



C-FB RSPA

Carrollton-Farmers Branch Retired School Personnel Association

September 2017



From the President's Pen

Della Swaim

Hello Friends!

Thank you for putting your confidence in me as your new C-FB RSPA President! I will need your support!

I want to start by thanking Lee Nitcholas for her leadership as our President the past few years. Lee, you have left big shoes for me to fill. Thank you for your gracious help to me during this transition!

I also want to thank all of you who contacted our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and our Texas Legislators during the special session of the Texas Legislature that ended recently. It has been a traumatic summer for our education retirees. The outcome was not ideal, but I feel that it could have been far worse had our members not been as involved as you were. All of us will experience changes in our healthcare, and many of you will have large cost increases in dependent premiums. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to Tim Lee, our TRTA Executive Director, his staff, and our Legislative Committee for their tireless work on the behalf of TRS retirees. Tim will be the speaker at our C-FB RSPA October 18th meeting. Please plan to attend and thank Tim in person!

We also need to thank our Texas Legislators for their work to help TRS retirees. It is important that we develop relationships with our Legislators so that perhaps they will keep us in mind as they make decisions about our retirement system and our health insurance. Remember, there are important elections coming up next spring and fall. Our goal is to build our membership numbers and keep TRTA strong so that we have a greater influence. So, invite your friends to join us!

It has been a busy summer for your Executive Board. We met in June to plan for an exciting new year for C-FB RSPA. There will be interesting and informative programs, great field trips, and a fun new activity to raise money for our Children's Book Project (**A Book a Child - ABC**). We have also worked to make contact with new retirees and active school employees by attending the CFBISD retiree dinner, contacting all new retirees by email, and handing out mints and information to current employees at the school district training event in July.

Now we need **YOU** to remain active in C-FB RSPA, pay your dues, and invite others to be a part of TRTA.

I hope to see you on September 20th at Webb Chapel Church of Christ. I plan to bring a guest, do you?

Meeting: Wed., Sept. 20

Webb Chapel Church of Christ

13425 Webb Chapel Rd., Farmers Branch 75234

11:00 meet and greet; 11:30 program/lunch. Lunch \$10.

RSVP by Wed., Sept. 13 to Wanda Patterson by email: pattersonwow@gmail.com or text: 214-766-1431.

Program: Container Gardening



Pat Enlow, 2nd Vice President:
Programs, Children's Book Project, Publicity

Welcome back! I hope you have had a wonderful summer. I am so excited about our programs for this year! A BIG THANK YOU to all who filled out our Annual Survey. I have tried my best to provide programs that fulfill your requests and ideas. I also want to let you know that I formed an awesome Children's Book Project Committee and we have been putting together an additional way to raise funds. You're going to love it. It's going to be so much fun! **Please scroll down** and read that article also as this project will be a part of our meetings in September, October, and December.

Our speaker for September wants to surround you with beauty through "Container Gardening." You will be able to tell right away how passionate Kathy Anderson of Blooming Colors Nursery is about her topic. If your summer blooms are fading and you are ready to infuse your garden or home with color that will last through the winter, you won't want to miss this presentation. Kathy will tell us how to combine textures, colors, annuals, perennials, and how to maintain these beautiful creations in a variety of containers.



***Pssst!** If you participate in our Children's Book Project Fundraiser at our September meeting, you will automatically be entered to win a special door prize—a very low-maintenance container garden!



Our new President, Della Swaim, presenting outgoing President, Lee Nitcholas, with a token of our appreciation for her service. Thank you, Lee!



Membership

Wanda Patterson, VP for Membership

As summer comes to a close and we anticipate the arrival of fall weather and activities, it is time to reunite with all of our retired school friends and family. I will be serving as your Vice President for Membership for the next two years and look forward to getting to know current members as well as new members.

We must continue to increase our membership in order for our voices to be heard in Austin. If you know someone who has recently retired, please make contact with them and invite them to attend our September meeting.

Thank you in advance for reaching out and recruiting new members for this very worthwhile organization.

Welcome to our recent new members

Jim Abadie	Sherri Moore
Roger J. Cramer	Jo Ritchie
John Mathews	



John Mathews (CFBISD Board President and our newest member) with **Lee Nitcholas** (our 2013-2017 President) and **Della Swaim** (our 2017-2019 President). Photo was taken May 22, 2017 at the CFBISD Retirement Dinner at Hackberry Creek Country Club. Lee and Della were there to greet guests and invite them to join our organization.

News from the Treasurer

Don't fall behind in paying your dues for 2017-2018!

Judy Carey, Treasurer



Over the summer I have emailed members who had not paid their dues, and everyone was grateful for the reminder. So, for those who are still waiting to pay, now is the time. We are in the final months of collecting dues for 2017-2018. 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 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 programs at our meetings, donation to Texas Retired Teachers Foundation, printing of brochures and contact cards used to recruit new members, door prizes, donating to our Children's Book Project so we can purchase books to donate to elementary students in our district, to name just a few of our expenses. 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 have moved or have changed any of the information we have for you like address or email address, please let us know.

If you are receiving this newsletter by regular mail, please let us know if you have an email address so we can send the newsletter via email. This will save C-FB RSPA a few dollars.

If you are interested in viewing the **Treasurer's Reports**, they are posted on our C-FB RSPA webpage at <http://www.localunits.org/CFBRSPA/index.cfm/about-us1/treasurers-reports/>

Also our proposed budget for 2017-2018 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.





October 6 Field Trip Dallas Farmers Market!

Beth Sargent, Linda Frith, Lee Nitcholas, Sharla Lee

On Friday, October 6, our field trip will take us to the newly renovated **Dallas Farmers Market**. The Shed has fresh fruits, vegetables and a variety of other products. The Farmers' Market Food Hall has produce, meats, fish, honey, and macarons to name just a few. There are also several places to grab a bite to eat or get a cup of coffee.

For lunch we will eat at Mudhen Meat and Greens across from the Markets.

Before leaving, we will shop at Ruibals to select our pumpkins, just in time for Fall.

You will have a chance to sign up at our meeting, September 20. Or you can email me, Beth Sargent, at bsarg1923@tx.rr.com.



Our 2017-2018 Field Trips

October 6, 2017 (Friday)
Dallas Farmers Market

November 30, 2017 (Thursday)
Dallas Arboretum

January 30, 2018 (Tuesday)
The Star in Frisco

March 7, 2018 (Wednesday)
Texas Tulips in Pilot Point

June 6, 2018 (Wednesday)
Chocolate Angel Café and Tea Room

Children's Book Project: A Book a Child

Pat Enlow,
2nd VP, Children's Book Project



Our committee (Pat Enlow, Gail Schwamb, Della Swaim, Vicki Barkley, Carolyn Chiever, Tara Hrbacek, Nancy Prochaska, and Dara Stewart) has been working hard to bring a new way of raising money to continue our Children's Book Project. As you know, we have lost some of our funding, so we decided to try something a little different – an **ABC Raffle!** We have gathered some wonderful items and a letter will be sent soon to showcase these raffle items.

What you need to know:

* At our **September 20, October 18, and December 13** meetings, you can purchase tickets for **\$2 each** or **3 for \$5**.

* If you purchase tickets, you will automatically be entered in a drawing for a **special door prize**.

* Drawings for raffle items will be at the December 13 meeting.

* If you do not want to participate in the raffle, we still welcome donations as in the past:

- \$1 for each year of service in CFBISD (or your district) **OR**

- whatever you wish to contribute!

(The collection bags will be on the tables if you wish to contribute rather than buy raffle tickets.)

We hope to see you September 20 at 11:00 a.m. at Webb Chapel Church of Christ.

☉☉ Look for the **ABC Raffle** table!

We're going to have fun!

Photos!

See photos from 2016-2017 **Children's Book Project** here:

<http://www.localunits.org/CFBRSPA/assets/Image/2017/2017%20Childrens%20Book%20Project.jpg>

Photos from our **May meeting**:

<http://www.localunits.org/CFBRSPA/assets/Image/2017/2017%20April%20meeting.jpg>

Photos from the **May Retirement Dinner**:

<http://www.localunits.org/CFBRSPA/assets/Image/2017/2017%20cfbisd%20Retirement%20Dinner.jpg>



Volunteer Hours For 2017

Kay Edmondson

This is a reminder for you to count your Volunteer Hours and email me, Kay Edmondson, with your count. My email is 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.

Hours are counted from January 1 to December 31, 2017.

Keep track of your volunteer hours and report them monthly or in a lump sum at the end of the year. Thank you!

Our Officers for 2017-2019

President: Della Swaim
1st Vice President, Membership: Wanda Patterson
2nd Vice President, Programs: Pat Enlow
Treasurer: Judy Carey
Secretary: Janet Truett

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

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

Sunshine

Kathy McWhorter



Please notify me if you know of a member who is ill or needs a note of encouragement!

kathymcwhorter@verizon.net

Our Meeting dates for 2017-2018

All meetings are on Wednesdays at
Webb Chapel Church of Christ
13425 Webb Chapel Rd, Farmers Branch 75234
with Social time starting at 11 a.m. and meetings at 11:30.

September 20, 2017

Program: Container Gardening. Kathy Anderson, Blooming Colors Nursery

October 18, 2017

Program: Update on TRS Issues. Tim Lee, Executive Director TRTA

December 13, 2017

Program: State of C-FB ISD Annual Message. Dr. Bobby Burns, Superintendent
Performance by group from C-FB ISD – TBA

February 21, 2018

Program: What You Should Know About Probate Before It's Too Late. Shannon Willis, Willis Law Firm

April 18, 2018

Program: Beware: Common Drug Interactions. Speaker from Baylor Scott White

May 16, 2018

Program: The Golden Voices of the Silvertones. Woody Schober, Director

