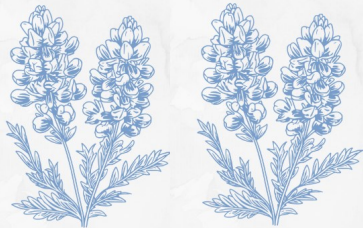




BCRSP NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025



March Birthdays

March 9 — Sandra Wood

March 17 — Barry Davis

March 17 — Lois Gray

March 17 — Max Thompson

March 22 — Patricia Wilson



President's Message

It's spring; it's spring!

Are you glad you live in Texas? March is the month we celebrate Texas Independence Day, and BCRSP wants you to join us in being glad you live in Texas. Bring an item that says "Texas" to you to the meeting on March 19.



Some of you have received a new, large check from Social Security as the implementation of the Social Security Fairness Act of 2024 begins dispersal. I have been reminded that income tax was not withheld from this first payment that included all retroactive payments back to January 2024. If you want income tax withheld from future Social Security, you will need to go online at ssa.gov and download the form. Future payments, like this one, will be monthly and go

directly to your checking account, beginning April 9. Individual information about your future monthly stipend will be sent to you by mail. Calls and visits to Social Security are still not recommended to allow time for individual information to be sent to you.

At the next 3 meetings, BCRSP will be collecting funds for our book project contribution to the BCS Public Library's program of 1000 books before 5. Contribution jars will be on the tables at our meetings.

Looking forward,
Suzanne

Agenda

Brazos County Retired School Personnel
March 19, 2025
11:30 a.m.
First Baptist Church, Bryan

AGENDA

Welcome Suzanne Phelps

Invocation and Pledges Betty Munion

**** LUNCH ****

Unbound Now BCS
Human Trafficking in BCS
Christine Labertew, Outreach Director

Membership Report & Renewal Instructions for Google Form Suzanne Phelps

Book Project Sandy Petty

Legislative Update Danny Stribling

Door Prizes Linda Brown

Planning for April Meeting Suzanne Phelps

Closing Remarks Suzanne Phelps

Next Month's Program
April 23, 2025
Institute of Nautical Archeology
Speaker — Karen Martindale

Update on Membership

Brazos County Local
and State Members: 205

State members: 296

— Colleen Holmes

New Memberships and Renewals

New memberships and renewals in BCRSP begins March 1, 2025.

The 2025-2026 (Early Bird)
BCRSP Membership Form link:

<https://forms.gle/Sckfp7HLoLUmHyY66>



A big shout out to Effie Perry!

Effie Perry, Bryan High math teacher, is being honored by the Bryan ISD Education Foundation at its annual Hall of Honor ceremony. The ceremony will be on April 4 at 11:00 AM at the Stella Hotel. Tickets are \$75. You can purchase online at the foundation website. Congratulations, Effie!

Minutes: BCRSP Monthly Meeting

February 26, 2025

First Baptist Church, Bryan

President Suzanne Phelps called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Chaplain Betty Munion offered the invocation and led members in the United States and Texas pledges.

Program- Leisha Mullins, with the Museum of the American G.I., gave a powerpoint presentation of the histories of wars from the Civil War through Vietnam. Her presentation was entitled "Where History Comes Alive".

Membership- 1st VP Colleen Holmes reported a total of 296 members; 205 local and state, 91 state only. The renewal for 2026 dues will start on March 1st.

Volunteer Hours- Secretary Betty Rabe, reporting for Patsy Bolch, announced a total of 39,290 volunteer hours for 2024. 34,529 hours were reported in 2023.

Legislative- Danny Stribling reported with the repeal of the GPO and WEP, members, if they have eligible social security credits, should start receiving additional funds with their April stipend. There could possibly be a check retroactive to 2024 as well.

Day at the Capitol- Danny Stribling reported a total of 11 members have signed up for the March 26 event.

Door Prizes- Becky Alter drew numbers for the door prizes.

Other Business-

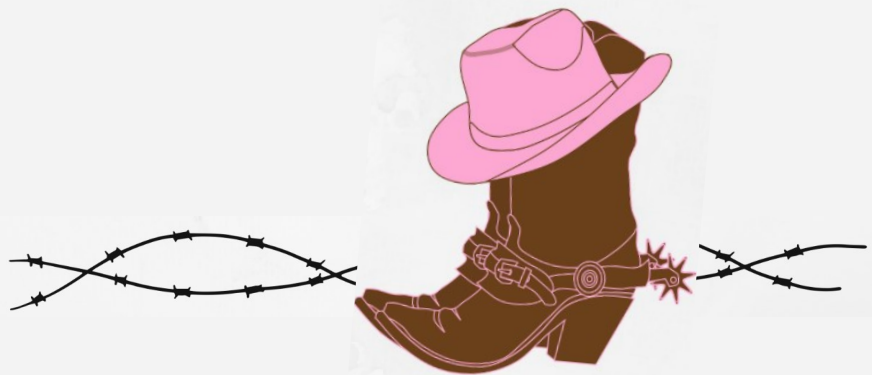
1. The March luncheon date has been changed to March 19th, so as to allow members to attend the Day at the Capitol rally.
2. The March menu will be a salad bar with cupcakes for dessert.

President Suzanne Phelps adjourned the meeting at 1 p.m.

Submitted by,

Betty Rabe

Secretary



A promotional poster for TRTA Day at the Capitol 2025. The poster features a blue background with a large, stylized red ribbon with white stars, resembling the American flag, curving across the right side. In the background, the Texas State Capitol building is visible. The text is in white and red. The top section says "JOIN US FOR TRTA DAY AT THE CAPITOL!" in white on a blue background. Below that, "WEAR YOUR TRTA RED AND LET'S HAVE FUN!" is in black and red. The date "MARCH 26, 2025" is in large white letters on a blue background. Below the date, it says "For event details and to register visit www.trta.org/dac2025." in black. A red banner with white text reads "TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS". Below this, a list of events is provided: 8-9 AM (Attend your scheduled visits and take photos with your legislators), 9:30 AM (House Gallery), 10:30 AM (Senate Gallery), and 12-2 PM (Complimentary boxed lunch and ice cream social). The TRTA logo is in the bottom right corner.

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TRTA
TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

TRTA Day at the Capitol 2025

The countdown is on for the Texas Retired Teachers Association's (TRTA) most anticipated event of the year, TRTA Day at the Capitol! Here's everything you need to know to ensure you don't miss out! Join us on March 26!

For the first time, boxed lunches will be available, in addition to our popular ice cream social, featuring Amy's Ice Cream, completely complimentary!

For more information on the "Day at the Capitol": <https://trta.org/dac2025/>





Ms. Leisha Mullins, our February speaker,
representing the Museum of the American G.I.





Brazos County Retired School Personnel

Membership Form 2025-2026

Fill out this membership form electronically at <https://forms.gle/Sckfp7HLoLUmHyY66> or download and fill out this form. However, **membership dues** must be remitted to VP Membership below to be considered active.

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

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.

Please Choose either Option A or B below:

Option A

Regular Members (\$35 TRTA + \$15 BCRSP) * \$ _____ (\$50.00)

Option B

Other Members (\$15 BCRSP) \$ _____ (\$15.00)

Check one: ☐ I already paid \$35 to TRTA either directly or
had it deducted from my TRS Annuity payment.

☐ I am a Lifetime member (no longer offered)
and only need to pay BCRSP local dues of \$15.

(Optional) Scholarship Donation \$ _____

(Optional) Book Project Donation \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Make your check payable to BCRSP and mail to: **

BCRSP, VP Membership

P.O. Box 6693

Bryan, TX 77805-6693

* You must join TRTA to be a BCRSP member

** Dues may be paid at BCRSP monthly meetings