



From the President's Pen

Lee Nitcholas

It is May already and we are winding up another year... so hard to believe time can pass so fast! We have had interesting programs and fun field trips. We were the first in District X to have a Digital Directory thanks to Lyn Abercrombie. We have participated in the Book Project and food drives. We have visited legislative candidates and shared information about their responses to our questions with our membership. Our committee chairs have all contributed to meetings and the newsletter with interesting and important information and productive activities. And our door prizes always add to our meetings in such a nice way. I can't express how much I appreciate the officers and committee people that make my position as president so fulfilling and our organization so enjoyable. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Our officers met recently to organize the installation of officers for District X and plan what to ask on our end-of-year survey. For the Installation of District X Officers we chose a "Cheerios" theme that worked well. (You can see pictures here: <http://www.localunits.org/CFBRSPA/assets/File/2016spgconfccheerios.pdf>) Thanks go to Della Swaim and Pat Enlow for all their help in organizing and performing the ceremony. We are still working on the survey and hope that you will be as thoughtful in responding as your officers have been in creating this year's version. We use the survey to plan our activities for next year and our goal is to have an organization that we all enjoy and meetings we don't want to miss.

Fourteen officers, committee people and members attended the District X Leadership Training in Allen on May 2. We heard an address from Patricia Macias, TRTA 1st Vice President, attended training sessions and were given updated information re committee activities. At the end of the meeting C-FB RSPA conducted the installation of officers and I was introduced with the new District committee chairs as Member Benefits Chair. All in all, it was a productive meeting.

Once again, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our May meeting.



May 18th Program

Webb Chapel Church of Christ, Farmers Branch
Pat Enlow, 2nd VP, Programs

We are ending our RSPA year on a wonderfully happy note. Rose-Mary Rumbley, PhD., author, teacher, actress, historian, and tour guide knows the Dallas area and teachers, too! She is always an energetic, entertaining speaker.

Social hour at 11:00 and program/lunch begins at 11:30. Lunch \$7. RSVP by Wednesday, May 11 to Della Swaim by text: 214-926-6981 or email: jldhswaim@gmail.com.

Hope to see you on Wednesday, May 18, ready to smile — and you may leave laughing out loud! Let's have some fun!



Membership

Della Swaim, VP for Membership

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter until after the summer. It is funny how we all measured the year by the school calendar while we were working in the school system. It is a hard habit to break.

I have tried to recognize our new members this year at our meetings. However, not all of you have attended all of our meetings. So, here is a list of our new members since March 1st of this year:

Marcia Harbour
Jeanne Martin
Wanda Sedlacek
Ellen Yates

Rhonda Hindman
Ginny Melara
Linda Wright

We are SO glad to have you!

May is the month that has many of our school friends beginning to retire. If you know someone who is contemplating retirement soon, please contact them and invite them to our meeting or invite them to join our group. An easy way to do that is to just forward this newsletter to them and also forward the RSVP email when that comes. Be sure to include a personal note! Many new retirees don't know about TRTA or our chapter which is called C-FB RSPA (Retired School Personnel Association).

Please remember, if something comes up after you've sent in your RSVP for our lunch meeting, please notify me of your cancellation before the deadline. Otherwise, the club must pay for your lunch.

Last Newsletter Reminder for Dues 2016-2017 Dues are Due Now

Judy Carey, Treasurer

DUES, DUES, AND MORE REMINDERS OF DUES

If you have not done so, please pay your dues so I don't have to send you a reminder during the summer. **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.

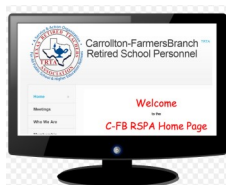
When paying your dues at the meeting, in order to speed up the check-in time, please have your check already filled out. You can also include your lunch (\$7.00) in your check if you'd like. If paying by cash, please put it in an envelope with your name on it.

Dues can always be mailed to me: **Judy Carey, 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.

If for some reason your email address or any other information about you changes, please let me know. Most of you receive your newsletter by email. For those of you receiving your newsletter by regular mail, if you have an email address please let us know it. In order to receive a newsletter by mail, you must have paid your state and local dues.

One last thing, your local dues of \$10.00 are so important to our local organization. This is where we get money to have programs, luncheon supplies, send representatives to the TRTA State Convention, yearbook, door prizes, etc. To get more information about what our local C-FB RSPA does, take a look at our website localunits.org/CFBRSPA We really need your support to keep C-FB RSPA strong!!!!!!

See you at the meeting!



View us on the Web!

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

The address is localunits.org/CFBRSPA

Please note: if you are typing that address into your browser, you must use capital letters for CFBRSPA.

Community Volunteer Service

Kay Edmondson

- Volunteer hours are reported from January through December each year.
- Volunteer hours are reported for any service you provide without pay.
- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS THAT CAN BE REPORTED IS 12 HOURS PER DAY.
- Travel time is included in the hours reported--from the time you leave home until you return.
- **Email volunteer hours to: Kay Edmondson at mce60@verizon.net**

Volunteer hours reported in 2015: 48 members contributed 26,392 hours.

Numbers do count...in public relations with taxpayers!

Numbers do count...with Legislators when the value of education retirees' volunteerism is considered during legislative negotiations!

Field Trips

Beth Sargent, Terri Grimes, Suzi Urban

Our next field trip:

Billy Elliott, with music by Elton John
Firehouse Theatre, Farmers Branch
Saturday, August 6, 2:30 p.m. \$10

You can sign up at our May RSPA meeting. We'll also be sending out an email in July for you to sign up.

Later this month the Field Trip Committee will be planning trips for next school year. If you have field trip suggestions, please email Beth Sargent at bsarg1923@tx.rr.com. You can also write down your suggestions on the questionnaire to be handed out at the meeting.

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Below are links at which you can see photos from our earlier field trips this year. Attendance at each was very good and so many gave rave reviews!

Observation Deck at the Reunion Tower and watching the Veterans' parade, November:

<http://www.localunits.org/CFBRSPA/assets/File/ft2015reunion.pdf>

Lone Star Christmas at the Gaylord Texan Resort, Dec.:

<http://www.localunits.org/CFBRSPA/assets/File/ft2015gaylord.pdf>

Writing memoirs with Linda Bambina, January:

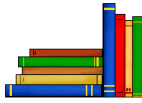
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Bishop Arts District, March:

<http://www.localunits.org/CFBRSPA/assets/File/ft2016bishoparts.pdf>

Book Project News

Gail Schwamb



The Book Project is almost completed for another year. The new books have been sorted, counted, and boxed ready for delivery to the remaining three schools: Country Place, Kent, and Riverchase. We will need some **volunteers** to help deliver the books. If you are interested in helping please contact Pat Enlow (patenlow@verizon.net) or Gail Schwamb (schwambga@aol.com). We will contact everyone when dates have been set.

The success of the Book Project is due to your continued support. With your help we were able to donate over 2,100 new books to students in C-FB.

Food Drive Metrocrest Food Pantry

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URGENT NEEDS

Fruit juices (in plastic containers)

Canned fruits

Canned soups (including hearty soups with proteins)

Baking items (flour, sugar, salt, mixes, oil)

Sides (hamburger helper, instant potatoes, etc.)

Condiments (mayo, ketchup, etc.)

Household items (laundry and dish soap, cleaners, paper towels, etc.)

Hygiene products (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, baby wipes, etc.)

Personal checks payable to Metrocrest Services are welcomed. (Money is used to purchase much needed items at a discount.)

Volunteers are also needed to lend a hand (minor home repairs, transportation to local appointments, home delivered meals, etc.).

To volunteer:

<http://www.metrocrestservices.org/volunteer.php>

To identify the latest needs for senior:

www.metrocrestservices.org/seniors.php .

LEARN MORE

TOUR: May 7, 10:00 a.m., 13801 Hutton DR, Suite 150. Farmers Branch, 75234.

To determine senior adult eligibility for any services, call 972-446-2100.

We CAN make a difference!

TRTA MEMBER BENEFITS

Mary Eisenmann

Featured this month are Travel and Lodging Benefits

Avis Rent-A-Car

For personal and/or business rentals in making reservations, ask for the best rate and mention Avis Worldwide Discount #D404600 to receive up to 25% off the rental. To reserve online:

www.avis.com/AvisWeb/html/bridge/go.ex?D404600 or call 1.800.331.1212.

Budget Rent-A-Car

For personal and/or business rentals in making reservations, ask for the best rate and mention Budget Customer Discount #X885500 to receive up to 25% off the rental. To reserve call 1.800.527.0700 or reserve online at

www.budgetcarrental.com/budget/assoc/index.html?X885500.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Enterprise Rent-A-Car is offering 10% discount to members when car is rented from an airport location and 5% discount when car is rented from non-airport location. Call Enterprise at 1.800.847.3722 for reservations or visit legacy.enterprise.com. To receive your discount, mention this code: 65TRTA, online use code: 65TRTA and enter corporate code: TEX on second page.

Drury Inn and Suites

TRTA members receive 5% discount off Drury's corporate rates at the more than 100 Drury Inn & Suites in nineteen states (discounts are not available when hotels are on "peak status"). Amenities include a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, Belgian waffles and more, one hour of free long distance per room per night, evening beverages and snacks from 5:30-7 p.m. and high-speed internet access in every room and wireless lobby. To make reservations, call 1.800.378.7946 and provide Corporate ID #311435 or visit www.druryhotels.com and use BizTrip Corporate ID #311435.

La Quinta Inns & Suites

Offers TRTA members the Texas State Rate which is up to 35% off prevailing room rates in Texas and 15% off nationwide subject to availability. Call 866.468.3946 or visit www.lq.com. TRTA members should refer to promotional code "TRTA" when making reservations. Occasionally, you may find rates that are lower than TRTA rates due to low occupancies at a particular property during slow times of the year. If/when this occurs when reserving online, enter promotional code "TXSTAT10" and receive 10% off a particular property's Best Available Rate. When making reservations by phone, ask the clerk to check both promotional codes to see which one will give you the best rate.

Dallas Zoo

You are now able to buy discounted tickets for the Dallas Zoo with the added convenience of printing your admission tickets from your computer and presenting them at the entrance turnstiles bypassing ticket booth lines. Go direct to <https://zootickets.dallaszoo.com/> and enter this personalized store name: trta.

Always ask for senior discounts, and visit www.trta.org/memberbenefits for all TRTA benefits.