# Sweet 16 News

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## From the President

***Karen Martin, Area President***

*"To whom much is given, more is expected." Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Welcome to the first edition of *Sweet 16 News*! It's exciting to become a new Area forged from former Areas 10 and 11. Sweetness and grace are required as staff, Boards and Councils adjust to the restructure effective June 1.

Summer Leadership Seminar was outstanding! Region V (Areas 15, 16, 17) claimed 1/3 of pre-registrations. The final totals were 3100 attendees, including our newest Council, Little Elm. Each Council wore symbols from a candy's name for identification. They included Little Elm-Skittles, Denton-Whoppers, Lewisville-Hot Tamales, Irving-Cracker Jack, Lake Dallas-Almond Joy, Carrollton-Farmers Branch-Milky Way. Irving ISD Council was declared Texas' "Most Outstanding" in the medium-size bracket (15-30 units). I hold a seat on the Council of Areas and am alternate #3 "Member-At-Large" for State Board meetings.

Area 16 is blessed with brilliant PTA leaders. We claim Kathy Blair, Councils Chairman and Amber Fulton, Membership Chairman of the Texas PTA Board. Pam Becknal, Region V-VP, is a great resource and encourager.

I serve with 19 ultra-talented and experienced leaders on the Area Board. (see website for names and emails). Sharon Goldblatt of Plano, Texas PTA's 2nd VP led the Area Board's Orientation, inspiring high expectations for an inaugural year.

***From the President** continued*

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, April 14---**Area 16's Annual Meeting/Spring Conference at Shadow Ridge Middle School, Lewisville. PTA workshops and LoT trainings are open to any member. Check this newsletter and website for training dates.

September is "PTA Membership Month" in Texas, the nation. The goal of "Mission: Possible" is a 25-member increase for each unit. While at "Meet the Teacher," ask teachers and parents to join forces with PTA for the benefit of every child in Texas' public schools. Be sure Boards reach 100%. **Insure that every member is "card-carrying" to receive member discounts and proof of payment.**

Area 16 welcomes new PTAs—Shady Shores Elementary, Lake Dallas; John & Margie Stipes Elementary, Irving; Navo and Savannah Middle Schools, Denton. Each unit has a Council-appointed liaison, supported by a Field Service Representative.

Let's work together to achieve unit, Council, and Area 16 goals in 06-07, so we can mimic our kids and pronounce the year "Sweet!"

*Karen Martin, Area President*

## WANTED:

*Area Chairman, Reflections/Arts in Ed* to receive from Councils, coordinate unbiased January judging & forward winners to Texas PTA by February 1.
Resources: Committee of 5-7 volunteers, former Area Chairmen-mentors, Area Board. Arts in Ed experience desired, but need not have done at Council level!
*Apply ASAP to Karen Martin, Area 16 President, kmartpta@yahoo.com.*

**Councils Arts in Ed Chairmen's note:** Area will judge entries as submitted. He/she does not reassemble entries prior to judging.

# Texas PTA Training

***Pam Becknal, Texas PTA Region V Vice President***

Texas PTA held its very first training in mid-August for their new training teams in Dallas. There were several trainers in the DFW area selected by the state president who attended the training, in addition to a number of our state board members. The training team members are now available to assist our Council and Area PTAs with job specific training, present Texas PTA programs that they have been trained in, or accept any other assignments from the state president such as serving on a state review team. Each trainer will have the latest resources available to them from Texas PTA for training.

All requests for any of these team members outside of their own Council or Area PTA must come through me as the RVP. Please feel free to notify me of any needs that you may have for assistance with training in your Council or Area. More information about the Texas PTA training teams including a request form will go out in a future Local Unit mailing.

Texas PTA will also be providing another Leader Orientation Trainer's course in late September or early October for the DFW area. Details will be announced soon. Please contact your Area PTA president for approval if you are interested in becoming a trainer. All Area PTA officers must be a certified trainer for this course.

Thank you for all that you do for the students, parents, and teachers of Texas!

**Council Newsletter Reminder:**

Council Presidents please add Karen K. Martin as the Area President, "Pam Becknal" pgbecknal@sbcglobal.net as the Regional VP, and Kathy Blair as the Councils Chairman to your mailing list to receive your Council newsletters. Independents also need to send Karen K. Martin a copy of yours if you produce a newsletter.

# Membership

***Kris Vaughn, Membership Area 16***

Special Agent Vaughn is reporting to support your Mission of increasing your local unit's total membership count by 25 members for 2006 – 2007. If this mission is completed by October 15th not only will your PTA be 25 members stronger but it will receive special recognition from *Headquarters* - Texas PTA to include:

- Recognized in National PTA's *The Voice*
- Recognized on the Texas PTA web site
- Entered in a drawing for a chance to receive a complimentary state convention registration OR $25 Office Depot gift certificate

* To Qualify - Local PTA total membership must increase for this year by 25 members from the total membership as recorded by the Texas PTA Office on March 15, 2005. No paperwork is necessary to complete.

**Tools for Your Mission**

www.pta.org/local_leadership

www.txpta.org/members/membership.html

1. **Membership Lists & Dues** – Mail your membership and check for dues by certified mail as members enroll. DO NOT hold them all until October 15th. Members' names must be in the Texas PTA Office before the membership cards are valid. (Keep a copy of membership list for your president, secretary and treasurer)

   Dues must be postmarked by October 15th to be eligible for membership awards and voting representation at state convention. However, your membership campaign should be ongoing through March 15th.

2. **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.

3. **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 14 of the year indicated on the card.)

**Apply for Membership Awards** – Deadline to Texas PTA is October 15th

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# Historian

***Marlene Steward, Historian Area 16***

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

The Council Historian Books and Council Directories will be judged at Spring Conference. Guidelines will be coming soon.

Note to Presidents and Council Historians: I need photos and articles from your local papers or District newsletter for our Area scrapbook. Please send things throughout the year to me.

# 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 was organized on June 1, 2006.** This new Area 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

# Council Spotlight

**Lewisville Council of PTAs**

***Susanne Hutchinson, President, LISD Council of PTAs***

The Lewisville ISD Council of PTAs serves 62 PTAs in the Lewisville Independent School District which covers the communities of Lewisville, Highland Village, Copper Canyon, Double Oak, The Colony, Flower Mound, portions of north Carrollton, western Plano, and smaller portions of Frisco, Hebron, Coppell, Grapevine and Argyle. There are roughly 48,000 students in the district.

The LISD Council has set the following goals for 2006-2007:

- Increase awareness and access to Council's resources and benefits.
- Provide quality training to develop strong future leaders in local units.
- Encourage the development of partnerships among local units.

Some of our events this fall include our annual Presidents and Principals Luncheon on Sept. 29 at the Lewisville ISD Special Services Building. Texas PTA Membership Chairman and LISD School Board Trustee Amber Fulton will present an overview of the Texas PTA Program "Building the Real American Idol: 40 Developmental Assets".

The "40 Developmental Assets" program will also be presented in its entirety at Hedrick Elementary School on Sept. 21 and Delay Middle School on Oct. 18 as a joint effort between LISD Council and Communities in Schools of North Texas. Dinner and babysitting will be provided.

For more information about these programs, our meeting dates, Leader Orientation Training dates, and upcoming events, please visit our website at www.lisdpta.org.

# Calendar of Events

**Leadership Orientation Training LISD**
September 18 6:30-8:30pm
Forestwood Middle School, Lewisville

**Leadership Orientation Training C-FB ISD**
September 21 8:45-11:00am
CLC, Carrollton

**Leadership Orientation Training LISD**
September 21 9:00-11:00am
Camey Elementary, Lewisville

**Leadership Orientation Training LEISD**
September 23 11:00am-1:00pm
First Baptist Church, Little Elm

**Leadership Orientation Training LISD**
September 26 6:30-8:30pm
Castle Hills Elementary, Lewisville

**Leadership Orientation Training C-FB ISD**
September 28 6:15-8:30pm
CLC, Carrollton

**Leadership Orientation Training IISD**
October 2 6:15-8:45pm
Irving ISD Admin. Building, Irving

**Leadership Orientation Training LISD**
October 3 10:00am-Noon
LISD Administration Building, Lewisville

**Leadership Orientation Training LISD**
October 11 Noon-2:00pm
LISD Special Services Building, Lewisville

***Visit www.area16pta.org for more information about Leadership Orientation Training sessions. Contact Council President to RSVP (to ensure there will be enough materials).***

**Deadline**
October 15
Due to Texas PTA
- Fall membership dues and report forms
- Fall Membership Awards/Achievement entries

**Deadline**
October 31
Due to Local PTAs
- PTA Reflections entries

**Deadline**
November 1
Due to Texas PTA
- Recycled Art Contest digital photo of entries

**Area Board Meeting**
November 11 10:00am-Noon
Carrollton

**Deadline**
November 30
Due to Council PTAs
- Local unit PTA Reflections winners

**Deadline**
January 2
Due to Area PTAs
- Council PTA Reflections winners

**Area Board Meeting**
January 27 10:00am-Noon
Irving

Area PTA 16 Newsletter is published three times per year – September, November, and February

## Area 16 Board of Directors

**President**: Karen Martin
**1st Vice President**: Lezlee Neel
**Secretary**: Janie McDuffie
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**South**: Kay Smith
**Central**: Leanne Pritchard
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**Denton Council President**: Stacy Crumpton
**Irving Council President**: Ronda Huffstetler
**Lake Dallas Council President**: Marvlous Gowans
**Lewisville Council President:** Susanne Hutchinson
**Little Elm Council President**:Stephanie Phipps

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