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**Winter
Newsletter
2018-19**

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Region ATPE 4 Calendar

January 31st, 2019

Scholarships/Grants
Postmarked

February 24th & 25th

Lobby Day at Austin

March 13th

Nomination deadline for
Regional Office

April 13th

Spring Meeting and
Officer Elections—
Junior League

April 30th

Regional Committee
Forms Due

July 17th-19th

ATPE Summit
Houston

Message from the President

Dear Region 4 ATPE Members

Wow! Time seems to be flying; we are already half way through the school year. I hope that you received much needed rest during our holiday break. As we start the second half of the school year, I want to remind you of some upcoming dates and deadlines. Included in this newsletter you will find our scholarship and grants' applications. Please be aware of the submission dates. These will be awarded at our Spring Meeting.

Remember, we still have time to recruit members until the end of January. A new teacher on my campus that I have been talking to finally took the time to do the online application in my office before we went home for the holiday break. It's all about building relationships and letting our co-workers know that we care.

Next on the calendar is our Lobby Day in Austin. This is our chance to make our unified voice heard. So, mark your calendars for February 24th & 25th. See page two for more details.

Mark your calendars now if you haven't already done so for our Annual Spring Meeting and Election of Officers to be held at the Junior League on Saturday, April 13th. We will be sending out information closer to the date. PLEASE, please, please be sure to make your RSVP a week prior. This is so important in planning and making sure we have available facilities and food. Also, don't forget those books for our service project.

As educators we are all "caretakers." Be sure to factor in some quality time to care for yourself. Whether it is only a few minutes set aside to enjoy a cup of tea, a conversation with a friend, or snuggle time with your children or a pet, it all counts! Take care of yourself.

With peace, love, and joy!

Ron Fitzwater

Region 4 ATPE President

Grants & Scholarships

As all of us who work in the school system understand that education is vitally important. It is for that reason that Region 4 makes an effort every year to award scholarships and grants to deserving applicants to further their education. We have two types scholarships available: scholarship available for current students at a university or college studying to become educators and secondly we have scholarships for current educators to attend a workshop or class . Lastly, we have “Apple 4 Kids” grants to purchase classroom materials for a particular project to help their students. All grants and scholarships for 2019 are for \$1,000.

The applications for all three awards are available online—the scholarship for soon-to-be educators is [Here](#), the scholarship for current educators is [Here](#), and the Apple Grant 4 Kids application is [Here](#). The applications must be post-marked no later than January 31st, so don't delay! Winners will be announced at the Spring Assembly of Delegates in April.



What: ATPE at the Capitol is your opportunity to be part of the action when the 86th Legislature convenes in 2019. On Sunday, Feb. 24, learn about the top education issues that will be debated during the legislative session and receive training on how to become an effective spokesperson for your profession. Then head to the Texas State Capitol on Monday, Feb. 25, to put your training into action and advocate for ATPE's legislative priorities along with fellow ATPE members from across the state. This is your chance to speak directly with lawmakers and tell them what's important to Texas educators!

When: Feb. 24–25, 2019

Where: JW Marriott in downtown Austin and the Texas State Capitol

How: Log in to atpe.org/advocacy-central to register (there is no registration fee). If you have difficulties logging in, please call our Membership Department at (800) 777-2873. They'll be happy to assist! We would love to have members from each Region 4 local in attendance.

[REGISTER HERE](#)