



From the President's Pen

Lee Nitcholas

The holiday season is upon us and we have so much to look forward to in the coming weeks! Which brings to mind the time of year that is one of my favorites. The decorations are beautiful, the music is uplifting, the events and parties are fun but the best part is gathering with family and old friends which brings us to our December meeting. As you know, we will be meeting at CHRISTUS St. Joseph Village and will be treated to a wonderful musical performance by Ranchview High School Varsity Women's Choir. Bethany has planned a delicious feast of holiday food with all the trimmings. And since this is our best attended meeting of the year, you can expect to see many colleagues and old friends. We appreciate all the people that make our time there so special.

We will have an opportunity at our meeting to give back to the community by bringing items for the Metrocrest Services food pantry. Remember they need more than just food items and the need is greater during this season of the year. Della has provided additional information to help us choose how to help. (See her piece in this newsletter for more information.) If we each bring a few items we will have a big holiday present for our community!

Here's wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday season!



Meeting dates remaining for 2016-2017

- Dec 7** – CHRISTUS St. Joseph Village, Coppell
- Feb 15** – Webb Chapel Church of Christ, Farmers Branch
- April 19** – CHRISTUS St. Joseph Village, Coppell
- May 17** – Webb Chapel Church of Christ, Farmers Branch

December 7th Program

CHRISTUS St. Joseph Village
1201 E. Sandy Lake Rd., Coppell 75019

Pat Enlow, 2nd VP, Programs

Cooler weather, Thanksgiving, Black Friday shopping — our December Program must be approaching! Yes, on December 7th, our guest speaker will be C-FB ISD Superintendent, Dr. Bobby Burns, with an update on the state of our school district.



Our entertainment will be presented by the Ranchview High School Women's Varsity Choir directed by Laura Roberts. Perhaps one of your former students will be among the choir members! It's always fun to see some of the talented students who have come through our C-FB ISD.

Social hour begins at 11:00 and program/lunch begins at 11:30. Lunch \$10. RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 30 to Della Swaim by text: 214-926-6981 or email: jldhswaim@gmail.com.



Our October meeting at CHRISTUS St. Joseph Village

See more photos of this meeting:
<http://www.localunits.org/CFBRSPA/assets/Image/2016/2016%20pics%20Oct%20Gen%20meeting.jpg>



Membership

Della Swaim, VP for Membership

Wow! What a luncheon turnout in October! Many of you invited your friends. Thank you! Keep it up! Remember that we are meeting at CHRISTUS St. Joseph Village on Wednesday, December 7th.

Some of our members who are new may not know that we do not meet every month. I think that has something to do with the school calendar. We skip November, January and March. We plan field trips during the months when we do not meet. I hope many of you will participate in the field trips. That is where I have gotten better acquainted with many of our members. And we have gone many places that have expanded my horizons! Thank you "Field Trip Committee!"

If you want to get further involved in C-FB RSPA, there is a committee that needs you. Just let me know.

Remember to continue to invite any education retiree or any friends of education to visit our meetings and get involved in our efforts to preserve Texas Public Education. The goal of TRTA is to increase membership to 100,000. This will help us have more influence with the Texas Legislature. There will be a drawing in May for a nice gift card for those who have invited people who become new members. One chance will be given for each one of your friends you get to join. Besides, it is fun to eat with our friends at the meetings!

Our December meeting is the time when we bring nonperishable food items, household paper goods and toiletries to donate to the Metrocrest Services food pantry. Please bring what you can to share with those in our community who are in need. Metrocrest Services will also gladly accept monetary donations. Please be generous!

Bring donations for Metrocrest Services

- ⇒ Nonperishable food items
- ⇒ Household paper goods
- ⇒ Toiletries



Last chance to pay your dues for 2016-2017

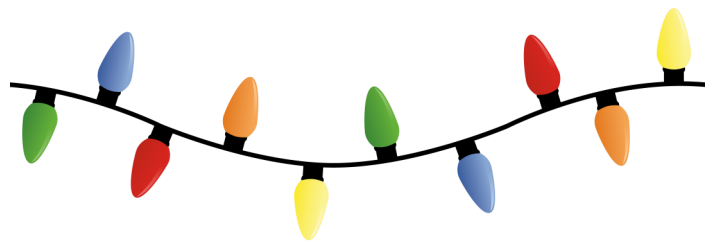
Judy Carey, Treasurer

You are almost out of time to pay your state and local dues for 2016-2017. We start collecting dues for 2017-2018 beginning at our February meeting.

So... if you have not paid, please put that check in the mail to me today: **975 Laguna Drive, Coppell, TX 75019**. Make your check out to **C-FB RSPA** in the amount of **\$45.00** (\$35.00 for state dues to TRTA and \$10.00 for local dues to C-FB RSPA).

We need your support by staying an active member in our organization and paying state and local dues.

If you have any questions about whether or not you have paid your dues, either email me at judy.carey@verizon.net or call 972-393-2956.



Volunteer Hours

Kay Edmondson

This is a reminder for you to **count your Volunteer Hours** and email Kay Edmondson with your count: mce60@verizon.net

The State of Texas likes to know how many hours retired school personnel give back to the community.

Count obvious things such as volunteering as a school mentor as well as counting hours spent babysitting grandchildren and care-taking ill family members; even count the hours driving to and from such tasks.

We report our numbers annually, so look all the way back to January 1, 2016, and start counting.

Field Trip News

Beth Sargent, Suzi Urban, Linda Frith, Linda Winkenhofer

Dallas Museum of Art and lunch at Trinity Groves

January 5

(note date change)



On Wednesday, January 5th, we'll be meeting at Webb Chapel Church of Christ at 9:30 a.m. to carpool downtown to the **Dallas Museum of Art**.

Located in the heart of the Dallas Arts District, the Dallas Museum of Art has a stunning collection of over 22,000 pieces, spanning the third millennium BC to present. Among the current exhibitions is the *Divine Felines: Cats of Ancient Egypt*, featuring cats and lions in ancient Egyptian mythology in every day life.

For lunch we will travel across the Margaret Hunt Hill bridge to **Trinity Groves** where we will have lunch at one of the many restaurants. For those of you who would like to browse after lunch, there is a gallery, cake bar to name a couple. We plan to be back to the Webb Chapel Church of Christ by about 2:30 p.m.

You'll be able to sign up at our December 7th meeting. If you will not be at the meeting and would like to come, text Beth Sargent at 214-789-9612 or email her at bsarg1923@tx.rr.com.

Grapevine Mills Mall November 30

Join us for our field trip to **Grapevine Mills Mall**, Wednesday, November 30th for shopping, and lunch at **Cracker Barrel**. We will depart from Webb Chapel Church of Christ at 9:30 a.m. and return around 2:30 p.m.

If you would like to join us, text Beth Sargent at 214-789-9612 or email her at bsarg1923@tx.rr.com.



C-FB RSPA remaining Field Trips

November 30, 2016, Wednesday

Grapevine Mills Christmas shopping and lunch

January 5, 2017, Tuesday

(note date change)

Dallas Museum of Art and Trinity Grove for lunch

March 2017

(date to be determined)

Waco Magnolia Market and
Amish Heritage Village for lunch

June 2017

(date to be determined)

Texas Rangers' Game



October field trip to Bush Library

See more photos of this field trip:

<http://www.localunits.org/CFBRSPA/assets/Image/2016/2016Oct%20ft%20Bush%20Library.jpg>