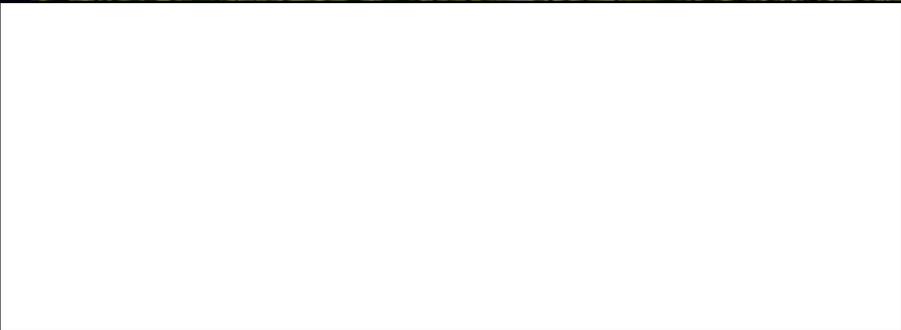


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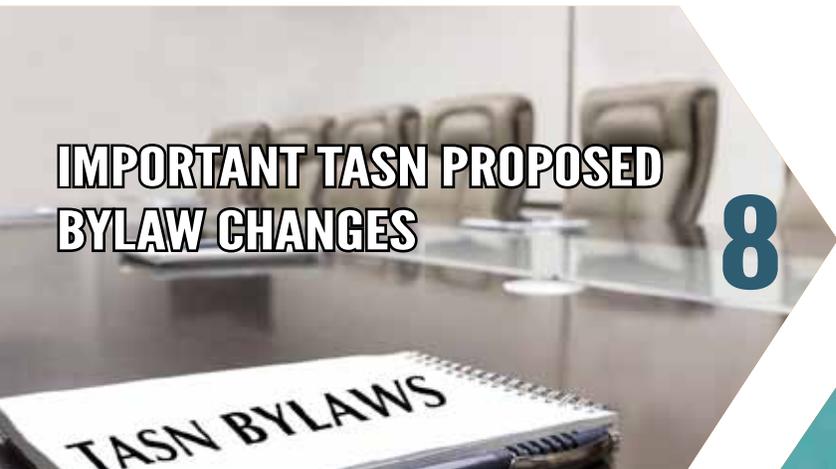
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## President's Message

Since our last issue, I attended SNA's School Nutrition Industry Conference, TASN Industry Seminar, and SNA's Legislative Action Conference. While at LAC, I had the opportunity to meet with our senators, a few of our congressional representatives, and their legislative aides. We discussed the things we need in order to help us operate our programs better and more efficiently. I also attended the School Nutrition Foundation's Celebration of School Nutrition Heroes, where one of our Past Presidents, Jody Houston from Corpus Christi ISD, was honored for her contributions to our profession and her community.

This year has really been fast paced. We have made some changes that will help our organization financially, enable our board members to commit less time away from our jobs, and hopefully inspire and convince some of you to serve this great association. Volunteering is very rewarding.

As my term comes to an end and I reflect on this past year, I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your president. It is an experience that I will always remember both professionally and personally. It has provided me with opportunities for growth and networking with colleagues at both the state and national levels. I also established friendships with fellow board members, our fabulous TASN HQ staff, and the many members of our association that I got to know better along the way.

I know that those that follow are going to be great presidents, and will always keep the best interest of our association and members in mind and heart, as they make decisions that will impact our members and make our association stronger and recognized as the leader in school nutrition across our great state.

I hope to see you in Austin for our annual conference.



Terry Mendez-Arauz, MEd, RD, LD, SNS  
 Los Fresnos CISD  
 2015-2016 TASN President

### 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SNA Leadership Conference**  
 April 20-22, 2016 | Baltimore, Maryland

**TASN Annual Conference**  
 June 19-22, 2016 | Austin, Texas

**SNA Annual Conference**  
 July 10-13, 2016 | San Antonio, Texas

By Karen Andrasi, TASN Executive Director

## Headquarters Highlights



### Spring is in the air and TASN has many exciting ideas and changes occurring!

TASN heard your requests and we held a forum at the TASN Industry Seminar to discuss ways to enhance the meetings and events, and the future of the association. Some items that were discussed were concerns about too much time out of the district or office, and the need to align the meetings to maximize the benefits for vendors and ISD personnel. In an effort to achieve this, we are taking the first step by moving the Industry Seminar from January to November, and changing the structure of the meeting. This is the first step towards aligning with the bid process. We will send out a survey to get member input on what the structure should look like.

Another change that will be taking place is that the TASN Leadership Camp will no longer be a separate meeting in the fall. Instead, we will have TASN Local Leadership Training in conjunction with the TASN Annual Conference starting this June in Austin. The goal for this is for members to have less time out of their districts and have more members attend, ultimately forming new chapters or restarting old chapters.

In addition, we will be combining the Board of Directors Training (this was a two-day training for the Board, held in May) with this conference. Information will be sent out to the current board members as well as the newly elected board members regarding the times and locations of this training. We are excited

about the changes and will continue to streamline meetings and events to maximize the experience and your time.

TASN's external audit starts in September and is usually completed by January, with the presentation of the audit at the February Board meeting. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the external annual audit was not presented at the February Board Meeting, but will be presented in June at the Board Meeting in conjunction with the Annual Conference. Please see the Treasurer's report in this issue for an update.

I would like to thank all of you that attended the Industry Seminar and the sponsors that made the event possible. The *Work Hard, Play Hard, Go Zen* theme was a great way to relax and get the creative juices flowing.

The February Board meeting was a continuation of the creative process. The Board voted and approved that TASN increase the number of Area Representatives from 12 to 20 to align with the Education Service Centers (ESC's). The goal is that each Area Representative will have a small area that they are in charge of, ultimately allowing them to reach more districts to increase membership.

Conference is just a few months away. If you haven't registered, please visit the TASN website and register. This year's event will be held in Austin, Texas at the

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Austin Convention Center June 19–22, 2016. This Conference will have many new classes and opportunities to become involved in your association. The Industry evening event is a time to enjoy yourself, and what better way to do that than to dance the night away with none other than Professor D while enjoying dinner, Austin style.

The annual meeting is part of the conference and will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016. There will be several proposed amendments brought to this meeting to be voted on. Please plan on attending; this is the only time that the bylaws can be amended or changed, and we need each of you there to vote either for or against each amendment.

Shout out to all local chapters! The Flag Parade is a time for you to shine and show off your chapter's flag. The rehearsal will be held Monday, June 20, 2016 at 7:00 am. If you are thinking about forming a chapter or reinstating a chapter, we would love to help you. Please come to the Local Chapter Leadership Training at Conference.

In closing, thank you all for your continued support of TASN.

Karen Andrasi  
TASN Executive Director



## Overview of TASN Changes

Industry Seminar moved from January to November.

Leadership Camp is now called Local Chapter Leadership Training and takes place at the annual Conference.

Board of Directors training will now take place at the annual Conference.

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# Summary of Third Board of Directors Meeting February 12, 2016

The third Board of Directors meeting for the 2015–2016 program year was held on February 12, 2016 at the Marriott Austin South in Austin, Texas.

President Elect Debbie Needham filled in during the absence of President Terry Mendez.

Debbie appointed Melissa Bryan and Betty Stanley to approve the minutes.

No tellers or pages were appointed.

Roll call: 15 members present, 6 absent.

Chair recognized Directors Academy attendees in the audience.

## Financial Report

Financial statement report by Treasurer Jamal Hazzan: The financial report was sent out about a month ago. I hope everyone got a chance to review. I am ready to answer any questions you have on report.

## Report of Officers

All reports were filed. No unfinished business.

## Motions from Executive Committee

### Motion #1: From Executive Committee

Move that a bylaw amendment to section 5.1 Board of Directors to remove the sentence. "The first and final meeting of the Board of Directors shall be prior and at the conclusion of the Annual Conference).

**Rationale/background;** There would then be only three Board Meetings. This would be more efficient and reduce cost.

**Motion by:** Laura Mason

**Second by:** Jamal Hazzan

**Third by:** Debbie Needham

### Motion #2: From Executive Committee

Move that Area Representatives be realigned with the Education Service Centers (ESC) within the State of Texas. \*\*As listed in the policy / Procedure manual pg. 14 Letter V

**Rationale/background:** Assist current Area Representatives demographically as current territories are too large to reach membership. Realignment will allow Area Representatives to represent in each ESC within the state, reaching members.

### Financial Impact/Staff Time Impact/Volunteer Time Impact:

Additional Area Representatives will increase the cost at a minimal impact. Staff/volunteer will not be affected, but become more efficient due to area reduction.

**Motion by:** Debbie Needham

**Second by:** Laura Mason

### Motion #3: From Membership Committee

Move that we add to the managers category, maintenance/custodial/warehouse staff (working in the child nutrition programs at the school district level).

**Rationale/background:** A large number of requests from different districts.

### Financial Impact/Staff Time Impact/Volunteer Time Impact:

Increase of membership / cost of membership.

**Motion by:** Deborah Pilgrim

**Second by:** Jeannie Stallings

**Third by:** Shirley Price

### Motion #4: From Executive Committee

Move that motion #5, presented in October 2015 to remove the Chair of Area Representatives and Past President positions from Board of Directors, should read "to remove position from Executive Committee but remain on Board of Directors."

Rescind offer to reduce term of Chair of Area Representatives and Employee Representative from one year, and remain two years.

**Motion by:** Debbie Needham

**Second by:** Laura Mason

### Motion #5: From Area Representatives

Move that all Area Representatives be paid for three nights hotel at the TASN Annual Conference 2016.

**Rationale/Background:** Area Representatives have a large amount of responsibilities at conference, with combining leadership camp and board training at

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conference extra time and participation would be required.

**Financial Impact/Staff Time Impact/Volunteer Time Impact:**

No financial impact because TASN will no longer have to pay for Leadership Camp or Board training.

**Motion by:** Jennie Stallings

**Second by:** Charlotte Hokett

**All motions were voted on and passed – any motions that affect the bylaws will be voted on at the annual meeting.**

**Reports**

All reports have been filed.

**TASN 2016-2017 Election Slate of Candidates**

President Elect: Laura Mason

Vice President: Shelly Copeland

Treasurer: Ashley Cane

Kevin Truong

Education Chair: Betty Stanley

Membership Chair: Debra Glover

Pamela Malory

Chair of Area Representatives: Elia Esparza

Jeannie Stallings

Area 2 Representative: Michelle Skiles

Area 4 Representative: Flo Green

Area 6 Representative: Tammy Clayton Welch

Dawn Foos

Area 10 Representative: Brenda Rodriguez

Employee Representative: Gladys Rodriguez

Karlynn Thomas

**Announcements**

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Respectfully submitted,  
Sam Guajardo

*Belton ISD*

*TASN Secretary 2015 – 2016*

**Proposed Bylaw Amendments  
June 2016**

**Current Bylaw:**

**Section 5.1 Board of Directors Meetings**

**5.1.1 Regular** – The first and final meeting of the BOD shall be prior to and at the conclusion of the Annual Conference. There shall be a minimum of three (3) BOD meetings per year.

And

**Section 7.4 BOD Meetings**

**7.4.1 Regular** - The first and final meeting of the BOD shall be prior to and at the conclusion of the Annual Conference. There shall be a minimum of three (3) BOD meetings per year.

**Proposed Bylaw:**

**Section 5.1 Board of Directors Meeting and Section 7.4 BOD Meetings**

To remove the sentence, “the first and final meeting of the Board of Directors shall be prior to and at the conclusion of the Annual Conference.”

**Rationale:** to reduce the number of Board meetings to three (3), for efficiency and to reduce costs.

**Financial impact:** reduction in expenses.

**Current Bylaw:**

**Section 5.7 Annual Conference**

shall be held for the purpose of providing educational opportunities, presenting awards, displaying exhibits, etc.

**Proposed Bylaw:**

**Reword to read:**

“shall be held for the purpose of providing educational opportunities, presenting awards, and /or displaying exhibits, etc.”

**Current Bylaw:**

**Section 5.8 Industry**

**5.8.1** A seminar shall be held annually to provide dialogue between TASN and Industry members, project program needs, share technical assistance and expertise, and/or improve administrative techniques.

**Proposed Bylaw:**

**Reword to read:**

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decision makers, and Industry members; to project program needs, share technical assistance and expertise, and /or improve administrative techniques.

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### **Current Bylaw:**

#### **Section 6.1 Officers**

The officers of TASN shall be: President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President. Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, the PPM, the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization and may be assigned other duties by the President.

#### **Section 6.2 Qualifications**

The qualifications for office must be met by the time the candidates assume office. The qualifications for office are:

##### 6.2.4 Immediate Past President

6.2.4.1 Served as the President of TASN in the previous year.

6.2.4.2 Be a voting member of TASN and SNA.

#### **Section 6.4 Duties of Position**

##### 6.4.6 Immediate Past President

6.4.6.1 Shall be the association advisor.

6.4.6.2 Shall be the chair of the Past President's Advisory Board.

6.4.6.3 Shall be the chair of the Strategic Planning Session.

### **Proposed Bylaw:**

#### **Section 6.1 Officers**

Remove the Immediate Past President from the Officers.

The officers of TASN shall be: President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and the Treasurer. Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, the PPM, the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization and may be assigned other duties by the President.

Remove the two (2) sections below.

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### **Current Bylaw:**

#### **Section 8.1 Executive Committee**

##### **Section 8.1 Composition**

The EC shall be composed of the President as Chair, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and an elected Area Representative (Chair). The AR Chair is elected in accordance with the procedures in PPM.

### **Proposed Bylaw:**

#### **Section 8.1 Executive Committee**

Remove the Chair of Area Representative and the Immediate Past President from the Executive Committee.

**Rationale:** This will result in less time out of the office and a reduction in TASN expenses. In addition, with the increase of the number of Area Representatives to align with the ESC's, the Chair of Area Representative will have different responsibilities.

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### **Current Bylaw:**

#### **Section 9.1 Elected Standing Committee Chairs**

9.1.5.2 There shall be one Area Representative and one TASN staff member serving on each sub-committee.

### **Proposed Bylaw:**

Change the verbiage by removing sub-committee and replacing with committee.

9.1.5.2 There shall be one AR and one TASN staff serving on each committee.

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### **Current Bylaw:**

#### **9.2.2 Finance Committee**

9.2.2.1 The chair of the Finance Committee shall be the Treasurer and the committee shall be composed of the President, President Elect, Vice President and the Executive Director.

### **Proposed Bylaw:**

#### **9.2.2 Finance Committee**

9.2.2.1 The chair of the Finance Committee shall be the Treasurer, and the committee shall be composed of the President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and the Executive Director.

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### **Current Bylaw:**

#### **Section 10.4 Terms of Office**

Area Representative shall serve for a term of two-years or until their successor is elected or appointed.

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## Proposed Bylaw Amendments (continued from previous page)

After two consecutive terms of office an individual must have a break in service before they are eligible to run for the same position again.

### Proposed Bylaw:

Define Break in service, Add term of two (2) years.

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### Current Bylaw:

#### Section 14.2 Executive Director

14.2.5 The Executive Director shall be evaluated annually in conjunction with the February Board meeting by the President, President Elect, and Immediate Past President.

The evaluation shall include input from the Executive Committee. Should the evaluation be providentially hindered, an agreeable arrangement for evaluation shall be within one month of the February Board Meeting.

### Proposed Bylaw:

#### Section 14.2 Executive Director

Remove Immediate Past President and add Vice President.

Remove from the Bylaws and add to the Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM).

14.2.5 The ED shall be evaluated annually in conjunction with the February Board meeting by the President, President Elect, and Vice President. The evaluation shall include input from the Executive Committee. Should the evaluation be providentially hindered, an agreeable arrangement for evaluation shall be within one month of the February Board Meeting.

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# TREASURER'S CORNER

by **Jamal Hazzan**  
2015-2016 TASN Treasurer



Allocating resources (money) is one of the main duties assigned to the TASN Treasurer. Building the 2016-2017 budget and allocating TASN resources will be a challenge. Changes to the TASN Board structure, moving Leadership Camp and Board Training to the Annual Conference, and changes to the

Industry Seminar format will all require realigning some resources and finding new ones.

The first budget challenge is to provide adequate funding for the additional Area Representatives (AR). The TASN Board approved to increase the number of Area Representatives to 20 and align all the Area Representatives with the Region Education Centers (ESCs). The Area Representatives represent TASN and perform a valuable service for the members, so we need to provide them adequate resources for the services they provide.

The second challenge to this year's budget is forecasting the changes in revenue and expenditures resulting from the recommended changes to the TASN Industry Seminar, Leadership Camp, and other revenue generating events. TASN sponsored events provide not only educational and networking

opportunities, but they also provide TASN with much needed revenue. When we recommend changes to these venues we must be very careful and consider any negative effects these changes can have on revenue.

Another Board suggestion with financial impact was the restructuring the Executive Committee (EC) and reducing the number of members serving on the Executive Committee. If approved, the proposed bylaw amendment will eliminate the positions of Past President and Chair of the Area Representatives from the Executive Committee, but the officers will continue to serve on the TASN Board of Directors. That decision, to remove the Past President and Chair of Area Representatives, along with reducing the number of Board meetings from the current four meetings per year to just three, will reduce TASN's Board expenses.

I am very excited to be a part of these changes and embrace the challenge of providing the resources needed to make TASN successful now and in the future.



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## Greetings from Area 1 Representative Robert Cuellar



Hola to all of you! Can you believe that we are already more than halfway done with the 2015-2016 school year?! This only means that we are getting closer and closer to the Annual

TASN Conference and summer workshops, as well as the summer feeding program. I hope most of you can attend the TASN conference in June, which will be in Austin, Texas. There will be a vast number of learning sessions that will enhance your knowledge in nutrition and the nutrition standards that are in place. In addition, I heard that the general sessions are going to be very motivational and inspiring.

In addition to the TASN Conference, a lot of you will be attending summer workshops in your school districts or neighboring districts. These workshops will be beneficial to a lot of you in many ways; you can learn how to create more appealing student meals, for example, and these workshops will also count for much-needed hours in professional standards. I strongly encourage most of you to try your best to attend either the TASN Annual Conference, summer workshops, or both.

I ask and challenge all the TASN chapters in Texas - especially the ones in Area 1 - to sign up and recruit more members. If you need assistance, please call or e-mail me. I will not give up on all of you. But you need to do your part by contacting me. Make it a goal to recruit at least one or two people, and then we can build upon that. As you know, being a TASN member has its "privileges." One of those is getting a registration discount for the TASN conference, getting to meet and network with other chapters, as well as get a chance to run for an office position. You never know - you may one day be the president of TASN. Why not? Dare to dream, and assist me in growing Area 1 with more members. That way, maybe this year or next we will be the overwhelming majority of "purple people" (Area 1 color is purple) attending TASN Annual Conference in 2017!

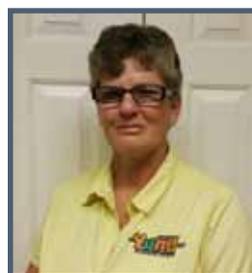
To all Area 1 chapters: I ask each of you to follow the President's Plan of Action as closely as possible and meet most of the goals presented. Remember that you should be realistic and only decide on goals that are reachable and measurable. If you have any comments or suggestions on how to better the Plan of Action, please do not hesitate to contact me so that I can relay

the information to the TASN president and TASN Board of Directors.

As always, I want to send a million thanks to the TASN headquarters staff, the Board of Directors, Captain Jeannie Stallings, and my Area Representative colleagues for their ongoing dedication and the many hours put into TASN meetings and activities. There is a true sense and spirit of initiative and teamwork in each and every one of them. I am humbly proud to be an integral part of this group.

Don't forget to e-mail me ([robcuellar@laredoisd.org](mailto:robcuellar@laredoisd.org)) if you have any questions or concerns regarding your chapter or want to know more about the office of Area 1 Representative and what it entails. I am only an e-mail away. See you all at the TASN Annual Conference in Austin!

## Greetings from Area 2 Representative Michelle Skiles



I hope everyone's year is winding down successfully. It's getting close to conference time, and I hope that everyone is as excited as I am. As the Area 2 Representative since October, I have been trying really hard to contact

everyone so that they will not miss out on such a great experience. There will be lots to learn in classes during the day, and you can let your hair down at night. One of the paid workshops is going to feature the return of Aric Bostick, whose sessions have had great reviews. He is one you don't want to miss!

Our Board of Directors meetings are very informative and I wouldn't want anyone to miss out on upcoming events and all the exciting new ideas. Please feel free to contact me at [Michelle.skiles@sfisd.org](mailto:Michelle.skiles@sfisd.org) anytime so that I can make sure I have your correct contact information. I would love to come to your TASN meeting to introduce myself to everyone and get on a first name basis. Hope to see you in Austin.

## Greetings from Area 3 Representative Lois Williams



I hope everyone enjoyed spring break, took a vacation, or just had some me time. We have had a great year of successful workshops. I had the pleasure of teaching in several chapters and I must say that all of them were informative and fun. A shout out to Brazosport: great

workshop, Area 2.

Wow! Can you believe that it is time for conference? We are looking forward to seeing all of you. There will be a lot going on in Austin. Please share your fundraising ideas with your sister chapters so that we will have a great turnout.

We are looking forward to seeing all the awards and scholarship winners, great classes, and excellent vendor participation. As always you can visit the TASN website for conference information on hotels in Austin. Remember to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

## Greetings from Area 4 Representative Flo Green



What an exciting year for Area 4. I was able to sit and talk to our State Representative, Joe Deshotel, at a banquet we both attended. He was very interested in the work we are doing in child nutrition. I invited him to visit our schools for National Breakfast Week, or anytime he was available.

All the districts in the area are very busy with their fundraising. They are using their funds to help pay expenses for members to attend the summer conference, to give scholarship money for personal and professional growth, and to give to different charities.

I was very happy to have our first certification class here in Beaumont ISD. It was a nice turnout. Fletcher Elementary's entire child nutrition staff are now certified members. Everyone was excited for Spring Break and having time off to relax. I am looking forward to the TASN Summer Conference in Austin this June. The SNA Conference will be in San Antonio, Texas, July 10-13. Hope to see everyone there. Thanks to the Board of Directors and the TASN headquarters staff for all the work they do.

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## Greetings from Area 5 Representative Melissa Bryan



After returning from Industry Seminar I was a bit dismayed to see the lowest participation that I have seen in many, many years. But the good news is that as I visited with other child nutrition professionals and Industry members, I felt excited about some of the talk and how

it seems that communication is truly working in areas that have been needing some "upgrading." These areas are being discussed by all who are willing to share thoughts and ideas. As an organization we are always looking for way to increase TASN membership and looking for school districts that want to start chapters. How can we generate interest and build membership, when our feet have been dragging on making necessary improvements to make the meetings and conferences more efficient and really give the TASN members the tools and the training that they are needing? What happens when water has no movement? It can become stagnant.

It is time that as a group we continue discussing the things that we as an organization need to do to encourage membership growth. TASN chapter presidents, speak with your staff who are members

and especially those who are NOT members and ask them what is the reason they have not joined? What could we do to encourage them to join? How can TASN help them improve their districts and chapters, and how can TASN help them as individuals be better equipped to do the job that makes it possible for many Texas kids to enjoy a hot, healthy and nutritious meal each school day?

So I encourage each school district and chapter to attend as many meetings as possible, and join the conversation! If you cannot attend meetings, send an email with suggestions to your Area Representatives and let us share your ideas and thoughts with TASN.

As the end of the school year approaches I realize suddenly and with a lot of excitement that the TASN Annual Conference is right around the corner. NOW is the time to get your registration in and book your hotel room, because this year's conference is going to be one for the books! If any of your staff in your districts are short on some of their required professional standards training for the 2015-2016 year, you can send them to the TASN summer conference to complete all the training that they need! So make your plans to attend, and hope to see you there!

## Greetings from Area 6 Representative Charlotte Hokett



I hope that everyone is having a great new year. Lots of new changes are coming in the future. They are some really good changes. Your TASN headquarters and Board members have really been burning the midnight oil. I have enjoyed being your Area Representative, and I have

had a lot of fun with all my new friends. It has been a very, very good learning experience for me. There is so much that goes into the running and making of the TASN family. I am truly proud to be a member.

I am really excited about our new adventure with the food bank. It is a great honor to be chosen for this

really important task Just thinking about all the families that will be helped is such a good feeling.

Area Representatives are here to support your chapters, so if you have any questions or need information about anything just give them a call. All the wonderful ladies at TASN headquarters are there for you also. They are a great bunch of gals.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at conference this summer. Our theme is *Nutrition: the Great Adventure* and there is a lot of fun in store for everyone.

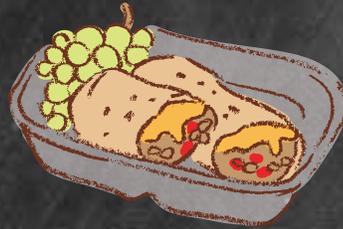
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## Greetings from Area 7 Representative Shirley Price



Winter is over and spring has broken through here in my part of this big, beautiful state, and I'm so excited. This year has been super busy. Between my responsibilities in the district that included learning new computer programs, new menus, new employees, and fighting food borne illness, there has never been a dull moment. So far I can call this year successful.

The most fun I had involved my work with TASN, both locally and at all the TASN events. Leadership Camp — *Mission: Possible* — was fabulously fun and I highly recommend that all chapter presidents attend. It really gets you fired up for a great year. Our second Board meeting in Austin was filled with excitement

when we once again had drenching rains that delayed travel for many of us. It just shows the dedication of TASN members to fulfill their responsibilities. Back home in Area 7 I had my first TASN booth at a Fall Festival. I had a great opportunity to share my knowledge about our organization and successfully reach out to new and prospective members. When I attend chapter meetings, it gives me a thrill to be introduced as the Area 7 Representative. I appreciate all the members in my area that come to me for support.

The TASN Annual Conference in Austin is fast approaching. I look forward to seeing all my "TASN friends" there. All in all, this has been the most enjoyable, enriching experience ever. Thank you, TASN!

## Greetings from Area 10 Representative Brenda Rodriguez



I hope you all had a great spring break! The weather is getting warmer and the greenery is starting to show. Another school year is getting ready to wind down - how time flies!

The TASN Board of Directors and committees met in February with much focus on the Legislative Action Conference that was held in Washington, D.C. and the upcoming TASN 2016 Annual Conference.

Several members of TASN represented Texas as they walked "The Hill" and made our voices heard as they met and talked to many congressmen on the struggles that we all face in order to serve our students nutritious meals, yet manage to run our operations as businesses without depending on local districts. Inflated costs of food and operational expenses are blamed on the current controlled mandates. We need Congress to help reinstate financial obligations of our school food programs and requirements in order to lift some of the administrative weight on schools. This is where we need you! The more united we become, the louder we are, and the more Congress will know that we are all feeling the crunch!

*Nutrition: The Great Adventure* is the theme for the TASN 2016 Annual Conference being held June 19-22, 2016. Learning sessions are being scheduled with a variety of topics. There will be a few changes in the format, but rest assured that the new format of the conference will be bigger and better, and not to mention in the capital of Texas also known as the "live music capital of the world!" So pack your adventure outfits as we all go through the *Great Adventure!*

As part of North East ISD, you all can now find us on Facebook! Check out the great stories and pictures of events that are happening around the district and give us a "Like!"

We have our schools promoting Farm Fresh Fridays by offering locally grown produce. At Regency Place Elementary, students sampled broccoli grown in their school garden! The San Antonio Food Bank Master Gardner and chef have been working with the school garden and providing lessons on healthy



eating to students.

We hosted the Third Annual High School Taste Test. Students from the seven district high schools participated in an evening of sampling a variety of possible



entrees for the menu next year and provided us with feedback. Local media covered the event and this has turned out to be a popular event among the high school students.

As I continue my adventure to spread the good news of TASN, my goal is to increase membership in the greater San Antonio area. Kudos to the chapters from Judson ISD and San Antonio ISD for maintaining your active memberships and interest in TASN. Please feel free to contact me. I would like the opportunity to spread the good news!



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## Greetings from the Chair of Area Representatives Jeannie Stallings



Hello, TASN members and friends across the state. This has been a busy year for all of us. The Area Representatives started the year out at Leadership Camp supporting the theme *Mission: Possible*. This entire year we have made our *Mission: Possible*. We have attended board meetings with floods and tornados all around

us. All of us have gone out and recruited membership throughout the state by visiting many chapters. We have visited all the sites where certification classes

were being held. We have spoken in many places, letting everyone know how important professional standards are, and we have classes being offered continuously to help us keep up our standards.

All Area Representatives have worked hard on the President's Plan of Action. Our next big plan is to have a great conference in Austin, Texas. Our incoming President, Debbie Needham, has announced the theme as *Nutrition: The Great Adventure*. It is a great adventure every day because you are all are involved with TASN, education, strong leadership and, most importantly, you feed our children across this big state. See you at conference.



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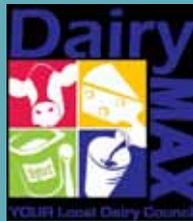
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# X President-Elect's Greeting

Welcome all to the fun and entertaining city of Austin, Texas, the host of the 2016 TASN Conference. The theme for this year is "Nutrition: the Great Adventure." What a great occasion to enjoy an adventure and explore the capital of our great state. Austin is known as the live music capital of the world and is the home of the Texas Longhorns football team as well as a multitude of eclectic and upscale restaurants, entertainment and shopping venues. Austin offers a variety of activities for all ages. Within minutes, visit the town of Gruene, home of Gruene Hall, providing shopping and live music nightly; or visit New Braunfels, the fun and relaxing town with water activities like tubing and the Schlitterbahn water park.



Each day is an adventure in child nutrition. As we step into the nutrition conference, join me as we thank our industry partners and sponsors that make the child nutrition profession a success. The conference will offer many educational opportunities, networking, professional inspiration and growth opportunities, so don't delay! Join us now for a fun and educational adventure in Austin.

I look forward to seeing each of you as we embark on the "Great Adventure" of our future.

Debbie Needham  
Director, New Caney ISD  
TASN 2015–2016 President-Elect

A large magnifying glass graphic is positioned over a background image of a city skyline (Austin, Texas) and rolling green hills. The magnifying glass's lens is focused on the text "NUTRITION: THE GREAT ADVENTURE". The handle of the magnifying glass extends downwards and to the right. A dashed line path leads from the bottom of the page towards the magnifying glass handle.

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# X Events

## Award Ceremony

**Monday, June 20 | 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

Conference is the perfect time to honor TASN members' achievements. Come cheer on this year's award winners!

## Installation Ceremony and Reception

**Tuesday, June 21 | 6:00 PM**

TASN would like to invite you to the Installation Ceremony & Reception Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6 p.m. We will be hosting this event at the Austin Convention Center and would like for you to be in attendance.

Debbie Needham will be installed as our 2016-2017 TASN President. Additionally, the 2016-2017 TASN officers and Area Representatives will be installed. TASN members are encouraged to come and be a part of this memorable ceremony.

## Industry Evening of Entertainment

**Tuesday, June 21 | 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM**



The Industry Committee is proud to host this year's industry event! Come and join us as we recreate the city of Austin for this event. It will be filled with food trucks, photos and dancing!

**Music provided by Professor D!**

# LEARNING Sessions

## Monday, June 20 and Tuesday, June 21

The 2016 TASN Annual Conference will feature in-depth learning sessions to provide you with deepened knowledge, sharpened skills, and renewed motivation. Certification credit will be given to all attendees based on attendance at sessions.

### New this year!

TASN will offer a maintenance and operations tour for maintenance/operations personnel only (badge required)

## Maintenance and Operations Class and Tour

Tuesday, June 21 | 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

## X Paid Workshops

### Paid Workshop – Aric Bostick

Sunday June 19 | 2:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Aric Bostick is BACK! Did you attend last year's closing general session? If you didn't, this is your chance to see what you missed and if you did, this is your opportunity to gain more knowledge from one of the most inspirational speakers!

If you really want to get FIRED UP, if you want to experience what it's like to be a SUPER HERO ON DUTY, or if you just want to take a GIANT LEAP OF FAITH toward your next level of GREATER POTENTIAL AND AWESOMENESS—you will want to hear what Aric Bostick has to say! Aric is one of the nation's leading motivational speakers and success trainers. He's also a bestselling author.

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### SNS Credentialing Exam -

Sunday, June 19 | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Hilton Austin Hotel

### Train the Trainer – 3 Parts: \$100

Sunday, June 19 | Noon – 5:00 PM, Part 1

Monday, June 20 | 8:30 AM– 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM, Part 2

Wednesday, June 21 | 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Part 3

# GENERAL Sessions

## First General Session and Luncheon Monday, June 20 11:30 AM-1:00 PM



Growing up in the football town of Auburn, Alabama, Patrick Henry has seen firsthand how fans are made. For ten years he was a professional songwriter in Nashville, Tennessee where he wrote songs and radio jingles for a Nashville based publishing company.

As a regular performer at the world famous Blue Bird Café, Patrick became known for his funny songs and the stories he told about them. After a performance one evening, a man approached Patrick and asked him to perform at his company meeting the next month in Nashville. He eagerly agreed and never even discussed fee because in those days he happily played for free.

Patrick put together a show filled with funny songs and stories and after his performance the man approach him saying, "I sure enjoyed your speech." Patrick thought, "Speech? What speech? I'm not a speaker, I'm a songwriter." The man then handed him a check for five hundred dollars. Patrick looked at that check and said, "I'm glad you enjoyed that speech." A career was born. Since then, Patrick has spoken to over 1,000 audiences in 46 states and is played daily alongside Jeff Foxworthy and on the Sirius/XM Radio Family Comedy Channel and Blue Collar Radio. He lives in North Carolina with his smoking hot wife Lesley and three "sometimes adorable" children, Jack, Robert, and Meredith. **Patrick Henry is what happens when keynotes, comedy, and concerts...collide!**

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## Second General Session Wednesday June 22 | 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM



Hailing from a small town outside Chicago (and now making his home in the Windy City with his wife and daughter), Tim Clue has brought to bear all his experiences from his years as an award-winning educator, his training at Second City and decades in stand-up comedy, and has synthesized his calling as a humorous motivational speaker and corporate entertainer.

After a decade as a professor of communications and speech, Tim took his then-budding comedy writing skills to the clubs. During his years as an ultra-clean comedian, Tim swiftly progressed to working with many well-known comics—such as Jerry Seinfeld, Steven Wright and Larry Miller, to namedrop just a few—and you may have caught some of Tim's humor on YouTube or XM/Sirius Satellite Radio. As a playwright and director, Clue's stage comedy "Leaving Iowa," nominated Best New Play in the Country during its premiere at actor Jeff Daniels' Purple Rose Theatre Company, is now published and performed in theaters all over the U.S. and Canada.

Now, as a humorous motivational speaker and team builder, Tim has spoken before such notables as former President George H.W. Bush and economist Paul Krugman. Bringing "social" back into the meeting space and inspiring and connecting his audiences through laughter, Tim Clue is dedicated to reinventing conferences one funny experience at a time.

As Tim often says, "If you want them to hear it, tell them. If you want them to remember, make them laugh."

# X Conference at a Glance

<b>Saturday, June 18</b>	
Noon - 5:30 PM	TASN 2016-2017 Board Training
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Incoming/Outgoing Board Dinner (invitation only)
<b>Sunday, June 19</b>	
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	TASN Local Leadership Training
Noon – 5:00 PM	Train the Trainer (Part 1)
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Installation Ceremony Rehearsal (Convention Center Ballroom)
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	SNS Credentialing Exam (pre-registration required, Hilton Austin Hotel)
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open (Convention Center in front of Exhibit Hall 4)
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Paid Session with Aric Bostick (ticket required, Convention Center)
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	First General Session Rehearsal (Convention Center Ballroom)
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Fourth 2015-2016 Executive Committee Meeting (private meeting, Convention Center)
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	First Timers Session (Convention Center)
4:15 PM – 5:30PM	Fourth 2015-2016 Board Meeting (Convention Center)
<b>Monday, June 20</b>	
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Chapter Presidents Breakfast / Flag Parade Rehearal (invitation only, Convention Center)
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Exhibitor Move-in (Exhibit Hall 4 and 5)
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration and Chapter Sales Open (Convention Center in front of Exhibit Hall 4)
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Learning Sessions for all (Convention Center)
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Train the Trainer (Part 2)
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Texas Department of Agriculture update (Convention Center Ballroom)
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	First General Session / Flag Parade / Luncheon (Convention Center Ballroom)
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Train the Trainer (Part 2 continued)
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Learning Sessions For All (Convention Center)
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Maintenance/Operations Classes (Convention Center)
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Award Ceremony Rehearsal (invitation only, Convention Center Ballroom)
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Awards Ceremony (Convention Center Ballroom)
<b>Tuesday, June 21</b>	
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Annual Meeting (Convention Center Ballroom - Door Prizes)
8:00 - 9:30 AM	Tour - Maintenance / Operations Personnel ONLY (badge required)
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration and Chapter Sales Open (Convention Center in front of Exhibit Hall 4)
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Exhibits Open for Decision Makers Only (Exhibit Hall 4)
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Learning Sessions for Non-Decision Makers (Convention Center)
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Past Presidents Lunch (invitation only)
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Exhibits for All (Exhibit Hall 4 and 5)
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Learning Sessions (Convention Center)
6:00 PM	Installation Ceremony / Dinner (Convention Center Ballroom)
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Industry Evening Event (Convention Center – Ballroom)
<b>Wednesday, June 22</b>	
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Second General Session (sponsored breakfast items, Convention Center Ballroom)
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Registration (Convention Center In front of Exhibit Hall 4)
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Train the Trainer (Part 3)
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Exhibits Open for All (Exhibit Hall 4 and 5)
Noon – 1:00 PM	First 2016-2017 Executive Committee Meeting / Lunch (private meeting, Convention Center)
1 PM -	Exhibit Tear Down and Move Out (Exhibit Hall 4 and 5)
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	First 2016-2017 Board Meeting (Convention Center)



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### SESSIONS, CLASSES, & EVENTS

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Sunday, June 19 – Wed, June 22

Train the Trainer (3 parts) \$100 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Paid Session / Industry Guest Event Ticket

Sunday, June 19 | 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Speaker: Aric Bostick \$40 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday, June 21 | 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

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## CHAPTER NEWS

### Area 1

#### Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ASN

##### Making School Meals appeal to 'picky' kids.

Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD Child Nutrition Program Chef Rodrigo Puente, food production supervisor, demonstrated how to make and cook with homemade, low salt chicken broth during a workshop session of the Region One Education Service Center's Meal Appeal University at the McAllen Convention Center.



Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD Child Nutrition Program staff and PSJA ASN members, together with SNA's Ruby Reader, collected toys during the toy drive and canned goods during the food drive for needy children in our community.



#### Sinton ASN

Sinton ISD is getting ready to attend the TASN Annual Conference in Austin, Texas. We also celebrated National School Breakfast Week.

We are compiling our chapter yearbook, and submitting all the paperwork for Chapter Awards so that we can be recognized at the TASN Conference Awards Ceremony in Austin. Also looking forward to the SNA Conference in San Antonio!

### Area 2

#### Santa Fe ISD

What is it about a warm meal that warms the body and satisfies the soul? We can all remember our mom's special dishes, our grandmother's baking, and even our father's grilling. Just reminiscing about the food will make your mouth water. There is a biological need for food, but there is also that social and familial aspect to a meal. There is a sense of love that's conveyed in each meal. I mean, you can actually taste when someone cooks with love, and when someone is just rushing to finish cooking, like a chore.

*Santa Fe continued*

For many children, that meal, that love, and that sense of family is not provided at home because of financial problems, health issues, or other unfortunate circumstances. All children deserve proper nutrition. They all deserve to sit around a table and feel that sense of unity, of friendship, of acceptance and belonging. As cooks and nutrition specialists we strive to provide the freshest meals to our students. We often provide different choices to accommodate different likes and needs. We cook as though we were cooking for our own families, because each year we do get a new family - a new family of students. We are honored to provide the physical nutrition to our students, and to many we also provide love and a feeling of warm-hearted acceptance. That's not just nutrition, but nutrition for the soul.

### Area 3

#### Bryan ASN

Bryan Association for School Nutrition is so proud of our members who were recently promoted. Janie Martinez was appointed manager at Henderson Elementary. Lori Strmiska was promoted to manager of Bryan High and Connie Reed is now at the nutrition office. These ladies have worked hard and faithfully to attain their new jobs. Way to go, ladies!

Our chapter has been busy making crafts to sell at conference in June. Learning new ideas and mastering old ones - we're not just efficient in the kitchen !

## Have news you'd like to share?

We'd love to hear from you. Send articles and updates to [publications@tasn.net](mailto:publications@tasn.net), and check the eBlasts and our Facebook page for upcoming publishing deadlines!

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## Deer Park ASN



Hello from Deer Park, home of the Fighting Deer! We hope everyone has had a productive year. We have had a successful year of fundraising so far. We held one dinner in October, with another one scheduled in April. We held two parties for employees and their families. We've sold RADA and pies, and all of the money collected goes toward Deer Park senior scholarships.

We have had more in attendance at our monthly meetings, resulting in an increase in membership! Deer Park went through a TDA Audit in December with flying colors! Each year Deer Park sends three child nutrition employees to the TASN Managers Academy, and they bring back new ideas and lessons to help our district grow and adapt to new changes. We are looking forward to finishing the year on a high note with three new graduates, more scholarships offered, and with students and staff thriving and striving to be the best they can be. Take care, and we can't wait to see everyone in Austin in June.

## Galena Park ASN

Hello from Galena Park Association of School Nutrition. We hosted our annual GPASN workshop January 9 and 16. We had 294 people register. What a fun time! Thank you to everyone who made it a success. Special thank you to our teachers Jeannie Stallings, Betty Stanley, Lois Williams, Kimberly Jackson, Dorsey Holsinger, and Galena Park's own Paul Drexler, John Moore, Linda Schoffield, Dolores Garza, and Sherrisa Veal.

We had a successful Administrative Review on February 4 and 5. The reviewers did a good job and so did we.

We are in the planning stages of conference. See you in June!

## Klein ASN

Hello from your friends at Klein ISD!

We hope everyone is having a fun and successful year. Our chapter has been busy with fundraisers. We sold 396 pies and 2,237 dozen homemade yeast rolls in October. For our November fundraiser we sold pans and knives. In December we had an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest at our association party. We had 110 members plus guests attend our party.



*Klein continued*

Our retiring superintendent, Dr. Jim Cain, was our guest speaker at our January association meeting. He commended our association and the Nutrition and Food Service Department for all the excellent ways we contribute to the Klein students and community.



Our annual Germanfest was a success! On February 26 our association served a German dinner to the community as part of a celebration of the founding families that settled in Klein. Association members volunteer their time for this event and it is a great fundraiser for us.

Two of our supervisors, Ashlee Kane and Pamela Mallory, attended TASN Directors Academy this year. Ashlee was also nominated as a candidate for Treasurer on the TASN Board. Pamela ran for the TASN Membership Chair office. We wish them the best and hope they are both elected into office.

Klein will host our second round of certification classes on April 16 and 23. We hope to see many of you there.

## New Caney ASN

Hope everyone enjoyed their spring break. We had several fundraisers in February and March to raise funds for the student scholarships that are given at the end of the year. In April, we will have the Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive. The PB & J drive has turned into a competition between staff and students at the campuses. We are organizing the Plan of Action book, and plans are underway to attend conference in Austin. Hope to see ya there!

## Tomball ASN

Greetings fellow TASN members! This school year has flown by so fast. In November we all met at "Merlot 2 Masterpiece" for an evening of painting and really enjoyed our time out of the school environment. December was a time of holiday celebration and we decorated glass ornaments. January was a time to reflect on the year before and look to what we can accomplish in the coming new year. In February we decorated cupcakes and celebrated friendship. In March we visited a central kitchen to see how that functioned. March is also our time for our Administrative Review so it was a very busy month!! In April we look forward to welcoming Lois Williams,

*Tomball continued*

our Area 3 Representative, who has graciously agreed to come to our monthly meeting. We are excited to have her come and share ways to implement the chapter plan of action, and answer questions that members may have about TASN. May is when we have our annual child nutrition picnic and members of TASN are recognized and we announce who will be attending the TASN Conference in June. Looking forward to seeing you all in Austin!

## Area 4

### Beaumont ASN

Greetings from Beaumont ISD! We have had a great year so far, giving out Thanksgiving baskets, volunteering to help the homeless at Some Other Place, and enjoying a great Christmas party with the entire child nutrition office staff. The school year is flying by and it's hard to believe Spring Break has already come and gone.



Our chapter has been busy volunteering with the food bank and the Gift of Life. We have also been busy



with our fundraising by raising money for scholarships, charities, and conference funds for our members. We are getting ready for our National Breakfast Week. BISD has lots

of activities planned for that week on all of our campuses.

BISD hosted its first certification class January 9 and 16. We would like to thank the attendees and the many volunteers that came out. Also, we had our very own Assistant Director Randy Milton teaching the class. Area 4 Representative Flo Green was in attendance as well. Everyone found the class very interesting, and enjoyed themselves. BISD had several people get their certification. We are very proud.

We are getting ready for our summer conference in Austin and are looking forward to seeing you all there.

### Birdville SFSA

**Show the Love!** At our February meeting, we had a great time of celebrating and showing love to our

*Birdville continued*

members and others. We announced our Child Nutrition Specialist of 2015. We had a nice Mexican stack dinner with lovely desserts. We even had a homemade salsa contest with first place, second place, and several honorable mention entries. As a way of showing more love, all members brought donations of items needed for Safe Haven (a women's shelter).

**March On!** At our March meeting, we met at a local park and had a wellness walk. It was fun enjoying the outdoors and spending time with members from other campuses.

### Glen Rose SFSA

Greetings and happy spring! GRSFSA has been working hard on its Program of Work, as well as its awards. We made "Cracker Candy" at our February meeting. It was really good! Our chapter president, Dawn Foos, attended the TASN Board meeting in Austin in February.

We have been working hard to raise money for five graduating seniors, as well as donating our loose change at each meeting to go toward our local food bank. April is our annual Cans for Kids project, with all the canned goods and dry goods going to our local food bank.

We are in the planning stages of nominating members for our 2016-2017 association officers as well as planning for our annual end of school party.

Hope to see you all at Conference in Austin!

### Joshua ASN

The Joshua Bluebonnets are doing a few catering events to help us go to conference (among other things).

We're also knitting stocking caps for preemie babies in Texas. See you at conference.

### White Settlement ASN

Hello from White Settlement. Hope that everyone is having a great year! We are having one. Getting geared up for conference! *Nutrition: The Great Adventure* is going to be a lot of fun. We are working on our baskets and getting ready for our Easter fundraiser. We are looking forward to seeing all our friends and making some new ones. I hear there are a lot of changes coming our way!..

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*White Settlement continued*

We would like to thank all the TASN staff, the Board, and the vendors who help get this going for us. We know that there is a lot of work involved.

We greatly appreciate our Area Representatives for all the help they give us and for all the work that they do!

SEE EVERYONE SOON!

## Area 7

### Odessa ASN

On January 21 our district received a visit from several state and federal officials involved with school nutrition. Among the guests were Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services in the United States Department of Agriculture; and Bill Ludwig, USDA Food & Nutrition Service Southwest Regional Administrator. They came to Odessa for the grand opening of the new West Texas Food Bank. But before that, they toured two of our newly opened and newly remodeled kitchens.



*Mr Ludwig and Under Secretary Concannon (in suit) talking with kindergarteners at Buice Elementary during lunch.*

The men also spent more than an hour talking with our director, Katy Taylor, about school meals and our operations. They came away impressed with ECISD. A couple of the comments they made to local reporters: ECISD's facilities and healthy meal options put us in the top single-digit percentage of the 100,000 plus schools they see, and the fact ECISD has offered 100% of students free breakfast every day for at least a decade is unheard of. It was a good visit and reinforcement for our School Nutrition Department that we are doing a great job!



*Getting a good look at the new kitchen at Permian High School.*



We would like to thank Midland for hosting certification classes. We had several ladies attend. They all said they had a great time and learned a lot.

This past December our local chapter, OSNA made the decision to provide Christmas and food items to four of our



*Odessa continued*

school nutrition families who were in need of a little help this year. The club bought toys and clothes for all the kids of these four family. We also provided food to help fill their pantries and freezers. The day we delivered was a day we will not soon forget. There were as many tears as there were laughs. Everyone was very appreciative, especially the kids. It was a very rewarding time for us and we hope to continue in the future.

## DISTRICT NEWS

### North East ISD (Area 10)

NEISD students sampled a variety of new and innovative recipes at our annual high school taste test on January 20, 2016. Students from all seven high schools gave feedback and filled their bellies with delicious food.



NEISD also introduced the students to our new Culinary Development Coordinator/Chef, Alissa Hitt. Examples of popular items were basil pesto chicken flatbread, "Almost Summer" smoothie, sriracha steak sub, and crispy Asian chicken bowl. This feedback will be used for planning next year's menu.



*Our new Culinary Development Coordinator/Chef, Alissa Hitt*

## Forming a Local Chapter

**TASN needs your help!** Do you want to make a difference in the field of child nutrition? Get involved and make connections by forming a TASN local chapter or reinstate a TASN local chapter. There are many benefits to forming a chapter. You can become involved with TASN on a local level and connect with colleagues who also serve in the field of child nutrition. Join us at the Annual Conference and proudly represent your chapter at the Chapter Presidents Flag Parade and have a display table at the Annual Conference.

### Here are the guidelines for forming a chapter:

- Members within an area, who are employed in an eligible field, may form a chapter.
- A chapter may be organized with six or more members by making an application to TASN. If a chapter falls below five members, the chapter shall lose chapter status and members will become members at large.
- The chapter shall submit their chapter name to the TASN office. All members of a chapter shall be current members of TASN.
- A chapter shall elect its own officers, hold meetings, and write its own bylaws subject to review. A chapter shall submit an application of affiliation and must be approved and signed by the President and Secretary/ Treasurer of the applying chapter.
- A chapter applying for affiliation shall send its bylaws to TASN.
- The chair of the Organizational Affairs Committee shall review the bylaws for conformation with the TASN bylaws.
- Approved chapter bylaws will be signed by the Organizational Affairs Committee Chair and the TASN President.
- A chapter which has become inactive may reorganize by re-applying for affiliation under the above stated conditions.



## Tips for Recruiting New Members

- Invite a prospective member to attend chapter meetings to experience the professional benefits of TASN membership first-hand.
- Start a discussion about TASN membership, emphasizing the benefits and value; be sure to provide a brochure and/or application information.
- Keep issues of the TASN News on display to attract the eyes of potential new members.
- Publish an article in school newsletters or other community publications explaining how TASN benefits you.
- Post announcements of TASN meetings and conferences.
- Welcome newly hired or transferred employees; use the opportunity to discuss TASN.
- When discussing membership with a prospect, listen for clues as to what they look for in a professional association. Stress those member benefits that meet their needs.
- Coordinate an event in your district.

**For more information on forming a local chapter, you can contact:**

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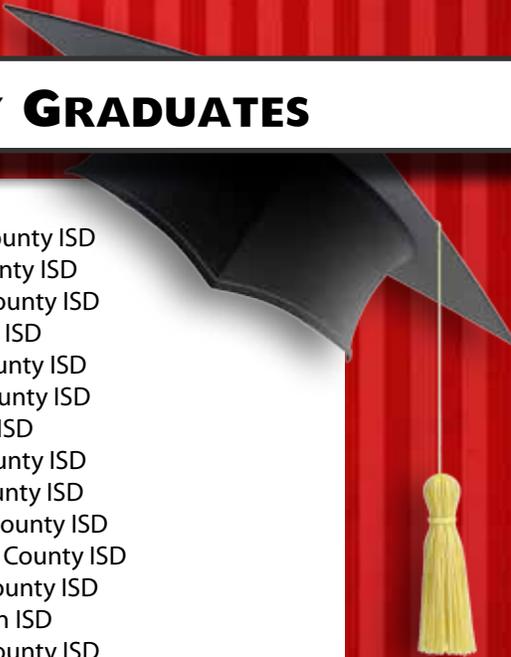
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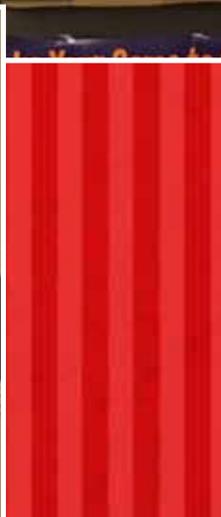
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# 2016 DIRECTORS ACADEMY



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# Education Committee Update

by Leanne McAleer  
TASN Certification & Training Specialist

How crazy it is to think that we are already just a few months away from summer?! As the 2015-2016 school year comes to an end, we are working on lots of exciting changes in our department and are planning events to enhance our members' educational opportunities with TASN. We have educational, yet fun, Conference learning session presentations lined up that we cannot wait for you to see.

In February, we wrapped up the 2015-2016 Directors Academy (*see previous page*) with an enthusiastic group whose passion for child nutrition was made evident through its marketing projects and eager participation throughout the program. Each group project brought forth ideas of how involving their customers in their programs may increase consumption of nutritious foods in their districts. The selfie board was a huge hit, especially now that kids are so tech-savvy. We had another round of awesome speakers in February who shared their expertise in various areas including: Melissa Bryan, TASN Area 5 Representative; Kristen Ritchie with Chrane Foodservice Solutions, LLC; Debbie Needham, TASN President Elect; Jamal Hazzan, TASN Treasurer; and Laura Mason, TASN Vice President.

The Education Department's goal is to keep our members updated with the latest changes implemented by the USDA. Since the Professional Standards became effective in July, we have tailored our certification classes to meet the new guidelines. As the realm of child nutrition and school foodservice continues to grow and change, we strive to keep our members up to speed so that they may reach their full potential. With that being said, effective as of September 1, 2016 the certification program will no longer accept double hours for applications submitted past the 90-day grace period. If a member allows their certification to lapse past the 90-day grace period, he or she will be required to re-start the program with Level 1 and work up to the desired level.

We are always here to assist every member reach his or her goals. If you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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# Texas Department of Agriculture Update

by Angela Olige

Spring is the perfect time to consider fresh ideas and employ fresh perspectives for school nutrition in Texas. As we prepare to close the books on one school year and prepare for another, finding innovative ways to build on current successes sometimes requires us to expand our field of vision without losing sight of the important details. Texas school nutrition professionals' commitment and dedication is just what is required to have this unique visionary ability which continues to set Texas apart as a global example of excellence in school nutrition.

Throughout the 2015-2016 school year, I have had many opportunities to see fresh ideas and fresh perspectives as many schools introduce children for the first time to new fruits and vegetables. This was especially true during the **2015 Local Products Challenge**. Participation in the Local Products Challenge grows exponentially every year. The schools that join the challenge are helping to establish a robust Farm Fresh program that establishes real partnerships with farmers and ranchers to bring Texas foods and agricultural education to students. You too can join in this effort to not only strengthen the minds and bodies of the students you serve but also positively impact the economy of Texas by partnering with Texas farmers and ranchers. TDA has created a number of

tools to facilitate these partnerships and help you learn the all-important "when, where and how" of incorporating local foods into menus. There is the **seasonality wheel tool** that identifies "when" fresh Texas products are available, the **Farm Fresh**



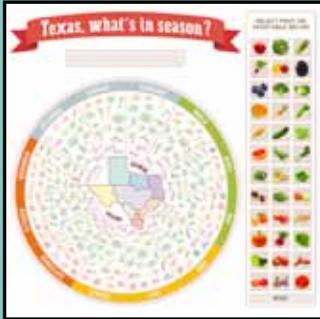
*Recent Challenge participants provided TDA with positive feedback following the experience of adding more Texas grown and raised products to the menu. As illustrated by this graphic, many schools featured new local items on the menu and continue to purchase those items even after the challenge concluded. Students in those schools are continuing to eat and connect with local food.*

**Network** that identifies "where" products are near you and a new online training resource that informs on the "how" to incorporate fresh foods. These resources are a click away. After entering **SquareMeals.org** in your internet browser, just add /seasonalitywheel, /farmfreshnetwork or /farmtoschool to discover a fresh world of nutrition connections. Take advantage of these tools and watch your fresh ideas deliver a harvest year after year.

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Producing Texas foods is not just for farmers... many schools now have **campus gardens**. There is ample research supporting the benefits of campus



*What's In Season?  
Online resource at  
SquareMeals.org*

gardens and garden-based learning. Students with access to these fresh foods are more willing to accept fruits and vegetables in their diet. Whether you have only considered starting a garden or have one in place and want to make it more impactful,

**SquareMeals.org** has

resources you can use. In addition, TDA offers farm to school training sessions across the state. Join us and see just how impactful Farm Fresh can be in your school.

Finding innovative ways to support your efforts is a top priority for Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and TDA. As a result, TDA brought **Jump with Jill**, the world's only rock 'n' roll nutrition show, to schools in five Texas cities. This event was a school assembly that utilized music and dance to engage students and teach them about the 3 E's of Healthy Living — Education, Exercise, and Eating Right. Characters such as **DJ Jeffy and Low Fat Milk** had students, staff and administrators singing and dancing their way to fresher perspectives about school meals. Other schools benefitted from another new initiative, **Meal Appeal University**. These sessions were hosted at regional Education Service Centers (ESC) in collaboration with TDA and offered the latest chef-taught culinary techniques and marketing strategies and methods designed to increase participation and customer satisfaction. More exciting programs are planned for the coming school year.

TDA has also increased its capacity to assist school districts by creating two new positions that will focus on Texas communities and Texas students. The **Student Involvement Specialist** will look for opportunities and ideas to help your students become ambassadors for the quality nutrition you serve daily. The **Community Engagement Coordinator** will look for opportunities to educate

and engage communities and help them understand the unique factors that impact your operations. Through collaboration, innovation, and partnership great things will be accomplished in the years to come.

TDA also is excited about a new resource that will be available statewide at no cost to you, the **Menu Enhancement and Nutrition (MENU) module**. MENU is an exciting new resource for analyzing the nutrient content of menus and generating electronic food production records, recipes, and menu worksheets. In addition, it will have an application that students and their families can use to create individual meal plans and provide feedback to schools on menu items. The software is in the pilot phase right now and will be released early in 2017.

While a new school year looms large in our collective field of vision, it is vital that we do not lose sight of the importance of summer meals for young Texans in need. After the traditional academic year ends, many schools and nonprofits will serve the summer meals that these children turn to as a source of good nutrition when they cannot count on healthy meals at school. Even if you are unable to operate these nutrition programs you can support the nonprofits serving meals in your area. I encourage all of you to tell as many families as you can about the three easy ways to find a nearby meal site — call 211, text FOODTX to 877-877 or visit SummerFood.org.

Regardless of your particular vision or your desired focus, fresh ideas and fresh perspectives from school nutrition professionals continue to shape the future for young Texans. You all have a unique vantage point from which to mine the possible from the inconceivable.

In the years since the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 went into effect we have come so far and learned so many new things we could not have imagined before. We were challenged to navigate new routes to and change our perspectives of excellence in school nutrition. In daring to look beyond the obvious we have learned that opportunity lives in the shadow of obstacles. Keep on trying fresh perspectives and you will see fresh ideas sprout in fields you never thought imaginable.

## TDA Resources

**Squaremeals.org** TDA's helpful homepage for nutritional information and nutrition program assistance for schools.

**Establishing the 3E's Nutrition Grant Program** This program incentivizes the creation of new nutrition education programs in any childcare institution or community organization. This program is geared toward 3-5 year old children and is a competitive grant. This program allows not only children, but their parents, to learn that proper nutrition education at an early age is pertinent to developing healthy eating and exercising habits.

<http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/TradeandBusinessDevelopment/3EsGrantPrograms/Establishing3Es.aspx>

**Farm Fresh Fridays** The Texas Department of Agriculture created the Farm Fresh initiative to connect Texans all across the Lone Star State to agriculture and local farmers and ranchers. The goal is to increase community collaborations, promote healthy lifestyles and improve the Texas economy.

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# THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

**Did you know that every April, the United States and other nations celebrate National Volunteer Month?**

National Volunteer Week, and National Volunteer Month, are about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals.

It's wonderful to spend time helping others, but there are also benefits for the person volunteering! For example:

**- IT CONNECTS YOU TO OTHER PEOPLE. YOU CAN MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND INCREASE YOUR SOCIAL AND RELATIONSHIP SKILLS - IT INCREASES YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE - IT COMBATS DEPRESSION AND GIVES PEOPLE A SENSE OF PURPOSE - IT CAN HELP KEEP YOU PHYSICALLY HEALTHY - IT CAN PROVIDE CAREER EXPERIENCE AND TEACH JOB SKILLS - IT CAN BE A FUN WAY TO EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS AND PASSIONS**

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