



BCRSP NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

September Birthdays

4th — Sandra Wynn
7th — Virginia Reese
8th — Anita Foley
9th — Marilyn Jones
11th — Charles Whitley
11th — Carol Floyd
11th — Barbara Lebow
12th — Suzanne Phelps
12th — Betti Leonette Toone
13th — Paula Burkhalter
14th — Shirley Jones
14th — Ollie M. Taylor
16th — A. Ann Seale
18th — Betsi McQuaide
19th — Larine Rose
19th — Pixie Thames
20th — Wanda Chilton
22nd — Linda Warner
23rd — Beth Pennebaker
24th — Rhonda Putz
25th — Gwen Parker-Nelson
25th — Phyllis Tarter
26th — Patsy Bolch
26th — Shirley DuBose
29th — Marie Bodden
30th — Michelle Phillips



President's Message

Welcome Back!

It's so exciting to start a new membership year with BCRSP and TRTA. The BCRSP executive committee has chosen a wide variety of programs for this year, and we are glad to be meeting again at First Baptist Bryan with Buppy's catering our lunches. I hope all of you found it easy to make your lunch reservations as knowing who is coming allows us to better prepare for you.



Please take time to thank Danny Stribling for serving as president of the District 6 chapter of TRTA for the past two years, and congratulations are in order for Sheila Fields who is nominated as the District 6 president for the next two years. Elections will be held on October 8 at the district fall conference in Huntsville. The fall conference offers an opportunity to hear from inspiring speakers, TRS staff, and folks around the district. District 6 provides the setting at the Region 6 Educational Service Center and has lunch catered by McAlister's for the event. At our meeting next week, we will be registering members who want to attend the conference. BCRSP will pick up the cost of your lunch, and District 6 provides mileage reimbursement for carpool drivers. Plan now to join us in Huntsville.

This is not a legislative year, but there are plenty of issues that address our schools on the ballot in November. We will try to keep you informed about these topics.

If you have not completed the payment of your TRTA/BCRSP membership dues for this year, all the materials will be available at the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you,
Suzanne

Agenda

Brazos County Retired School Personnel
September 24, 2025
11:30 a.m.
First Baptist Church, Bryan

AGENDA

Welcome Suzanne Phelps

Invocation and Pledges Betty Munion

******Lunch******

Brazos Valley Food Bank
Shannon Avila

Membership Report Colleen Holmes

New Business

Adoption of Annual Chapter Budget Suzanne Phelps

Committee Reports

Emphasis on TRTF Suzanne Phelps

Report on Book Project Sandy Petty

Door Prizes Linda Brown

Closing Remarks on Meeting Support Suzanne Phelps

Join Us for Next Month's Program
Still Creek Ranch

2025-26 Membership

Brazos County
Local Chapter Members: 193

Local and State members: 274

— Colleen Holmes

TRTA District 6 Meeting October 8, 2025 ESC 6, Huntsville, TX

Join us for the District 6 meeting at the Region 6 Service Center. BCRSP will cover the cost of lunches.

The nominating committee has proposed the following Slate of Officers for TRTA District 6 for the two-year term of 2026-2028.

President - Sheila Fields
1st VP - Barbara Richter
2nd VP - Lorraine Coleman
Treasurer - Lori Mitchell
Secretary - Judi Thomas
Past President – Danny Stribling

Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

MINUTES: BCRSP MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 28, 2025

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BRYAN

President Suzanne Phelps opened the meeting at 11:35 AM. Chaplain Betty Munion offered the invocation and led members in the United States and Texas pledges.

Program- Rachel Altman, Carnegie Branch Manager, with the Bryan College Station Library Genealogy Services showed a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Carnegie. The Bryan location was established in 1903 and it is the oldest still active Carnegie in the state of Texas. Ms. Altman provided several free websites where searches can be done for information on various topics. FamilySearch.org, newspapers.com and TexShare. You may sign up for the Carnegie newsletter at www.bcslibrary.org.

Membership- 1st VP Colleen Holmes encouraged members to sign up online or by form for the 2025/26 year. She reported a total of 162 joining as of today's date.

Book Project- Sandy Petty reported we would be donating book bags to the BCS Friends of the Library. We were less than \$100 shy of being able to donate funds for four book bags. Members could donate either at the meeting or with their membership renewal.

Legislature- Danny Stribling reported two bills were currently being discussed in the Texas House and Senate. One was on the actuarial soundness status of our retirement funds and the other was on increasing the homestead tax exemption for seniors from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Scholarships- Sheila Fields and Betty Munion set up a display table for the four scholarship recipients.

Kaylynn Kieschnick- College Station HS

Lyle Lewis- A&M Consolidated HS

Jasmin Ramos- Bryan HS

Marisa Weber- Bryan Collegiate HS

Kaylynn was in attendance and will pursue an elementary education degree with a goal of being a Kindergarten teacher.

Door Prizes- Carolyn Taylor drew tickets for the beautiful tray prizes.

President Suzanne Phelps adjourned the meeting at 1 PM.

Submitted by,
Betty Rabe
Secretary



To be voted on during the September meeting:

LOCAL UNIT BUDGET (BCRSP) 2025-2026

INCOME	2024-2025	2025-2026
Membership dues (300 250 X \$15)	\$4500	\$3750
TRTA incentive	100	100
District VI rebates	400	400
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TOTAL	\$5000	\$4250
EXPENSES		
Printing/copies	\$ 600	\$ 400
Guest meals (15 10 X \$15)	225	150
Postage, including mailbox	300	300
Door prizes (5 per meeting for 9 months X \$10)	450	450
District VI meetings, including door prizes	100	100
Supplies (per officer & chair request)	325	300
Room Rent for meetings	900	900
Scholarships from checking	2000	2000
Supplies for meetings (dessert, tablecloth)	450	450
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TOTAL	\$5400	\$5050

Recommendation – Reduce checking account balance by \$2000 to cover scholarships.
Spend \$2000 from scholarship savings this year.

*** Creation of a hostess committee with budget to cover plastic tablecloths and desserts
(duties: arrive by 10:30 to cover tables and decorate, set up desserts for service, assist with
name tags - before meetings; then clear decorations and clear tables after meetings)
IT IS NOT NECESSARY THAT THE SAME PEOPLE SERVE EVERY MONTH – need a team

SCHOLARSHIP FUND (SAVINGS ACCOUNT)

Income	
Savings account balance (6/30/25)	\$11,525.41
Ongoing donations	1,000.00
Expenditures	
Scholarships (2 @ \$1000)	2,000.00
Estimated Balance in Savings (6/30/26)	\$10,500.00

Flow-Through Funds – collected and disbursed to others
TRTA Foundation, Books Project, Lunch Income and Costs

Meeting Dates and Programs 2025-2026

September 24, 2025

Brazos Valley Food Bank – Speaker, Shannon Avila

October 22, 2025

Still Creek Ranch – Speaker, John Inmon

November 19, 2025

Twin City Mission – Speaker, Ron Crozier

December 17, 2025

Christmas Music

Betty Munion will organize this

January 28, 2026

Habitat for Humanity in B/CS – Speaker, Andy York

February 25, 2026

Lone Star Senior Locator – Speaker, Cassie Rhodes

March 25, 2026

Scotty's House – Speaker, Amanda Ball

April 22, 2026

Friends of the Library – Speaker, Deb Sappington

May 27, 2026

**Scholarships & Memorials
Officer Election & Installation**



Mark your calendars: March 25, 2026
Combined District 6 Spring Conference and
TRTA State meeting (held virtually)

TRTA: CELEBRATING OUR CONNECTION TO YOU!



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

HOUSE OF DELEGATES LIVE!
MARCH 25, 2026

COMING TO A CITY NEAR YOU!

RIO GRANDE CITY | CORPUS CHRISTI | EDNA | CYPRESS
BEAUMONT | HUNTSVILLE | JACKSONVILLE | PITTSBURG
WICHITA FALLS | ALLEN | WHITE SETTLEMENT | WACO
SAN MARCOS | ABILENE | BROWNWOOD
AMARILLO | LUBBOCK | MIDLAND | EL PASO | SAN ANTONIO

Please check one: Renewal _____ New Member _____

NAME _____ BIRTHDAY _____
Month/Day

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: Home _____ Cell _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

RETIRED FROM: _____
District School/Department

****Dues may be paid at BCRSP monthly meetings.**

BCRSP meets monthly September through May. Meetings are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of the month with some exceptions. Please see the meeting schedule on our website. BCRSP meets at First Baptist Church of Bryan, 3100 Cambridge Dr., Bryan, TX 77802 at 11:30 for lunch and an informative program presentation. For additional information about BCRSP, please go to <https://bcrspfb.wixsite.com/bcrsp>. For membership information please contact us at bcrspfbbook@gmail.com.