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Plano ISD PTAs to Honor 200+ Life Members at February 26 Banquet

The PTAs of the Plano ISD will honor 219 individuals from 66 PTAs on Tuesday, February 26, at the Plano Centre. The annual Plano ISD Council of PTAs Life Membership Banquet provides an opportunity for each of the local PTA units in the Plano elementary, middle, and high schools to pay tribute to volunteers, educators, and community members who have given outstanding service to children and youth.

This year's banquet, entitled "Passport to Achievement," will open with an inspirational message from Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jean Callison of the Plano City Council, followed by the keynote address by Representative Brian McCall of the Texas House of Representatives.

This year's event promises to be even bigger and better than last year's, with over 600 guests in attendance. In addition to the honorees and their supporters, members of the superintendent's cabinet, school board members, administrators, teachers and staff, and past PTA Council presidents will be there.

Among the many recipients that evening, the Plano ISD Council of PTAs will be honoring

- **Dana Bilbray**, Plano ISD Council of PTAs Volunteers Chairman, with the Texas PTA Extended Service Award (for being a Texas PTA Life Member with over ten years of service in the Texas PTA)
- **Mark Wellborn**, PISD Director of Professional Learning & Advanced Academics, with the Texas PTA Life Membership for outstanding service to Plano ISD's youth.
- Extended Service Awards will also be given to **Beth Brown** by the Jasper High School PTSA, **Laura Dolan** and **Carolyn Keeter** by the Shepton High School PTSA, and Pam Griffitts by the Plano Senior High School PTSA.
- The National Life Achievement Award, the highest award given in PTA, will be conferred upon **Mary Alice Skaggs** by the Skaggs Elementary PTA.

For more than 90 years, Texas PTA has made available the honorary Texas PTA Life Membership as one of the highest honors that may be presented to individuals for outstanding service to children and youth. It is given to those who promote the well-being of children and youth as an advocate in the areas of education, health, safety, and legislation. Presentations of life memberships are made to publicly recognize those who have given of their time and ability in the interest of young people in Texas. Through the years, over 1,900 honorary Life Memberships have been given to educators and volunteers in Plano ISD.

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2008 Life Membership Recipients

Aldridge Elementary PTA: Lani Adams, Collen Van Duyne; Andrews Elementary PTA: Renee Munez, Pat Steckler, Alice Urbani; Armstrong Middle School PTA: Renee Davis, Jan Durham; Barksdale Elementary PTA: Nancy Ahnemann; Beth Galway, Reshma Pattabi, Jenny Wood; Barron Early Childhood PTA: Susan Long; Beaty Early Childhood PTA: Isabel Marquez; Bethany Elementary PTA: Mary Gray, Jamie McClendon; Beverly Elementary PTA: Jennifer Gibson; Boggess Elementary PTA: Ricki Hart, Megan Schuler; Bowman Middle School PTA: Michael Abney, Therese Bellar; Brinker Elementary PTA: Nancy Gier, Joni Gigliotti, Michelle Kocurek, Christina Landon ; Carlisle Elementary PTA: DeAnne Cartwright, Martha Champion, Tiffany Wilson; Carpenter Middle School PTA: Anna Hensley, Betsy Jacunski, Alex Trejo; Centennial Elementary PTA: Allison Choucair, Suzanne Marquard, Christine Platt, Jill Van Mater; Christie Elementary PTA: Emelia Ahmed, Mirinda Feeler, Matt Jacunski, Christine Sorenson; Clark High School PTSA: Amy Johnson, Betty Knott, Jan Moody, Suzanne Sagers; Daffron Elementary PTA: Mary Berger, Melissa Fairley, Lee LaCoume, Katherine "Kappy" Prentice, Mary Smith; Davis Elementary PTA: Rene Bell, Kristin Finley, R. Gretchen McComic, Gigi Otero; Dooley Elementary PTA: Beverly Snyder, Dana Struchtemeyer; Far North Dallas Early Childhood PTA: Michelle Morris Brubaker, Katherine Quennet, Rose Taper; Frankford Middle School PTA: Cort Hayes, Phyllis Horan, Ray Winkler, Suzan York; Gulledge Elementary PTA: Vicki Boyd, Cheryl Curran, Mary Louise Easter, Lisa Schumacher; Haggard Middle School PTA: Gail Dean, Charlotte Estep, Phil Evans, Debra Flores, Rafael Flores; Harrington Elementary PTA: Stephanie Broyles, Kristal Hambelton, Nancy Little, Patty Rockwood; Haun Elementary PTA: Lori Antonioli, Susan Davis, Marie O. Dooley, Marlene Strokes, Jacki Walsh; Hedgecoxe Elementary PTA: Robin LaBounty, Kathie Lance, Jackie Myers, Michelle Sims ; Hendrick Middle School PTA: Kim Farrar, Melinda Ferris, Dennis Langevin, Diane McCrudden, Paul Pantano; Hickey Elementary PTA: Kristen Badowski, Carrie Barron, Paula Davis; Hightower Elementary PTA: Chim Kamdar, Michelle Poovey, Debbie Price, Tiffany Reeder; Huffman Elementary PTA: Hoda Abdel-Ghani, Sandee Black, Dale Ann Jones, Jaime Kin, Cara Mendelsohn, Misty Stephan; Hughston Elementary PTA: Dana Hammond, Shannon Kennedy, Marjie Nicholas, Benjamin Pirillo; Hunt Elementary PTA: Amanda Driscoll-Mathers, Kelly Hamilton; Jackson Elementary PTA: Jennifer Duncan, Kitty Schieck, Carol Smith, Vimala Vanarsa; Jasper High School PTSA: Beth Brown*, Anita Nance, Julia Shanklin, Jane Shea; Mathews Elementary PTA: Belinda Boardman, Peyton Pollacia, Beth Vasil, McCall Elementary PTA: Mary Elizabeth Bishop, Brenda Hibbitts, Melody Semler, Dionne Wilcox; Meadows Elementary PTA: Molly Walker; Memorial Elementary PTA: Suzan Mercado, Lois Mimms; Mendenhall Elementary PTA: Karen Noble, Jeanette Rockwood; Miller Elementary PTA: Patty Blome, Stacy Robinson, Cristi Ryan, Mary Sawey; Mitchell Elementary PTA: Teresa Gordon, Linda Patrick; Murphy Middle School PTA: Debbie Haer, Travis Ragsdale, Brent Truitt; Pearson Early Childhood PTA: Liza M. Akerley, Blake Evan Pi; Plano East Senior High School PTSA: Marylou Buntyn, Rick Saigling; Plano ISD Council of PTAs: Dana Bilbray*, Mark Wellborn; Plano Senior High School PTSA: Glenn Davis, Pam Griffiths*, Pam Wohlers; Plano West Senior High School PTSA: Jennifer Barker, Karen Upham, Rasor Elementary PTA: Reesa Buchanan, Darby Joan Havala, Laurie Little, Renner Middle School PTA: Kenda Draper, Sharilyn Garrett, Kim Gunnels, Julie Kabel; Rice Middle School PTA: Cathy Avery, Sue Hart, Brad Helenberger, Jason Tucker; Robinson Middle School PTA: Jan Barber, Andrew (Andy) Diewald; Rosemary Haggard Elementary PTA: Marco Alcala, Margie

Ballent, Erin Bramblett, Holly Lynn, Kristi Sims, Sharla Stack; Saigling Elementary PTA: Emily Frost, Geralyn Hendrick, Sherise Henson, Julie Phillips; Schell Elementary PTA: Michelle Brown, Laura Crook, Tricia Lancaster; Schimelpfenig Middle School PTA: Diane Deteau, Ken Hardison, Judy Storholt; Shepard Elementary PTA: Liz Browne, Anne Lardner, Lisa Rawlings; Shepton High School PTSA: Laura Dolan*, Linda Havins, Carolyn Keeter*, Carmen McElwain, Joany Pardee, Share Plus Federal Bank, Kristin Wagner, Robbie Wagner; Sigler Elementary PTA: Kristi-Ann Davis, Leigh Ann Hickman, Barbara Parker McCoy; Skaggs Elementary PTA: Betsy Croslin, Lori Higgs, Nancy Ray, Mary Alice Skaggs**, Kim Slay; Stinson Elementary PTA: Alpa Barevadia, Julie Richard, Jodi Stanowick; Thomas Elementary PTA: Cheryl Bishop; Vines High School PTSA: Trevor Dean, Karla Gain, Lynn McCoy, Jeri Wolfe; Weatherford Elementary PTA: Kelly Hunter, Jayme Karen, Elly Ried, Kathey Ritz; Wells Elementary PTA: Audrey Batchelor, Angela Kelamis, Stefanie Ramos; Williams High School PTSA: Lynn Davis, Lisa Greco, Rosa Talamantez; Wilson Middle School PTA: Libby Crowley, Marian Jacobs; Wyatt Elementary PTA: Lori Einspahr, Laura Fitzgibbon, Tammy Nash, Sharon Schmiegl.

* denotes Extended Service Award

** denotes National Life Member Award