



BCRSP NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

October Birthdays

4th — GERALYN "GERI" DeLUKE
4th — Dianne Rister
4th — Harold Turbyfill
5th — Sarah DeLUKE
7th — Claire Lillie
7th — Elvina Suehs
8th — Katherine Elaine Mies
9th — Rebecca Kubin
9th — Carol Wagner
10th — Lena Koestler
16th — Bobby James
16th — Barbara Parsley
17th — Priscilla Shearon
18th — James Warner
18th — Sandy Johnson
20th — Carolyn Taylor
22nd — Kathy Durst
22nd — Ann Turner
23rd — Carol Tatum
24th — Patricia Jackson
27th — Eileene McDonald
29th — Debbie Schmitz
29th — Nancy Callaway



President's Message

Welcome, Friends,

It looks like I am still waiting for that fall weather reprieve, but football is everywhere so it must be fall. I hope your season is rolling along and your teams are making it happen. This month I am sharing a couple of reminders.

If you have TRS Care with United Health, there is a \$40 supplement per quarter that is available to you. You can purchase over-the-counter medications, various health supplies and equipment, and a wide variety of items. You can access information about this benefit by going to the website shown on your United Health card or by calling the 1-866 number found there. The 2025 funds disappear at the end of the year, so you might want to check it out soon.



Each fall TRTA reminds us that they have a non-profit arm, Texas Retired Teachers Foundation, that needs support from us to provide services. At our fall meetings we collect donations in cash or by check. We consolidate the cash following the November meeting and send it to TRTF. If you would prefer to write a check directly to TRTF, we can include those checks in our November mailing. TRTF has programs that provide relief for retirees, support for new teachers, and grants for classroom projects. I hope you will join with BCRSP in supporting TRTF.

I always look forward to seeing your smiling faces as we meet and visit,

Suzanne

Agenda

Brazos County Retired School Personnel
October 22, 2025
11:30 a.m.
First Baptist Church, Bryan

AGENDA

Welcome Suzanne Phelps

Invocation and Pledges Betty Munion

*****Lunch*****

Still Creek Ranch
John Inmon, Executive Director

Membership Report Colleen Holmes
Solicitation of TRTA
local members for
BCRSP

Financial Report Frances Maloney

Report of District 6 Fall
Conference Various attendees

Emphasis on TRTF Suzanne Phelps

Door Prizes Linda Brown

Closing Remarks on
Meeting Support Suzanne Phelps

Join Us on
November 17, 2025 (3rd Wednesday!!!)
Twin City Mission – speaker, Ron Crozier

2025-26 Membership

Brazos County
Local Chapter Members: 200

Local and State members: 298

— Colleen Holmes



Congratulations to Sheila Fields

the TRTA District 6
President starting in May
2026 through 2028

The full slate of officers elected at the
Region 6 meeting on October 8th:

President - Sheila Fields

1st VP - Barbara Richter

2nd VP - Lorraine Coleman

Treasurer - Lori Mitchell

Secretary - Judi Thomas

Past President – Danny Stribling

MINUTES: BCRSP MONTHLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BRYAN

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

Program- Shannon Avila, Program Director for the Brazos Valley Food Bank, gave a power point presentation on the many areas and programs that BVFB serves. Various programs from food distribution to back packs for school age children were discussed.

Membership- 1st VP Colleen Holmes reported a total of 203 local only members and 281 state and local members.

New Business- President Phelps presented the 2025-26 budget for discussion. Danny Stribling made a motion to accept the budget and Paula Burkhalter seconded the motion. All members voted to approve it as presented.

Committee Reports- President Phelps explained the importance of the Texas Retired Teacher Foundation. Donations are collected September through November. The foundation supports new teachers as well as teachers who suffer catastrophic issues.

Children's Book Project- Sandy Petty reported that \$1,500 was donated to the Friends of the Library program. This will purchase 5 back packs for children to further a love of reading.

Door Prizes- Linda Brown drew tickets for the beautiful pumpkin decorations.

Other Business-

1. District 6 President, Danny Stribling, reported the Fall Meeting will be held in Huntsville on October 8. BCRSP will pay for the lunch of any member wishing to attend.
2. The October program will be about Still Creek Ranch.

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

Submitted by,
Betty Rabe
Secretary

From the 2025 TRTA District 6 Fall Conference brochure:

Important Contact Information

Teacher Retirement System of Texas

100 Red River Street

Austin, TX 78701-2698

Member Services

1-800-223-8773

Healthcare Questions

1-800-223-8778 ext 6456

TRS Ombuds Office

1-800-873-2331

Texas Retired Teacher Association

313 E. 12th St #200

Austin, TX 78701

General Number

1-800-880-1650

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brock@trta.org

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cindee@trta.org

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roy@trta.org

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6034 West Courtyard Drive #300

Austin, TX 78730

General Number

512-241-0025

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832-884-1711

jason.shirley@getamba.com

Social Security

1-800-772-1212

Medicare

1-800-772-1213



Shannon Avila, from the Brazos Valley Food Bank, speaking in September





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



**BCRSP members at the
TRTA District 6 Fall Conference
Hunstville October 8**

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.wxsite.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 Contribution \$_____

(Optional) Book Project Contribution \$_____

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**