

Alamo Reading Council

Local Council of the International Reading Association
and Texas State Reading Association

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Our Next Meetings:

- **May 29th Mixer has been cancelled.**
- **September (TBA) 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Membership Brunch & Meeting
Speaker: Gretchen Bernabei, author of
*Why We Must Run With Scissors; Reviving
the Essay; and Sparklers.*
www.trailofbreadcrumbs.net
Venue: TBA**
- **October 29th Dinner 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Speaker: Jeff Anderson, author of *Every
Day Editing; The Craft of Grammar; and
Mechanically Inclined.*
<http://www.writeguy.net>
Venue: TBA**
- **November 12-14 T.S.R.A. in Austin**
- **December 4 – Mixer at Chris Madrid's**
- **February 18, 2010 Dinner 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Speaker: Dr. Michael W. Smith, author of
*Going With the Flow: How to Engage
Boys (& Girls) in Their Literacy Learning;
Reading Don't Fix No Chevys, and
Reflective Teaching, Reflective Learning:
How to Develop Critically Engage Readers,
Writers and Speakers.*
Venue: TBA**
- **April 10, General Meeting, Elections &
Bilingual Connection.
Speaker and venue TBA**

Meet Our 2009-2010 Board Members

President Carolyn H. Denny

I've been an educator since 1984 and a reading specialist since 1989. My favorite things to do are reading and spending time with family.

President-Elect Marsha Spizzirri

Teaching is in my blood. I have been an educator for the past 20 years, reaching students from the elementary through college levels. I love teaching kids to read, meeting new people and painting.

Favorite quote "Do all you can with what you have in the time you have in the place you are" - Nkosi Johnson

Vice President Leslie Stein

I've been an educator for twenty years. I'm a dedicated Reading Recovery specialist and I love to teach children how to read. My newest passion is learning how to play golf!

Treasurer Debbie Guerra

I began my teaching career in 1984 and have worked at the elementary and middle school level. I have been a reading specialist since 1990 and have enjoyed every minute of it. I love to read, shop, and travel.

Recording Secretary Carrie Wilkins

I have been teaching for seven years. I love to read to my students and this year we are singing in my classroom! I also love to camp and to tube down the Gualalupe.

Corresponding Secretary Jeanne Cantu

I've been a teacher and administrator for 30 years. Last summer I retired from SAISD and have since been doing teacher training and coaching in Alaska, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New York. There is life after retirement!

Immediate Past President Jean Farmer

This is my twenty-third year as an educator and my nineteenth year as a reading specialist. My secret reading vice is reading really complicated whodunits (was!).

