

MARSP NEWSLETTER

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Membership News

To date, our membership of 339 has ALREADY reached our final enrollment for last year!! The Executive Committee sincerely appreciates your prompt response and dedicated commitment to the association. However, there are still twice as many retired personnel in Midland County as in our membership. Please contact the prospects whom you know and ask them to join or call the Landrums, 697-7727, with their names (email to jmlandrum@earthlink.net). Dues of \$40 should be mailed to MARSP, Box 4954, Midland, TX 79704. Thank you, in advance, for your continued work in promoting the ONLY organization dedicated to the welfare of retired education personnel.

Mike and Kathy Landrum

Scholarship Contributions

[Corine Martinez](#)

[Diantha Dawkins](#)

A donation to the Scholarship Fund can be a special way to honor a loved one.

Join us for the September Meeting. "Senior Fitness at Its Best"

Exercise Program by Lilly Adrian and Raynette Williams

**Thursday, September 4 - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall - 11:30 a.m.
Meet and Greet, 12:00 noon - Lunch, 12:30 - Program and Business**

► Be sure to give an accurate and prompt reservation for you and your guests by email or telephone. A reservation for a meal is a commitment to make payment of \$5, even if not in attendance. Call Yvonne Black at 682-1858 (email yblack@sbcglobal.net) before Monday, September 1, for reservations.

Tim Lee, TRTA Executive Director, Speaks

Tim Lee was the keynote speaker at the August 14 membership meeting. Some interesting items he shared with those present included the following:

- One out of every twenty Texans is a member of TRS.
- Currently, membership is 64,600. TRTA is the largest teacher retirement group in the country. We have 11,000 more members than this time last year.
- 2009 should be one of the largest legislative years for TRTA since 1995. Members have not had a raise since 2001. When the economy is good, legislators are more motivated to give us a raise.
- Any questions you may have can be answered by Tim Lee at 512-626-3268.

Benefit of the Month

[Ameritas Group Dental Insurance](#) www.trtabenefits.com (800.258.7041).

This group dental insurance plan has very generous benefits plus a two-year rate guarantee.

[Hearing Aid Express](#) www.hearingaidexpress.com (866.478.8782).

Statewide network of hearing health care professionals. Member benefits include free hearing tests plus a 10% discount off hearing aid prices.

A FEW CREDIT CARD TIPS FOR PREVENTING IDENTITY THEFT

- When paying credit card bills, write only the last four digits of the account number in the check memo line.
- Do not sign the back of your credit card. Instead, write "Photo ID required."
- Photocopy both sides of your driver's license, credit cards and other important contents of your wallet. In the event it is stolen, you will know exactly what is missing.
- Keep a list of your credit card numbers and their toll-free customer service numbers so you can cancel cards quickly if lost or stolen. Keep the list in a safe place in your home, not in your wallet.

Health Corner Information

Karron Pearson and Judy Buckingham are available to provide you with resources and information to help you change to a healthy living lifestyle. Exercise and nutrition education tips may be accessed on line at one of these free websites:

www.texercise.com • walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu • aom.americaonthemove.org

IN MEMORIAM

Lois Rogge Sue Jones Grace Mays Hazel Simmons Robert K. Milam

MARSP OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2008 - 2009

OFFICERS

President—Ann Parish
 First Vice-President—Mike and Kathy Landrum
 Second Vice-President—Pat Adams
 Secretary—Nancy Doss
 Treasurer—Natalie Eustace
 Parliamentarian—Maridell Fryar
 Chaplain—Bob Watkins
 Historian—Volunteer Needed
 Past President—Maridell Fryar

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bylaws—Sharon Welch
 Community Volunteer Services—Raymond Painter
 Friendship—Nancy Moreland
 Finance—Natalie Eustace
 Health Care—Karron Pearson/Judy Buckingham
 Heritage—Volunteer Needed
 Hospitality—Pat Southerland
 Information and Protective Services—Sharon Welch
 Legislative—Ann Andrews
 Membership—Kathy and Mike Landrum
 Newsletter—Dorothy Thompson
 Retirement Education—Janet Haney
 Program/Public Relations—Pat Adams
 Scholarship—Diantha Dawkins
 Telephone Coordinator—Yvonne Black
 Yearbook—Kathy and Mike Landrum

MARSP Luncheon Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2008

The Midland Association of Retired School Personnel met on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. President Maridell Fryar called the meeting to order at 12:23.

President Fryar called on Bob Watkins to give the invocation and Leonard Boyd to lead us in the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Diantha Dawkins introduced Heather Sheppard, our scholarship winner, as a guest. Jean Alvey introduced her mother, also a guest. We had no new members.

The minutes for the April meeting were printed in the newsletter. President Fryar asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Watkins so moved, David Kleinbeck seconded, and the motion passed. Copies of the treasurer's report were on the table; no questions were asked, and the report will be filed as presented.

Sharon Welch explained the proposed change in the bylaws to change the name of the Pre-Retirement Committee to the Retirement Education Committee. This change was printed in the newsletter. The bylaws amendment came from committee with Sharon Welch, chairman, making the motion, so we did not need a second. The change was approved.

President Fryar presented a number of awards. First, she asked the 2007-08 Executive Board members to stand and be recognized. Next, she presented local Appreciation Awards to Valerie Watkins and the First Baptist Church kitchen staff (who received a standing ovation), Jana Haney from MTCU, Leonard Boyd, Orin Wade, the FBC Custodial Staff, and Cheryl Matlock, the FBC Administrative Assistant who helps us with scheduling and AV. The Silver Star Award was presented to Mike and Kathy Landrum, Ann Andrews, Yvonne Black, and Pat Adams. The Twenty-First Century Award was presented to Martha Kallus, Sharon Welch, and Yvonne Black. The Health Care Award went to Karron Pearson, who recognized other members for steps walked.

President Fryar introduced Mary Reeves, the District XVIII President and member of the TRTA Board. Mary presented two awards from TRTA to our local unit, one for membership and one to Martha Kallus, our outgoing state officer. Mary gave a brief talk about TRTA and the state convention, and then she installed the new officers, using colors and spring flowers as her theme. The 2008-09 officers are: Ann Parish, President; Mike and Kathy Landrum, First Vice-President; Pat Adams, Second Vice-President; Nancy Doss, Secretary; Natalie Eustace, Treasurer; and Maridell Fryar, Past President.

Announcements:

Kathy Landrum announced that we have 276 members.

Yvonne Black announced that we had 67 members eating lunch, 69 in attendance.

On August 14, we are hosting the District meeting at FBC. Tim Lee will be our speaker.

The winner of the lunch for walking steps was Janet Haney.

The winners for volunteer hours were Natalie Eustace and Helen Estes.

Diantha announced that we collected \$138 in scholarship money today.

Mike called out the names of 37 door prize winners!

Maridell announced that Peggy Woods is in the hospital.

Ann Parish presented Maridell with a hummingbird feeder in thanks for her work to keep us "humming along" during her years as President.

We were adjourned at 1:37.

Volunteer Hours • May-Aug '08

Name: _____

Number of Hours: _____

Walking Steps • May-Aug '08

Name: _____

Number of Steps: _____