



MARSP OCTOBER 2026



Midland Mayor Lori Blong presented the program for the October 1 MARSP meeting. She spoke about the projects that are ongoing in the city and projects that are in the works. Mayor Blong was accompanied by her administrative assistant, Jamie McCarron.

The next meeting will be held on November 5 when Renee Page from the YMCA will be presenting the program.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

MARSP has gone over the 200 members' mark! We are now at 205 members, but that's not nearly enough! If you know any educational personnel retirees, invite them to our next meeting and to join MARSP/TRTA. The meetings have informative speakers, tasty meals and friendly retirees to socialize with.

With each newsletter, there will be updates on any changes in members' info as well as info about new members. The changes and newbies are:

1. Nancy Ashley, new phone # 288-1325
2. Sandra Wyllie, new phone # [970-481-3359](tel:9704813359)
3. Renewed Member: Janet Haney, [3317 Maxwell Dr., Midland, TX 79707](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3317+Maxwell+Dr.,+Midland,+TX+79707), jshaney18@icloud.com, 10/31, 2007
4. New Member: Nena Castillo, 1800 Bates, Midland, TX 79707, castlepeaces@gmail.com, 889-9907, 8/27, 2021
5. New Member: Wendy Gee, 1507 Pueblo, Midland, TX 79705, wendy.gee3279@gmail.com, 553-0215, 2/3, 2025



TRTA is the only organization that advocates for retired educational personnel. There is strength in numbers. Let's encourage others to join and reap the benefits!

Paula Knight
MARSP 1st VP

CONCERN FOR MEMBERS

Cards Sent to MARSP Members, October 2026 - Thank You, Get Well, Sympathy

1. Terrill Littlejohn -Thank You card for Donation to MARSP Scholarship
2. Bayta Cullen - Sympathy card on the death of her husband, Steve
3. Linda Hancock - Get Well card after a fall injury and subsequent hospital stay

Lois Hillary
MARSP Concern for Members

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

At the October 1st MARSP meeting, Mayor Lori Blong's slide show and talk about the "State of Midland" was very informative and complete. The Midland native really advocates for her city! Thanks to those who already donated for TRTF at the meeting in the bags on the tables. November is the big campaign for TRTF donations. TRTF is an amazing charitable foundation for retirees as well as current teachers! Please attend the November 5th meeting to hear all the details from Heather and Maridell. Let's all donate because we care! We need to get out and vote in the November election! Together TRTA members are a force to be reckoned with.

Sincerely,

Linda Hancock
MARSP President



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Save the Date!



What: MARSP Scholarship Fundraiser Night

When: Wednesday, Nov. 5th - ALL DAY! (6 am - 10 pm)

Where: Black Bear Diner

Address: 8150 E. 56th Odessa, TX

Directions: Head West on Hwy 191, then exit on Faudree Rd

Tell your waitress: I'm here to support THE RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Come join us! Every dollar we raise helps fund our Future Teacher Scholarship Fund!

More News on Scholarship Funds Raised:

During our October 1, 2026, meeting, you all helped us raise **\$214** from our 3 raffles!

Plus, other donations gathered were **\$230**, for a grand total of **\$444** this month!

A huge shout out to **Monterrey Cocina Mexicana** for their generous "Dinner for Two Gift Certificate" and to **Friends of the Library** for their book donations! Special thanks to MARSP members and guests who participated in purchasing a \$10 raffle ticket!



This month's winners included:



Ms. Felicitas Baesa – Dinner for Two at Monterrey Cocina Mexicana



Ms. Barbara Stokesberry - Bundle of Books, courtesy of Friends of Library



Ms. Eileen Corley – Two Cinergy Movie Tickets & Puzzle Relaxation





"The strength of TRTF comes from the generosity and commitment of the TRTA community, for decades, TRTA members have supported the Foundation because they understand the importance of taking care of those who have dedicated their lives to Texas public education. This November, celebrate Foundation month by learning more about TRTF, sharing its story and considering how you can help strengthen its work."

At our October meeting, we collected \$392.00 for TRTF. Two hundred of that was a check directly to TRTF. So, our chapter collection is 192.00. Maridell Fryar will match our chapter giving on anything 500.00 or above. Please bring cash, coins, checks to the November meeting. We can easily make this goal if we all step up! Thanks in advance. Donations are accepted through the month of November. Any questions, contact Heather Bostic at hieb53@gmail.com.

SEE ALL AT THE NOVEMBER 5TH MEETING.
BRING A FELLOW RETIREE TO JOIN US!

