

# TEXANA TALKS



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## TEXANA SHARES EXPERTISE

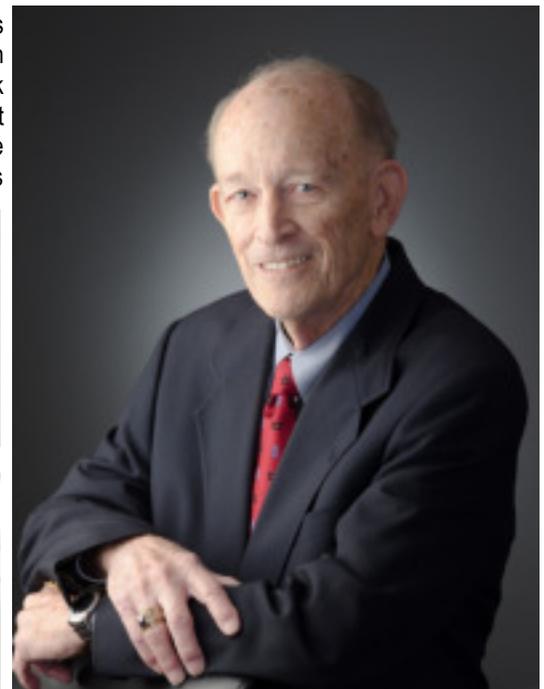
Texana Center recently hosted a presentation regarding pediatric food refusal and how it can become a feeding disorder. The presentation was broken up into the three common factors that contribute to pediatric food refusal; physiological, behavioral and skill. The speaker, Dr. Rinita Laud Roberts, a licensed clinical psychologist, reviewed the methods of assessment and treatment of food refusal. Over 40 people attended the presentation.



Trainings are available to Service Providers on a regular basis. To find out more visit Texana Center's website - [click here](#).

## J.C. WHITTEN RETIRES FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J.C. Whitten recently announced his retirement from the Texana Center Board of Trustees having served since Texana's inception since 1999. J.C. represented Fort Bend County on the board. He served on the Texas Council on Community Centers' Board and the Texas Risk Management Fund Board and with his knowledge was regarded as a real asset. Most recently he co-chaired the Texana Tee Off in 2012, 2014 & 2015 and in 2016 served on the Tee Off Committee raising over \$145,000 for Texana Center. J.C. also served on Crossroads Villas Board of Directors, which provides governance to the 12 unit apartment complex for people with behavioral healthcare issues. Everyone at Texana Center would like to wish J.C. a long and happy retirement!



# FULSHEARSTAR.COM DONATES TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

To celebrate the 2016 Fulshear Freedom Fest, Mark Connor, Owner of the Fulshear Star partnered with All State Artist, Chay Schmidt, to design and produce a special edition 4th of July T-shirt to celebrate Fulshear Freedom Fest. He then sold the t-shirts and donated half of the proceeds to Texana Center and the other half to benefit the victims of the Simonton Floods.

Mark recently stopped by to present a check for \$1,597.00 to go towards Texana's Capital Campaign to build a campus in Fulshear. We would like to thank Mark for all of his hard work with this t-shirt fundraiser and for this contribution to our campaign, we really appreciate your work!



*Pictured above Chay Schmidt's Design*



## YELLOW BRICK ROAD BRICK CAMPAIGN

The 'Yellow Brick Road Campaign' is raising funds for the capital campaign to build a Texana Campus in Fulshear. This is your opportunity to leave a legacy by purchasing a brick which will eventually be laid in a prominent area on this beautiful campus; knowing that you helped a child with autism or an adult with an intellectual disability to be one step closer to having a place where they can grow.

There are two sizes of bricks 4" x 4" at \$125 or 8" x 8" at \$250. We know it will be some time until we raise the \$12 million to make this campus a reality, so in the meantime, the adults in our Texana Décor & More Program have created replica bricks, so that you have a keepsake for your home or office when you purchase a brick.

Please show your care and leave your footprint on our campus and take us one step further down the yellow brick road to our \$12 million goal and home!

For more information visit: <http://www.thatsmybrick.com/texanacenter>



## FAREWELL TO A DEDICATED ART PROGRAM VOLUNTEER

Volunteers with the Texana Art Program hosted a farewell luncheon for Katinka Damoiseaux who will be moving overseas in the coming weeks. Katinka has been volunteering with the Rosenberg Learning Center Art Program since March 2013 and was very active in the program. There is no doubt that she will be greatly missed!

**If you are interested in volunteering please contact Andi Wallis Ph: 281.239.1427**



*Katinka Damoiseaux is pictured in the center of the front row*



# BRIDGE CLASSES ANNUAL GRADUATION

The Texana Children's Center for Autism Bridge Classes held their annual graduation and end of summer splash party recently. This Bridge Class Graduation was an extra special one as two of the graduates were the original Itsy Bitsy Bridge Class peer role models, having started in the program when they were 2 years old.

Texana's Bridge Class is an integrated preschool which comprises; children with an autism diagnosis and those without who act as peer role models. Texana Center currently has 3 bridge classes: Itsy Bitsy - 2 to 3½ years; Little Bridge - 3½ to 5 years; and Itty Bitty Bridge which is located at our Sugar Land campus. The Bridge Class program is designed to prepare the children in our autism program to be successful in mainstream schooling where they will have to respond to one instructor in a class full of students. The Bridge Class peers help them in learning to interact with others. While we will miss our students, we are always proud to see them graduate!



## TEXANA'S PARENTS' GROUP

Invites You to Meet  
State Representative District 26  
Rick Miller

**Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

at  
Texana's Learning Center  
West Campus, 4706 Airport Avenue, Rosenberg

**Social Time 6:00 PM**  
Cookies, Coffee & Punch

**Program 6:30 PM**  
Followed by Q & A Session

*With the next legislative session only a few months away, State Representative Miller will provide his thoughts on what the priorities will be. This is your opportunity to voice your thoughts, concerns and ask questions in regard to services for people with intellectual & development disabilities.*

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# 2016 CROSS CREEK RANCH SCARECROW FESTIVAL



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Here's a stellar enterprise, building a company Star Trek-themed scarecrow for the 7th Annual Scarecrow Festival! It's a tremendous opportunity to boldly go and promote your business to thousands of festival fans. Sponsorships are also available and are a great way to beam up new business. Winning entries will be featured on the Cross Creek website. Plus, we'll even throw in \$100 to help you launch your scarecrow.

To be a sponsor contact Claire Perrott  
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In FULSHEAR at FM1463 and FM1093

As reported in the last edition of Texana Talks, we have been chosen as one of the beneficiaries for the 5th Annual Cross Creek Ranch Scarecrow Festival. This fall celebration will also include carnival rides and games, live music, food trucks, children's activities and more, and it is open to the public with free admission. To learn more about the Scarecrow Festival visit [www.crosscreektexas.com](http://www.crosscreektexas.com). Hope to see you there!

## TEXANA RECEIVES \$60,000 FOR ABA TRAINING FOR TEACHERS

Texana Center was delighted to learn that we had been awarded a grant to provide applied behavior analysis (ABA) training for Teachers and Para-professionals. This training will be provided by Texana's Board-Certified Behavior Analyst staff. The grant was awarded by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and was a collaborative grant proposal with the University of Houston Clear Lake.

The University of Houston Clear Lake (UHCL), under the direction of Dr. Dorothy Lerman, has developed an intensive program in applied behavior analysis (ABA) techniques for teachers of children with autism and related disabilities. The week-long program, known as the "ABA Academy," focuses on the core components of ABA. Teachers will learn how to identify and use reinforcers effectively; how to prompt and fade prompts; how to manage problem behavior and how to monitor students' progress. Results from UHCL's pilot program indicated that the training model was successful in helping teachers' to obtain and use skills learned.

Texana will use the 'ABA Academy' model to provide intensive hands-on training to teachers and paraprofessionals on effective behavior analytic teaching practices for students with autism in both Lamar Consolidated, Fort Bend, and other local ISD's. The program's purpose is to ensure that all classroom staff is able to provide the most effective instruction possible for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and related disabilities.



The goal is for Texana Center to train 50 teachers and 100 para-professionals in a year who are, in turn, instructing a total of 168 students with ASD each year.

