



## Two New Officers Take Seats on the LETARC Board

During the monthly meeting held December 20th, annual elections were held for the LETARC Board of Directors/Officers. Two seats were vacated: Terry Johnson KG5WO's position as Secretary/Treasurer and Gary Lewis WG5L's position as Vice-President.

The three incumbent positions that were not contested were those of John Zenter AE5OY as President, Jim Rogers N5VGQ as Communications Director and Jim & Priscilla Quinn AJ1MQ/AA5PQ as Media Co-Directors.

With a number of write-in votes, there was one person able to assume the duties of Vice-President and he did not hesitate to step up to the plate and assume the position. Dan Dropka KG5EYN is now the Vice President.

In a hotly-contested race between Priscilla Quinn and Rich Fleming N3DNU for the position of Secretary/Treasurer, John Zenter announced that there was an exact tie for the office. Priscilla quickly conceded and offered her congratulations to Rich thereby avoiding a run-off vote. Having found himself to be the new Secretary/Treasurer, he was speechless.

Both Dan and Rich were assured by many in attendance that they would not be alone but would be given plenty of assistance and support so that they would be successful in their efforts. In addition, director guidebooks would be provided since all director positions have their own manuals describing the duties of each position.

Congratulations to Dan and Rich!

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### Club Officers for 2015

- President - John Zenter AE5OY
- Vice-President - Dan Dropka KG5EYN
- Secretary/Treasurer - Rich Fleming N3DNU
- Communications Director - Jim Rogers N5VGQ
- Media Co-Directors - Jim & Priscilla Quinn AJ1MQ & AA5PQ

### 2015 Dues...

Are payable in January and are \$25.00 per single membership; \$35.00 per family membership. Checks may be mailed to LETARC at the address on the last page of this newsletter.

## Highlights from 2014

January - D-Star antenna installed at repeater location at Dean Patterson KE5AVH's place.

February - D-Star footprint/coverage testing completed.

March - D-Star repeater is up and running providing good coverage between Marshall and the Tyler D-Star machine.

## Highlights from 2014 (continued)

April - Spring Tailgate Sale hosted by LETARC/LUARC a huge success, and the I-20 Corridor of Amateur Radio Clubs meets for the first time.

May - 146.64 repeater is back on the air after lengthy service outage.

June - Field Day is quiet, but an overall success.

August - Company picnic! Great weather, good turnout!

December - Elections result in new VP and Secretary/Treasurer

## VE Session Report

John Zenter AE5OY, LETARC President and VE Team Liaison reports that our own Rich Fleming N3DNU successfully attained his Extra Class license at this month's VE Session held on December 20th at LeTourneau University. Congratulations, Rich! Well done!

## Dinner Gathering at Jason's Deli in Longview



This month's Informal Dinner Gathering is at Jason's Deli. As always, the gathering is held on the first Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Details on these events may be found in two places; our club website at [www.letarc.org](http://www.letarc.org) under the Calendar tab and on the Yahoo Groups page at [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/letarc](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/letarc) under the events tab. Email

reminders are sent by the Yahoo system five or six days ahead of each event, and again one day prior to it. If you are not a member of the Yahoo Groups page simply go to the page and click the "Join" button and once approved, you will get the reminder emails. You don't have to be a club member to join the Yahoo Group.

## Attention VE Team Members:

If you are on the VE Team and we have not taken a new photograph of you for the congratulatory greeting cards that we send out to the newly licensed (or upgraded) hams, please let us know so that we may take a new one for the card redesign. Drop us a line at [letarcnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:letarcnewsletter@yahoo.com).

## Upcoming Events

June 12-13th                      HamCom at the Irving Convention Center                      (www.hamcom.org)

*Note: If you are aware of any upcoming events and wouldn't mind sharing the information with us so that we may include it in this newsletter (as well as on the net and in the online calendars) please drop us a note at [letarcnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:letarcnewsletter@yahoo.com). Thanks! Jim & Priscilla*

## Suggestions for Activities

John Zenter AE5OY says that we are still open to suggestions from club members for club participation in any sort of community activities to provide communications services. Some activities may include fun-runs, parades, walk-a-thons, bicycle rallies and the like. Please send your ideas/suggestions to [letarcnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:letarcnewsletter@yahoo.com), and they will be forwarded to the club's board of directors.

## *How I Got into Ham Radio..*

*Unfortunately we did not have a submission from anyone this month. If you would like to share your own story of how you got into ham radio, please do! Send it to [letarcnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:letarcnewsletter@yahoo.com).*

### **Next Meeting:**

Saturday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m.  
American Red Cross Building in Longview  
Northeast quadrant of the intersection of Hwy 31 and Loop 281

### **Next VE Session:**

Saturday, January 17th at 2:00 p.m.  
LeTourneau University Glaske Building for Science & Technology

(For complete details see the calendar listings at [www.letarc.org](http://www.letarc.org))