

MARSP

Newsletter

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MARSP
Box 4954, Midland, TX 79704

JOIN US FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING!

A VISIT WITH JODY NIX:

COUNTRY AND WESTERN MUSIC ARTIST

- ▶ Thursday, October 1, 2009—First Baptist Church
- ▶ Fellowship Hall—11:30 a.m. Meet and Greet
- ▶ 12:00 noon—Lunch
- ▶ 12:30 p.m. - 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 \$5.00, even if you cannot attend.

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

Call Anita Patton at [432- 697-1602](tel:432-697-1602) or e-mail her at apatton123@sbcglobal.net by **Monday, September 28**, for reservations.

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

Scholarship

The MARSP Scholarship is given annually to a UTPB student acquiring a teaching certificate. Donation bags are available at each meeting. Please contribute \$5.00 at this October meeting for the entire first semester. If you have already contributed, thank you.

Recipients of the scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Be an upper-level student at UTPB, pursuing certification in the field of education.
2. Be enrolled at UTPB for at least six (6) semester hours.
3. Have a CGPA of 3.00 or better.
4. Demonstrate financial need.
5. Demonstrate a history of positive influence and contributions in the community and/or school.
6. Submit a complete application form with all accompanying documentation.

Application Deadline is Sept. 25.

BOOK PROJECT

311 books have been donated this year already. Bring yours to the October meeting.

IN MEMORY

OF
Libbi Stephenson

CORRECTION

Last month, Olessi Moore was listed in the Memory Section. Our Olessi is actually now living in the Metroplex. Our sincerest apologies for this incorrect listing of another Olessi Moore.

Call Pat Adams at 697-3339 with news of health concerns.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Current MARSP membership is 356. This number is just 7 short of the final membership count, in January 2009, for last year.

Remember Your Membership = (Added Influence) + (Updates on Educational Related Matters that Affect You) + (Association with School Friends) + (Informative Programs at Monthly Luncheons) + (Access To Insurance Programs Specialized For You) + (Opportunities to Participate in Service Projects and Personal Health Programs)

NOTE: For those who have not rejoined, MARSP cannot guarantee inclusion in the 2009 yearbook if dues are not received by October 1.

Dues of \$40.00 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. **Call Mike or Kathy Landrum, 697-7727, with questions.**

MARSP MEMORY BOOKS

View past Memory Books at Central Office in the room behind the Board Room. Ann Dixon is preparing a digital book for us this year.



MARSP Luncheon Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2009

The Midland Association of Retired School Personnel met on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. First Vice-President, Mike Landrum, called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Mr. Landrum called on Leonard Boyd to lead the invocation and pledges to the American and Texas flags. Pat Adams introduced our speaker, Debbie Hedrick, of the Museum of the Southwest. She presented an informative program on the sculpture garden at the museum. Following the program, Pat Adams presented a certificate to Ms. Hedrick, acknowledging that a donation had been made in her name to the MARSP Scholarship Fund.

The minutes from the May 2009 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Natalie Eustace, Treasurer, presented the 2009-2010 budget and September financial report. These financial items were approved. Martha Kallus explained the changes proposed to the by-laws. There were no questions, and the changes were approved.

Mr. Landrum expressed the need for reservation callers for those who do not use email. Kathy Anderson volunteered. Mr. Landrum thanked Olga Banks for a sizeable donation to the scholarship/memorial fund. All new members were asked to stand, and many stood. Mr. Landrum reminded those who had not yet joined to be sure to do so. Pat Adams announced that about 265 books had already been donated to Casa de Amigos and the Community Children's Ministry. Mr. Landrum asked that those wishing to attend the Fall District XVIII Convention on September 22 sign up on sheets provided at each table. Nancy Young, Community Volunteer Services Chairman, explained how to record volunteer hours each month and encouraged members to do so. Judy Buckingham, Health Care Co-Chairman, explained how to turn in steps. Mr. Landrum announced that two MARSP members are teaching courses at Midland College. Ann Parish is teaching "Writing Your Memoirs," and Ann Dixon, "Electronic Scrapbooking." Diantha Dawkins announced that \$106.00 had been collected for the scholarship fund. Free lunch certificates were awarded to Janelle Dozier for steps and Norma Drennon for volunteer hours. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

H1N1 FLU AND YOU: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SWINE FLU

First reported in April 2009, the H1N1 flu virus spreads much the same way as seasonal flu. But it is more risky for people with chronic medical conditions, and some people may be at higher risk for other health problems resulting from the flu. **H1N1 SYMPTOMS:** fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Diarrhea and vomiting are also common. Seek medical help immediately if you have trouble breathing or shortness of breath, pain or pressure in the chest or stomach, sudden dizziness or confusion, severe or persistent vomiting, or flulike symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worsened cough.

PROTECT YOURSELF: When vaccine for H1N1 becomes available, get a shot. Cover your mouth and nose with tissue. Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your nose, eyes, and mouth. Avoid close contact with sick people. Stay home if you are sick. Don't forget your regular influenza shot this year. To learn more, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>.

"Healthy U" Health Fair

Sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital, the fair will be Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, 9:30-2:00 PM at the Horseshoe Arena. There will be **LOTS** of screenings and information.

Watch the newspaper and TV for more details!!!

Make Your Voice Heard

TRTA has filed its official legal opinion on why we should receive the supplemental payment that is now on hold pending a ruling by the Texas Attorney General. Please consider emailing the Attorney General through a special TRTA link at

<http://www.votervoice.net/link/forward/trta264115.aspx> Then click the "take action" link.

TRTF Offers Scholarships

The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation offers scholarships which are available for students who are related to TRTA members and also offers grants to active classroom teachers for innovative classroom projects. To find out about applications, go to www.trtf.org. Support our Foundation and help it work **for you**.

Community Volunteer Service

4483 Volunteer Hours have been reported for the July-August months. **Keep it up!**

A "symbolic" check for all TRTA members' volunteerism is presented to the Governor each spring.

Volunteer Hours ▪ September '09

Name: _____

Number of Hours: _____

Walking Steps ▪ September '09

Name: _____

Number of Steps: _____