 16 is growing! We welcome three more new PTAs to the family this fall: Townsell Elementary PTA in Irving ISD, L.A. Nelson PTA in Denton ISD, and Kelly Pre K PTA in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. Each of these PTAs has a liaison assigned to support them during their inaugural year in addition to the support they receive from their Council and their Field Service Rep. Also in the works is Golden Triangle Special Ed PTA which will serve members from multiple ISDs in the northern half of our Area. Be sure to watch our website at [www.area16pta.org](http://www.area16pta.org) for more information coming soon!

Our six fabulous Councils have been very busy this fall offering multiple workshops and Leader Orientation Trainings. Area 16 brought you a Financial Basics workshop and a workshop about the new (and free!) website available to all PTAs. **But we're not done! If you have board members who still need Leader Orientation Training, or if you find training on a specific topic is needed, please let us know! We have many trainers who are eager and available to come to you!**

**A special note to our PTAs not connected with a Council:** It was so exciting to see so many of you attending the various training sessions being offered throughout Area 16. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you, or contact us with questions or concerns that you might have.

*From the President continued*

Registration for the 2008 Annual Texas PTA Convention is now available online at [www.txpta.org](http://www.txpta.org). This year Convention is in The Woodlands February 22-24. Be sure to check out the website for information about workshops, guest speakers, and the nominated slate of officers for Texas PTA. I encourage each PTA to send as many delegates as possible to Convention. In fact, I **challenge** each PTA to send at least one delegate! Let's see if Area 16 can send the most attendees! Why attend Convention? This is where your PTA gets to make its voice be heard regarding positions that Texas PTA supports, and in the election of officers. Convention also offers exciting and informative workshops, the chance to preview parent education programs, and the opportunity to network with PTA leaders from all over our great state.

Finally, I encourage you to check out [www.txpta.org](http://www.txpta.org) for information about the 2007-2008 PTA Awards. Criteria and forms are available. I encourage your PTA to apply for as many awards as possible. Texas PTA wants to hear about the wonderful and exciting things your PTA is doing! Please visit our website often at [www.area16pta.org](http://www.area16pta.org) for information about deadlines for award applications that must be sent to Area first. Please let us know if you have questions!

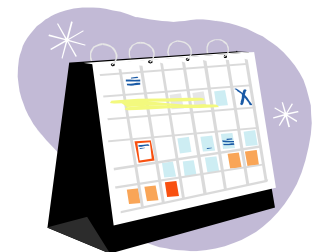
Many blessings to you and your family this Holiday Season,

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## SAVE THE DATE!

Want First Class training for your entire board right in your own backyard?  
You've got it!

Spread the word now to block out Saturday, April 26, 2008 for the  
Area 16 Spring Conference and Vendor Fair.



**Details coming soon!**

## Area 16 Nominating Committee

Area 16 PTA Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for qualified individuals for the 2008-2009 officers. If you're interested, please submit a brief history of PTA work to Carol Kyer, Nominating Committee Chair, at [Parliamentarian@Area16PTA.org](mailto:Parliamentarian@Area16PTA.org)

## Texas State Nominating Committee

### Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for 2008-10 Texas PTA Board of Directors

On November 4, 2007, the Nominating Committee submitted the following names for consideration.

President	Cindy Rose
First Vice President	Sharon Goldblatt
Second Vice President	Karen Slay
Secretary	Becky Reynolds
Treasurer	Kathy Coffman
Region I Vice President	Rosie Wilkinson
Region II Vice President	Lisa Holbrook
Region III Vice President	Jennifer King
Region IV Vice President	Chris Lloyd
Region V Vice President	Renee Walker
Region VI Vice President	Kari Blocher

The Area 16 PTA Board has the following vacancies:

- Field Service Rep. North
- Legislative/Advocacy



If you, or anyone you know, is interested in either position, contact Susanne Hutchinson, Area 16 President at [President@Area16PTA.org](mailto:President@Area16PTA.org) for more information.

## Membership

**Marlene Steward, Area 16 Membership**  
**Membership@Area16PTA.org**

**49,477 PTA Members in Area 16!!!**

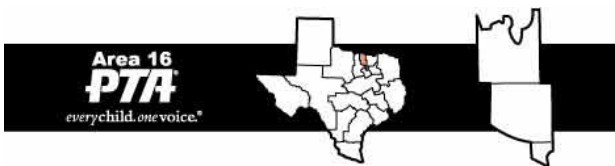
The October 15th membership drive is over, but the Spring membership drive goes until March 15, 2008. Make sure that each new student at your school receives membership information, along with a form to join your PTA.

If you missed the October 15th deadline, your PTA will not be eligible to vote at State Convention in February. And, if you miss the March 15, 2008 deadline, your PTA will be considered inactive and will no longer receive services from State or National PTA. You also will lose your tax exempt status.

Now is the time to start thinking about the Life Memberships that your PTA can award. Visit [www.txpta.org/members/awards](http://www.txpta.org/members/awards) for information about the life memberships and how you determine who is eligible to receive them.



## Communications

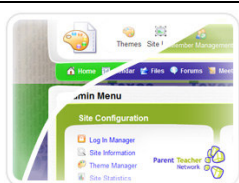


**Area 16 PTA Web Site**

<http://www.area16pta.org>

As the official Web site for the Area 16 PTA this can be a great source of information for you and your Area PTA. Area 16 is affiliated with both the **Texas** and **National PTAs**.

- Carrollton-Farmers Branch Council PTA Website: <http://www.cfbpta.org/>
- Denton Council PTA Website: <http://www.dentonisd.org/5124582465244/site/default.asp>
- Irving Council PTA Website: <http://www.irvingisd.net/pta/>
- Lake Dallas
- Lewisville Council PTA Website: <http://www.lisdpta.org/>
- Little Elm Council PTA Website: <http://pta.leisd.ws/>



**Free websites for every Texas PTA!**

**Click here for more information:**

<http://www.txpta.org/members/Voice/PTN%20article%20for%20Voice.pdf>

# Money Matters

**Karen Martin, Area 16 Money Matters Chairman**  
**MoneyMatters@Area16PTA.org**

## Accountability Report Card for Councils/Locals

### Did the Board:

- Submit state & national dues (shown as escrow on financial reports) to Texas PTA as received? Do the President, Secretary and Treasurer have alphabetized membership lists?
- Supply membership cards to members before October 15 when passwords changed?
- Review & sign the new "Conflict of Interest" policy forms, filing one with the Secretary and keeping a copy in procedure books? (see Texas PTA website)
- Designate bank statement reviewers, see and comprehend Treasurer's reports including budget-to-actual status at Regular and Board meetings?
- Approve Plans of Work for every office and committee before drafting budget?
- Evaluate results of fall fundraisers, remitting any sales tax due?
- File a 990/Schedule A, if due, by October 15 and November 15?
- Purchase liability insurance?
- Meet quorum at every Board meeting enabling the transaction of business?
- Receive a copy of the Bylaws, Unit #, Employer Identification number (EIN), IRS letter, receipt/disbursement vouchers, Texas Sales & Use Exemption forms in procedure books, for cars and purses? Are forms available at meetings, in PTA mailbox?
- Require 2 signatures on checks, 2 counters of receipts?
- Deposit money immediately in PTA's bank account – never vehicles, school safe, homes?



### Did the Council/Unit Membership:

- Approve the budget, including fundraisers, presented by the Budget/Finance Committee?
- Hear the Auditing Committee's report during the first regular meeting?
- Receive notice of Regular meeting dates, place and time for the 07-08 year?
- Know the purpose, goal and outcome of each fundraising activity?
- Receive 3 parent education or child advocacy projects for every fundraiser?

If you answered yes to most or all, A+!. For help to raise grades, the Treasurer may reference the Texas PTA website, the 2007 Treasurer's guide or contact your Council Treasurer.

## 2007-2008 Area 16 Board

### Officers

### Email

President	Susanne Hutchinson	President@Area16PTA.org
Vice President	Heather Ashwell-Hair	VP@Area16PTA.org
Secretary	Janie McDuffie	Secretary@Area16PTA.org
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Field Service Representative - Central	Karen Pynes	FSC@Area16PTA.org
Field Service Representative - South	Kay Smith	FSS@Area16PTA.org
Parliamentarian	Carol Kyer	Parliamentarian@Area16PTA.org
Historian	Sandi Dreer	Historian@Area16PTA.org

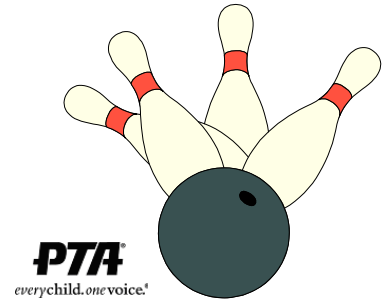
### Committee Chairmen

Arts in Education	Sherry Coffman	ArtsInEd@Area16PTA.org
Communications/Publicity	Catherine Carlin	Webmaster@Area16PTA.org
Environmental	Tricia Gamez-Stallings	Environmental@Area16PTA.org
Legislative/Advocacy	Open	
Membership/Inclusion	Marlene Steward	Membership@Area16PTA.org
Money Matters	Karen Martin	MoneyMatters@Area16PTA.org
Parent Education/Programs	Leeanne Pritchard	ParentEd@Area16PTA.org

### Council Presidents

Carrollton-Farmers Branch	Susan Scott	CFBISD@Area16PTA.org
Denton	Linda Thompson	DISD@Area16PTA.org
Irving	Lulu Cruz	IISD@Area16PTA.org
Lake Dallas	Marvlous Gowans	LDISD@Area16PTA.org
Lewisville	Kris Vaughn	LISD@Area16PTA.org
Little Elm	Tiffany Troxclair	LEISD@Area16PTA.org

## Lewisville Council PTA 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling for Scholars Tournament



Start looking for your bowling shoes & ball. Lewisville Council is holding its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling for Scholars Tournament on **Saturday, January 26**. We have three different time slots and a Junior Bowler Division (ages 6 – 12).

This is a scholarship fundraiser for LISD Council of PTAs and we need your help to keep the successful tradition going! Each year the Council awards two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors at each of the five LISD high schools.

Registration fees are \$25 per adult/\$20 junior with 4-person teams. This includes 3 games, shoe rental, and a Bowling for Scholars t-shirt. Three shifts of games will be available: 9 - 11 am; 11:30 am - 1:30 pm & 2 - 4 pm.

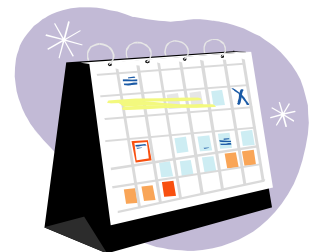
Trophies will be awarded to the top teams, as well as other prizes including best team name and worst team score. The deadline to submit teams is December 21. Registration form is online here: <http://www.area16pta.org/sources/BowlingRegForm.pdf>

Questions? Tracie Owens at [bowling4scholars@lisdpta.org](mailto:bowling4scholars@lisdpta.org) or 972.874.7191

### SAVE THE DATE! Lewisville Council PTA Vendor Fair

Lewisville Council will hold its annual Vendor Fair on Saturday, April 19 at Killough North High School in Lewisville. Be sure to mark your calendars and don't miss this great opportunity to see 85+ vendors from around the Metroplex to discuss 2008 – 2009 planning for your local unit. Look for more information in the next Area 16 newsletter.

Questions? Inta Jensen at [vendorfair@lisdpta.org](mailto:vendorfair@lisdpta.org) or 972.355.2336





## **C-FB Council PTA 2008 Gently Used Book Sale Best Organized Book Sale Ever!**



The Seventh Gently Used Book Sale is a book lover's paradise that provides all types of books at great prices. You will find all the books are organized by category and even author. Over 100,000 items are expected at the sale. All items are donated by the Dallas-Fort Worth area community. Most items are "gently used," but some books are new.

Coordinated by the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Council PTA and Educational Foundation, the Gently Used Book Sale not only raises funds for the two non-profit organizations, but it also provides all types of books at great prices.

**Location:** Trinity Valley Shopping Center  
2660 North Josey Lane  
Carrollton, TX 75006  
(Josey Lane at George Bush Turnpike).

Just look for the big sign that says "Book Sale." And, if you miss the sign, look for the yellow school bus.

**Schedule:** Wednesday, February 27 - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. \$2 - hardbacks, \$1 – paperbacks  
Thursday, February 28 - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. \$2 - hardbacks, \$1 – paperbacks  
Friday, February 29 - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. \$1 - hardbacks, 50 cents – paperbacks  
Saturday, March 1 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1 - hardbacks, 50 cents – paperbacks  
Sunday, March 2 - 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Box of Books Sale, \$15 per box

The sale will also include items that will be specially marked due to their value.

Products available for sale are primarily hardback and paperback books in the following areas:

- Children's books (fiction, non-fiction)
- Adult books (fiction, non-fiction)
- Cookbooks
- Current reference books

Donors also provide other such items as original videotapes, original CDs, original DVDs, and audio book (Cassettes, CDs). These will be individually priced.

The event's revenues raise funds for the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Educational Foundation grants and scholarships and Council of PTAs projects, including grants to the High School Post Proms, Clothes Closet, and Multi-cultural projects.

## Calendar of Events

### November 30

Due to Council PTAs

- Local unit PTA Reflections winners

### January 2, 2008

Due to Area PTAs

- Council PTA Reflections winners

### January 26

Lewisville Council PTA "Bowling for Scholars"

### January 31

Due date for annual sales tax return

### February 1

Due to Local PTAs

- PTA Environmental Awareness Contest Entries

Due to Texas PTA

- Area PTA Reflections Winners
- Environmental Awareness Contest Intent to Enter forms for Council PTAs

### February 5

Winter Area Board Meeting, 7-9pm

### February 22-24

Texas PTA Convention

### February 27-March 2

C-FB Council PTA Gently Used Booksale

### March 1

Due to Texas PTA

- Teacher/Administrator Scholarship Applications
- High School Senior Scholarship Applications
- Phoebe Apperson Hearst National PTA Excellence in Education Award Entries

### March 7

Due to Council PTAs

- Local unit PTA Environmental Awareness Contest Winners

### March 15

Due to Texas PTA

- Spring membership dues and report forms
- Spring membership Award Achievement entries

### April 19

Lewisville Council PTA Vendor Fair

### April 26

Area 16 Spring Conference

### July 25-27

Summer Leadership Seminar



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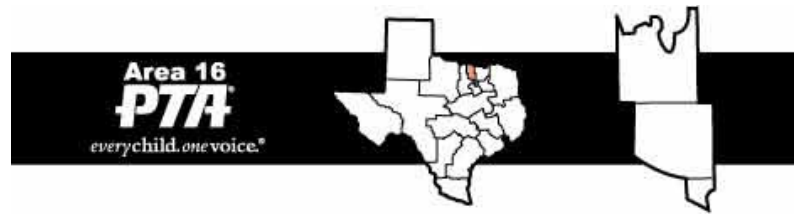
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    **Central:** Karen Pynes  
    **North:** Open  
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