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NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE COME TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!



SPEAKER: TIM LEE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TRTA

- ▶ Thursday, September 2, 2010 - First Baptist Church
- ▶ 11:30 Meet and Greet
- ▶ 12:00 Noon - Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
- ▶ 12:30 Program and Business

Make a **prompt** reservation for you and your guests by email or telephone. **A reservation for this special luncheon with Tim Lee is a commitment to make a payment of \$10.00, even if you cannot attend.**

Call Anita Patton at [432-697-1602](tel:432-697-1602) or e-mail her at apatton123@sbcglobal.net by **Monday, August 30, for reservations.**

Scholarship



MARSP awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2010-2011 school year. The recipient was Betsy Rodriguez, who was sponsored by MARSP members Roland and Nancy Moreland. Betsy has currently completed her junior year at UTPB in Education. Her desire is to become a Bilingual teacher and to help students become successful. Betsy is working a full-time job at a local bank and has been on the Dean's Honor Roll since she began attending UTPB. Betsy completed her course work at Midland High a semester early in order to work full time to obtain funds for college. She is truly deserving..

MARSP MEMBERSHIP ALERT!

As TRTA 1st Vice-President, I am responsible for a focus on Membership and will be working with the TRTA Membership Committee. Our focus for the year will be on the following membership initiatives:

- ◆ Distribution and use of the "Each One Bring One" tri-fold cards
- ◆ Distribution of the new TRTA posters on the campuses in each school district
- ◆ Push for early membership renewal to participate in the membership prizes drawings
- ◆ Planning for Retirement Education Seminars
- ◆ Working on At-Large members to affiliate with local units

I know that I will be able to count on MARSP to lead the way in growing TRTA membership. The upcoming legislative session will be a tremendous challenge just to protect our TRS fund and to maintain the defined benefits status of our annuities. The larger TRTA is, the more clout we will have! Remember, if each one of us brings in just one more member, we will double in size.

Maridell Fryar

Membership News



To date, your response to enrollment has reached a total of 325, but there are still several members who have not rejoined. **MARSP NEEDS ALL OF YOU!** If you have not, PLEASE send in your dues so that your voice is heard in Austin next spring and our MARSP yearbook can be as complete as possible.

The Executive Committee sincerely appreciates your 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

Book Project Continues



The process of collecting books for all ages began again in January. Mary Jane Hamilton, TRTA Second Vice-President, supervises this state-wide initiative. We have **279** books already donated.

MARSP LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES - May 6, 2010



The Midland Association of Retired School Personnel met Thursday, May 6, 2010, at the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. President Ann Parish called the meeting to order at 12:30. Leonard Boyd led the members present in an invocation and the pledges to the American and Texas flags. President Parish thanked Orin Wade for providing piano music during the luncheon.

President Parish presented awards to our Midland chapter and to various members. (See list on reverse side of May PERKS).

NEW BUSINESS

The minutes were approved as written and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Parish gave directions as to how to use the new membership cards found on the tables. She explained the "Each One Bring One" program of TRTA.

Information about the new scholarship application was shared by President Parish. She also reminded members of the deadline for applicants approaching next month.

On the tables were brochures from Polo Park and CASA. President Parish announced the Garden Party at Polo Park on May 22 and the Mothers' Day celebration this week-end.

President Parish reminded the members to make book donations.

The date for the Fall Membership meeting has not yet been scheduled pending the schedule of Tim Lee, the speaker.

Special thanks were given to Dorothy Thompson for her work as Newsletter Chairman and Nancy Doss as Secretary during the 2008-2010 term.

President Parish reminded members to keep up with their steps and volunteer hours this summer.

Martha Moore installed the MARSP officers for 2010-2011. They included Dorothy Thompson, President; Mike and Kathy Landrum, First Vice-Presidents, Pat Adams, Second Vice-President; Gloria Grunenwald, Secretary; and Natalie Eustace, Treasurer.

First Vice-President Mike Landrum announced that 267 have renewed their membership for next year. He awarded 59 donated prizes in a drawing of eligible members who had already renewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.

Nancy Doss, Secretary

Meeting with New MISD Superintendent—Dr. Ryder Warren

On Monday, July 12, MARSP President Dorothy Thompson, 1st Vice-President Michael Landrum, and TRTA 1st Vice President Maridell Fryar met with Dr. Ryder Warren, the new MISD Superintendent. Dr. Warren graciously received the group in his office and visited with them for about half an hour. He assured the group that he would work with MARSP and would continue the support that the district has given in the past. Specifically, MISD will continue to print the MARSP Yearbook without charge and will maintain the dedicated space for the MARSP Archives in the Board Conference Room at Central Office. Dr. Warren candidly discussed the challenges that both active and retired educators would be facing during the upcoming Texas Legislative Session and was interested in the initiatives that TRTA will be pursuing during that session. Dr. Warren also accepted an invitation to be the speaker for the MARSP October meeting when all members will have an opportunity to meet him.

Benefit of the Month



Barnes and Noble online store offers TRTA members an online discount for books, DVD's, CD's, and more. Members save an extra 5% in addition to any online discounts on all purchases. Orders of \$25 or more qualify for Fast & Free shipping in three business days or less (see site for details). Discounts for bulk orders of single titles are available-perfect for book clubs! Visit the web site to learn more at www.bn.com/amba.

Each One Bring One



RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

In spring 2010, TRTA launched the "Each One Bring One" recruitment campaign to encourage current members to bring in new recruits. Tri-fold cards can be obtained from MARSP Executive Committee members.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Members fill out the shaded portion of the "Each One Bring One" card and detach the bottom to give to the prospective new member to complete and hand back (or bring to their first local meeting). The current member then turns in their remaining portion of the card to the local unit treasurer or person in charge of membership. For every five (5) new members each current member recruits, his or her name will be included once in a drawing to be held at the next year's annual state convention. (For example, if a member successfully recruits 10 new members, his or her name will be entered twice.) Each district will have a \$100 winner.

Volunteer Hours ■ May-Aug 2010

Name: _____

Number of Hours: _____

Walking Steps ■ May-Aug 2010

Name: _____

Number of Steps: _____