

# MARSP Newsletter

## MAY, 2010

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May 6, 2010  
MARSP  
Box 4954, Midland, TX 79704

### JOIN US FOR THE MAY MEETING!



### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS LOCAL AND STATE AWARDS

- ▶ Thursday, May 6, 2010 - First Baptist Church
- ▶ 11:30 Meet and greet
- ▶ 12:00 noon - Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
- ▶ 12:30 Program and business and drawings

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](tel:432-697-1602) or e-mail her at [apatton123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:apatton123@sbcglobal.net) by **Monday, May 3**, for reservations.

### Scholarship



MARSP will award a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2010-2011 school year. The recipient must be sponsored by a MARSP member who is a relative or a mentor. The recipient must be pursuing an undergraduate or masters degree in education or educational certification at a Texas university or college. Students may download this information and application from [www.midlandretireded.org](http://www.midlandretireded.org), the MARSP website. All applications must be postmarked by Friday, June 11, 2010. Applications postmarked after the deadline **will not** be considered. Thank you for your generous donations.



### TRTA Convention Report

On April 13-15. MARSP was well represented at the annual TRTA convention. We had five local delegates—Pat Adams, Virginia Conner, Ann Dixon, Karron Pearson, and Dorothy Thompson. In addition, we had a District 18 officer, Ann Parish, and a state committee chairman, Martha Kallus. **Our own Maridell Fryar was elected to the office of First Vice-President for TRTA**, an office she expects to hold for two years before running for President.

The keynote speaker for the general session was Gene Stallings, whom most of us know as a football coach, either for A&M or for the pros. We also heard from Ronnie Jung, the executive director of TRS, and Tim Lee, the executive director of TRTA. Most of the breakout sessions were focused on the duties of the various offices and committee chairs. Attendees will then present the information to the local officers and committee chairs at the Spring Leadership Meeting in Midland on May 3.

Bill White, the Democratic candidate for governor, asked if he could address us. He (**continued on page 2**)

### MEMBERSHIP:

### ENROLL NOW FOR NEXT YEAR!!



Now is the time to mail your check because CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS END JUNE 30, 2010. You will be eligible for **PRIZES** at the MAY MEETING if MARSP receives your form with payment **postmarked by May 1, 2010**. (YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!)

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 when encouraging them to enact measures such as the Social Security Fairness Act. We will also support bills before the Texas Legislation in 2011 such as funding to make TRS actuarially sound.



**NO OTHER ENTITY SOLELY WORKS FOR YOU IN AUSTIN AND SPEAKS FOR YOU IN WASHINGTON.** Please join to help us become a stronger voice for retired personnel in Midland, in Texas, and in the USA.

### Book Project Begins Anew



The process of collecting books for all ages began again in January. Now start collecting and donating for 2010. **ATTEND THOSE GARAGE SALES AND CLEAN OUT THOSE BOOKSHELVES. Bring the books to the last meeting of the year.**

## MARSP LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES - April 1, 2010



The Midland Association of Retired School Personnel met on Thursday, April 1, 2010, at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. President Ann Parish called the meeting to order at 12:30.

Leonard Boyd gave the invocation and led the members in the pledges to the American and Texas flags.

President Parish introduced Dr. Steven Brown who gave a program entitled "Navigating the Medical Maze," which is also the title of his book that was available for sale following the meeting.

### New Business

The treasurer's report had no corrections and there were no corrections or additions to the minutes, so they both were filed.

### Announcements

President Parish announced that information concerning the new scholarship guidelines and applications were on the tables. The scholarship has become a member benefit of sorts, in that applicants may be relatives or friends of current MARSP members and they no longer have to be a student at UTPB. The application is available to anyone attending a school in Texas planning to teach.

There were also brochures on the tables about Polo Park retirement facilities. The membership has been invited to attend a party at Polo Park to view its facilities on May 22, 2010.

President Parish reminded members to bring in book donations. She announced that the May meeting would be officer installation and awards presentations.

First Vice-President Mike Landrum reminded members to pay their dues so that they could be eligible for door prizes to be awarded at the May meeting.

Betty Bagwell and Linda Cranfill were awarded free lunches for steps and volunteer hours turned in, respectively.

President Parish thanked Orin Wade for providing piano music and Janet Haney and JoAnn Collette for table decorations.

Members were asked to fill out the form on the tables if they had any program ideas for next year and to leave them on the tables.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10.



### MARSP TOP WALK-A-MILLION WINNERS FOR 2009

Nancy Moreland- 6,480,000  
Karron Pearson- 4,380,622  
Loyd Sanders- 4,190,421  
Dorothy Sanders- 3,965,250

Roland Moreland- 3,800,000  
Ann Parish- 3,488,000  
Bob Cornell- 3,263,400  
Frances Weaver- 2,600,000  
Jean Alvey- 1,980,000  
Mary Jo Sawyer- 1,969,422  
Leane Brenner- 1,820,000  
John Moreland- 1,308,000

Janet Haney- 1,334,000  
Lois Hagins-1,299,500  
Shirley Moreland- 1,216,000  
Pat Adams- 1,283,050  
Michael Landrum-1,117,000  
Nancy Young- 1,082,600  
Natalie Eustace- 1,064,200  
Patricia Stevens- 980,000

(continued from page 1) Lee's session (not a general session), and he gave a speech indicating strong support for teachers and education. Governor Rick Perry was also invited, but was unable to fit us into his schedule.

The Midland delegation attended the Foundation luncheon, where we presented a donation of \$250 from Midland and an additional \$85 from District 18 members, all in honor of Maridell Fryar. We also attended the Stilwell luncheon on Thursday. And of course, we went to the exhibits. A good time was had by all!



### HEALTH CORNER HYDRATION TIPS FOR HOT WEATHER

- ◆ Start hydration early by drinking 1-2 cups of water in the morning.
- ◆ Keep a water bottle with you all day long. Drink before you get thirsty.
  - ◆ Drink 1/2-1 cup of fluid for every 15 minutes of exercise.
- ◆ Keep drinking even after your thirst is quenched. (AARP.org, Dec. 2006)

### Benefit of the Month

**AARP Driver Safety Program - 888.227.7669 - All drivers age 50 and above pay \$12.50 for 4 hours of classroom instruction and up to a 10% discount on automobile insurance.**

**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."**

#### Volunteer Hours ■ May 2010

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

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

#### Walking Steps ■ May 2010

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

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

# BLOOD DRIVE



**MTCU will have a blood drive and Youth safety Rally on Friday, April 30th, from 2-5pm. Midland is in dire need of blood donors. MTCU will have snacks, and prizes. The Midland Police Dept will be recording safety discs of each child in attendance.**

# **Midland Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP)**

Scholarship Guidelines: 2010-2011

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:**

The Midland Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) will award a \$1000.00 scholarship for the 2010-2011 school year. The recipient must be sponsored by a MARSP member who is a relative or a mentor. The recipient must be pursuing an undergraduate or masters degree in education or educational certification at a Texas university or college. Students may download this information and application from the MARSP website: [www.midlandretireded.org](http://www.midlandretireded.org).<sup>1</sup> All applications must be postmarked by Friday, June 11, 2010. Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY:**

An applicant must:

1. be currently enrolled in a university or college in Texas.
2. be sponsored by a MARSP member who is a relative or mentor.
3. be pursuing an undergraduate or masters degree in education or educational certification.
4. submit an application postmarked by Friday, June 11, 2010.

## **HOW TO APPLY FOR A MARSP SCHOLARSHIP:**

1. Download the application at [www.midlandretireded.org](http://www.midlandretireded.org)<sup>1</sup> or get a copy from a MARSP member.
2. Complete and submit the application by U.S. mail.
3. Application and required documents must be postmarked no later than June 11, 2010.

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REVIEW:**

The MARSP Scholarship Committee will review all scholarship applications competitively. All proceedings of the MARSP Scholarship Committee shall be confidential.

## **NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:**

The Committee will notify all applicants of the results.

Recipient must submit proof of enrollment before receiving scholarship money.

The recipient or his/her representative shall be present at a MARSP luncheon or board meeting to receive scholarship money.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS:**

Interested applicants can find additional information in the "Scholarship" section of the MARSP website: [www.midlandretireded.org](http://www.midlandretireded.org)<sup>1</sup> or by calling Diantha Dawkins (432-689-8214).

## **SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION BY FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2010 TO:**

DIANTHA DAWKINS, MARSP Scholarship Chair

P.O. BOX 80459

MIDLAND, TEXAS 79708-0459

<sup>1</sup>Browse to <http://www.midlandretireded.org>, click the link "Newsletters, Event Dates, & Forms", and then choose "Scholarship, Membership, Volunteer, and Walking Forms" for information about the scholarship.

**MIDLAND ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL  
(MARSP) Student Scholarship Application: 2010-2011**

**GUIDELINES**

Student must be enrolled in a university or college in Texas for the 2010-2011 school year, be pursuing an undergraduate or masters degree in education or educational certification, and be sponsored by a MARSP member who is a relative or mentor. Applicants must submit a transcript from his or her university or college. Completed applications, including transcripts, must be postmarked by Friday, June 11, 2010. **(Scholarship recipient must submit proof of enrollment before receiving scholarship money.)**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA on a 4.0 scale: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math \_\_\_\_\_  
(if available) (if available)

**FINANCIAL NEED:**

Household income (check one): 0-40,000 \_\_\_ ; 40,001-75,000 \_\_\_ ; 75,000-100,000 \_\_\_ ; 100,000+ \_\_\_ .

Number of people in household: \_\_\_\_\_ . Number of people enrolled in college \_\_\_\_\_ .

**MY PERSONAL MOTIVATION: On separate sheets of paper: **Maximum 150 words each.****

1. Briefly explain your **activities and experiences outside the classroom** such as volunteerism, club memberships, sports, work experiences, and awards, etc.
2. Briefly explain your **interest in the field of education** and your **aspirations** to contribute to education in Texas.

**NAME & ADDRESS OF THE MARSP MEMBER TO WHOM YOU ARE RELATED OR WHO IS A SPECIAL MENTOR:**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEMS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION:**

1. Current university/college transcripts featuring GPA (and SAT Verbal/Math scores, if applicable)
2. Both sections of "My Personal Motivation" document.
3. Letter of recommendation from cited relative or mentor, not to exceed 150 words.

**SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION by Friday, June 11, 2010 to:**

Diantha Dawkins, MARSP Scholarship Chair  
P. O. Box 80459  
Midland, TX 79708-0459



## CASA Empowers Everyday People to Serve A Child in Our Court System

Make a difference in the life of a child that has been abused or neglected and is in foster care. The Children we serve have been removed from their homes by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (CPS) because of a crisis in the home. We are asking members of the community to become a volunteer for CASA of West Texas so that they may bring a child's Voice to life in the court room. **CASA** stands for **Court Appointed Special Advocate** and as an advocate you'll impact a child for a lifetime not just a day.

Volunteers are asked to spend a **few hours** a week on average for one year or until the child is in a safe, nurturing and permanent home. The role of a **CASA** is to become the "eyes and ears" of the court by becoming acquainted with every aspect of the child's life, thus enabling the courts to make sound, fact-based decisions.

**CASA** of West Texas currently has over 100 volunteers who serve our seven county area. We are need of another 61 volunteers to advocate for 111 children who do not have a volunteer assigned to them.

For more information on becoming a **CASA** volunteer, please contact Suzy Milliken at (432) 683-1114 or toll free at 877.316.8346. You may also go to [www.becomeacasa.org](http://www.becomeacasa.org) or send an email to [suzym@casawtx.org](mailto:suzym@casawtx.org).

