

# MARSP Newsletter

April 23, 2008

Celebrate another great MARSP year and join us for the end-of-the-year meeting!

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF LOCAL & STATE AWARDS

Thursday, May 1 -- First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m.-- Meet and Greet, 12 noon -- Lunch, 12:30 p.m.--Program & Business

Just prior to beginning the program and business meeting a 5 minute break will occur to allow time to clear the table of dishes and utensils as well as the scholarship contributions. Please make every effort to assist volunteers in collecting these items in a timely manner to aid the food service staff and MARSP treasurer.

BE SURE TO GIVE AN ACCURATE AND PROMPT RESERVATION 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 YVONNE BLACK AT 682-1858 FOR ADDITIONS OR CHANGES.

## A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

I want to thank each and every member of the MARSP for the outstanding local unit of TRTA which you have built! I am so fortunate to have been given the opportunity to serve as your president for the last two years, to watch our unit grow, to share the warm fellowship of our meetings, to see new members brought in and made welcome, to see emerging leadership working side-by-side with experienced leaders. The officers with whom I was privileged to serve gave strong support to our unit, provided creative leadership, and served our membership well. I look forward to the new slate of officers and to the continuing growth and strength of our local unit. Thank you for a job well done!  
Maridell

## REMEMBERING WITH SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Clyde Chynoweth, Former Colleague, MARSP Member and served as an officer.

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Jane Harmon, Former Colleague

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Dorothy Juanita Manning -- Mother of member Sam Manning

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Please notify Ann Parish regarding letters of acknowledgement for illness, concern and death.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPTENT

***Heather Sheppard, 2004 - Robert E. Lee Graduate  
has been selected as the Spring MARSP scholarship winner. She is currently  
working at the Bynum School.***

## ENROLL NOW FOR NEXT YEAR!!!

Now is the time to mail your check because **CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS END JUNE 30**. Members who recruit new members will be entered in a drawing for a dues rebate awarded in the fall. Please send your dues now to reduce MARSP costs for reminder notices! Also help the association gain new members to increase its influence with state and national legislators to enact measures such as the Social Security Fairness Act and actuarially sound funding for the TRS. **NO OTHER ENTITY SOLELY WORKS FOR YOU IN AUSTIN AND SPEAKS FOR YOU IN WASHINGTON**. Without TRTA we would not have received the 13th check this year. Please join to help us become a stronger voice for retired personnel in Texas. Remember, MARSP also represents you in Austin and locally. The local is a conduit between TRTA and our local members. Please **JOIN** today.

## HEALTH CARE REPORT

**WALKS-A-MILLION PROGRAM** reports the **TOP 12** for 2007. The goal of this program is to have a proactive program for maintaining good health, improving health of TRTA members and saving TRS-Care money by having healthy TRS members.

The **TOP 12** for the **WALKS 2007** for MARSP are as follows:

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| 1. Karron Pearson –3,473,776 steps | 7. Mary Jo Sawyer—1,611,508                                |
| 2. Loyd Sanders—2,981,386          | 8. Marilyn Burbank—1,200,000<br>and Yvonne Black—1,200,000 |
| 3. Vannah Kleinbeck – 2,576,000    | 10. John Moreland—1,204,000                                |
| 4. Dorothy Sanders—2,413,746       | 11. Nancy Young—1,046,938                                  |
| 5. David Kleinbeck—2, 268,000      |  |

## CONGRATULATIONS FOR LEADING IN THE WALKS-A-MILLION PROGRAM

### MEMBER BENEFITS OFFERS NEW PROGRAM

#### **Acadian On Call.[www.acadianoncall.com](http://www.acadianoncall.com).800.259.1234**

Acadian On Call provides medial alert systems to subscribers nationwide. We are a division of Acadian Ambulance Service, the nation's largest privately owned ambulance company. Our service, launched in 1991, provides peace of mind to subscribers and their families knowing that if needed, emergency assistance is available at the push of a button. Acadian On Call ranks in the top 10 medical alarm companies in the US. *(Personal note: I've learned that services are not always available as advertised in our area. Be sure to inquire regarding areas of coverage, etc. –Martha Kallus)*

*A local MARSP member recently used this service listed below and was so grateful for their services*

#### **Medical Air Services Association.[www.trtabenefits.com](http://www.trtabenefits.com).800.258.7041**

An international emergency assistance association designed to return a person home after an illness or an injury and provide additional benefits that are outside more insurance companies' realm of coverage.

**GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM  
ADCOCK CLEANERS**

315 Dodson St  
Midland, TX 79701  
(432) 684-6697

**FOOD CERTIFICATES  
FROM BARNES & NOBLES  
BOOKSELLERS**

2617 West Loop 250 N  
Midland, TX 79705  
(432) 682-8880

**WOODEN "TEXAS FLAG"  
PROJECTS**

from Leonard Boyd

**ART WORK BY DIANE  
BROWN OWNER OF  
POSTNET**

2101 W Wadley Ave # 24  
Midland, TX 79705  
(432) 570-8980

**CARINO'S DINNER  
CERTIFICATES**

4711 West Loop 250  
Midland, TX  
(432) 520-7600

**GIFT CARDS FROM  
CUPPY'S COFFEE**

5210 Wadley Ave. Suite 100  
Midland, TX 79707  
(432) 699-6700

**GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM  
DRY CLEAN SUPER  
CENTER**

4218 W Wadley Ave  
Midland, TX 79707  
(432) 699-3200

**GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM  
DEBBIE OF FRENCH  
CHATEAU SALON**

3303 N Midkiff Rd # 193  
Midland, TX 79705  
(432) 694-2579

**JEWELRY AND PORTABLE  
RADIO**

Donated by Maridell Fryar

**GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM  
GINNY'S COLLECTION**

3211 W Wadley Ave, #13  
Midland, TX 79705  
(432) 689-8933

**GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM  
GRAHAM'S PHARMACY**

319 Dodson St  
Midland, TX 79701  
(432) 684-5756

**GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM  
RHONDA OF INTHYME  
SKIN CARE**

111 North C Street  
Midland TX 79701  
(432) 685-1995

**FRAME FROM THE IVY  
COTTAGE**

3101 N Big Spring St  
Midland, TX 79705  
(432) 687-6010

**DECORATIVE PLATE FROM  
JOANNE'S FINE GIFTS**

3211 W Wadley Ave # 16A  
Midland, TX 79705  
(432) 694-9812

**GIFT CARD FROM  
JUMBURRITO MEXICAN  
FOOD RESTAURANT**

Courtesy of Greg Pearson

**CALLIGRAPHY PROJECT**

from Martha Kallus

**GIFT CARD FROM LA  
CASA VERDE NURSERY**

2615 N Midland Dr  
Midland, TX 79707  
(432) 520-2144

**GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM  
LOGAN'S STEAK HOUSE**

4609 W Loop 250 N  
Midland, TX 79707  
(432) 689-6464

**GIFT CARD FROM  
MARDELL'S CHRISTIAN  
AND EDUCATION STORE**

5214 W. Wadley Ave.  
Midland, TX 79707  
(432) 699-5914

**JUICE PLUS COMPLETE  
SHAKES FROM KARRON  
PEARSON**

2803 Maxwell Dr.  
Midland, TX 699-6360  
(432) 699-6360

**GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM  
TARA OF SALON 7**

1304 West Wall Street  
Midland, TX 79701  
(432) 695-4794

**TWO GIFTS FROM  
SERVICE DRUG OF  
MIDLAND**

708 West Scharbauer  
Midland, TX 79705  
(432) 682-2519

**GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM  
SHERRY OF SANDRA D'S  
SALON**

3303 N Midkiff Rd # 178  
Midland, TX 79705  
(432) 697-1229

**STARBUCK'S COFFEE AND  
COFFEE CUP**

3203 North Midkiff Road  
Midland, TX 79705  
(432) 699-2382

**GIFT CARDS FROM TACO  
VILLA** Donated by Sharon  
Welch

After preparing the newsletter off and on for some 10 years, I'll be turning it over to someone else. Thank you for your patience with all those things that might have been done better or included. It's been a challenge and an honor. Martha Kallus

## BY-LAWS CHANGES DUE TO STATE CONVENTION

The amendment to change the name of the Pre-retirement Committee (lined through) to "Retirement Education" was approved in the House of Delegates meeting at the El Paso TRTA Convention on April 16, 2008.

It is the duty of the Midland Association of Retired School Personnel to approve or disapprove this Amendment into our Bylaws.

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Article V. Divisions.

Section 1.4

Have a minimum of eight committees: membership, public relations, legislative, bylaws, community volunteer service, pre-retirement (lined through) retirement education, informative and protective services, and health care. The First Vice-President shall be chairman of the Membership Committee and the Second Vice-President shall be chairman of the Public Relations Committee.

Section 2.5

A minimum of seven committees: membership, legislative, public relations, volunteer service, pre-retirement (lined through) retirement education, informative and protective services, and health care.

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Article XI: COMMITTEES

Section 1

The standing committees of TRTA shall be Audit, Community Volunteer Service, Finance, Health Care, Informative and Protective Services, Leadership Training, Legislative, Member Benefits, Membership, Organizational Affairs, Pre-retirement (lined through) Retirement Education, and Public Relations.

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### MARSP Luncheon Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2008

The Midland Association of Retired School Personnel met on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. President Maridell Fryar called the meeting to order at 12:30.

The invocation was given by Bob Watkins. Leonard Boyd led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. President Fryar welcomed a guest and introduced new members, Jean Alvey and Nancy Cvik. She also thanked the members for their contributions to her campaign.

President Fryar asked for the approval of the March minutes. David Kleinbeck so moved and Karron Pearson seconded. Copies of the treasurer's report were on the table. No questions were asked. The report was filed.

President Fryar called on Diantha Dawkins who introduced Denise Johnson. She presented the program entitled: "Grit Lit 101, Excerpts from Humorous Southern Writers." Following the program, Mrs. Johnson was presented with a certificate of recognition and money was donated to the scholarship fund in her name.

Announcements:

- \* Yvonne Black reported that we had 76 members present.
  - \* Pat Adams reported that the next meeting will be the Officer Installation and Awards Luncheon, Thursday, May 1, 2008.
  - \* Drawings were held for the free MARSP lunches. The winners announced were: Nancy and Roland Moreland, Natalie Eustace and Jo Ann Montgomery for volunteer hours; Shirley Moreland, Linda Brown, and Leonard Boyd for steps walked.
  - \* Vice-President Mike Landrum said that we have 212 members paid. He also reported that he had forms for merchants for gift certificates to be given out at the May meeting. In addition, he asked that if anyone did not receive the newsletter either on-line or in the mail, to please see him.
  - \* President Fryar announced that there is room for one more to go to State Convention and to see her if interested.
  - \* Isabel Rey announced that she had forms for anyone interested in tutoring International Chevron families in English.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:10.

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

**Volunteer Hours**

April, 2007

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

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

**Walking Steps**

April, 2007

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



**Historian  
Documenting Our  
Program**



**Entertaining  
Program About  
"GRIT LIT."**