



# C-FB RSPA

Carrollton-Farmers Branch Retired School Personnel Association

Summer 2020



## From the President's Pen

Della Swaim

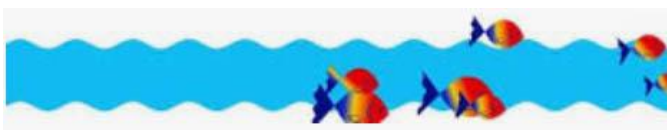
We have missed you! Have you missed us? I hope so! **Because** we have missed seeing all of you, we decided to try to contact as many of you as possible by phone in the past few weeks just to check to see how you are doing. It takes a long time and a lot of people to contact 380 people!

If we didn't get in touch with you, there must be a reason! Either you didn't answer your phone or email, OR there is something wrong with the contact information C-FB RSPA has for you. We found out that some of you had been ill, some had passed on, and many of you had not sent Judy Carey your new email and/or phone numbers.

The main thing we found out from contacting you is that you, like we, are HUNGRY for human contact! We know it will not be the same as seeing everyone in person, but we are going to have a ZOOM virtual meeting on **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.** We will have an abbreviated meeting with a speaker, lasting about an hour. See Lyn Abercrombie's article on page 2 about Zoom.

Please plan to 'attend.' It is a great chance for those of you who live far away or have had difficulty attending our luncheons to see your friends and colleagues! AND we will LOVE seeing you again!

The September newsletter will arrive about a week before our Zoom meeting on September 16, and the email will have the link/code you'll need in order to 'attend.'



## 2020-2021 Programs

Pat Enlow

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Programs),  
Children's Book Project, Publicity,  
Member TRTA District 10 Legislative Committee



Hello, everyone!

I have really enjoyed talking and emailing with those members I've checked on during these unusual times. I am SO happy to hear that the majority of our membership is doing well. Gardening, reading, quilting, walking, short drives, trying out new recipes, and FaceTime or Zoom meetings with friends and family seem to be the most popular activities. Some of you have taken up new hobbies and even expanded your circle of friends through Zoom and FaceTime.

**Programs** We will meet via Zoom through December. C-FB RSPA Board will evaluate what form our meetings will take, beginning in February, using government guidelines, TRTA recommendations, and what is best for our membership as we move into 2021.

Our programs will be a little different this year to accommodate our Zoom meetings, but you will still find them timely, entertaining, and informative. It is also an opportunity for those of you living out of our area and those who cannot ordinarily attend meetings to 'attend' these meetings and see old friends. I hope you will take advantage of this unusual circumstance, because we miss you!

I am still working on speakers and SO appreciate those of you who responded to the RSPA Survey in May with your suggestions and positive feedback.

## 2020-2021 Meeting Dates

September 16, 2020  
October 21, 2020  
December 16, 2020  
February 17, 2021  
April 21, 2021  
May 19, 2021

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## Zoom Online Meetings

Lyn Abercrombie, Tech Chair



Our meetings this Fall will all be via Zoom as online meetings.

**In order to participate in a Zoom meeting, you will need** either **(A.)** a computer/laptop with a speaker (so you can hear) and microphone (needed only if you will want to ask a question), **(B.)** a tablet/iPad or “smart” cell phone (these always come with a camera and microphone), or **(C.)** a flip phone or a regular house phone.

If you are using Methods A or B above, when I email the link/code for the Zoom meeting, you will want to click on the link ahead of time and it will prompt you to download the Zoom app. Then, your device will be ready for the actual meeting.

If you have done Zoom before, at the meeting time you will simply click on the link or input the code.

If you will be participating by Method C—using a simple telephone—you will simply call a number (which I will provide), listen to the prompts and input the info I’ll be giving you next month, then you will be able to hear everything that is said, you’ll be able to ask a question, but you will NOT be able to see anything.

Be aware that everyone at the Zoom meeting can hear if your dog barks or your TV is on in the background, or if a family members asks you a question. **Plan to Mute yourself** unless you have something to say (then, you would un-mute yourself).



If you have questions, please call/text me, Lyn Abercrombie, at 214-603-3314 or email me at [lyn2don@yahoo.com](mailto:lyn2don@yahoo.com).



## News from the Treasurer

Judy Carey, Treasurer

### REMINDER: PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2020-2021

These are certainly different times we are all going through. I hope you are all doing well. State and local dues are something you usually pay when you attend a meeting. Now that we are not meeting in person, the only way to pay is by mail.

If you have not paid your dues for 2020-2021, please do so soon. You can make a check out to C-FB RSPA in the amount of \$45.00 for state and local dues or a check for local in the amount of \$10.00. Mail to me, **Judy Carey**, at **975 Laguna Drive, Coppell TX 75019**. Many members have their state dues taken out of their annuity or by bank draft. If that is you, please consider paying your local dues.

If you have a question about whether you have paid, contact me by email, [judy.carey@verizon.net](mailto:judy.carey@verizon.net) or call me at 214-498-9867.

When paying dues, please verify that all the information that we currently have for you is up to date. We have been trying to contact members just to check on them and their families. and we’ve found that several phone numbers are not working numbers. If you have recently dropped your landline and only use your cell phone, and/or if you have a new address, let me know.

Put those dues in the mail to me now while you are thinking about it. Thanks for being a member of C-FB RSPA. Stay safe!

### Our June Board meeting, via Zoom!





## Membership

VP for Membership  
Lori Smith and Lori McCall



### ALL ABOARD THE TRTA EXPRESS!

Hi friends! We have a new logo and theme for our TRTA 2020-2021 membership kickoff. Using this theme of trains let us keep in mind that even though we all have to be in our own "cars" right now, all those cars are connected together! Let's celebrate that fact by reaching out to each other and staying in touch! The Board members have been trying to check on all our members and encourage them during this crazy time.



We are also attempting to reach out to our newest retirees through emails, phone calls and postcards. If you know anyone who has recently retired, tell them about our C-FB RSPA or send their name and email to Judy Carey or me, Lori Smith, at [lbs5619@gmail.com](mailto:lbs5619@gmail.com), 214-223-1218.

I'm also reminded of one of my favorite kindergarten stories, *The Little Engine That Could*. Hopefully we are all s-l-o-w-l-y making it up to the top of the hill and keep on telling ourselves, "I think I can.....I think I can.....!" YES! We can make it and we will crest that hill soon and head back downhill to see one another and get back to business.

Please reach out to any friends you know who might enjoy being a part of our group. We need to keep our membership growing and our voice strong in Austin. Stay safe!

## Welcome to our New Members!

Jamie Smith

Karen Schultz

## Sunshine

Kathy McWhorter

Please notify me if you know of a member who is ill or needs a note of encouragement!

[kathymcwhorter@verizon.net](mailto:kathymcwhorter@verizon.net)



## List of Recent Retirees

This is the **list of recent retirees** of which we are aware. If you know any of them or are aware of anybody who is not on the list, please contact them to say "Congratulations!" and then tell them about C-FB RSPA. Let us know whom you contact! **Personal contact is always the best.** I have marked in red the retirees who have already joined. Just tell those, "Welcome and Congratulations" and invite them to join our September Zoom meeting! Thanks for your help!

Ammor, Jill Marlene	Moreno, Shelley R
Amparan, Marina	Morgan, Martha D
Barber, Kathryn Theresa	Murphey, Barbara S
Basel, Bridgit M	Neuenschwander, Martha
Beard, Clarence Asel	Ngang, Sreng Kim
<b>Bell, Thomas D</b>	Nguyen, Betu V
Bluth, Alisa H	Nguyen, Maria
Broadwell, Katherine A	Nguyen, Phi H
Brown, Jacqueline E	Ohm, Estela
Burns, Elizabeth A	Parker, Dandrea L
Bussey, Shelley E	Paulvin, B Lynn
Caperton, Janice L	<b>Payne, Carolyn A</b>
Carr, Lloyd L	Pha, Oeun K
Castilla, Jorge I	Pha, Thyren
Chhay, Vannara	Phaling, Carol J
Claes, Jane H	<b>Pippin, Vicki J</b>
Clark, Sharon S	Poff, Vicky S
Condron, Debra T	Rodriguez, Samuel Costilla
Crowder, Darrell R	Salazar, Raul C
Crowder, Patricia G	<b>Schultz, Karen Anne</b>
Dodson, Martha E	Scrivner, Sharon A
Farr, Patricia A	Shanafelt, Martha P
Faust, Anita F	Shepherd, Anita L
Felber, Gretchen L	Silva, Jose G
<b>Freis, Donna</b>	Sisco, Deborah Claudia
Garcia, Susie	<b>Smith, Jamie M</b>
Good II, Robert O	Som, Nuth
Hutson, Karen Denise	Stephenson, Dave L
Illescas, Rebeca	Thompson, Mitzi G
<b>Kent, Sandra S</b>	Thrasher, Linda S
Kinchloe-Skinner, Ann M	Trulsson, Kent
<b>Kockritz, Kim W</b>	Von Springer, Sarita M
Kozar, Paul M	Walker, Evelyn D
Lenton, Patti Sue	West, John T
Lummus, Melinda S	Whiting, Adrienne Marie
Martuscello, Lee A	Wise, Debra L
Mehnert, Lori L	Wood, Leslie L
Miller, Eddie Percy	Woods, Geneva

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## Legislative Report

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Oh, my, what an important election we have coming up November 3<sup>rd</sup>! Your vote counts, so I hope you are planning to vote in person or Ballot by Mail.

**Tim Lee, Executive Director of TRTA, will be our speaker on October 21** via Zoom. I am not sure what format he will use, but **please send questions you may have for him to [patenlow@verizon.net](mailto:patenlow@verizon.net)** and I will forward them to Tim ahead of time so that he can include answers during the meeting. He is THE BEST source of information on all things having to do with state and Federal legislative issues and the upcoming election plus our pension and health care. We will be changing our health care provider in January, 2021.

### Important dates:

**\*October 5, 2020, is the last day to register to vote!**

**October 13-30 is Early Voting by Personal Appearance.**

**\*October 23 is the last day to apply for Ballot by Mail.**

**November 3 is the last day to vote using Ballot by Mail (postmarked Nov. 3).**

**November 3 is General Election Day Voting by Personal Appearance.**

Go to <https://www.votetexas.gov>

- to find out if you are registered to vote.
- to register to vote.
- to apply for a Ballot by Mail if you are 65 or older on Election Day (November 3), have a disability, will be out of the county November 3 and during Early Voting, or if you are in jail, but otherwise eligible to vote.

**To find voter information specific to your county**, enter **(your county) Texas voting information** in your search engine. Here are a couple:

<https://www.dallascountyvotes.org>

<https://www.votedenton.com>

Click on link below for answers to frequently asked questions including **what to do if you have changed your address:**

<https://www.votetexas.gov/mobile/voting/faqs.htm>



## Directory

Lyn Abercrombie, Tech Chair

Have you gotten rid of your landline? Please let me know your new phone number so our Directory will be correct: [lyn2don@yahoo.com](mailto:lyn2don@yahoo.com)

In July your C-FB RSPA Board attempted to call each of you just to say Hi and make sure you were ok. For some of you we discovered that your phone number had been disconnected.

I will be sending out our Directory soon and asking you to review it to make sure all your information is correct.

As always, I welcome any updated photos of yourself that you would prefer be shown in the Directory.

### Our Web Address has Changed!

Our C-FB RSPA website has helpful information and photos!



**The new address is**  
**[cfbrspa.atwebpages.com](http://cfbrspa.atwebpages.com)**

## Volunteer Hours

Kay Edmondson



Even in this time of pandemic, I know many of you are still volunteering—though possibly in unusual ways. Please remember to keep track of your volunteer hours. Even making well-check phone calls counts.

Hours are counted from January 1 to December 31, 2020.

You can report your hours to me monthly, or in a grand total at the end of the year. My email is: [mce60@verizon.net](mailto:mce60@verizon.net). Thank you!