



# ROBS - RETIREES OF BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS

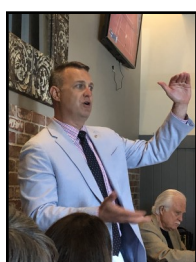
## ROBS END-OF-YEAR LUNCHEON

by Barbara Mascaro



There was a lovely **ROBS** End-of-the-Year Luncheon on June 7, 2019. It was held at Patrizia's Restaurant in Hauppauge. The food was outstanding and very plentiful, served family-style. We began with margherita pizza, baked clams, eggplant rollatini and fried calamari. This was followed by a Caesar salad and then pasta. Next came chicken marsala and sole oreganata. We ended this delicious Italian feast with assorted dessert pastries and coffee or tea. Needless to say, no one left this luncheon hungry! Many thanks go to Valerie Vismale for organizing this wonderful luncheon. We had two guests join us for the luncheon, and we appreciate the time they both took out of their very busy schedules to speak to us!

Our first speaker was New York State Senator Monica Martinez. According to her Senate website, this is her background: She is a Brentwood High School alumna and a graduate of Binghamton University, where she earned a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and History in 1999. Monica later attended New York University where she earned a Master's degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Studies. She obtained her Administrative Degree at Stony Brook University in 2006. In 2010, Legislator Martinez was selected to be a part of the Administration of Brentwood's East Middle School as Assistant Principal where she dedicated much of her time to enriching the lives of her students. She successfully campaigned for the office of Suffolk County Legislator in 2013 and was elected to represent her home, the Ninth Legislative District. Monica was devoted to the residents living within the district. As an example, she hosted many community outreach events. One such event was the Annual End-of-Summer Back-to-School Block Party where free backpacks and school supplies were distributed to families who could not otherwise cover their children's school expenses. As a former educator, Monica believes that all students should have easy access to resources they need to successfully complete their studies. Monica's legislative accomplishments prompted her to seek higher office by running for the New York State Senate. On November 6, 2018, she made history by being the first Latina and woman elected to represent the Third Senatorial District. State Senator Martinez hopes to continue her work in assisting her constituents and implementing beneficial policies for all New York State residents. We couldn't be prouder of her accomplishments as one of Brentwood's own!



Our next guest speaker was Kevin Coyne, the President of the **Brentwood Teachers Association** and a member of **NYSUT**'s Board of Directors - E.D. 21. Kevin leads a strong Union dedicated to serving the needs of all the students within the Brentwood School District. Kevin and the members of the Executive Board of the **BTA** were able to get 100% participation from its members in re-signing their Union membership cards. This was a most notable accomplishment as the members saw the importance of not losing their Union protections! We so appreciate how patient Kevin was to address our members' questions and concerns, especially relating to staffing and health insurance issues. We definitely have a kind and caring friend in Kevin! We welcome the opportunity to support Kevin and our in-service colleagues and to foster a collegial relationship between **ROBS** and the **BTA**. We, of course, remember that "They Are Us!"

Please consider joining us for one or more of our exciting events planned for next year with **ROBS**. You will find yourself entertained and well informed. Have a wonderful summer. Be well and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you in September and for your active participation in **ROBS**!

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### MEETINGS

General Meetings are held at the Brentwood Public Library, 2nd Avenue and Third Street at 10:00 a.m. on the first Friday of the month unless otherwise noted.

No meetings July or August

Have a great summer!

Sept 6 - New Retirees Welcome!

Oct 4 - TBA

Nov 1 - Chinese Auction  
(American Legion Hall)

Dec 6 - Holiday Luncheon TBA

### ROBS CARES

#### CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

Pronto, the community action group we support, is in need of dry and canned goods, paper products and toiletries. Please bring your contributions to every meeting. Thank you.

New and/or gently-used children's books are being collected for the Books to Home Program at every meeting. Please donate.

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## NICK'S NOTES

*By Nick Siciliano*

Another year has gone by, and I just want to thank everyone who makes this organization run. The officers, executive board members and volunteers are essential to our operation. I hope that you will consider taking a more active role as well.

I thought this might be a good time to remind everyone what your \$25 yearly dues do. There is a membership form included in this newsletter (see back page.) Please complete it and return it as soon as you can.

**NEWSLETTER** - Whether you remain in the area or have relocated, you can stay in touch by receiving and writing articles for our award winning quarterly newsletter. It is filled with updates of member activities and topical issues, as well our schedule of meetings.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS** - You are welcome to attend our monthly general meetings where we collect food for Pronto and gently used children's book for the Book To Home project. Our meetings have covered topics such a service dogs, care and wellness, as well as performances by the high school's choral groups. In addition, there are three social gatherings: the Holiday Luncheon, the New Year Breakfast and the End of the Year Luncheon. There are separate charges for these events. Refreshments are served at the general meetings.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** - **ROBS** provides scholarships which include the Jack Zuckerman, Dorothy Zuckerman, Lilian Kelly awards for graduating seniors who are pursuing a career in education. Letty Sustrin has created the Sheila Sustrin Scholarship in memory of her sister, Sheila. Thank you for your generous donations to the program.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY** - A biennial list of all members, their addresses, including alternate addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. On alternate years, an addendum will be provided. The 2019-2020 Directory was mailed out in June 2019.

**ROBS WEBSITE** - [www.robsny.org](http://www.robsny.org). This award winning website gives you access to all things concerning the Brentwood School District. There are yearbooks, **ROBS** photos, archival material, a calendar of events, historical information and links to the state, local and Brentwood organizations.

**PROJECT HOPE** - Each year **ROBS**, again with your generous donations, adopts 2-3 families for the holiday season. We choose our applicants from a list supplied by Suburban Housing.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** - Associate membership is available to secretarial employees who retired before the **BTA/BCA** merger, administrators, operational supervisors, and others. These members have all the rights of **ROBS** members with the exception of holding office.

**RETIREE COUNCIL 21** - \$7 of your dues entitles you to membership in **RC21** and all their activities. You are required to belong to **RC21** in order to maintain your **NYSUT** benefits.

**RETIREE COUNCIL 43 (TRIF)** - If you are a permanent resident of Florida and want to join **RC43**, you must be affiliated with **ROBS**. **RC43** is a Florida-based **NYSUT** organization.

In addition to membership in **ROBS**, we urge you to consider a contribution to **VOTE/COPE**. **VOTE/COPE** tackles problems and issues facing educators still working as well as those of retirees. It was instrumental in obtaining a COLA added to the **TRS** and **ERS** pensions. You can sign up for an automatic deduction from your pension check.

I would like to express my appreciation to Adrienne Eastman who has stepped down from her position as vice president. She has been active her entire time in **ROBS**. She has served as **BCA** liaison, member of the editorial board, worked on scholarship selection and has assisted in the distribution of our Thanksgiving baskets. She has moved to the Moriches but will continue to contribute as a **ROBS** member. Again, thank you so much for your service.

Have a wonderful summer, and I'm looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

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Stories, ideas for stories or columns and news items are always welcome.

This newsletter is all about us.

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## IT'S ALL ABOUT US

**By Carmela Criscione**

Happy summer! So far it has been a partly sunny type of time, but the flowers are blooming, and the air conditioners don't need to be turned on.

Get well wishes go out to **Jim Nanos** who is recovering from a fall.

Sadly, we said goodbye to **Anne Binford** (Business/HS) and **Maureen Staley** (Phys Ed/North Middle) in April. **Bob Locherer** (Phys Ed) lost his wife, Kathy, in May and **Mark Kuebler** lost his mom. Barbara and **Mark Nizewitz** lost their daughter, Jessie, in May.

Sad to report the passing of **Jean Elardi** in December 2018. Jean was a secretary in several schools, but her last (and most loved) assignment was at the alternative high school.

Our condolences to everyone, and our thoughts are with you all.

**Steve Rochester** (SS/HS) was honored as the Senior Citizen of the Year by the Suffolk County Senior Citizen Advisory Board at its recent luncheon. Steve has volunteered his time five days a week for the past six years at the JYCC Senior lounge. He also volunteers teaching an American History class and is a volunteer assistant coach for the Brentwood High School basketball team.

**John Sherin's** Irish cousin, Maire Ros O'Rahilly visited in May while on a book tour. She has written a powerful book about the traumas she has incurred during her life, emotional, physical as well as eating disorders. She was at a book signing at the Book Revue in Huntington. The title of her book is *Time To Be Me*. It may not be a comfortable book to read, but it is honest and forthright. Kudos to someone honest and strong enough to face her demons.

Congratulations to **Valerie Vismale** for a wonderful end-of-the-year luncheon. It was held at

Patrizia's on Motor Parkway (the old Bertucci's). The food was delicious and endless. The sangria, wine and sodas plentiful. Great job!

Congratulations to **Paula Moore** on her re-election to the Board of Education.

Our best wishes and happy housewarming to **Adrienne Eastman** who is stepping down as Vice President. She has moved to the Moriches. It's quite a commute, and she's still settling in. She will remain a member, and we'll see her at meetings and social events. Good luck and thank you for your service to the members of **ROBS** and the Executive Board.

Check out the website, [robsny.org](http://robsny.org) for the latest video interviews on tap. Also check out the ANNOUNCEMENT page. There you will be advised of events and news in a more timely way since ours is a quarterly newsletter.

Remember, **IT'S ALL ABOUT US!**

## GOING, GOING, GONE! (Rescheduled)

Our November 1st general meeting will be a fun event. We will be hosting a Chinese Auction on as many "treasures" as are donated. There will also be a silent auction on some very special items. All proceeds will go the **ROBS** scholarship fund. Your generous monetary donations are always welcome, but this is a new way to support the scholarship fund.

**What kind of donations are we looking for?** What ever "treasures" you are no longer using because you've downsized or you're trying for a new look for your home. Gently used kitchen items, that impulse buy that has hung unworn for three years in the back of your closet, that "as seen on TV" gadget that sits in a drawer, gift cards for stores you don't shop in or restaurants you don't dine in, things like that. We already have some knick knacks which would look lovely in your home, wind chimes, "as seen on TV" items, (faux) jewelry - in other words, a little of this and little of that.

We are asking that you bring your donations in a little before our 10 a.m. meeting time so we can show them off to their best advantage.

**How does a Chinese Auction work?** Each item will be displayed with an index card giving it a description and number. There will be a bag/or cup in front of each item for you to place a ticket into. We will draw a ticket for each number, and then the happy winner will retrieve his or her treasure. Tickets will be sold at the door and on the floor.

We anticipate a lot of fun and laughter. Please join us on November 1st and bring a treasure for the auction with you. Remember, the proceeds are going to a very worthy cause - the **ROBS** Scholarship Fund.

**This meeting will take place at the American Legion Hall across the street from the Felicio Center at 10AM.**



## THE NEXT CHAPTER

by Marie Poppo

In 2014, I took on the responsibility of housing Hanyu, an international student from Beijing, China. He was a senior at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. I did not know what to expect, but what I have experienced in the five years since has been nothing but joy and happiness with the newest member of my family. The last you heard of Hanyu in the paper, he was graduating from St John the Baptist DHS and starting a new journey at St John's University in Queens. This past May, four years later, he graduated from SJU's College of Professional Studies with summa cum laude honors.

I was blessed enough to experience Hanyu's successes with him as he navigated through his college career. He often came home to me on weekends to update me on his academic achievements. He made sure to be present for all holidays and celebrations as well; he has matured into a true family man, enjoying his time with our relatives as much as I do. I think that an opportunity for home-cooked meals and laundry service was also enticing!

Although my family and I provided a lot of support for Hanyu, he constantly missed his parents and relatives back in China; he would call his mother every morning and every night. When he finished his year of university, he immediately hopped on a flight to China so that he could spend the summer with his family in Beijing. "Rha Rha," he said, "come to China! My family wants to meet you. They are enormously thankful for the love and support your family has shown me." But the thought of traveling that far to stay with people I had never met was too much. "Not this time Hanyu, maybe next year."

And this continued. He would return to China the next summer as well. And the summer after that. Always saying, "Rha Rha, my parents want to meet you. I want to show you my home! Please come visit."

Finally, I said yes. My eldest grand-

son, the one who first introduced Hanyu to me so many years ago, agreed to accompany me on my adventure east. We got our visa approved and in August of 2018, we boarded a direct flight to Beijing. Upon arrival, we had a "Rha Rha Welcoming Party" in the airport; his whole family showed up with flowers and signs. None of them spoke any English, so Hanyu had to interpret the for whole two weeks that we were there.

Our trip was spectacular. We stayed in the nicest hotels at night and his family guided us through the city during the day. Despite the language barrier, they showered us with gifts, food and love. They took us to some of the most significant cultural and historical sites in Beijing, such as the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square, the National Museum of China, the Great Wall, and the Summer Palace. We ate at some of the most exquisite restaurants -- I even ate Peking duck delicacies at the most famous duck restaurant in all of China, Quanjude (multiple US presidents have eaten there!)

The Summer Palace may have been my favorite part of the trip. We walked around the beautiful lake just before sunset. Hanyu's father took my arm and held me tight as we navigated the ancient walkways. We talked of nothing, but the bond we had was silently understood. He made sure to point out his favorite aspects of the palace, such as the bed of water lilies. He then took my photo in front of a 1,000 year old tree...almost as old as me, I joked! Hanyu interpreted and they laughed and retorted that I am not old, but wise!

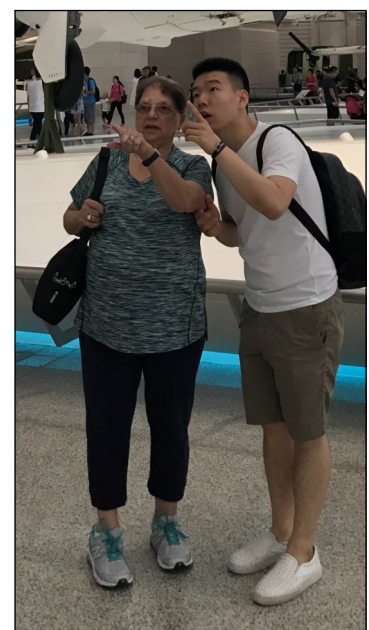
Additionally, my grandson, Hanyu and I took a three-day detour to the ancient capital of China, Xi'an. Hanyu had other relatives and family friends in this city as well; we enjoyed traditional Chinese cuisines with them such as puffer fish and paomo soup (famous soup enjoyed in the city of Xi'an, known for unleavened bread in lamb broth). We also took a three-hour guided tour of the Emperor Quin's burial complex. The terra cotta warriors guard his tomb day and

night. Each was more detailed than the next. The statues were modeled after real soldiers in Qin's army. Only about 3% of the tomb was been excavated.

I will remember my trip with my boys for the rest of my life. Although unnecessary, I believe that Hanyu was thrilled to be able to take care of me in the way that I have for him. He knows that he will be forever welcome in my home, and I know that I am in his. I had not even landed at JFK before he was asking me to return, this time to see Guangzhou and Shanghai.

I am so proud of Hanyu, but good things come to end. Now that he has graduated from SJU, he will be moving out of New York. Last month, he was accepted into the University College of London's Master of International Affairs program, a twelve-month rigorous academic challenge at one of the world's most prestigious universities. As I write this, he is preparing to move to the UK.

Maybe I will return to China, maybe I will not. Either way, Hanyu has provided a bright light in my life since the day that I met him. He plans to come HOME, back to New York, to stay with me for Thanksgiving. Until then, I will be missing him and wishing him nothing but the best.



Marie and Hanyu

## JUST LET ME GO SHOPPING AND NO ONE WILL GET HURT

by Carmela Criscione



As you can see from the photo, I embraced shopping at an early age. I come from a family full of shoppers.

My grandfather would come home from Chinatown with dragon tea sets, Capodimonte flowers from Little Italy, and sacks of vegetables from produce markets. Grandma believed in "one was good, two were better and three just right." My mom loved supermarkets. There were times when she closed the stores, the employees shutting the lights as she went from aisle to aisle.

Someone once asked me if I "shopped till I dropped." That's really an insult, because it's something only amateurs do. True professionals know how to pace themselves.

When I buy a new car, I do not ask about the engine, stereo, heated seats or any other option. The features are important of course, but I am only

interested in the size of the trunk.

I can recognize the words "sale", "clearance", "reduced" and "50% Off" in 39 languages. In a store, I immediately go the sale section. This is odd, because I have a terrible sense of direction and get lost frequently. The good news is I have found some wonderful places to shop...and sometimes I can even find them a second time.

Here are some tips that you can use on your own shopping expeditions. Keep a flexible attitude. You never know what you can find. Whether at home or traveling (even out of the country) check out grocery stores. They are a great source for condiments, jams, honey or cookies. Did you know that England has patterned boxes of tissues? Since they discontinued the colored Kleenex, ours have become so boring.

Think out of the box. On a trip to Italy about 30 years ago, Mom and I were jaded by all that wonderful food and wanted something completely different. We went to the Italian version of McDonald's in Venice (I know...how sick is that?) I asked in my terrible Italian for six hamburger boxes without the hamburgers. Puzzled, the waitress game them to me and

chalked it up to another crazy tourist. In the hotel room, I cut plastic bags into strips and made a nest for the delicate, fragile Venetian glass objects we had bought. I tied the boxes shut with longer strips. Everything was safe for the trip home. The next day the restaurant received many requests for empty boxes. All this was before the advent of the greatest invention of the 20th century -- bubble wrap.

If you are shopping with friends, give them colored dot labels so you can identify everyone's bags. All bags look alike in a trunk. Assign a time and meeting place. Always select a shoe store/department. Shoes and a place to sit, what else can you ask for?

I look at shopping as a patriotic duty which also stimulates the economy. Shopping is a 365-day, twelve-month-a-year adventure.

On Black Friday, while others are pushing, shoving and becoming overheated. I am wrapping presents while sipping a glass of wine.

When they put a mall on the International Space Station, I will be the first one there.

## SAVE THE DATE

Here are the meeting dates for the first half of 2019/2020.

We will be meeting at the Brentwood Library, lower level, at 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Hope to see you there.

- ♦ September 6 - New Retirees Welcome!
- ♦ October 4 -Program to be announced
- ♦ November 1 - Chinese Auction. Meeting to be held in the American Legion Hall across the street from the Felicio Center (see details on page 3)
- ♦ December 6 - Holiday Luncheon - Details to be announced

## **RC21 AWARDS LUNCHEON**

*By Carmela Criscione*

**RC21** held its annual luncheon on June 18th at the Timber Point Country Club. It was well attended with Brentwood having a table.

**RC21** was able to organize a journalism competition. They deserve a lot of credit for all the work that went into it. **NYSUT** has organized the competition for many years, and the locals had little input into the logistics of collecting entries, judging them and awarding the prizes.

Gloria Hannemann received the **BEST WEBSITE** award (very deservedly), and we also received an award for the article on the American Vet Dogs written by Connie Genaro and Adrienne Eastman. Congratulations to all.

We were also recognized for our **VOTE/COPE** donations with the Abel Blackman Certificate of Achievement.

In order to pursue topics of concern to retirees, the **VOTE/COPE** dollars are essential. You can do a pension check deduction. If you already contribute, thank you. If not, please consider it.

## **NEED A LITTLE HELP?**

The guest speaker at the **RC21** luncheon was Ani Shahinian from **NYSUT** Social Services. She is a wonderful resource if you, or a family member, need assistance. Her phone number is 800 341-9810. She spoke about the need to stay in touch with others. Research has shown that the biggest health threats to us are cancer, heart-related issues and loneliness. In this world of computers, tablets, cell phones and other electronics, it is easy to push aside the human connectiveness that we all need.

You all received your **ROBS** directories recently. Run your fingers through the lists and find someone you may have lost contact with or lives nearby and give them a call. Go to lunch!

## **IT IS THE 21st CENTURY**

Would you be interested in paying your annual **ROBS** dues via Paypal or other electronic means? It is safe, easy, and you don't have to write a check and forget to register it in your checkbook? Let us know how you feel about this.

## **WELCOME NEW RETIREES**

Our September 6th **ROBS** meeting will welcome the new retirees, and the **RC21** Luncheon will be held on October 29 at the Watermill. Randi Weingarten will be the guest speaker.

Our new retirees are:

**Leslie Bial** Pine Park/Speech  
**Howard Block** Sonderling/Art  
**Mary Bonardi-Sullivan** West Middle/Art  
**Janice Brown** Registration/Attendance  
**Kristine Chrappa** Oak Park/Elementary Ed  
**Alan Friedman** Ross/Psychologist  
**Lynne Gregory** West Middle/Science  
**Anne Gruenberg** Freshman Center/Special Ed  
**April Hamilton** Northeast/Elementary Ed  
**Joan Harney** Southwest/Elementary Ed  
**Maria Harrison** NMS/Freshman Center/Speech  
**Elizabeth Igeneri** Northeast/Elementary Ed  
**Nick Kaminsky** Oak Park/Elementary Ed  
**Dian Knoblach** Loretta Park/Elementary Ed  
**Louise Kruty** Senior Office Assistant/Purchasing  
**Steven Manzella** Computer Operator/Felicio Center  
**Marjorie Miranda** Twin Pines/ESL  
**Bonnie Jean Murphy** South Middle/Health

**Paula Ollendorf-Panarese** Twin Pines/Elem Ed  
**Milagros Pares** Office Assistant/South Middle  
**Kathleen Pisciotta** Northeast/Art  
**Lucille Purpura-Otto** Ross/ESL  
**Elizabeth Rahne** West Middle/Special Ed  
**Mary Ann Reed** Sr. Office Assistant/Ross  
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**Daniel Robinson** North Middle/Assistant Principal  
**Mildred Rosefort** East Middle/Guidance  
**Stephanie Sanzone** Twin Pines/Elementary Ed  
**Marianne Scifo** Pine Park/Speech  
**Jacqueline Welch** East Middle/Elementary Ed

A special shout out to **Sandra Thomas** (Senior Office Assistant/Human Resources) who retired in February and **Joe Matzelle** (Data Processing/ Administrator) who retired in the spring.





## FRIENDS OF AMERICA'S VET DOGS AUCTION

By Ronda Brooks



On May 4, 2018, **ROBS** member, Connie Gennaro had guest speaker, Cliff Miller, of Friends of America's Vet Dogs, speak at our monthly **ROBS** meeting. I felt this was such a worthy cause, that I invited Cliff to speak at the Veterans Day service at the Dix Hills Jewish Center in November of 2018. I also asked my good friend, John Welch to attend with his service dog, Onyx. John gave a presentation about his service to our country and the audience was enthralled.

Because of the interest generated by this event, a group of nine friends and I, along with Onyx, attended the Friends of America's Vet Dogs Auction Fundraiser that took place in Sayville on April 27th of this year.

More than 300 people attended and many more were turned away due to limited space. There were dozens and dozens of prize baskets

available. The program went on for about five hours and earned thousands of dollars for America's Vet Dogs. My friends and I spent a very enjoyable evening together, and I even ran into an old friend and his wife who I haven't seen since college! They are both very active in the Friends of America's Vet Dogs organization.

This amazing group provides funding to help train service dogs for veterans who have physical and/or emotional disabilities. You might remember a story in the news about Sully, the vet dog named in honor of Captain Chesley Sullenburger, the pilot responsible for the safe passenger plane landing in the Hudson River. Sully was the service dog provided to President George H. W. Bush by America's Vet Dogs prior to Mr. Bush's passing. Sully is now in service at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

For more info about America's Vet Dogs, please check out their webpage at [www.vetdogs.org](http://www.vetdogs.org) where you can make a donation. You can also donate locally to: **FRIENDS OF AMERICA'S VET DOGS**  
c/o Cliff Miller  
P. O. Box 18  
Bohemia, New York 11716-0018

Service dog, Onyx



Cliff Miller



More than 300 attendees



Ronda and friends

Ronda and long, lost friend, Dave Eilbert (after 45 years!)



## ROBS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED by Fern Sasso



**ROBS** Scholarship winners, left to right, Kaila Young, Kyara Gonzalez, Iris Canessa and Ariana Vargas.

I was proud and happy to award the 2019 scholarships to four Brentwood High School seniors who plan to make education their careers.

Kaila Young was awarded the \$1,000 Jack Zuckerman scholarship, Kyara Gonzalez received the Dorothy Zuckerman award. Iris Canessa was the recipient of the Lilian Kelly scholarship, and Ariana Vargas received the Sheila Sustrin award.

We received a note from Kaila Young, but she speaks for all of our scholarship award-ees. *"Thank you for helping me finance my future college education. It means so much to me that you gave me help to be able to pursue my dream career as a teacher. Thank you so much."*

Congratulations to all our awardees.



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There is a reason for the deadline in returning your membership forms and dues to us. First and foremost, we need your dues to complete many of the projects that we undertake for the year. Secondly, the Post Office has a policy that requires us to have a minimum of 200 pieces to send out a mailing. As of March 2019, we had only 229 pieces of the Directory to send to the membership. Printing the Directory is a costly benefit given to the membership and we need your cooperation to achieve this goal. The latest we have ever sent out a Directory was February, until this year. We did, eventually, send out 293 Directories. Carmen and I constantly check our list. We had as many as 14 people pay their dues twice! Likewise, people who fill out their forms incorrectly. Legibility shouldn't be a requirement, after all we were in the field of education. We are "brilliant" people, but we can't possibly know that you have moved, changed your email address, phone number or whether you chose to be in the Directory, unless you give us the pertinent information. This is a benefit that we may have to forego.

This year, send your dues and membership form on time or, better yet, early.

PS. Don't forget your check register.  
Phyllis Goodwin



**ROBS MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2019-2020**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Building \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement Year \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Month and day) \_\_\_\_\_

Include in Directory (Y or N) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Checks should be made out to **ROBS** with "Dues" written on the memo line and sent to:

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**Dues are \$25 and the deadline is October 31.**

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Thank you for your prompt return.