

September Program

Pat Enlow, Program Chairman



Come one, come all to hear the always entertaining and straight-talking **Bill Barnes, TRTA Legislative Committee Coordinator** at our **September meeting on the 16th at Webb Chapel Church of Christ**. He will give us the latest on Texas Legislative issues concerning teachers (retired and active). Hopefully, he will also update us on the national legislative issue concerning the repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) that reduces the Social Security payout that some of us have earned. (I hope you are calling our U.S. Senators and Representative to let them know that you want WEP repealed!)

In the survey that you handed in at the May meeting, the majority of respondents wanted programs that informed and entertained. Bill usually fulfills both! If you have any questions concerning legislative issues affecting educators, please have them ready.

Hope to see you at the September meeting! Social time begins at **11 a.m.** with lunch and our program beginning at 11:30 a.m.



The Food Pantry

Florida Jossell



Welcome back. I pray your summer was an enjoyable one.

The Food Pantry is very appreciative to you for your generous donations in May. AWESOME!!!! Please try to have your September donations at the meeting by 11:20 a.m. Your generosity is needed and very much appreciated.

Letter from the president, Lee Nitcholas

The days seem to be a little cooler and school is back in session. How nice we can relax with a cup of coffee and something to read or a crossword at 8:30 in the morning. And the work we do is that of our own choosing. How liberating!

Your Executive Board met in June and made plans for a great new year. There will be interesting programs and fun field trips as well as great food and good friends to see. We look forward to seeing everyone September 16 at Webb Chapel Church of Christ at our first general meeting. Della and Judy T. have a great meal planned!

Our big focus as an organization this year will be to see HR 711 pass in order to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). If HR 711 passes our members who qualify will receive a significant increase in their monthly annuity. Contact your friends, family and co-workers across the nation to ask their Congressmen to support HR 711.

We are so appreciative of our own Texas Legislators for their actions that resulted in continued, affordable health insurance last spring. Our State and District Officers, along with Tim Lee and staff, send us their thanks for our part in getting the needed legislation passed. Our phone calls, emails, visits and participation in Red Letter Day in Austin made a difference. District X State Legislative Committee member, Tonna Duke spoke in Garland recently and said your action was integral to our success. Thank you for your efforts!

By the way, have you read the latest issue of *The Voice*? Notice any familiar faces in the photos? Our delegates are in a couple of the state convention pictures. One of those was taken on Red Letter Day so finding us in the picture is something like finding Waldo.

See you soon at the church for our first meeting of the year!

Meeting dates for 2015-2016

September 16 – Webb Chapel Church of Christ, Farmers Branch

October 21 – Christus St. Joseph Village, Coppell

December 9 – Christus St. Joseph Village, Coppell

February 17 – Webb Chapel Church of Christ, Farmers Branch

April 20 – Christus St. Joseph Village, Coppell

May 18 – Webb Chapel Church of Christ, Farmers Branch

Membership and You

Della Swaim, VP for Membership

As you know, I am new to this position and certainly will have a hard time filling the footsteps of our beloved Linda Bambina. SO, if I miss something or you think of something you think I need to know, please do not hesitate to call me.

I titled this with “You” in the title because I feel that each of us is in charge of maintaining a strong organization and sharing the fellowship and benefits we have at TRTA and C-FB Retired School Personnel with our friends and colleagues. **(And the fun!)**

SO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Anyone who receives a pension from TRS is welcome in our chapter as a full member, and anyone else who is interested, (family member, friend, or colleague from the private schools) is welcome as an Associate Member as long as dues are kept current.

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We are going to have some great luncheons, split between two wonderful locations: the Webb Chapel Church of Christ in Farmers Branch and CHRISTUS St. Joseph’s Retirement Village in Coppell. Pat Enlow has planned some informative programs for us, Judy Thurman and the “lunch bunch” are working on the menus for delicious food, and Beth Sargent is planning exciting fieldtrips. See you on September 16th at Webb Chapel Church of Christ.

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One more thing. At this meeting there will be a form for you to give us any changes in your personal information. We are planning an updated yearbook soon.



Don't fall behind in paying your dues for 2015-2016

Judy Carey, Treasurer

It's me again reminding all members who have not paid their dues to please do so soon. Over the summer I have sent out emails to members who had not paid and most were grateful for the reminder. So far, we have had 216 members pay their state and local dues for 2015-2016. Dues are \$35.00 for state dues and \$10.00 for local. You can make out one check to **C-FB RSPA** in the amount of **\$45.00**. If you are unable to attend our September meeting, you can always mail your dues to me at 975 Laguna Dr., Coppell, TX 75019. If you have questions about your dues, either email me at judy.carey@verizon.net or call me at 972-393-2956.

There are many members who pay their state dues out of their annuity or by bank draft, so if you can, please support C-FB RSPA by paying your local dues of \$10.00. **Your local dues stay with C-FB RSPA to help run our organization.** Your local dues help pay for many things including the programs at our meetings, printing of brochures and the contact cards used to recruit new members, door prizes, our Book Fund so we can purchase books to donate to elementary schools in our district, and donations to Texas Retired Teachers Foundation. We do put your \$10.00 to good use.

If any member has retired recently, please let me know. When you joined our organization and were still working, you were signed up as an “associate member.” If you retired and started receiving your annuity from TRS, you are then changed to a “member.”

If you are interested in viewing the **Treasurer's Report**, it is posted on our C-FB RSPA webpage at localunits.org/CFBRSPA. Click on “Treasurer's Report.” **Also our proposed budget for 2015-2016 is posted there.** Please take a look at this proposed budget. We will be voting on it at our September meeting.

Look forward to seeing you at the September meeting.

Field Trips

Beth Sargent, Suzi Urban and Terri Grimes

Mark your calendar for four fun-filled field trips:



November 11, Wednesday -

Reunion Tower GeO-deck--the renovated observation deck--with lunch at the tower's Cloud Nine Café.

December 2, Wednesday - Lone Star Christmas at the Gaylord Texan Resort with lunch at Riverwalk Cantina.

January TBA - Taste Testing taping. Encore presentation by popular demand! We will return to the Sub-Zero Showroom to attend a taping of the popular "Taste Texas: TV show featuring Chef Garth Blackburn. After watching Chef Garth prepare the dish of the day, the studio audience gets to taste it.

March 17, Thursday - Trolley-Arts Social, traveling on Dallas' new M-Line Trolley to the Bishop Arts district.

A "Poppin'" Fun Idea

from Linda Bambina

If you're a fan of Disney or "Mary Poppins, the musical" or just going out to lunch and then seeing a show: *please keep reading!*

As an active Board Member for The Farmers Branch Community Theatre...aka: **The Firehouse Theatre**, I would love to get a group together to see this "super-duper-docious" musical at the half-price **2:30 Saturday Matinee on November 21st**.

Personally, I have commitments to the other two Saturday matinees, but there are lots of other great choices of performance dates/times for those of you who can't make to the Group Date I've proposed.

The tickets to Mary Poppins, our final show for the season, have been selling since "Oklahoma!" in July. If we want to have great seats, we need to plan ahead. The tickets are only \$9 for Seniors & \$8 for your grandchildren!

Interested? Contact Linda Bambina:

lindabambina42@gmail.com We'll plan from there.

Deadline for paying will be Sept. 28th. The "saved" seats will have to be released to the public by then.

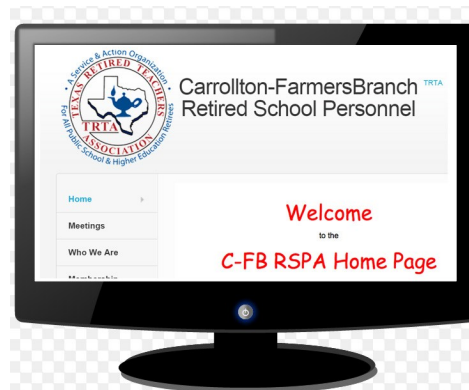
If you can't join us for This Poppin' Good Time, I hope you can find another time to see this wonderful production. Call the Box Office 972-620-3747 and talk to Linda

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## View us on the Web!

Our C-FB Retired School Personnel Association has a website with helpful information and photos!

The address is [localunits.org/CFBRSPA](http://localunits.org/CFBRSPA). Please note: if you are typing that address into your browser, remember you must use capital letters for CFBRSPA.



### LEADERSHIP

Who are the leaders in your local unit? The answer is

## EVERYONE.

Each member is a leader in some way!  
Each has leadership traits, talents and skills!

**Step up to participating**

← Pay it back to those who came before

→ Pay it forward to those who will come after

Each member must be a leader to keep the local unit strong.

Your local unit needs you!

TRTA needs you

Please contact your Local Unit Support Liaison or  
Any Local Unit Support Committee member for questions or assistance.