



From the President's Pen

Lee Nitcholas



Over the next weeks we will all be busy preparing to vote in some very important elections, and in preparation

C-FB RSPA is doing three things:

1) Of course the upcoming presidential election is most important but we also vote in state and local elections. And we will be choosing our representatives in Austin who will be acting on issues like **our health care** and **the defined benefit plan** that is the foundation of our retirement system. Your board members will be attending the TRTA District 10 Fall Conference in Dallas on October 10. All the area candidates for state office have been invited to this meeting, and we will be having a dialogue on your behalf with all who attend.

2) We will also have Mr. Tim Lee, TRTA Executive Director, and Dr. Bobby Burns, C-FB ISD Superintendent, speaking on important issues at our meeting October 19. Mr. Lee will be bringing us up to date on what is happening in Austin, while Dr. Burns will be speaking about the proposed school district tax increase.

3) We will be sending out a Special Election Edition of our newsletter after our next meeting that will have more detailed information and a call for action.

Your board is working hard on your behalf but that will not be enough! We need your help to assure our health insurance provides the benefits we need at a price we can afford. And we need your help to protect our defined benefit retirement plan which is currently under attack. After the election you will have opportunities to act by calling, writing and visiting your legislators. We need you to help educate legislators, active educators and the general public on the issues. In September we asked you to help recruit new members to grow our base, and you helped us sign up an impressive number of new people. Keep up the good work! Now we pledge to keep you informed and give you tools to help as we ask that everyone become active in supporting our cause.

Your voice is powerful . . . your challenge is to use it effectively!!!

October 19th Program

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

Pat Enlow, 2nd VP, Programs

Happy Fall, y'all!! You do NOT want to miss our October 19 meeting! **Tim Lee, Executive Director of TRTA**, will be our featured speaker. Some of you have asked me questions concerning TRS Care. Here is your chance to get first hand information on this and other issues.



We will also be welcoming our **District 10 President, Dr. Thalia Matherson**, as well as our own **Dr. Bobby Burns**. Dr. Burns wishes to inform us of the upcoming C-FB ISD Tax Rate Ratification on the November 8th election ballot. Please go to cfbelections.com and click on Frequently Asked Questions to become an informed voter on this issue.

We have an information-packed meeting! We have invited guests from other local retired teacher associations, so please welcome them, as well.

Social hour begins at 11:00 and program/lunch begins at 11:30. Lunch \$10. RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 12 to Della Swaim by text: 214-926-6981 or email: jldhswaim@gmail.com.



Our September meeting with humorist Dr. Betty Duke-Ruhd.



Have I or have I not paid my dues to C-FB RSPA and TRTA????



Judy Carey, Treasurer

Time is running out for you to pay your dues for 2016-2017. If you have not paid by the end of February 2017 you will be delinquent in paying your dues and become an inactive member. If you wait until January or February to pay 2016-2017 dues, then in March 2017 your dues for 2017-2018 are due again. You need to pay your dues in order to continue your dental and vision insurance, long term care insurance and any other insurance offered through AMBA.

If you do not plan to attend our October meeting, please mail me a check for your dues made out to C-FB RSPA. TRTA state dues are \$35.00 and local dues are \$10.00. Mail your check to me at **975 Laguna Drive, Coppell, TX 75019.**

See you at the October meeting!



Field Trip, November 30

Beth Sargent, Suzi Urban, Linda Frith, Linda Winkenhofner

Just before the holiday rush, Santa invites you to begin your sleigh shopping on Wednesday, November 30, at his Grapevine Mills Mall Winter Palace.

His reindeer assure us that at the Mall they can please the most discerning shopper in special igloos such as "Last Call Neiman Marcus," "Saks Fifth Avenue Off Fifth" and about 80 more igloos, not to mention munching lunch together there.

Mark your calendars!

You'll be able to sign up at our October 19 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.

C-FB RSPA remaining Field Trips

November 30, 2016, Wednesday
Grapevine Mills Christmas shopping and lunch

January 10, 2017, Tuesday
Dallas Museum of Art and Trinity Grove for lunch

March 29, 2017, Wednesday
Waco Magnolia Market and
Amish Heritage Village for lunch

June 14, 2017, Friday
Texas Rangers' Game (if they are playing at home)

Membership

Della Swaim, VP for Membership

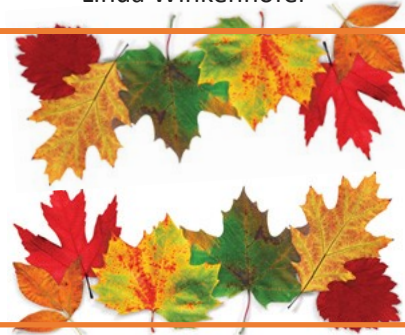
Hello Friends! How wonderful it was to see many of you at our September meeting. It was also gratifying to see so many of our new retirees in attendance. So many of you have joined our chapter! Thank you! And, welcome! We hope that you will get involved in our activities and even participate in our field trips. If you would like to help out, contact me and I will gently put you to work. It takes all of us to make our organization strong.

Remember, we are meeting in October at CHRISTUS St. Joseph Village on Sandy Lake Road. I am excited that our program will include both our C-FB ISD Superintendent, Dr. Bobby Burns AND Tim Lee, the Executive Director of TRTA! Please make a reservation and come to learn and listen.

Our TRTA District 10 has a contest each year that gives one person in our large district \$100.00 for bringing in a new member. It is called "Each One Bring One." I am expanding upon that idea and in May 2017 I will be presenting a gift card to a person from our chapter who has brought a new member into C-FB RSPA. For each new member you bring in you will have a chance in the drawing. So, keep inviting your friends! Besides, it is great to come eat lunch with both your old and your new friends!

Welcome to our recent new members:

Nancy Murphy
Wanda Patterson
Joy Smartt
Linda Winkenhofner



Meeting dates remaining for 2016-2017

Oct 19 – CHRISTUS St. Joseph Village, Coppell
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

TRTA Member Benefits

October Highlights

Medical Air Services Association (MASA)

Over the past 30 years, Medical Air Service (MASA) has become an international company dedicated to protect members against catastrophic financial loss when emergencies arise. The Platinum Membership offered through AMBA offers the following services: emergency air transportation, helicopter transportation, ground ambulance transportation, organ retrieval, organ recipient transportation, recuperation/repatriation, return transportation, escort transportation, non-injury transportation, minor children/grandchildren return, mortal remains, vehicle return, and world-wide coverage. Contact AMBA at 1.800.258.7041 for information or visit www.myambabenefits.info/trta.

Private Practice Educators Professional Liability Insurance

Insurance available through the John A. Barclay Agency, Inc. for qualified TRTA administrators or educators returning to work in capacities other than the classroom. The \$1,000,000 policy is available for an annual charge of \$313. Call 512.476.6566 or visit www.trta.org to enroll.

Professional liability insurance for the classroom. Standard \$1,000,000 policy available for an annual fee of \$39. Call 1.800.880.1650 or visit www.trta.org to learn more.

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Please visit www.trta.org for other TRTA Member Benefits.

Our **Sunshine** person is

Kathy McWhorter. Please notify her if you are aware of any of our members in need of some sunshine!



Kathy McWhorter: kathymcwhorter@verizon.net

Volunteer Hours

Kay Edmondson

Just a reminder about volunteer hours.

Our volunteer hours are reported from January 1 – December 31, 2016.

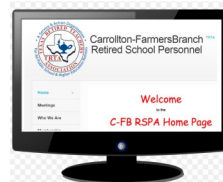
Please report all hours monthly to me via email at mce60@verizon.net (Kay Edmondson)

or at our monthly meetings.

REMEMBER, any time you volunteer at church, schools, senior centers, hospitals, watch grandchildren or volunteer for any service without pay, this all counts as volunteer hours.



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.