



Sweet 16 News

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From the President

Karen Martin, Area President



Greetings as you prepare to celebrate the holidays!

Your Area Board is thankful for 16 Leadership Orientation trainings in Area 16 this fall; new PTA units; 50,688 dues-paying members; (.93% decrease) and Spring Conference planning for April 14 underway. Everyone has gone “above and beyond”, for which I am extremely grateful. As you have opportunity, thank your Council Presidents and Area leaders.

In this season of light, allow me to illuminate PTA training standards:

**It is not ok for units to fail to issue membership cards—it’s an obligation, now past-due*

**Nor is it good practice to store auction items in a home—same rules as cash*

**PTA programs and projects advance PTA. Meetings are not forums for competing nonprofits to recruit members or individuals with financial agendas. Newsletters and fundraising flyers carry the PTA logo to “promote the brand”*

**An Audit report is presented by the Audit Committee at a Regular Meeting*

**Membership recruitment did not cease October 15—members join year-round*

From the President continued

**Proxy voting is prohibited. Board quorum is typically based on a majority of entire Executive Board being present*

**No Board member benefits financially—be aware of conflicts of interest*

**Local unit insurance is recommended by Texas and National PTA*

**While extremely influential as to PTA effectiveness on a campus, the Principal has one vote. He or she neither controls or is responsible for PTA funds. Public and private monies are handled separately. PTA's mission is to advocate, educate and involve; it's not money-focused.*

On any of the above, trust that there's good reason, and probably stories, for my tips. PTA principles are followed by PTAs. If principles are being breached at any level, it is your duty as a Board or local member to express concerns, respectfully. Contact Council or Area leadership for clarification or help.

To learn more about nonprofit practices, be a delegate to Convention in San Antonio or Area 16's Spring Conference in Lewisville. Contact Lezlee Neel, VP to schedule a unit or Council LoT. Invite a PTA official for a meeting Q&A.

Area 16's Nominating Committee elected by the Board is Chairman, Mia Simmons; Marlene Steward and Kris Vaughn. Stacy Crumpton is alternate. They will announce a slate of elected officers 30 days before the April 14 Annual Meeting.

Here's to a Sweet Season of faith, family and friends! May they be safe, relaxing and joyful.

Karen Martin, Area President

Membership

**Kris Vaughn,
Membership Area 16**

**Current membership
total: 50,688**



Special Agent Vaughn reporting that a milestone date for this mission has passed. October 15th was the deadline for submitting membership to be considered for fall awards and to be eligible to vote at state convention.

Urgent Message - This mission is not over!!
Your membership campaign continues throughout the year and new membership can be sent to Texas PTA through March 15, 2007.

What does it mean if we missed the October 15th deadline?

Don't panic - Please be aware that your PTA will NOT be eligible to vote at state convention nor receive any fall membership awards. If you miss BOTH the October 15th and March 15th deadline dates, your PTA will be considered inactive and lose its tax-exempt status. At this time Texas and National PTA will not be able to serve you.

How do I get more Membership Cards?

You may request additional membership cards on the "PTA Dues Report". Check the box and write the number of cards needed. Membership cards are valid until October 14th of the year indicated on the card.

Tools for Your Mission

www.pta.org/local_leadership

www.txpta.org/members/membership.html

Historian

**Marlene Steward,
Historian Area 16**



Directories and Historian's Books will not be accepted on Friday, April 13th. They will be accepted on Saturday, April 14th at Spring Conference. I don't know the time, because I think that was still under discussion.

Each Council will be responsible for judging the local units' Historian's Books and Directories from their Council.

The Council Historian's Books and Council Directories will be judged at Spring Conference.

Area 16 Field Representative Central

**Leeanne Pritchard
Area Field Rep Central**

My name is Leeanne Pritchard and I serve as the Field Rep for Central Area 16.

I serve the Greater Lewisville Area and Little Elm. We have had some exciting growth in our Area in regards to new units AND New Councils. I am very excited about the growth taking place in our Area, because this will make stronger Leadership as we go forward and make it easier to service those in need.

I am proud to serve in the inaugural flight of this new Area. I want to remind ALL of the Area to remember to look to your bylaws and standing rules as to when you elect your nominating committee. Our Area Board met on Nov 11th and we are already in the process of finding our next group of Leaders to serve you in Area 16. Also it is nearing the time for consideration of who in your local units serves the school and children the best and

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bestowing the honor of Life Membership and also extended Life memberships as Founder's Day is right around the corner. Check your bylaws and find out when you need to start gathering your committees as each unit may do things a little differently.

Thank you for the privilege of servicing our Area.



Area 16 Reflections Program

Heather Ashwell-Hair

WHEN: Saturday, January 13, 2007, 9:00 am to 1pm

WHERE: Technology & Learning Center (TLC), 2427 Carrick, Farmers Branch 75234. Check out the Area 16 website for a map. It is located 1 block East of I35 and 1 block south of Valleyview Blvd. It is across the street from the Dr. Pepper Star Center.

WHO: Councils and Independent Arts in Education/Reflections Chairmen, Judges, and Helpers!

I NEED YOU! I will need as many of you as possible to assist with this process. If you are able to judge, are willing to provide hospitality, able to assist the judges, or in sorting or recording entries, Please contact me as soon as possible if you can help in ANY way or know anyone who may be able to help.

Thank you all in advance for your support of this program! I know we are all so busy but please try to make time for this. It is truly one of the cornerstones of PTA.

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Fundraising Idea

*Susanne Hutchinson,
President,
LISD Council of PTAs*

LISD PTA Council Bowling for Scholars 2007

Dust off your bowling balls and polish your shoes! It's time to start planning for Bowling for Scholars 2007. This year marks the fourth annual scholarship fundraiser for LISD PTA Council and we need your help. Each year the Council awards two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors at each LISD high school. Without your support, these scholarships are not possible, so mark your calendar for January 20, 2007 and draft your best bowlers now – and don't forget to bring your kids! For the first time, the tournament will include a Junior Division for ages 6 to 12. Junior Bowlers will enjoy half-price registration and all the fun! Registration fees are \$25 per bowler (\$12.50 for juniors), with 4-person teams, and include 3 games, shoe rental, and a Bowling for Scholars t-shirt. Morning and afternoon game times will be available. Trophies will be awarded to the top teams, as well as prizes for the school with the most teams. There will also be door prizes and a prize for the best team name.

Registration forms are now available at www.lisdpta.org. You may also contact Heather Deputy at 469-384-1590 or bowling4scholars@lisdpta.org with any questions. See you on the lanes!



Council Spotlight

Little Elm Council of PTAs

*Stephanie Phipps,
President, Little Elm ISD
Council of PTAs*

Our Charter Year

What a beginning we've experienced in the charter year of the Little Elm Independent School District Council of PTAs. Our charter PTAs that formed the Council are Lakeside Jr. High PTA, D.H. Brent PTA, Colin Powell PTA, Chavez Elementary PTA, Hackberry Elementary PTA and Lakeview Elementary PTA. We've added 2 PTAs since our organization, High School PTSA and Zellars Elementary PTA. All the active PTAs in town are members of the Council.

We've held our first Regular meeting, graciously hosted by the Powell PTA and campus. It was well attended by all the local PTAs and the Lewisville ISD Council of PTAs presented us with a gift of a gavel to use at our meetings. Area 16 President Karen Martin gave our first program on how the PTA structure includes the Council and our role in supporting the local PTAs.

We've held our first Officer and Chairman training event and had attendees from all of the PTAs. Lewisville ISD Council of PTAs board members taught the classes, and we are grateful for their time and sharing of knowledge. There was a tie on most number of attendees from a local PTA - Chavez and Lakeside Jr. High.

For more information about programs, our meeting dates and upcoming events, please visit our website at <http://pta.leisd.ws>

Thank you to everyone for the effort extended into making this charter year successful!



Area 16 PTA Web Site

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](#).

Texas Area 16 PTA includes: Argyle ISD, Aubrey ISD, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Callisburg ISD, Coppell ISD, Denton ISD, Gainesville ISD, Irving ISD, Krum ISD, Lake Dallas ISD, Lewisville ISD, Little Elm ISD, Pilot Point ISD, Ponder ISD, Sanger ISD, Valley View ISD, and Walnut Bend ISD. It also includes the following Council of PTAs:

Carrollton-Farmers Branch
www.cfbisdptacouncil.com

Denton
www.dentonisd.org/5124582465244/site/default.asp?

Irving
www.irvingisd.net/pta/

Lake Dallas,
<http://www.lakedallasmiddleschool.org/council.html>

Lewisville
<http://www.lisdpta.org/>

Little Elm
<http://pta.leisd.ws>

Calendar of Events



Deadline

December 15
Due to Texas PTA

- “Early Bird” Convention Registration deadline

Deadline

January 2
Due to Area PTAs

- Council PTA Reflections winners

Reflections Program

January 13 9:00am-1:00pm
Technology & Learning Center (TLC), 2427 Carrick, Farmers Branch 75234

LISD PTA Council Bowling for Scholars 2007

January 20 Noon-2:00pm
Registration forms available at www.lisdpta.org

Area Board Meeting

January 27 10:00am-Noon

Deadline

March 15
Due to Texas PTA

- Membership dues and report forms

Annual Meeting/Spring Conference

April 14 Noon-8:00pm

Deadline

April 14
Historian’s Books
(Historian’s Books not accepted on April 13th)



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