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Greetings from the President

We have made it through the beginning of the new school year and have settled into the daily routines and ever-present challenges that come our way. The TASN Board, headquarters staff, and committees are all hard at work as we prepare for our remaining functions for this school year. As you receive this issue, it will be just prior to our October Board meeting in Austin.

We will be in Austin again in November to work on our Strategic Plan. The purpose is to evaluate our programs and philosophies and develop recommendations for the next three years. Gracie Garcia will be chairing this endeavor, which includes both school district and industry members. Stay tuned for news on the exciting plans for TASN from Gracie and her Past Presidents’ Committee as well.

Industry Seminar is in Rockwall at the Hilton Lakefront from January 27–29, 2016. Vice-President Laura Mason and her committee are planning a great seminar. The theme is “Work Hard, Play Hard, Go Zen!” This is a smaller scale conference intended for more “one on one” time between industry and decision makers in our districts.

Our Public Policy and Legislative Chair, Ray Marshall, is gearing up for SNA’s Leadership Action Conference in Washington, D.C., along with co-chair Sandy Campbell and TASN’s very own Chris Kamradt, who sits on SNA’s PP&L Committee.

President–Elect Debbie Needham and the Conference Planning Committee are also hard at work planning our annual conference. Debbie announced her theme: “Nutrition: The Great Adventure!” at the closing session of this year’s conference in Grapevine. If you haven’t already done so, mark your calendars for June 19–22, 2016. I hope everyone will make plans to attend.

We will have many learning and networking opportunities in our capital city of Austin.

On another note, we will hold our TASN Leadership Camp at T Bar M Resort in New Braunfels at the end of October. Our theme “Mission: Possible” focuses on our Plan of Action which includes four goals: Education and Certification, Membership Growth, Association Marketing, and Financial Management. All four focus areas aim to meet the needs of our members and to have TASN recognized as the leader in school nutrition by allied organizations, community, state, national leaders, media organizations, and the public whose children we serve. It will be nice to see everyone who is able to attend. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to your local chapters and TASN. If you don’t have a local chapter, it is never too late. I encourage all districts to make the effort and commitment. It is rewarding to do good things for your colleagues and community as you work through your Plan of Action. I would love to see a fabulous “Parade of Flags” and your chapters recognized at the Awards Ceremony for your successes in completing your Plan of Action this coming June in Austin.

As I write this tonight, I am enjoying the fall décor that is already up in my house and looking forward to cooler weather, as I am sure you are. I want to wish everyone a happy and blessed holiday season with your family and friends.

Until next time, shine bright!

Terry Mendez-Arauz, MEd, RD, LD, SNS
Los Fresnos CISD
2015–2016 TASN President
It’s that time again! Everyone is back to school and schedules are busy busy. The summer was also a hectic time for headquarters. We gathered with many old friends, met, and made several new friends at the 2015 Conference at the Gaylord Texan Resort. The TASN committees and officers have been hard at work preparing for the 2015–2016 year. We are pleased to announce the theme for the 2016 Conference will be “Nutrition: the Great Adventure” and what an adventure it will be. TASN wants and needs your input in making the conference a success. There will be opportunities for speakers, moderators, volunteers, and the ribbon booth.

A huge thank you to all of the TASN members, vendors, sponsors, and supporters that helped make the conference a success. Without you, there would be no us.

As we all know technology can either be a friend or foe. We, at headquarters have spent this last year working once again with our database and technology specialist to update and improve the membership database. We are excited about the changes and hope the improvements will make it easier for both you and the headquarters staff. I am also happy to announce that the second phase of this project includes the TASN Certification program and production of online process. We will keep you posted on the next steps and important dates.

Membership Specialist, Tonra Hayes, and Certification Specialist, Leanne McAleer, attended the Region 8 workshop and visited Lampasas ISD to talk about TASN and the benefits of being a member and being certified. If you are interested in having them come to your ISD, please contact them at tonrah@tasn.net or leannem@tasn.net.

As we move forward on this adventure, share with us what is taking place in your district, extend an invitation to your child nutrition staff that are not members to attend a district meeting, or write an article for the TASNews. We would love to hear from you.

In closing, election time is always exciting. The call for nominations deadline is October 28, 2015. As the old saying goes, if you want to see change, then be the change you want to see. There are plenty of openings for the 2016–2017 election, and we would love for you to be a part of the process. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact me at karena@tasn.net.
Upcoming Events:

TASN Leadership Camp
Chapter Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers: this will be your time to shine. T Bar M has graciously set aside October 23–24, 2015 for us to gather and brainstorm on taking the Chapters, Areas, and TASN to the next level. The theme is “Mission: Possible”. There is still time to register. You can register online at www.tasn.net.

TASN Industry Seminar
The 2016 TASN Industry Seminar will take place January 27–29, 2016 at the beautiful Hilton Rockwall in Rockwall, Texas. Directors and Industry members are invited to participate.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share ideas, network, and attend learning sessions to enhance their skills. Registration will open in October 2015. Please visit the TASN website to register.

Hotel Rate: $152 Single or Double
Hilton Rockwall
2055 Summer Lee Drive
Rockwall, Texas 75032
214-771-3700

2016 TASN Annual Conference
The 2016 TASN Annual Conference will be held at the Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas, June 19–22, 2016. Mark your calendars and save the date. Come and celebrate with old friends and make new friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Headquarters hotel will be the Hilton Austin Hotel and the room block will open in January 2016. Please note, TASN counts on you to book your rooms in the TASN Annual Conference group block. This helps us receive reduced rates on the hotel, meals, and many of the events that we host at the Conference. Please be sure to check the TASN website for additional information. Thank you!

Hotel rates: $189 for Single / Double
$229 for Triple/ Quad
Hilton Austin Hotel
500 E. 4th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SNA LAC
February 28–March 1, 2016 | Washington, DC

SNA Leadership Conference
April 20–23, 2016 | Baltimore, MD

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June 19–22, 2016 | Austin, Texas

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On June 24 in Grapevine, Texas at the first 2015–2016 TASN Board of Directors meeting, the TASN Board approved the 2015–2016 budget. The Finance Committee presented a balanced budget and a budget that is aligned with the TASN Plan of Action. In an effort to remain transparent, the Finance Committee will post the approved budget and other financial information on the TASN web site.

The following are some highlights from the 2015–2016 budget:

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Summary of First Board of Directors Meeting 2015–2016

Report of Officers

President Terry Mendez filed her report and thanked everyone for electing her as president of the association.

Treasurer Jamal Hazzan motioned that the budget with changes be passed.

Chair of Area Representatives Jeannie Stallings had a motion from the Area Representatives that Education Chair Betty Stanley attend Leadership Camp 2015.

Report of the Executive Committee (EC)

Motions brought forth by the Executive Committee:

- EC recommends that the TASN Budget for 2015–2016 be approved with changes.
- EC recommends that the Education Chair attend Leadership Camp 2015.

EC Committee report continued

- EC recommends that the Board approve the President's Plan of Action for 2015–2016.

All officers and Chairs have filed reports.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Guajardo
TASN Secretary
2015–2016
Belton ISD

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Greetings from Area 1 Representative
Robert Cuellar

Hello to all of you, and welcome back to another school year! I am Robert Cuellar Jr., your Area 1 Representative. I know that we are all still not too happy with the new Smart Snacks rules, but don’t be saddened, because TASN wants to bring you a smile! I have a lot of great ideas that I would like to bring to the forefront to all chapter members and chapters-to-be in Area 1. One idea that I would like all of you to consider is inviting students to attend your local TASN chapter meetings, and having students also participate in your fundraising events. Here in the Laredo TASN chapter we are planning once again to invite members and students to our TASN meetings, to have round table discussion on why TASN exists and explain the driving force behind the chapter. As an Area Representative, I will mention the importance of leadership and certification.

Speaking of certification, in Laredo I am working with one of the high schools to get enough classrooms to have classes that will help all TASN members, especially Child Nutrition employees, to gain credit hours for the mandated USDA professional standards. Aside from offering classes, the Laredo TASN chapter meeting is around the corner in a couple of weeks. As a chapter, we will be discussing and inviting all members and students to assist in various fundraising activities, such as the “Parrillada Raffle” in November and the “Posada Dance” in December. I encourage you to invite students to take part and participate in any events that local chapters offer. Also, I highly recommend that you take pictures so we can showcase all that we do in the TASNews. But before these exciting activities that we plan to have here in Laredo, I want to remind all of you to consider Leadership Camp in October. Leadership Camp is offered for chapter presidents and some officers. Please consider attending Leadership Camp; it is not only educational, but an excellent way to network with other chapters.

Do not hesitate to get in touch with me, and please invite me to one of your local TASN chapter meetings. I also challenge each of you to increase membership in your chapter. And for those of you that do not have a chapter, don’t worry: call me and I will guide you on how to form one. Also, feel free to visit the TASN website. There is a plethora of information that helps us all stay in tune with what TASN is planning.

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Greetings from Area 3 Representative
Lois Williams

I want to welcome back everyone to the 2015–2016 school year. WOW! I can’t believe that the summer is over. We had a great conference in Grapevine; there were some great learning sessions and we enjoyed the vendors and wonderful products that we were able to sample.

I am looking forward to working with our new chapter presidents, and I want to see all of you at Leadership Camp. The camp is going to be a fun and informative event. Jeannie Stallings, Chair of Area Representatives, has planned something special for all Area Representatives. I can’t wait; you need to be there to see it.

We are hosting many workshops in Area 3 this year. To our area chapter presidents: check your calendars to make sure that you have everything in place for your workshops. If you need information, please contact the TASN office. The TASN office staff is our support system and is happy to help us in any way they can.

I hope everyone had a great start for the school year. Best regards, and I will see you soon.
Greetings from Area 4 Representative
Flo Green

The TASN Conference in Grapevine, Texas was fabulous. The learning sessions offered an excellent choice of topics to help improve our job skills, and all the instructors were very knowledgeable.

I had the opportunity to assist in one of the learning sessions (Synergy) with Jeannie Stallings, Chair of Area Representatives, and Charlotte Hokett, Area 6 Representative. It was a very interesting session; we had a lot of participants and everyone enjoyed themselves. The general session was also very interesting, with a great motivational speaker.

Greetings from Area 5 Representative
Melissa Bryan

Area 5 wrapped up what was left of the summer after attending TASN Conference and prepared to kick off the new school year. I am very excited about the upcoming Leadership Camp as this will be my first one as an Area Representative and I know that we are going to rock the Mission: Possible theme! I love that it is called Mission: Possible, because all the child nutrition staff are pumped and ready to have a great year. There is nothing that cannot be accomplished when we work together as a team!

A huge thank you to all of the TASN Conference attendees who got up early and joined us for our Zumba class! We had a blast and got our sweat on!

Some exciting news is that our very own Marie Hobbs, from Belton ISD, won the $1,000 TASN scholarship to help further her college goals! Way to go, Marie!

Summer was a time for Copperas Cove ISD to create and test some new pizza recipes for our Italian lines at our junior high and high schools. Student samplers came in to taste and gave their opinions so recipes could be modified. The big hits were the BBQ pulled pork pizza, the taco salad pizza, buffalo chicken pizza, and - believe it or not - the mac ‘n’ cheese pizza!

And just like all districts, CCISD employees put in the time to attend training to fulfill the professional standards hours now required by USDA. Ruben Pena with Rich’s came out to give a refresher course on how to make awesome products with the Rich’s dough!

Shelyne Schmidt, President of the Allen ISD TASN chapter, had a great first week and is ready to kick off the new school year and get their TASN chapter moving! They had a great time in Grapevine at the conference and got some great information. They are planning their fall fundraiser and earning enough money to grant another $1,500 scholarship to a high school senior and to send our members to Austin in July. They are pumped and really excited about what 2015–2016 has to offer.
Greetings from Area 6 Representative
Charlotte Hokett

Hello to everyone. It was a really great summer and I hope that everyone is also having a great school year. It has been a very busy year. Conference was wonderful. Our guest speakers were wonderful. Dave Davlin’s book, The Game Winning 3, is a very interesting one. It really makes you think about things. Aric Bostick was so full of energy. He was really awesome.

We are geared up to start school and I know that all the chapters will be getting into full force. Everyone has such great ideas and projects.

I would like to thank everyone for all the support and confidence that you have given me these past four years. I am truly grateful for the learning experience and all the contact that I had with the different districts in Area 6. It’s funny that everyone thinks that they are different, but we are all really the same. We do the same things everyday just in a different way.

Chapters and chapter presidents, please let your Area Representatives know who you are and make sure they have your correct email addresses. If you have changed presidents, please make sure you fill out the officers form and send it to headquarters, so that you can be accounted for. This helps the Area Representatives get in touch with you, and ensures that you are getting emails and information about upcoming events and meetings. We are also here to help you out with things and help you get the information that you need.

I take my hat off to all our Area Representatives! They do a wonderful job with keeping up with everything and making sure that things go well in their area. It’s a lot of work, but it is worth the time and effort for all our districts. Our Chair of Area Representatives, Jeannie Stallings, is a wonderful, hard working go-getter. She has helped me in so many ways. She is truly one of a kind.

Our TASN headquarter staff is remarkable. They are behind the scene making sure that we have everything we need for our members.

We are all one family. You, ladies and gentlemen of all areas in Texas, are the HEART! Have a wonderful and fun year! See ya soon!

Greetings from Area 7 Representative
Shirley Price

Summer is over! Thank goodness we had a great conference to get us ready. Midland, Odessa, and Ysleta were all represented from Area 7. Everyone had a great time in a wonderful resort. We are all fired up!

As we start another school year, certification classes have taken over in Area 7. Midland chapter is busy with certification classes to ready their employees for a year with new personnel and three new schools. Odessa (Ector County) held its first TASN Managers Academy. There were 29 attendees from Odessa and one lucky man from an El Paso charter school. We had a great class, thanks to Carlette Drabek.

Like Midland, Odessa is also opening three new elementary schools as well as moving the ninth grade to the high school campuses. Both high schools are getting new kitchens.

I highly recommend the Managers Academy to all that have not attended. It is a great class for new managers as well as those who need a refresher course. Being certified is so important in our business and this is a great way to achieve that.

Our first challenge for the year is the membership drive. I am going to be working hard to find new members as well as new chapters to fulfill one of my goals for the year. I hope to travel around my area some and meet some new people.

I am looking forward to Leadership Camp and the upcoming Board meetings and hope to see lots of Area 7 members in attendance.
Greetings from the Chair of Area Representatives
Jeannie Stallings

The TASN conference at the Gaylord Texan was fabulous. Our industry partners gave us a great industry evening. The learning sessions offered excellent choices of topics to help us improve our job skills, and the instructors were all knowledgeable and kept everyone’s attention.

As we move into President Mendez’s Plan of Action, we look forward to the challenge of the goals of education, membership, marketing, and finance.

This year will be exciting with all of our areas in the state trying to offer certification classes. We are excited that our Employee Representative has taken on the challenge of recruiting membership through school districts that are not yet members of TASN.

The big goal made by all area representatives and our employee representative is to reach out to everyone you can. We tell them who we are and why we are so proud to be a big part of TASN. We challenge everyone to reach out.

Special thanks to TASN headquarters staff for the great job they do every day.

Greetings from Employee Representative
Karlyn Thomas

I am very excited once again to serve as your TASN Employee Representative for the upcoming year. Last year was a great learning experience. My goals for this year are to encourage members and provide information on what TASN has to offer so we can help increase our membership.

Many of our members attended the conference this summer in Grapevine, Texas. From the vendors to the classes and the fantastic speaker Aric Bostick, it was a very informative and inspirational conference.
TASN collaborated with Lampasas ISD for an exciting Membership Drive meeting on September 16. Debbie Pilgrim, TASN’s Membership Chair and Lampasas ISD’s Child Nutrition Director, organized and led the meeting and spoke of the importance of belonging to a local TASN chapter, the true connection with other child nutrition colleagues moving towards a common goal, and the history of the Lampasas Chapter.

Tonra Hayes, TASN’s Membership Specialist, also attended the meeting and spoke about the benefits of belonging to TASN including educational/training opportunities, learning from other child nutrition professionals, TASN awards and scholarship opportunities, legislative representation, the TASNews publication, and TASN’s Certification program. Juliet Johnston, Lampasas ISD’s Chapter President, and Lois Benoist, Lampasas ISD Past President, spoke of their personal positive experiences while participating in the Lampasas ISD Chapter. Everyone enjoyed refreshments, visiting with friends, winning the many door prizes, and learning about the valuable opportunities offered by TASN.

If you are interested in having TASN attend a Membership Drive meeting in your district, please contact Tonra Hayes at 512-371-0087 or tonrah@tasn.net.
The TASN 2016–2017 election will be considered an even year election. The following positions need to be filled.

The Call for Nominations deadline is October 28.

Elected Positions:

Vice President
Treasurer
Chair of Area Representatives
Education Chair
Membership Chair
Employee Representative

Area 2 Representative
Area 4 Representative
Area 6 Representative
Area 8 Representative
Area 10 Representative
Area 12 Representative

All of these positions except the Vice President position are two-year terms. The Vice President is a one-year term with an option to continue on for the remaining three years for a total of four years. You cannot serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Approximate Days Out of Office
Approved Travel & Reimbursement from TASN

Vice President – 28 days
Treasurer & Chair of Area Representative – 20 days
Membership Chair & Education Chair – 14 days
Area Representative & Employee Representative – 12 days

The qualifications are listed on the Call for Nomination form on the next page.

The Call for Nominations deadline is October 28.
Texas Association for School Nutrition
Call for Nomination

Continuous progress and advancement of TASN depends upon good leadership. The TASN Nominating Committee needs the membership’s help in identifying potential Committee Chairs, Area Representatives, Employee Representatives, and candidates for elected office.

Please review the following leadership positions and indicate whether you are interested in volunteering to serve in any of the positions listed, or if you can recommend members whom you consider to be well-qualified for leadership positions. We also welcome anyone who has an interest in serving on any committee.

Leadership positions as per current bylaws include:

**Elected Officers:**
One year term except the Secretary, Treasurer, and Chair of Area Representative who serve a two-year term and are elected in even and odd years.

Vice President
Secretary (elected in odd years)
Treasurer (elected in even years)

Qualifications for Vice President:
1. Have served in a board position, and/or a chair of a standing, special, or sub-committee.
2. Have attended at least two TASN Annual Conferences.
3. Be a voting member of TASN and SNA for at least two years.

Qualifications for Secretary:
1. Have served on a committee or sub-committee of TASN.
2. Have attended at least two TASN Annual Conferences.
3. Be a voting member of TASN and SNA for at least two years.

Qualifications for Treasurer:
1. Have served on a committee or sub-committee of TASN.
2. Have attended at least two TASN Annual Conferences.
3. Be a voting member of TASN and SNA.
4. Must have financial experience.

Qualifications for Chair of Area Representative:
(2 year term elected in even years)
1. Have served on a committee or sub-committee, and/or on the Board of TASN.
2. Have attended at least two TASN Annual Conferences.
3. Be a voting member of TASN and SNA.

Elected Standing Committee Chair:
(2-year term)
Education Chair (elected in even years)
Public Policy and Legislative Chair (elected in odd years)
Membership Chair (elected in even years)

Qualifications:
1. Have held membership in TASN for at least one year.
2. Have attended at least one TASN Annual Conference.
3. Be an active member of TASN and SNA during the entire term of office.

Area Representatives:
(2-year term)
Area 1 – Elected in odd years
Area 2 – Elected in even years
Area 3 – Elected in odd years
Area 4 – Elected in even years
Area 5 – Elected in odd years
Area 6 – Elected in even years
Area 7 – Elected in odd years
Area 8 – Elected in even years
Area 9 – Elected in odd years
Area 10- Elected in even years
Area 11–Elected in odd years
Area 12 -Elected in even years

Qualifications:
1. Have held membership in TASN for at least two years.
2. Have attended at least one TASN Annual Conference.
3. Be a voting member of TASN during the entire term.

Employee Representative:
(2-year term- elected in even years)

Qualifications:
1. Must be a single-unit employee.
2. Must be a TASN member for at least two years.
3. Must have attended at least one TASN Annual Conference.

The Nominating Committee is elected by the Board and issues the call for nominations in the TASNews, mailings and website in order to get nominees from TASN members. The committee may also solicit candidates for office.

Outgoing Area Representatives are encouraged to submit two candidates for Area Representative positions. Recommended nominees should be contacted for consent of nominations.

Qualifications will be verified through TASN Headquarters. Consenting nominees are to submit a “Professional Biography” to the Nominating Committee for deliberation. Candidates will be selected on professional competence, achievement in association work, goals for office and support of the TASN Plan of Action.

Consideration will be given to present a balanced ballot, representative of the state. Consideration will also be given to prevent the possibility of selecting candidates for the ballot who have previously been defeated for the same office. The nominating committee shall report the slate of candidates to the Board of Directors. There shall be no nominations from the floor.

Please take the time to nominate someone for the position you feel they are most qualified to fill.

Reminder:
This is for 2016 - 2017 (even numbered year)

RETURN TO:
TASN
3520 Executive Center Dr.
Suite # 165
Austin, TX 78731
FAX: 512-371-0125

By: October 28, 2015

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Name of Nominee: ____________________________
School District: ____________________________
Nomination Submitted by Name: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________

Nominee’s Contact Information:
Phone: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________

If you are submitting a nomination for a member other than yourself, please be sure to contact the nominee and ask for permission before submitting this form.
Presentations should be approximately 45 minutes to one hour in length and should be applicable to the topics listed above or tips and trends that would benefit the field of school nutrition.

Proposal Timeline:
- Submission deadline: December 15, 2015
- Notification of acceptance deadline: February 1, 2016
- Notification of presentation date and time: February 15, 2016

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School Nutrition Stars:

Deep in the Heart of Texas
Welcome back to another exciting year! Everyone here at the Cy Fair School Food Service Association hopes each of you had a great summer. Everyone who attended conference had a great time. We met many new friends and renewed friendships with other food service workers from other districts. There was a wide range of classes. It was very informative. This was a fun way to earn recertification credits. Here are two of our new officers ready to take control of our association. Of course the rest of us had to have fun too!

We are enjoying the 2015–2016 school year. Our committees and Board members were busy this summer planning a lot of exciting events for us. We have a fundraising event planned for October 17, 2015 and interesting monthly meetings with guest speakers. Part of the discussion was about our first set of certification classes, which will be December 5, 2015 and December 12, 2015. We will also have certification classes on February 6, 2016 and February 13, 2016.

We hope to see many of you at our classes. Happy new school year!
Spring ASN

Hello, everyone! My name is Yolanda Thomas and I am the president for the Spring Association. Conference was great and I had the opportunity to meet with other chapter presidents who have a lot of great ideas for their associations this year. My goal for the upcoming year is to have activities that bring families and members together. We have many goals for the Klein Association for School Nutrition (KASN) for this upcoming year, beginning with our first association meeting scheduled in mid-September. This meeting will help encourage membership in both TASN and our local association. KASN will also be offering TASN certification classes two weekends, in both the fall and spring.

KASN looks forward to an exciting year filled with many opportunities in building camaraderie, growth and development in our association.

Tomball ASN

Welcome back! Summer seems to pass so quickly, and next thing you know, the first day of school is just around the corner! Our chapter, Tomball Association for School Nutrition, is looking forward to our first meeting of the new school year so our members can exchange information and ideas that were gathered throughout the summer.

This summer some of us attended the TASN Conference in Grapevine, TX at the beautiful Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center from June 21–24! Some of us attended Region 4 Culinary & Skills Workshop – Quest for Quality. Some of us attended the Region IV Child Nutrition Summer Workshop, Growing Healthy Texans. All took classes that will enable them to reach their next level toward Level 5 certification!

Tomball ISD wishes everyone a happy and nutritious school year!!!
Greetings from Mansfield. I'd like to encourage you to invest in yourself by joining TASN. They have great opportunities in education, team building training, scholarship, awards, and so much more. Check out the website: www.tasn.net.

I want to thank Mansfield for allowing me to be the president this past year. Thank you, Tammy, for your assistance in making 2014–2015 a great success. I wish the best of luck to our new president Shyla and vice-president Amy. I am praying favor on your behalf. I believe as a team you two will do greater things.

A special thanks to my area representative, Charlotte Hokett. Every time I had a question, you found the answer for me. I couldn’t have made it without your guidance. We received the Silver Award in Plan of Action/Yearbook. Thank you, TASN sponsors! Once again, Conference was a phenomenal experience. I learned so much, and I believe I caught the fire. So I am fired up for this new year!

Greetings on behalf of Lufkin Chapter of TASN. My name is Steffaine Davis and I have the honor of serving as the 2015–2016 TASN President for Lufkin.

We are super excited about this year. We have several activities and fundraisers in mind. To name a few, we plan to start our year off strong by attending Leadership Camp at the T Bar M Resort in New Braunfels, Texas. We are also planning a Fall Festival and a Christmas party, for children of our members.

We are looking forward to getting hard at work on our fundraisers: our basket sales, baked potato sales, And several items to be raffled.

We’re shooting for a great year here in Lufkin, Texas along with a strong finish at Conference.

Birdville had 14 members attend the TASN conference in Grapevine. Our new 2015–2016 Executive Board is excited to start the year. We have lots of fun meetings planned. We awarded a free membership to a first time attendee at our September meeting.

Hello from White Settlement. We hope that everyone had a great summer. We did! Some of us made trips to Colorado and to Mexico to see family and friends. Some of us stayed home and found things here to do. But we all had a great summer and it is time to get down to business now.

Conference was a blast. We had so much fun seeing all our friends and making new ones. We are all some really wild and crazy gals. We had a lot of learning sessions.

We would like to say goodbye to some of our friends that retired this year. You will be greatly missed. We have started our school year, and we are ready to rock and roll. Getting our meetings and our fundraisers planned is the first thing that we will get done and from there it is all systems go. It’s going to be a fun year and we are looking forward to it. It is never dull around here. The ladies of the chapter get going full blast and they come up with some pretty good ideas. We have our walk for the diabetes foundation in November and we do our collection for the hospital. We will see if we can find something else to do. Got any ideas? Pass them on. We will try anything once!

We are hoping to see some of you along the way this year. Have a safe and happy and productive year. Remember to always have fun!

Glen Rose School Food Service Association stayed busy in June by attending Professional Standards workshops at the Region XI Summer Workshop.

We had five members attend the TASN Conference at the Gaylord Conference Center and attended as many of the seminars as possible.

Glen Rose ISD served over 1,700 Seamless Summer breakfasts and lunches during the month of June. Our child nutrition staff also prepared the meal for our 2015–2016 Glen Rose ISD staff convocation.

Our new officers for this year are: Dawn Foos, President; Tina Navarrete, Vice President; Donna Harmon, Treasurer; and C.J. Brown, Secretary.

Our officers met in August to plan our year’s budget and ideas for our meetings. We hope everyone had a safe and fun summer and we wish you all a wonderful 2015–2016 school year!
North East ISD Earns TDA Platinum Pear Award

North East ISD was honored with the Platinum Pear Award from the Texas Department of Agriculture for incorporating local products into the menu during National School Breakfast Week in March 2015. The award was presented in June during the TASN Annual Conference. North East ISD is working to expand local products in our menu year-round. We feel that local purchasing is important in order to support the local economy, teach students about when foods are in season, and provide the freshest products.
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Reminder from the TASN Membership Department

TASN Membership Dues

If you are making a payment directly to TASN for your state membership dues, please do not send payment for your state portion to the School Nutrition Association (SNA).

Additionally, please speak with your school district if they are responsible for making these payments, as we are receiving some double payments from SNA and the district on behalf of individual members within the same membership year.

Thank you!

The winner of the Spring 2015 TASN Membership Drive is…

Flo Green from Beaumont ISD

Flo is the lucky winner of a 2016 Conference Registration package. It includes a conference registration, T-shirt and conference meals for the 2016 Conference in Austin, Texas. Thank you for your continued efforts toward member recruitment, Flo!

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TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION
20__-20__ CHAPTER OFFICERS FORM

Please include only those officers that will serve during the above year:

Chapter Name: ___________________________ District: _____________ Area# ______

PRESIDENT:
Name: ___________________________ Membership #: (Must include) _____________
Address: ___________________________ City: _____________ St: _________ Zip: ______
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Name: ___________________________ Membership #: (Must include) _____________
Address: ___________________________ City: _____________ St: _________ Zip: ______
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**FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR:
Name: ___________________________ Membership # Must include): _____________
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Phone (Include area code): Home: _______ Office: _______
E-mail address: ___________________________ Fax: _______ _______

**If more than one school district is represented in your chapter, please list school districts with the name, address, phone number and fax number of the Food Service Director on the back of this form. Please fill out entire form completely to assure all chapters will receive all correspondence!
Summer is over, and school has begun. Hopefully you have many creative plans and new ideas to keep your students coming back to the cafeteria every day. Just as we plan our menus and market our programs, it is also important to plan your personal development. Do you have a goal you would like to accomplish this year? Do you want to advance to the next level in TASN Certification? Maybe you want to take classes for recertification, or maybe you would like to receive a scholarship? Whatever your goal is, you should make a plan and work toward it.

This year there will be many approved certification classes offered throughout the state with a wide variety of topics.

We are always looking for fresh ideas for new classes. Please share your thoughts and ideas with us. You can contact your Area Representative or Leanne McAleer to get more details on upcoming training opportunities.

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The Central Texas School Food Service Directors Association (CTSFSDA) held its annual August Academy on August 7, 2015 at the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. CTSFSDA Board of Directors welcomed School Food & Nutrition Service professionals from across Central Texas with warm smiles and wholesome hospitality.

A product show was held by industry partners. Many new and innovative ideas were presented for breakfast and Smart Snacks. A big thank you goes out to those industry partners working so hard to make school foodservice a leader in the change towards healthy lifestyles!

Jackie Cantu, Coordinator for School Operations and Sharon Welborn, Director of Compliance with the Texas Department of Agriculture School Nutrition Division presented an update for all aspects of our programs and held a Q & A session. As always, the support and information from TDA is priceless.

Missy Hernandez with Sysco foods provided the group with a ServSafe Program review just in time for back to school. Alfred Walker with Walker Quality Service provided the attendees training in “Management Keys to Success”.

CTSFSDA offers many opportunities for directors, assistant directors, and supervisors in school food and nutrition services to expand knowledge using education, networking, information sharing, and peer support. As a group we provide scholarship opportunities to member district high school students and school food and nutrition employees interested in pursuing higher education. We have two annual events, the Winter Symposium and the August Academy. Both events provide excellent opportunities for networking, learning, and connecting with other school food and nutrition service professionals.

If you are or know a director in the Central Texas area and are interested in finding out more information about our organization, please contact the Secretary, Barbie Dickinson, at 830-426-7600 or ctsfsda1500@yahoo.com.
The NSLW 2015 theme is “School Lunch Snapshot”. It’s about sharing the best, real images of today’s school lunch—fresh fruits and veggies, whole grains, milk, and smiling students. It provides a great opportunity for SNA members to capitalize on using social media to promote your program to parents and students, too! SNA members nationwide will be taking and sharing photos of today’s school lunch - and using the hashtag #NSLW.

Mark your calendars: National School Lunch Week (NSLW) begins October 12, 2015. Promote your program during NSLW with free, easy-to-use resources from SNA, like PR tools, a new toolkit, social media posts, food photography tricks, and more.

During NSLW, be sure to invite parents to eat lunch in the cafeteria to experience school lunch for themselves. To learn more, click here.

Visit www.schoolnutrition.org/NSLW to learn more about National School Lunch Week and enter to win free stickers for your school!
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REMINDER

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June 30, 2015 at 10:00 am
$1,500 In-line Booth
$1,600 Corner Booth

Non-Members
July 29, 2015 at 10:00 am
$1,950 In-line Booth
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REGISTER YOUR BOOTH TODAY!
Exhibit registration for the 2016 Conference is available online at www.tasn.net.
TASN supports various educational programs and awards a variety of scholarships on an annual basis. All applications submitted by the deadline will be considered and the winners will be selected by the Education Committee in April 2016. Scholarship winners will be recognized at the 2016 Conference in Austin. Members are eligible to receive up to one scholarship per year.

**Types of Scholarships**
- General ($150)
- ESL ($200)
- GED ($200)
- College ($1,000)
- Managers Academy ($395)
- Directors Academy ($550)

**Scholarship Requirements**
- Must be a TASN Member.
- Prior to submitting an application, applicant must be employed in a Texas school nutrition program for at least 9 months.
- All application information and attachments must be postmarked by **February 15, 2016**
- Provide a personal statement explaining the purpose for the scholarship and how it will be used.
- Additional information may be requested by the TASN Education Committee.

**Deadline: February 15, 2016**

**Helpful Tips for Applying for TASN Scholarships & Awards**
- Applications that are not signed will not be considered.
- Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.
- Letters of recommendation MUST be typed or written on official letterhead and require a signature.
- Please use spell check and have someone proofread your personal statement.
- Please keep in mind all required written portions must use complete sentences.
- Please feel free to contact Leanne McAleer at TASN Headquarters to confirm your application was received.

**TASN Award Information**

TASN awards are given each year to school foodservice professionals to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to providing the best nourishment to children all around Texas. These awards promote achievement and management excellence to help our members excel in their careers. All applications, with the exception of the Local Plan of Action / Yearbook Award, must be postmarked by March 1, 2016 in order to be considered.

**Awards**
- School Nutrition Specialist of the Year
- Partnership in Nutrition Award
- Outstanding Achievement Award for Continuing Education
- Nutrition Education Award
- TASN Membership Award
- TASN Certification Award
- Breakfast Participation Award
- Lunch Participation Award
- Local Plan of Action / Yearbook Award (**Deadline: March 7, 2016**)
- Diamond Leadership Award

**Deadlines:**
- Local Plan of Action/Yearbook Award: March 7, 2016
- All Other Awards: March 1, 2016

- Please visit [www.tasn.net](http://www.tasn.net) for scholarship and award details and applications. All applications must be submitted to Leanne McAleer at TASN Headquarters.
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As the Industry Committee Area Representative, I would like to share with you some information about the committee and about communication between vendors and decision makers. The Industry Committee is here to serve and help with ever-changing school menus and regulations set by our government. We know it can be very difficult at times. That is why it is important that the vendors, brokers, and all directors and decision makers keep the lines of communication open.

I spoke to Director Kathy Huey from White Settlement ISD and she shared a few things that help her, as well as vendors and brokers, get on the right track. Everyone’s time is important and scheduling appointments makes for more informative and productive meetings. It is important for vendors to ask which products a district might be interested in and make sure that these products are on hand with all necessary information, along with a business card and contact information. It is also important that the directors and decision makers know which products they would like to try or to receive more information about, and to be specific about their choices. This reduces stress. As we all know, samples are the best source of sale, and of course both parties should always be able to take “no” for an answer.

It is essential for both vendors and brokers to be transparent with regard to product questions. Similarly, the honest opinions of directors and decision makers about products are valued greatly. This is how changes are made and future products introduced. If a product doesn’t meet your needs as a director or decision maker, it is important to be honest with your broker or vendor. This is how they improve products or decide to drop them from the market. This forms a good partnership between the vendors, brokers, directors, and decision makers. It can be a win-win for everyone!

It is crucial for vendors to contact districts if there is going to be a shortage of something that has been ordered. This makes adjusting a menu a little easier, instead of making a last-minute change when the district realizes its grocery order is missing items. When this happens, directors and decision makers have to make extra orders which then have to be expedited to them in order for the items to be there on time. This is a very important part of communication.

Vendors and brokers should know their customers and be familiar with the menus of their districts. This helps in making decisions about products and whether they will go in the school system. Remember that kids’ appetites change like running water. It is one of those things that keep districts guessing.

Vendors and brokers should be ready with new facts and answers that arise from the constant changes that are happening, like the new no-sodium or limited-sodium rules that really challenge cooks. Directors and decision makers should call to talk to someone about a product that they have concerns about. Remember that there is never a bad question. Directors and decision makers should keep in touch with their vendors and brokers. They should always be certain of what they want and the products that they are interested in.

Without our directors, decision makers, and school districts we would not have vendors and brokers, and we would not have the chance to experiment with different products. Without our vendors and brokers, we would not have the directors and decision makers that keep us eating on the right track.

WE ARE ALL ONE TEAM!
This school year is especially exciting for me as it is my first opportunity to support Texas schools in shaping the future of Texas children as Agriculture Commissioner.

I have always wanted to spread the message about the importance of good nutrition and healthy lifestyles. We do that every day at the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) by promoting the 3Es of Healthy Living – Education, Exercise and Eating Right. When I became Agriculture Commissioner, I knew there were certain goals and precedents I wanted to set. First on that list was to ensure everyone knew that schools were in control of nutrition decisions at the local level. It all started with granting amnesty to cupcakes back in January.

To further advance this mission, I rolled back state mandates to give schools more freedom to control their nutrition environments. This change focused on freedom, liberty and local control. School meals are still required to meet federal nutrition standards. We simply want to give schools more options to fit their community’s individual needs. What works in Beaumont may not be what folks need in Amarillo. We know one size does not fit all, and I am glad we are trying something new for a change. After more than a decade of state mandates, I say it’s about time.

Teaching Texas students to make healthy choices begins with school nutrition professionals like you. I trust you to make the right choices for your students. You know the children and your community better than anyone else. That means you know what your students need to be healthy and grow into strong leaders. You have done an amazing job of exploring new ways to make healthy meals into ones students actually want to eat. Plus, you’ve helped add more fresh products to school menus, and I’m so proud of that.

To support your remarkable efforts, I recently introduced a five point plan to help fight childhood obesity in Texas. Collaboration and education are the plan’s anchors. Ultimately, we want to engage communities and lead all Texans down a path filled with healthy choices. I am counting on you to work with TDA to use the resources we are developing to make a difference in your community. Student involvement is a key part of this plan, so we need you to help rally support amongst your students. As an agency, TDA will focus on making children an integral part of the fight against childhood obesity. After all, it is their health and their future.

TDA will work to promote available resources to school administrators, nutrition professionals, teachers, parents and students. In addition, we will host educational conferences and training sessions to enhance everyone’s efforts to combat obesity. This is a great opportunity for families and community leaders to get involved and encourage smart decisions.

A cornerstone of the five point plan is the launch of a campaign called Farm Fresh Fridays, which emphasizes the value of Texas agriculture in good nutrition. Farm Fresh Fridays celebrates Texas agricultural products and their place in Texas schools. This initiative will help more schools make connections with Texas farmers and ranchers, bring agricultural lessons directly into classrooms, and develop campus gardens. When young people develop strong, sustainable connections to fresh food, it is a win-win for everyone. Incorporating Texas products into school meals promises to provide children with the healthy, delicious meals they need to succeed during the school year.

As TDA works to write the next chapter in the book on school nutrition, we want to thank you for your support and your dedication to making our job easier. You have blazed a bright trail for school nutrition in Texas. I know that together we can win this all-important battle against childhood obesity.

I look forward to working closely with you this school year as we mobilize resources across the state and teach children how to be healthy and successful. Please use the tools available to you to help your students adopt healthy nutritional habits. It is an honor to work with you, and thank you for being a valued TDA partner.
HEALTHIER HOLIDAYS

The fall and winter holidays bring many opportunities to celebrate with friends and family. Of course, they often bring lots of opportunities to overindulge.

Here are a few fun ways to enjoy those holiday parties and stay healthy at the same time. The best part is that a lot of these ideas would be easy to scale for use in your schools!

Do you have healthy holiday treat ideas, pictures, or recipes to share? Send them to publications@tasn.net and we’ll include them in next year’s issue!

- **Halloween ghosts & pumpkins** - simple treats using bananas, oranges, celery, and yes, a few chocolate chips
- **Thanksgiving fruit turkey**
- **Christmas tree vegetable arrangement**
- **“Superfood” Basil Cranberry Sauce**
  
  Recipe: http://greatist.com/health/superfood-cranberries

  
  Zucchini-Potato Latkes with Tzatziki
  
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