

MARSP

Newsletter

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PLEASE COME TO THE OCTOBER MEETING

Don't forget to put Thursday, October 4, on your calendar. This is the date for the next luncheon meeting of MARSP. Meet and greet begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$6, and your reservation is your commitment to pay.

The program will be entitled C.R.A.S.E, an acronym for Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events. It is presented by the Midland Police Department. In these uncertain times, it is important to be aware, to know how to react, and how to survive in such a crisis.

Call Anita Patton at 432-349-6822 or e-mail her at apatton123@sbcglobal.net by Monday, January 28, 2018

If you do not get a response from Anita, please contact her again to make sure your name has been added to the reservations.

DISTRICT 18 FALL CONFERENCE



The Fall Conference is scheduled for Friday, September 28, at Region 18. Everyone who is a member of MARSP is invited to attend. A catered lunch will be served for a cost of \$5. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 with the conference beginning at 9. It will be over around 2:00. If you are interested in going, you need to be counted, so would you please call Deanna Dunn at 432-894-0092. There will be a memorial service for members who have passed away, as well as the latest information on our insurance and changes because of recent legislative actions. Marcy Cann from the state TRTA office will be the featured speaker.

Members please read Tim Lee's email, The Inside Line from September 11. He gives instructions on how to mail in your votes in November. This will make voting easier and as TRTA members, we all know how important our vote can be.

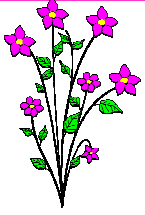
Deborah Jordan, Membership

CHILDREN'S BOOKS GOAL ALMOST MET



At the September meeting, we gathered approximately 200 books and \$189.00 to purchase more. With the 1700 books we already had, we are well on our way to meeting our goal of 2200 books this year. This is due to your generous hearts and willingness to search for good books wherever they may be. We will continue to collect books and money. If you can't come to the meeting, call Bayta Cullen to pick up: 432-559-7797. These books do truly make a difference. Here is an excerpt from a letter of thanks from the Community Children's Clinic (only one of the places we donate to): "Thank you for your donation of books on behalf of the MISD retired staff. We are grateful for your continued support of the children at the clinic. They love reading them and the opportunity to take them home!"

Bayta Cullen, Book Chairperson



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Fall with the rain and refreshing cooler temps! Midland Association of Retired School Personnel is ready for action. Thank you for being part of our ongoing efforts to protect our retirement fund, educate our legislators, support our fellow retirees, and engage our active teachers. This is a legislative session year, and our health care is a major issue. As Tim Lee urged in August, it is not too early for each of us to write, call, and visit Representative Tom Craddick and Senator Kel Seliger to be sure they understand the issues facing them and that they hear from us personally about the impact on us if adequate health care funding is not provided. More than ever, we need membership so that our voice is LOUD! Keep working to recruit members for MARSP! Our September program with John Trischitti, Midland head librarian, helped us anticipate the central library's reopening in January to bigger and better things. Our October program is of vital interest to us and our families! The Midland Police Department will be outlining "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events." I look forward to seeing each of you there.
Deanna Dunn, President

MIDLAND ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

SEPTEMBER 1, 2018



MARSP meeting for September 6, 2018 was held at First Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order at 12:19 p.m. by President Deanna Dunn. After a welcome from President Dunn, Nancy Doss led the invocation and pledge.

President Dunn thanked Orin Wade for the delightful piano music during the lunch and second vice presidents for the book decorations to go along with the program. The emphasis for today is gathering books for donation.

Cindy Truitt introduced the speaker John Trischitti, who is the director of the Downtown Library and the Centennial Branch. John Trischitti gave a brief history of the downtown library which was built in 1956 and the present renovations that are taking place. He also reported on the upcoming events. There was a question and answer session. Mr. Johns Trischitti was presented with a contribution to our scholarship fund in his honor.

- a. Membership Report-1st Vice President, Debbie Jordan reported there wasn't a current membership number at this time.
- b. Mike Landrum reported on the yearbook deadline, and indicated that members pay dues by October.
- c. Second Vice President's Report-The October Meeting program will focus on raising money for the MARSP scholarship.
- d. Book Project-The total number of books received was 1,700, and 200 books were brought today. The book project goal is 2200 books.
- e. A Thank-you note was received from Casa de Amigos.
- f. The approval of the proposed budget for 2018-2019 was presented by Mary Smith, which included an audit report. The audit report indicated no errors. Ann Parish moved to accept the report. It was seconded and the motion carried.
- g. Mrs. Mary Smith presented a video of thanks from her grand-nephew Jeremy De Lao who was awarded a Scholarship.
- h. The Friendship Chairman's Report was presented by President Dunn about the recent deaths of MARSP members and thank-you notes received from the following families: George Lee Kahl and Carolina Salazar.
- i. TRTA HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION was awarded to MARSP for performing an outstanding job in meeting the requirements on the Health Care Check. A Certificate of Recognition for Highest Quality Organization and Membership was also presented to MARSP.
- j. Minutes for May and August were approved as printed and will be filed.
- k. The exercise drawing was won by Barbara Young and the volunteer hours was won by Debbie Jordan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Region 18 planning meeting Friday, September 7, 10:30 a.m. Centennial Library
- b. MARSP Board Meeting—Monday, September 10, 1:30 p.m. at Centennial Library
- c. TRTA Fall Conference at Region 18, Friday, September 28, 2018, 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. All MARSP members are invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06p.m.

Nancy Ashley, Secretary

Volunteer Hours - September 2018

Name: _____

Number of Hours: _____

Exercise for September 2018

Name: _____

YES I EXERCISED _____

CARDS FROM MARSP



MARSP lets its members know that we are thinking of them. If members are sick, have lost a loved one, or just need to know they are being thought of, we like to send cards.

Cards of sympathy were recently sent to the families of three very special men: to Martha Kallus upon the death of her husband Dan; to Gayle Dodson upon the death of her husband Doc, and to the family of John Briggs. A card of sympathy was also sent to the family of Vinita Brown upon her death.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate a card of sympathy or a get well card, or a thinking of you card, please notify Patti Watson at pnw1000@gmail.com, or you may call her at 432-697-1170. If you have extra cards that you do not need, especially sympathy or thinking of you, please bring them to Patti at our monthly luncheon.

Patti Watson, Friendship Chairperson



By Tim Lee

Keep up with the happenings in Austin for Retired Educators.

Go to <http://www.trta.org> and click the *Inside Line* icon like the one above. Then follow the directions.

The TRTA Call Your Legislator Hotline:
1-888-674-3788
TRTA Legislative Hotline:
1-877-880-1651

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DON'T TOSS THAT YET!!



Try these tricks for rejuvenating, or just using fading food.

Brown bananas – Make banana bread or pudding, or peel and pop into a resealable bag to freeze for smoothies.

Stale bread - Tear into 1 inch pieces and toss with olive oil and a pinch of salt; toast in the oven until golden brown.

Wilted lettuce – Plunge into an ice bath and watch it get revived.

Leftover wine – Substitute it for vinegar in dressings and stews.

Prevention Magazine – September 2018

Nancy Young – Health Care



We are working on the MARSP Yearbook, and it will be printed and sent only to current members of MARSP.

If you have not joined TRTA (Texas Retired Teachers Association) and our local MARSP (Midland Association of Retired School Personnel), please send in your check for \$50.00 to MARSP, Box 4954, Midland, TX 79704, before October 1, 2018, so you will get a yearbook and have its information.

This is a MAJOR legislative year; please INCREASE rather than diminish our collective voice.

If you are not a member of TRTA and its Midland local, how do you communicate what you need to the legislature?

If you are not a member of TRTA and its Midland local, who will speak for your adequate health care?

If you are not a member of TRTA and its Midland local, how will you systematically connect with friends and colleagues?

Please contact Michele [micheleharmon1@gmail.com or 352-0717]

or
Debbie [debraejordae@hotmail.com or 934-1302] with questions about your membership.

Thank you in advance for your continued professionalism.

Mike and Kathy Landrum