

MARSP BEGINS 2007-2008 YEAR

FALL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Plan to attend and invite prospective members for our annual fall gathering.
And welcome District XVIII TRTA Members that will be joining us for this event.

"The Roles of TRTA, TRS and TRTF in the Lives of Retired Educators"
Speaker: TIM LEE, TRTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Cost: \$7 per person -- With reservations, 2007 Midland Co. retirees are invited to be MARSP guests!

Thursday, August 16, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

11:30 -- Sign-in, Meet and Greet, 12 Noon -- Lunch, and 12:30 -- Program

Pre-Lunch Musical Selections by Pianist Orin Wade

Planned Menu

Pork Tenderloin Medallions

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans with Caramelized Onions

Tossed Salad with a Choice of Dressing

Coconut Cream Pie

Be sure to make accurate and prompt reservations for you and your guests by email or telephone.

A reservation for the meal is a commitment to make payment if not in attendance.

*CALL PAT ADAMS AT 697-3339 OR EMAIL TO patticake3604@sbcglobal.net

WITH CHANGES OR IF YOU WERE NOT CALLED BY THE TELEPHONE COMMITTEE.

NEXT REGULAR MARSP MEETING

The program will be a presentation by

STILLWELL RETIREMENT HOME, WACO, TEXAS

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet the staff
and understand the services they
offer retired teachers.

Thursday, September 6

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

11:30--Gather, 12 Noon--Lunch,

12:30--Business and Program

Follow established guidelines regarding food service.

Make reservations with the telephone committee,

Or call Yvonne Black at 682-1858

or email yblack@sbcglobal.net

Table donations will be directed to the
Stillwell Retirement Home in lieu of scholarships
this meeting.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

MARSP expresses its sympathy and condolences to
the friends and family with the death of our member

Charlene Gnagy

to Alex Rose with the loss of her brother and to

former colleague, Evelyn Grant

with the loss of her husband, Bob.

Also for the loss of former educator Marjorie Miller

Updates:

*Grace Osadchuk has been experiencing health
concerns and Kathy Landrum continues to make a
remarkable recovery.*

DISTRICT XVIII FALL CONVENTION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

8:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

GRANDE HOTEL FUNDOME, ODESSA

Make plans to attend, renew district acquaintances
and learn the latest about what's going on with the
organization and benefits.

MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR LUNCH WITH
LOCAL PRESIDENT, MARIDELL FRYAR.

At 685-0176 or maridellfryar2@suddenlink.net

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CURRENTLY.....290

BRAND NEW MEMBERS.....17

NEEDING TO REJOIN.....40

Help the membership committee and board members to
continue this successful membership drive by
encouraging those not members to join,
and those that haven't renewed to do so.

TRTA and MARSP are working for you!

JOIN NOW AND SAVE TIME AND MONEY FOR MARSP!!!

GET YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS AND STEPS WALKED READY
FOR REPORTING AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. A LIST OF
EQUIVALENTS FOR EXERCISE WILL BE INCLUDED
IN THE NEXT MAILING.

MARSP Luncheon Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2007

The Midland Association of Retired School Personnel met on Thursday, September 6, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. President Maridell Fryar called the meeting to order at 12:18.

President Fryar called on Jane Samples to give the invocation and Leonard Boyd to lead us in the pledges to the American and Texas flags. She welcomed news members Joyce Whitley, Carol Miller, and Natalie Eustace. She then announced a change in the order of the agenda, so that the program would come before the business meeting.

President Fryar pointed out the donation bags on the tables, which are normally used for scholarship funds. This month, any money collected was given to the Stilwell Retirement Residence, and people were encouraged to donate. Forms were available on the tables for donors to fill out to receive letters for tax deductions. Ms. Fryar then introduced Pat Adams, who introduced our speaker, Bob Herndon from Stilwell Retirement Residence in Waco. He showed a PowerPoint program about Stilwell, a retirement residence designed specifically for retired educators.

New Business: Raymond Painter made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting as printed in the newsletter. Dave Kleinbeck seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The Treasurer's Report was accepted with no comment.

Committee Reports:

- Membership: Mike Landrum reported that we have 310 members. 297 of these are also state members, and 24 are new members. However, 25 people who were members last year have not renewed.
- Legislative: Dave Kleinbeck reported that the 13th check will probably arrive in January, but at this point, it is still a possibility, not a sure thing. He also encouraged members to attend various political forums and town meetings and ask candidates about education and especially about retired teachers. There are 250,000 of us, and we should be recognized.
- Maridell Fryar made comments about the 13th check and more changes possible in the next legislative session.

Announcements:

- President Fryar pointed out the two flyers on the tables for the Recording Library of West Texas, one soliciting volunteers and the other promoting their fund raiser September 16 – 22 through Barnes and Noble.
- Ann Parish announced a fundraiser for the library. On Friday, September 7, Whataburger will donate a percentage of any food sold at the store on Big Spring St between 4:00 and 6:00.
- Ann Parish also announced a series of workshops at the library on memoir-writing. The programs will be on Monday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:00, beginning September 17, for six weeks. The series is free, and no participant has to show his/her writing to anyone.
- Yvonne Black reported that 65 people attended the September meeting.
- Yvonne also reported that we still need volunteers for table decorations for some months.

- Yvonne asked that we not take the games used as centerpieces this month. We were welcome to take notepads, TRS magnifying glasses, and brochures, but not the games.
- Pat Adams solicited donations of gently used books for both a Children's Ministry and Casa de Amigos.
- Pat Adams also reminded us that the speaker for October 4 will be Burr Williams, making a presentation on "Sand Dunes and Prairie Chickens."
- Ms. Fryar announced that this year the prize for the winner of the drawing for steps or volunteer hours would be a gift certificate for the meal at a MARSP meeting. The winner this month for steps was Ann Andrews. The winner for volunteer hours was Kay Martin.
- Doris Monger announced that St. Ann's Catholic Church will have a free concert on Sunday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m., starring their new organ.

The meeting was adjourned by President Fryar at 1:14.