

# MARSP MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



Donna White, Ann Dixon, and Estella Aleman from Friends of Libraries and Literacy Bookstore spoke to the MARSP members about the mission of the bookstore. They also asked the members to think about volunteering at the bookstore.

Evelyn Guerrero, Education Director at Watersong Wild Space, spoke at the March 5th MARSP meeting. She talked about the purpose of the Wild Space and the different programs offered at Watersong. She also asked the members to volunteer with the different education programs.



## HEALTH

Make your home safer for everyone!!

- \* De-clutter pathways
- \*Remove rugs and tripping hazards
- \*Make bathrooms more accessible
- \*Check kitchen for hazards
- \*Improve overall lighting
- \*Purchase safety devices such as safety bars
- \* Be safe!



## President's Note

Dear MARSP Members

March represents the month we begin to wind down for the year. Some of you may have been contacted to be on the nominating or scholarship committee. It's important to participate in our chapters activities and not leave the responsibility to the same few. This way we will continue to grow and get to know other members. Membership renewal forms will go out in April as well as the scholarship recipient and May will introduce the officers for the 2026-2027. I hope this spring finds us all in showers and flowers.

Deborah Jordan  
MARSP President

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

MARSP membership for 2025–2026 is closing out at 229 members. Although this year 's membership officially ends on June 30, 2026, TRTA begins a new membership campaign every March for the next year. The mass mailing of membership forms from MARSP for 2026-2027 will be sent out after the April 2nd meeting. Each member will receive an individualized membership form; this form may be mailed to the MARSP post office box with payment of dues or given to the membership table at a meeting. Thanks for continuing to be a member of MARSP and TRTA which advocates for all educational retirees. There is strength in numbers, so membership is vital. Please stay informed and stay active!

Thank you,

Paula Knight  
MARSP 1st VP/Membership



Interested in serving on the Scholarship committee, please contact Deborah Jordan before the next meeting in April. Scholarship applications will be accepted until April 1<sup>st</sup> for anyone in an education program as well about to enter an education program

At our March meeting, MARSP bid farewell to Betty Ruth McAnally. She is moving to be closer to her kids.

Let's grow our membership, invite fellow retirees and inform current educators who are about to retire, that MARSP is here and would love to have them join us.

Next Meeting will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church. We will host Midland Mayor Lori Blong as our speaker. Please email Bayta Cullen by March 30<sup>th</sup> for a lunch reservation at (bayta.cullen@gmail.com).



**SEE YOU APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>!**