

♥ MARSP February 2026 Newsletter ♥

February Program

Carla Koerth, our AMBA Representative, presented the program at the February 5th meeting of MARSP. She spoke about the different plans offered by AMBA and the new MASA plan. If you were not able to make the meeting, the program has been placed on our website thanks to Mike Landrum.



The program for the March 5th meeting will be presented by Evelyn Guerrero who will be speaking about the Watersong Wild Space.

President's Note

Dear MARSP Member

As the weather begins to warm up, the business of taking care of retired school personnel also warms up. The dilemma about the Actuarial Soundness of TRS is going to be a priority item for TRTA during the January 2027 legislative session. The election of new officers for the state is at hand, as well as the election of officers for MARSP. If you are interested in serving on the board, please let me know. My number is 1 (432) 550-0452. Our time to award a scholarship is drawing close, please let applicants know the scholarship forms are on our website. The deadline is April 1. The increase of membership dues will begin June 2027, the current year (2026) will go out in April. MARSP yearbooks will be sent out soon thereafter. As you can see, we are busy trying to serve our MARSP family. Please continue to invite friends to our luncheons, we look forward to seeing new faces!

Thank You

Debbie Jordan

President MARSP



MARSP Membership News

Happy Valentine's Day! Currently, our membership is at 227 members. Although we've started a new calendar year, we are still continuing the 2025-2026 TRTA/MARSP membership year which doesn't end until June 30, 2026. Let's continue to invite retired educator friends to the meetings and invite them to join our local. Stay in touch with others for their health and well-being as well as your own! Please keep using your 2024-2025 MARSP Yearbook until the next one is published. As member updates are communicated, they will be published in the MARSP Membership Newsletter Article each month. Please update or add the following members:

1. New Member: Emma Galindo, 111 N. Eisenhower Dr.,
Midland, TX 79703, emma.galindo714@gmail.com, 230-7801, 7/14, 2025
2. Add email address: Jo Hayes Butler, johayes604@gmail.com

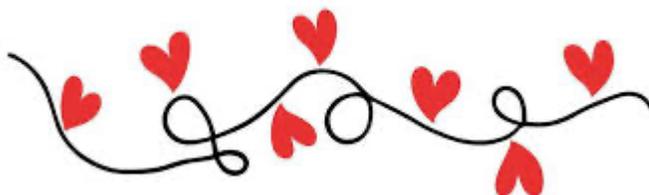
Together we are stronger and more powerful! Membership in TRTA and MARSP is important for all retired school personnel!

Thank you,
Paula Knight
MARSP 1st VP/Membership

Thinking of You

We are always thinking of our members. The following cards were sent out to the following:

Margie House Family – Sympathy card on her passing.
Suzanne Palmer – Get Well card
Maridel Fryar – Get Well card



Volunteer Hours

THANK YOU to those that submitted their Volunteer Hours for the period of January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.

The Midland Association of Retired School Personnel has reported 33,176.5 hours to the Texas Retired Teachers Association. The Independent Sector volunteer hourly rate for 2025 was \$34.79 per hour, which equates to \$1,154,210.44 of value that MARSP members gave back to their community.

Texas Retired Teacher's Foundation

In support of the **TRTF** this year, our MARSP chapter donated \$3,045 dollars to the foundation that supports teachers. We also want to thank Maridel Fryer that matched the chapter's contribution to bring the total to \$3,045

Retirement Seminar News

On Saturday, February 7, 2026, TRTA District 18 held its annual Retirement Seminar at Odessa College. There were speakers from TRS (Teacher Retirement System of Texas), TRTA (Texas Retired Teachers Association), and AMBA (Association Member Benefits Advisors). Judy Crawford, District 18 President and Shirley Johnson, District 18 Legislative Chair and former President, informed attendees about the benefits of TRTA Membership. Valerie Guerrero, TRS Representative, emphasized the importance of signing up for a **MyTRS** account. The 60 enrolled attendees at the Retirement Seminar were from Odessa, Fort Stockton, Crane and Pecos; however, no prospective retirees from Midland actually attended. Some people come to the seminar several years before retiring, gaining a wealth of information to assist their retirement decision making process. When they do decide to retire, we hope they will become members of TRTA and one of the local chapters in District 18.

Linda Hancock
MARSP Retirement Committee Co-Chair

