

C-FB



Letter from the president, Lee Nitcholas

Looks like we will have a beautiful fall season! The weather is cooling off, the Texas State Fair is in full swing and we are looking forward to seeing everyone at Saint Joseph's in Coppell this month. Their chef will be preparing a delicious meal for us and we will enjoy it in a lovely setting. Over sixty people attended our first meeting and we expect even more to be in attendance this month.

Nine of our members plan to represent C-FB RSPA at the District X Convention in Frisco in a few days. We are pleased to be chosen to present the Memorial Ceremony that honors members from the north Texas area who have passed away over the last year. Interestingly, when we looked at our own records we found that we lost no one. I think this may be a first for us. A big "Thank you!" goes out to Linda Bambina, Barbara Hunt, Beth Sargent, Pat Enlow, Della Swaim, Janet Truett, Kay Justus and Gail Vrana for giving their time and talents to attend!

See you at St. Joseph Village!...
Lee

From Vickie Barkley—October program

Paul Stafford, the democratic candidate for the Texas House District 115 will be our speaker



With the challenges facing our educational, health care, economy, and environment; we invite you to come hear where Paul Stafford stands on these and other issues. The November elections will be here soon and this is a great opportunity to get to know the candidate. You may remember that Matt Rinaldi, the republican candidate, spoke to us last May.

Paul is a litigation attorney and founding partner of Stafford Law Firm, PC in North Dallas. His BS in Political Science is from Texas A&M and his JD law degree is from Texas Tech. He is the past president of the Dallas Bar Association. He serves as a board member at the Carrollton Library and the Farmers Branch Business Community Advisory Board as their chair. He is the father of three, and is also a volunteer to Big Brothers and Sisters. Paul is a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Farmers Branch.

Membership and More

Linda Bambina, VP for Membership

What a great way to start our new year...with a full house (60+), a great program and new members! Welcome to Mary Eisemann Eaker a special friend to President Lee Nitcholas, Lani Mango, guest of Sandy Flores and to Linda Frith, guest of Carol Latshaw and Dick Scoggin, "special friend" to Pat! I so appreciate "**every one who brings one!**" Thank you.

It's a good time to tell you all that I appreciate ALL of you who RSVP and really come!!! Our Treasury thanks you, too. (*We pay for your meals, folks, even when you no-show.*)

I will be bringing our new 2014-15 Directory to our Oct. 15th meeting at CHRISTUS-St. Joseph Village. Bethany Candelaria, the Marketing Event Coordinator at this retirement village, has graciously agreed to give us an amazing meal at the very reasonable price of \$10. She has also agreed to allow us to park under the canopies near the apartment homes as well as in any of the lots around this facility. But parking is still a bit of an issue, so carpooling is encouraged. You can also come in the door marked "Assisted Living Entrance" and I'll have signage to get you to the front area where we'll be visiting before we go into the dining room. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of old friends like we did in September (Hi, Suzi! Hi, Mark!)

Two more important follow-ups needed;

1. Here are the specifics from Bert Alexander, the minister at WC Church of Christ, about his involvement in a community connection that he has created with Janie Stark Elementary students after school. He is looking for people to join him and his mini-team of volunteers who

go over to Stark at 3:00-4:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays to sit at the tables in the Teacher's Lounge in a one-on-one situation with some young students who will read to you out of library books, I think it is. Snacks are provided and then you simply listen to them read and help them with the words they don't know. If you want to visit with them about what they understand about what they read, that's fine, but mostly you just listen, smile and encourage this little kid that you see over and over....that's the IMPORTANT part. You need to come often enough, that a connection of some kind is created with "your" child. Please contact Bert if you have questions or would like to become part of this group. (bert@webbchapel.org)

2. There are 4 spaces left in the PhotoStory Class that I am teaching on Tuesday, October 21 from 9:30-noon at the TLC. Love to hear from you!

Please note:

*I have a NEW email, so please amend that in
your contact information→
lindabambina42@gmail.com*

Gail Schwamb and Carrie Bodle

Book Project News

After determining which schools have received books from our group within the last four or five years, we have come up with a list of schools that will receive books from the book project this year:

McLaughlin/Strickland
Rainwater
Rosemeade
McKamy

The total number of books we need is just over 2,000. Just like last year, each child will receive a new book. Gail is already busy ordering from Scholastic. If you are familiar with Scholastic you know that with each order you receive bonus points. The bonus points enable us to order many more books than would otherwise be possible. Also, each month Scholastic features several book selections for only one dollar. We order multiple copies of those books which is a huge help.

Please consider donating any amount you wish to this endeavor. A basket will be on the table at each meeting for donations.

If you would like to help us begin to sort and box the books we've received so far, please plan to meet at the TLC after our October meeting. We will sort the books by grade level. The address of the TLC is: 2427 Carrick St., Farmers Branch, TX 75234.

From our treasurer, Judy Carey

Thanks to all of you that have paid your state and local dues. If you have already paid, you do not have to read this section of our newsletter. For members that have not paid, you will be receiving a second notice from TRTA in October to renew your membership. If you have any question about your dues, please contact me by email, judy.carey@verizon.net or by calling me at 972-393-2956. Please consider paying your state and local dues now. Not only does TRTA need your support by paying your state dues but C-FB RSPA needs your support by paying your local. I have mentioned many times before how your \$10.00 local dues supports our organization. We would not have C-FB RSPA if it wasn't for your local dues.

Also, remember you do have to pay state and local dues to be an active member.

You can mail your dues to Judy Carey, 975 Laguna Dr., Coppell, TX 75019 or bring your dues with you to a meeting. Just make your check out to C-FB RSPA in the amount of \$45.00 (\$35.00 for state dues and \$10.00 for local).

Look forward to seeing you at the October meeting.

Upcoming Fieldtrips:

Oct 21- PhotoStory Class with Linda Bambina

Nov. 4-US Bureau of Engraving and Printing Tour in Fort Worth and lunch

No cost for the tour

Check our our website:

<http://www.localunits.org/CFBRSPA>

It has all kinds of information about our local unit



Our leadership team for 2014-2015