

MARSP October 2025 Newsletter



October 2nd Program

The program at the October 2nd MARSP meeting was presented by Destiny Freels and Dr. Jennifer Miller-Ray. Destiny is the transfer specialist for the Midland College/SRSU partnership. She spoke about the different degree plans offered by the partnership. Jennifer is associate professor of education and literacy at SRSU. She spoke about the NRF grants she has acquired and the positive impact the literacy grants have made.

HEALTH

Sure, cage free means hens weren't raised in a cage, but they still could have been packed into a building with thousands of other birds. There's no nutritional difference between cage-free eggs and others!



PLEASE READ!!!!

Changes for Next Meeting

The November 6 meeting will be held in rooms D101/103 rather than the Fellowship Hall. Enter at the usual door and turn right to find the D hall. This will be for only the November 6 meeting, as there is a conflict with a church activity.

Also, the church kitchen is requiring reservations to be turned in on Monday mornings, so please RSVP Bayta Cullen before then. This change applies to all future meetings. Bayta.Cullen@gmail.com

CONCERN FOR MEMBERS

1. Thinking of You- sent to Leann Brenner as she heals from a fall.
2. Sympathy card—sent to JoAnn Collett on the passing of sister-in-law
3. Sympathy Card— sent to Anita Patton on the passing of her husband George.

JOINT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SPECIAL ELECTION

Early Voting - Monday, October 20 - Friday, October 31

Election Day - Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Early Voting Locations:

Midland County Annex - 2110 N. A

Centennial Library - 2503 W. Loop 250 N

Cogdell Learning Center - 201 W. Florida Ave.

Fellowship Community Church - 5206 Midland Dr.

The Village at Manor Park - Margaret Cowden Clubhouse, 431 Manor Village Circle



Volunteer Hours—Quick Reminder

Please keep track of your volunteer hours for 2025 so we can have another great year of giving back. There is a form on the MARSP website for your use to keep track of your hours and there will also be reporting slips at the monthly meetings. Report your hours monthly or annually. Either way is perfectly OK. Every effort you make to report volunteer hours shows our commitment to retired school personnel. You may use any method you like to report your hours via of text, email, or paper to:

Helen Whitehead\
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432-553-3924



Texas Retired Teachers Foundation

NOVEMBER is Foundation/DONATION Month. Time to donate your dimes, dollars, tens, and twenties. Checks for more are welcome, too. (Contributions are tax-deductible.) Your gift does more than fund programs. It changes lives for the better!

A retiree (TRS annuitant) experiencing hardship or in need of disaster relief can receive monetary aid. First-year teachers or active personnel can receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship or grant to supplement their resources or fund innovative educational ideas and materials

Since 2008, TRTF has awarded over \$1 million to provide resources for TRS annuitants as well as active school personnel.

Help spread the word to active school personnel to apply for a grant or scholarship funds. TRTF President, Bill Barnes stated,

"Supporting TRTF gives retirees and active teachers HOPE!....Knowing you gave someone hope feels good and makes a difference."

The Voice/Third Quarter2025, p1.

President's Note

Dear MARSP Members,

As our weather begins to cool off and the Texas' state legislature finally has adjourned, it does not mean we can stop worrying about our retirement. We need to stay vigilant about the SSA giving us tax breaks this year. This was an integral part of Trump's Big Beautiful Bill, and it comes at a key time after the Fairness Act gave retired teachers their legal SS benefits. In conclusion, Tim Lee is working on legislation that would permanently give TRS recipients a COLA without having to come begging to the legislature every two years. Please keep reading Tim Lee's "The Inside Line" and "The Voice". Join us at our monthly luncheons, hear our speakers, and enjoy the friendship cause it's real!

Thank you,
Debbie Jordan
President



See everyone at the November 6th meeting!

Email Bayta Cullen BEFORE Monday November 3rd
For your lunch reservation.
BRING A FELLOW RETIRED EDUCATOR!