

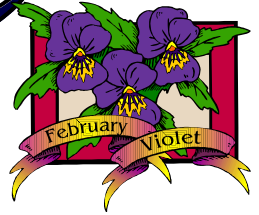
# MARSP

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## NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2010

February 4, 2010  
MARSP  
Box 4954, Midland, TX 79704



### JOIN US FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING!

**“SHOW AND TELL”**

**BY THE MARSP MEMBERSHIP**  
**CRAFTS, HOBBIES, COLLECTIONS**  
**WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR YOUR VIEWING**

- ▶ Thursday, February 4, 2010 - **First Baptist Church**
- ▶ View Displays 11:15-12:00.
- ▶ 12:00 noon—Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
- ▶ 12:30 Business Meeting
- ▶ 12:45 Visit Displays

Make a **prompt** reservation for you and your guests by email or telephone. A reservation for a meal is a commitment to make payment of **\$5.00**, even if you cannot attend.

Call Anita Patton at **432- 697-1602** or e-mail her at **[apatton123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:apatton123@sbcglobal.net)** by **Monday, February 1**, for reservations.

**THE MARSP PROGRAMS FOR 2009-2010 ARE LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE, [HTTP://WWW.MIDLANDRETIRED.ORG](http://www.midlandretireded.org).**

### Scholarship

Donations have been made to the Scholarship Fund in memory of the following:

Sandra Gilson  
Shawn Welch  
Duane Grissett  
Clarence Johnson  
Dolores Ward  
Elanor Head

and in honor of Frances Osborne.

Please continue placing your donations for the Scholarship Fund into our bags on the tables at each meeting. If you have not yet donated your \$5 for the semester, please give it in February.



### IN MEMORY

Dewey Baucum  
Annie Vashti Wade  
Margie Lee Mills  
Margaret Young  
Ann Southerland  
Duane Grissett  
Ethel Emmons  
Aureila Esquivel  
Margaret Young

### **Book Project Blasts Into Local Spots**

Several members of the MARSP Executive Board delivered 596 donated books to community groups on January 13. These books were gathered by Midland Freshman's Posse. We say a big "Thank You" to that organization. The rest of the story is that MARSP collected and dispersed 1,440 books in 2009. This was almost double over 2008. Remember that as TRTA Second-Vice President, our Maridell Fryar is responsible for overseeing the entire state project, so **BRING THOSE BOOKS IN!!**

### Please Help With The Following Important MARSP Activity

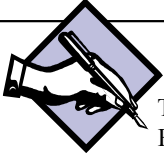
Pat Adams, 697-3339, communicates with MARSP members by card when they are sick or need emotional support from MARSP. Please call her with concerns about members you know who should receive a card.



### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

If MISD closes the schools or has a late start on one of MARSP's meeting dates, we will cancel our meeting that day. This is a new Standing Rule adopted by the MARSP Executive Board.

TRTA members interested in email updates on issues pertaining to pension, health insurance, Social Security, and other hot topics should sign up for *Inside Line*. This email update is written by Tim Lee, TRTA Executive Director, and offers fact and opinion on the issues facing current and future education retirees. To enroll in this free service, go to TRTA's website, <http://www.trta.org>, and click the words "Inside Line."



The Midland Association of Retired School Personnel met on Thursday, January 7, 2010, at the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. President Ann Parish called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

President Parish called on Leonard Boyd to give the invocation and lead the pledges to the American and Texas flags. After welcoming those present, President Parish introduced the speaker, Kyle Peeler, who presented an informative program on basic wills and probate. Mr. Peeler is a lawyer with Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin and Browder, Inc.

The treasurer’s report was accepted as presented and filed for audit. There were no minutes taken at the December luncheon, as there was no business meeting.

President Parish gave an update on Maridell Fryar, who recently fell and broke her hip. She is reported to be doing fine and is recovering from surgery at Health South. President Parish reminded members to make their donations for the Scholarship Fund for the semester if they had not already done so.

The February meeting will be a display of members’ collections and talents. Members are to contact Pat Adams if they desire a table for their display.

President Parish read a “thank you” note from Karron Pearson who thanked MARSP for their donation of books to the First Baptist Church’s Christmas Store. Karron then showed a pair of tennis shoes designed for exercise purposes and reminded members to turn in their steps count to her and hours volunteered to Nancy Young.

President Parish announced that Judge John Hyde will be giving a program on January 15 at Memorial Christian Church on the Midland Air Field. MARSP members are invited to attend.

Door prizes were awarded to a member at each table, and then the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.



### Hall of Fame Honoree

**Congratulations are in order for one of our own members, Leonard Boyd. Leonard is being inducted into the Football Hall of Fame at Lake View High School in San Angelo. Leonard and his wife Mary Jo are faithful and active members of MARSP. Leonard started coaching at New Castle in 1952 and went on to coach at Brady, San Angelo Lake View, Ft. Stockton, Seminole and finally coached in Midland for 31 years before he retired in 1993. Moving to Lake View in 1961 presented a real challenge because Lake View had never won a district championship, but the second year Leonard was there, they won their first ever district championship. Congratulations for a job well done not only in 1963, but over the years!**

#### Health Corner - When Do You Toss Those Eggs?

Here are guidelines from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for storing food in your refrigerator.

- Eggs in shell            4-5 weeks            • Gravy or meat broth    1-2 days            • Lunch meat            3-5 days
  - Cooked meat            1-2 days            • Cooked poultry            3-4 days            • Dairy products        1 week
  - Spinach                    1-2 days            • Leafy Lettuce            3-7 days            • Iceberg lettuce       1-2 weeks
  - Fresh poultry & fish, raw sausage    1-2 days            • Frozen store-bought dinners 3-4 months frozen
- Information from Johns Hopkins *Health Over Fifty* Newsletter

#### Report from the TRTA Legislative Committee Meeting, January 13 and 14, 2010 -- David Kleinbeck, District 18 Representative

Summary of Selected Points from the Report:

- \* David Kelly, Chairman of the Board of TRS, has experience both on Wall Street and in real estate, so he feels he can see both sides— investment processes from Wall Street and operational processes from real estate. Although he is appointed by the Governor, he does not feel he is forced to do the Governor’s bidding. He listens, evaluates, brings ideas to the Board, and then makes his own decisions.
- \* Health care may require a trade-off in the future in order to get support from the Legislature—do we want health care premiums or an increase in our annuity? This decision must come from the TRTA membership.
- \* TRS has a five-year plan in place, which is paying off so far. We have hired more people, who are not spread so thinly and can thus respond quickly to changes in the financial picture.
- \* The contract for Caremark has been reviewed and analyzed by TRS in order to be sure we are getting the most cost effective drug plan. TRS recommended continued funding, and it was passed.
- \* Additional withholding taxes being withheld from our annuity checks are the result of a Federal government increase, not a decision by TRS.
- \* David Kelly (Chairman of TRS Board) and Ronnie Jung (TRS Executive Director) have been holding “Report Card” meetings around the state, going over all aspects of TRS with members. Each meeting is held over three partial days, and David has requested one for District 18.

#### Volunteer Hours ▪ Jan. 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Walking Steps ▪ Jan. 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Steps: \_\_\_\_\_

