

C-FB RSPA



Letter from the president, Lee Nitcholas

Today has been a busy day! Your executive board members and committee chairs for 2015-2016 attended the District X Training Conference in Allen. It was a good meeting and we all came away with valuable information and ideas that will help us have even better experiences next year at our own meetings.

As we expected news about the legislature was an important part of the meeting. While the house passed a budget that includes money for our health insurance, the senate budget funding our insurance has not yet been passed as of May 4. With deadlines approaching and the end of this session less than a month away we need to continue to communicate with our senators and representatives. If we expect results, we must be informed and be our own advocates; disengagement is the biggest threat to our Democracy and we can't afford it. We know from experience that together everyone achieves more!

With that thought in mind we were given "Interim Homework" today and asked to send handwritten notes thanking our legislators for their support to date and asking them to do their part in moving favorable legislation forward. Every one of us sent a note to our senator. It took about five minutes and it is a powerful way to communicate. I am asking you to do the same. Write a brief note of thanks and ask for their continued support of our insurance, defined benefits fund and cost of living adjustments. If you do it now, it will go out in today's mail.

On another subject... Our last meeting is just a few days away! We will have good company, great food and door prizes and a brief program that includes awards and officer installation.

We look forward to seeing all of you there!!! 😊

From Vickie Barkley

May 20th Guests-Nolita Johnson and Tonna Duke to Speak

Nolita Johnson is the president of District X TRTA and she will install our new officers for the 2015-2016 year. She will be joined by Tonna Duke, our District X representative on the State Legislative Committee, to update us on issues and concerns of TRTA and answer your questions. This meeting is a great opportunity to keep yourself informed on the status of TRTA issues that are so important to us all. Please join us for our last meeting of the year.

From Kathy McWhorter

As you are out and about during the summer months if you hear of anyone who is ill or has experienced a death in the family then please **notify me at kathymcwhorter@verizon.net or 972-307-0862**. I will send a card to that person from our group. The cards I received recently were greatly appreciated. It is important for us to keep up with our friends and colleagues. Have a wonderful summer!

Looking forward to seeing you,

Membership and More

Linda Bambina, VP for Membership

What a wonderful meeting and luncheon we had in April. I think we may have hit close to our record in attendance! 72 of you came out to CHRISTUS-St. Joseph for a terrific lunch and a stellar program from Kathy Harwell Kee. I knew she would be a “draw!” (Thank you, Vicki for your long-term planning!) Kathy didn’t disappoint. A teacher, a leader—inspiring and earnest and honest and humorous. So many of you there had a strong connection with her for dozens of different reasons.

Special thanks go out to our energetic members who bring their friends & acquaintances to help keep our membership growing! (That is NOT the case in all district associations!) Thank you, Gayle Vrana, Linda Anderson, Celeste Craig and Mary and Jody Bass! And WELCOME to Tanya McWhirter, Acela Paliotta, Marcella Kellam. I also wanted to welcome back Leola Bracey from the hospital and Barbara Shell-Fletcher from the wedding altar! Grand news from both of them. It was also lovely to meet Mary Ann Firth, Linda’s Firth’s mother-in-law who lives at CHRISTUS-St. Joseph and joined us for lunch.

Our last meeting of “the year” will be at the Webb Chapel Church of Christ. It will be my final meeting as your VP in charge of membership and luncheons. Della Swaim will be your new VP and Judy Thurman has volunteered to help her with the luncheon details.

I can’t tell you how much I’ve enjoyed getting to know so many of you: on the phone, on-line or *in the line*! What a joyous group we are! I’ve loved that you’ve loved the background music, the pre-printed nametags, the way we’ve set up the serving lines, the way you laugh at my silliness on the microphone. Oh, how I have loved that microphone and joking around with all of you.

And I ADORE my **Lunch Bunch** helpers. Could NOT have done all these meals without them! Hugs

and kisses to Linda Anderson, Celeste Craig, Nancy Watten, Judy Thurman, Margaret Hook, Kathy and Doyle McWhorter, Mary Beth and Paul Geiger, Donna Wright and Leola Bracey. Getting involved is really THE way to enjoy this group and retirement even more.

As you know, April-May is the traditional time to renew your yearly membership with the State and our Local group. You can renew your State Dues automatically by several means, but you’ll still need to get a whopping \$10 check or cash to our awesome Treasurer, Judy Carey. Please do so with a smile because Judy is a gem. She has been such a treasure to work with all these years. Thank you, sweet friend.

From Beth Sargent

I wish to thank you for the privilege in my 2 years as 2nd Vice President. In this position, I was responsible for programs, the Children's Book Project and Public Relations. I want to express my appreciation to Vicki Barkley who planned interesting and informative programs this year. Gail Schwamb and Carrie Bodle, who chaired the Children's Book Project, also deserve a huge applause in placing new books in the hands of students at 5 CFB elementary schools. Judy Thurman has submitted all our programs to newspapers, especially “Neighbors go” for publication. She has been doing this job so well for years. I know you want to thank each of these generous ladies.

Pat Enlow will be taking my place for the next 2 years. She is so capable.

You'll be hearing from me as well as Suzi Urban and Terri Grimes with exciting and fun field trips.

Gail Schwamb and Carrie Bodle

Book Project News

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Children's Book Project a success! We came in 2nd place in total donations for District 10, second only to Plano I.S.D. See everyone next September!

From Florida Jossell

A call for help from the Metrocrest Food Pantry, 13801 Hutton Drive #150, Farmer's Branch

For our May meeting:

REQUESTS FOR FOOD DONATIONS FROM C-FB RSPA: (Please be generous.)

- Meeting Day:
 - Boxes will be provided.
 - Pick-up between 11:20-11:30 a.m.

During the summer months please consider taking your gifts to the Food Pantry,

Urgent Pantry Needs:

Canned fruits, juices, muffin and cornbread mixes, shampoo, conditioners, soap, laundry detergent, dish detergent

Volunteer Needs:

Transportation, employment counselors, minor house repairs, GED Counselors, food pantry volunteers, special programs

- ***“Whoever is generous to those who are in need lends to the LORD, and He will repay that person for his/her deed.”***
- ***“...God loves a cheerful giver.”***

LAST NEWSLETTER REMINDER FOR DUES

2015-2016 DUES ARE DUE NOW

This will be our last meeting so why not pay your dues so I do not have to send you a reminder during the summer.

1. Dues - Your dues are \$45.00 (\$35.00 for state and \$10.00 for local). YOU MUST PAY STATE AND LOCAL DUES TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER.
2. When paying your dues at the meeting, it would be helpful if you could have your check already filled out so it will speed up the check in time. You can also include your lunch (\$7.00) in your check for your dues. Please put cash in an envelope with your name on it.
3. Dues can always be mailed to me at 975 Laguna Drive, Coppell, TX 75019. If you have questions about your dues, please email me at judy.carey@verizon.net or call me at 972-393-2956.
4. One last thing, your local dues of \$10.00 are so important to our local organization. We have many members who only pay their state dues and not local. This is where we get money to have programs, luncheon supplies, TRTA State Convention, yearbook, door prizes, directory, etc. Take a look at our TRTA website www.TRTA.org click on Local Units and go to our local organization to view information about C-FB RSPA. We really need your support to keep C-FB RSPA strong!!!!!!

See you at the meeting.

Judy Carey

Treasurer