

C-FB RSPA Newsletter

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Letter from the president, Lee Nitcholas

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall weather. It was a perfect Indian summer day when we went on the November field trip to the Bush Presidential Library and Museum. We were all duly impressed with the interesting exhibits highlighted by an exact replica of the oval office and the famous Rose Garden. Everyone had their picture made sitting at the iconic Kennedy desk and I must say we all looked very presidential. We had had wonderful time going through the multimedia and interactive exhibits and will have to make another trip to the museum to finish viewing everything. Lunch at the on-site restaurant was delicious and included a Laura Bush sighting! Our field trips are always special and this one was especially so!

We are looking forward to our December meeting at CHRISTUS St. Joseph Village in Coppell. We have a lovely meal and exciting entertainment planned and of course we will enjoy visiting with our colleagues! Dr. Bobby Burns, C-FB superintendent of schools, will be our guest and introduce our entertainment.

New this year is a service opportunity: we will be accepting donations of food and paper goods to the Metrocrest Service Center and Judy Thurman will take them there after the meeting.

Don't miss this holiday meeting... See you in December!

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Membership and More

Linda Bambina, VP for Membership

Happy Holidays to all!

We had a very healthy 50+ turnout for our meeting in October. Della Swaim is still my champion in the **“Each One, Bring One”** yearly campaign. Thank you, Della. Special “welcome-backs!” go out to Kay Crawford, Ginny Biggs, Marsha Hill, Kaye Bourne, Irene Simpson and Janet Truett

For our December meeting we will meet on the 11th (the second Wednesday, not the third), and we will meet at CHRISTUS St. Joseph Village, 1201 E. Sandy Lake Rd in Coppell rather than our regular location in Farmers Branch. We met at this very accommodating location last year for the first time. It has a large and very beautiful dining room which will be completely decorated for Christmas. ***Read below about our very special two-part musical program that Beth Sargent has arranged.*** We will have our **Social Time at 11** and then start lunch at 11:30. St. Joseph's is giving us an “over-the-top” lunch (Chef Greg will be serving customized choices from a Pasta Bar!) for our regular \$7 per person fee. This is a very exceptional price just for us, I assure you.

The one “difficulty” is the parking situation. Please park only in UNCOVERED locations. The covered parking spots are reserved. Many of the parking spots are closer to the Assisted Living door rather than the front (Welcome Center) entrance, but all hallways connect, so any entrance door is fine. When you drive in, look to the RIGHT, there are really no close places on the other side of the building. I would suggest car-pooling if at all possible.

We are half-way thru our “year.” Please mark your 2014 calendars for our other meetings: Feb. 19, April 9 (meeting very early because of the State Convention) and May 21.

Please, please remember to RSVP ASAP!

December Program- from Beth Sargent

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

You are in for a real treat Dec. 11. The Ranchview High School Orchestra (31 students) will be performing some Christmas classics as well as accompanying the Ranchview Choir (35 students) on one piece. These groups are made up of Freshman through Seniors and compete at a Varsity level. This will be a very promising holiday program.

FROM JUDY THURMAN

We will be collecting items to donate to the Metrocrest Food Pantry at the December meeting. Items most needed are:
Cake and muffin mixes
Box dinners
Cleaning supplies
Paper towels
Shampoo (all sizes)

Bring your donations to the meeting on the 11th, they will be collected and taken to Metrocrest after the meeting.

Book Project News

As December is almost upon us, we were reminded by former Book Project Chairpeople that at past Christmas parties many of our members have so thoughtfully donated money equal to their number of years in education. For example, if you were in education for 27 years you might wish to donate 27 dollars to the C-FB RSPA Book Project. We will have a collection area set up at the December meeting/party for those of you who would like to do so. Remember that all money collected goes toward providing a book for each child at the selected schools for this year.

Thanks for your generosity!

Gail and Carrie

Field Trip News

We had such a good time at the George W. Bush Presidential Center on November 13! Some of our favorites - the portrait of Laura made of banana peels, Decision Points where we compared our decisions to those GWB had to make, and our lunch at Cafe 43 with Laura Bush! Well, sort of - she did come into the restaurant while we were there!

You are going to love

our next field trip!

When: Wednesday, January 22, 2014
1:00 - 4:00 pm

Where: Painting with Influence
1014 Broadway, Carrollton

What: You will create your very own 16" X 20" acrylic painting!
NOPE, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO
BE AN ARTIST AND NO
EXPERIENCE REQUIRED -

Cost: just a willingness to have fun!
\$39 with all materials,
EASY instructions, drinks,
and snacks provided

How: Sign up at our December 11th
RSPA meeting or contact Pat Enlow
at 972.393.8662 or
patenlow@verizon.net

-Pat and Della, your field trip Mavens!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF C-FB RSPA

Judy Carey, Treasurer

I know I say the same thing in every newsletter but TIME IS RUNNING OUT to pay your state and local dues for 2013-2014. We start our membership drive for 2014-2015 on March 1, 2014. If you do not pay your dues, you will be an inactive member of TRTA. To have **any insurance** such as dental, vision, long term care, etc. through TRTA you **must be an active** member of TRTA. If you are not sure if you have paid for 2013-2014, please call (972-393-2956) or email me (judy.carey@verizon.net) and I can check for you.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR STATE AND LOCAL UNIT

You can mail dues to Judy Carey, 975 Laguna Drive, Coppell, TX 75019. Make out a check to C-FB RSPA for \$35.00. That includes \$25.00 for state dues and \$10.00 for local dues. You can also pay your dues at our December meeting.