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MacArthur Culinary Students Featured Guests

*Editor: Peggy Turner,
Special Programs*



MacArthur Culinary Students

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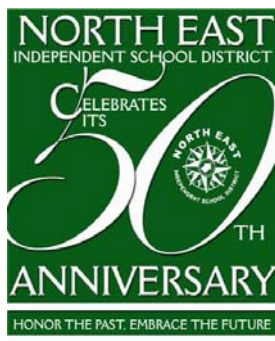
Our October meeting got off to a wonderful and tasty start. NEESPA members were treated from the 5 Star Inn.

The 5 Star Inn culinary arts and restaurant management program at MacArthur High School, led by Mrs. Elizabeth Sienko, is a restaurant operated by the students for the teachers and district staff members. Teachers and staff are able to purchase meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays and all proceeds are used toward the purchase of food for the following week. The students are constantly reinforcing math skills, safety and sanitation practices, and team work. They discuss standardization of recipes and equivalents and the importance of cost control in the kitchen.

Cindy Barrera, Tracy Coward, and Gage Raba participated in the demonstration. The students, along with Mrs. Sienko demonstrated how to prepare Bananas Foster and samples were devoured by all!

They also demonstrated several napkin folding techniques which will come in handy if entertaining is on your holiday list. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Sienko and her students for a job well done! For more information on how you can support the 5 Star Inn, please contact Mrs. Sienko at esien002@neisd.net.

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Message from the Editor

-Peggy Turner, Special Programs

In February 1960, pioneers of this district organized and established what is now known as the North East Educational Support Personnel Association (NEESPA) and in February 2005, we will celebrate our 45th Anniversary.

Although different times have brought about many changes in our profession, one thing remains a constant. NEESPA is dedicated to the promotion of professional development for all support personnel in the North East Independent School District.

We have a new look and with that look comes a new outlook. As a result of last year's member surveys, we are planning new and innovative programs for our monthly meetings. We hold meetings normally on the last Monday of each month and welcome all support personnel to join us. To those members that haven't been to a meeting in a while, or to those who have never been, please come. See what we are all about. Explore the opportunities to grow both professionally and personally. Share in our vision and our unique opportunity to be part of a professional association. Who knows, you might just make some new friends along the way!

2004-2005 NEESPA Officers

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2004-2005 NEESPA Officers



Left to Right, Olga Rubio, Irene Lujan, Annette Knaus, June Holder, and Andrea Terrazas.



*"Bear Together,
We Can Make A Difference"*
-Juneanne Holder,
President, 2004-2005



Angel Tree

NEESPA adopted three families from Walzem Elementary for the holidays. We will provide a Thanksgiving dinner to each family and once again, host the “Angel Tree” project. The Angel Tree will be located in the reception area of the 3rd floor NEEC bldg. Each angel has an item from the wish list of our adopted families. The red angel family has seven children ages 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 14. The yellow angel family has three children ages 2, 8, and 13. The green angel family has four children ages 6, 9, 10, and 14.

Gifts for the “Angel Tree” are to be wrapped with the angel attached and brought to the NEESPA Christmas Social Dinner on December 8, 2004. If you cannot attend the social, please deliver your gift to Esther Cisneros who is located in Administrative Staff Development, suite 301. The “Angel Tree” will be displayed through Friday, December 17. On December 18, all of the gifts will be delivered to each family by NEESPA members and Santa Claus.

NEESPA thanks you for helping three families have a brighter holiday.

Source: Esther Cisneros, 3rd Vice President

NEESPA Yard Sale



NEESPA will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, December 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Nimitz Academy in the parking lot. All proceeds from this event will go toward the NEESPA scholarship fund. We need your help in collecting gently used clothing items, books, jewelry, kitchen items, pictures, toys, holiday items, etc.

Please contact one of the NEESPA members listed if you need additional information. If you cannot deliver items, NEESPA members will make arrangements to pick up your generous donations.

Deadline for donations is **December 1, 2004.**

Source: Juneanne Holder, President



Nimitz Academy is located @ 5426 Blanco Road, between Blanco and Jackson-Keller.

Together, We Can Make a Difference

Yard Sale Contacts

- Sara Rodriguez, Food Service—657-8820
- Marsha Stiles, Madison H.S.—637-4400
- Yolanda Gutierrez, Special Ed.—804-7201 x 384
- Cloma Harvey, Finance & Acct.—804-7111 x 399
- Olga Rubio, Nimitz Academy—442-0462 x 232
- Esther Cisneros, Staff Development—804-7192
- Juneanne Holder, Risk Management—804-7238 x 243

NEESPA Christmas Social



Our social will be held at Alamo Café, located at 14250 U.S. Hwy 281 N. on Wednesday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. A wonderful evening of celebration, entertainment and fellowship has been planned. The banquet menu will offer a variety of choices ranging in prices from \$11.25 to \$13.25, which includes applicable sales tax and gratuity.

We will also have a gift exchange. The minimum limit is \$10.00 and the maximum limit is \$15.00. We encourage you to join in the spirit of giving. Also, please bring your wrapped gift for the “Angel Tree.”

Invitations will be e-mailed shortly, and the information will also be posted on our web site. Our web address is www.neisd.net, click on “Quick Links” and scroll down to NEESPA. The point of contact for the Christmas Social is Irene Lujan in Food Service, and she can be reached at 657-8820, or e-mail ilujan@neisd.net. Mark your calendar for this special event. We are looking forward to sharing this wonderful evening with everyone.

Source: Irene Lujan, 2nd Vice President

New Member Update:

Kudos to our brand new members! They are:

- Frances Ballejo, KIN Clerk, Community Ed
- Cecilia DeLaRosa, Director’s Secretary, Printing and Mailing Services
- Yolanda Guidry, Human Resources Clerk
- Sara Rodriguez, Food Service Clerk
- Davis Hanna, Superintendent’s Office

Welcome aboard!

Source: Esther Cisneros, 3rd Vice President



Birthdays

The following members are celebrating November or December birthdays.....

- Irma Acosta Nov. 3
- Terri Villalobos Nov. 19
- Cecilia DeLaRosa Nov. 22
- Dillie Harrison Nov. 23
- Annette Knaus Dec. 7
- Michelle Ruiz Dec. 28

Happy Birthday ladies!

Source: Esther Cisneros, 3rd Vice President

Membership

NEESPA represents all NEISD educational support personnel and is dedicated to promoting educational support staff development opportunities for professional membership, professional development, and the benefits of a professional association.

NEESPA is currently accepting and recruiting new members for the 2004-2005 school year. Some of the benefits of our association are *NEESPA News*, staff development opportunities, quality guest speakers at our monthly member meeting, and an academic scholarship to a deserving member. We provide information on state-sponsored programs and affiliate with the only state and national association for support personnel.

If you are interested in becoming a member of NEESPA, please visit our website at www.neisd.net by launching Internet Explorer, click "Quick Links" and scroll down to NEESPA. Click "Membership" to download the application. If you have questions or experience difficulties with the application process, please contact Esther Cisneros at ecisne@neisd.net. Membership will be accepted after the November deadline with the understanding that membership is renewed at the beginning of each school year. You may either mail your application and dues to Esther Cisneros at the address listed on the application or bring both with you to our next meeting.

NEESPA is an organization that was established by our peers for all of the support personnel in the North East Independent School District. We invite support personnel to become active members any time during the year.

Professional Development Opportunities



All professional development classes are offered through Administrative Staff Development and can be accessed via ATrain. It is a great opportunity to freshen up on your skills so you can perform at your optimum level. Some of the classes being offered are:

- MS Access, Level 1-4
- Inspiration, Basic and Intermediate
- MS Publisher, Level 1-4
- MS Word, Level 1-4
- MS Powerpoint, Basic and Intermediate

Class dates and times vary. For questions regarding classes being offered, please contact Staff Development at 804-7192.

The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.

-Albert Schweitzer

Meeting Schedule 2005

All General Meetings will be held at 5:15 pm. See below for dates and locations.

January 31, 2005 **Room 210
NEEC Bldg**

February 28, 2005 **Room 210
NEEC Bldg**

March 28, 2005 **Room 210
NEEC Bldg**

April 25, 2005 **Food
Service Bldg**

May, 2005 **TBA
Installation of 2005-2006 Officers**

Association News



TESA



Did you know *Texas Educational Support Staff Association* (TESA) is the only state professional association for support personnel in the educational field? Being a member has its benefits and for a membership fee of \$25.00, you too can become a member. TESA's annual dues are renewed each August. TESA offers a variety of valuable program opportunities for professional development and growth. Some of the services provided are:

- Professional Development Programs—Staff Training for Effective Management (STEM)
- Field Service—Variety of Topics
- Area Workshops
- Fall & Summer Work Conference
- Publications, *TESA Connection* and Newsletter
- Legislative Consultant
- Scholarships
- Credit Card Program

For additional information on TESA, contact Juneanne Holder, NEESPA President, at 804-7238, ext. 243 or jholde@neisd.net.

NAEOP

The mission of the *National Association of Educational Office Professionals* (NAEOP), the only national professional association for educational office personnel, is to provide professional growth opportunities, leadership, and service for employees in education through a specifically-designed certification program, quality training, a network for sharing information and ideas, recognition of achievements and fellowship.

NAEOP Beliefs:

- Professional dedication
- Uniqueness and value of the profession and the individual
- Diversity and equality
- Developing potential
- Lifelong learning
- A caring environment
- Shared vision

You can also earn your CEOE (Certified Educational Office Employee) certification through NAEOP's Professional Standard Program (PSP). Once you complete the PSP program, you will receive your CEOE certification. NEISD recognizes your hard work by giving a stipend upon completion.

To receive additional information on this program, as well as other benefits NAEOP membership offers, contact Annette Knaus, Chairperson, Professional Standards Committee. She can be reached at 657-8825 or aknaus@neisd.net.

Visit the NEESPA internet website by launching Internet Explorer and going to www.neisd.net. Click on "Quick Links" and scroll down to NEESPA for all of the latest information.



Bananas Foster Recipe

Very easy to prepare several servings at one time

Yield: 1 serving

2 T brown sugar	1/2 oz banana liqueur
1 T butter	1 oz white rum
1 ripe banana, peeled and sliced lengthwise	1 lg. scoop vanilla ice cream
Dash cinnamon	

Melt sugar and butter in flat chafing dish. Add banana and sauté until tender. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Pour in banana liqueur and rum over all and flame. Baste with warm liquid until flame burns out. Serve immediately over ice cream.

Brennan's of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Calendar of Events

September 27, 2004, NEESPA General Mtg., NEEC Bldg., Room 210 @ 5:15 p.m.

October 2, 2004, Humble ISD Area Workshop
October 15-17, 2004 STEM Consultant Training, Mesquite ISD Professional Development Center
October 23, 2004, Richardson ISD Area Workshop

October 25, 2004, NEESPA General Mtg., Food Service Bldg., @ 3623 Highpoint @ 5:15 p.m.

November 2, 2004, Business Writing I, NEEC Bldg., Room 310, 8-9:30 a.m.
November 9, 2004, STEM, Time Management, NEEC Bldg., Room 310, 8-11 a.m.

December 3, 2004 Business Writing II, NEEC Bldg., Room 310, 8-9:30 a.m.

December 8, 2004, NEESPA's Christmas Social @ 6:00 p.m., Alamo Cafe

January 31, 2005, NEESPA General Mtg., NEEC Bldg., Room 210 @ 5:15 p.m.

February 12, 2005, Spring Branch ISD Area Workshop

February 18, 2005, STEM, Leadership Training and Teambuilding, NEEC Bldg., Room 310, 8-11a.m.

February 26, 2005, University of Houston—Clear Lake Area Workshop

February 28, 2005, NEESPA General Mtg., NEEC Bldg., Room 210 @ 5:15 p.m. Presenter: Pete O'Connor

March 28, 2005, NEESPA General Mtg., NEEC Bldg., Room 210 @ 5:15 p.m. Presenter: Twain Tharp

March 31, 2005, Business Writing I, NEEC Bldg., Room 310, 8-9:30 a.m.

April 9, 2005, Garland ISD Area Workshop

April 25, 2005, NEESPA General Mtg., Food Service Bldg., @3623 Highpoint @ 5:15 p.m.

April 28, 2005, Business Writing II, NEEC Bldg., Room 310, 8-9:30 a.m.

May 2005, Installation/Banquet, TBA

June 22-24, TESA Summer Work Conference—Austin



**Happy Holidays from
NEESPA**

"I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has to overcome while trying to succeed."

- Booker T. Washington