

Welcome to the job of Historian!

It is your job to record a complete history of your PTA for the year in a package that will last for many years and be a reminder of the growth and changes in the school and your community. Each item entered into your scrapbook should be accompanied by a brief description of the item. You should have access to the previous school scrapbooks and you should make sure they are in a common area of the school – such as the library, or your PTA room. Perhaps in the beginning or at the end of the school year, even in the school office/reception area. You are the caretaker of the history of the school's PTA. Record PTA events only (no minutes, please) in the scrapbook. Remember that all recorded happenings should be in accordance with the PTA Mission and Objectives and be membership approved.

As Historian for your PTA, you should meet with your PTA President and get a calendar of any important dates or events. Make sure all members of your PTA Board know they should give you copies of invitations, flyers or awards during the course of the year. Give disposable cameras to other board members if you cannot attend an event or have them take digital pictures that can be sent to you in a file.

Choose a theme for your scrapbook, and follow this throughout. The 2007 TxPTA Membership theme was “Passport to Achievement,” and was featured in some of the 2007-8 scrapbooks. The 2008-9 Membership Theme is “**Be A Hero.**” Feel free to carry this theme throughout your book, or your PTA can develop its own. TxPTA logo's are available from the TxPTA website to download:

www.txpta.org/members/membership-logo.html

You may choose to partner with your school's Yearbook Coordinator and share photo's. Continually remind you President to keep you

informed of any changes to events. Review the local newspapers to find articles about your school. Clip, preserve and save for your book.

You may turn in your scrapbooks for judging at the PISD Council scrapbook competition in the spring of 2009. **The incoming Council Historian will set the date and time for this.** This will involve dropping off your book and leaving it for judging. Awards are certificates recognizing adherence to criteria. Additional awards have been given recognizing creativity. **Best of Show** winners of the 2008 scrapbook competition will go onto **Area 15** Historian judging in April 2009. The date/location of the Area 15 conference and scrapbook judging are usually set sometime in the summer/early fall. The reasons for the delayed judging are to give historians more time to complete their books and to facilitate recognition of the work and talent of the local historians.

There will be an informal coffee/ workshop after school resumes this fall to review criteria and share ideas. The Council sponsors this. Watch for dates when PTA calendars are published this summer!

Have a great time with this, don't feel you have to include every scrap collected, and don't feel you have to spend a lot of money. It is quite possible to have a book winning "*Highest Honors*" for under well under \$200.

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