

# MARSP Newsletter

## September, 2011

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### MARSP LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2011

The Midland Association of Retired School Personnel met on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. President Dorothy Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:35.

President Thompson called on Leonard Boyd to give the invocation and lead the pledges to the Texas and American flags. After welcoming those present, President Thompson thanked Jo Ann Collett for providing piano music during lunch and Mary Jo Boyd for always arranging table decorations. The Board was thanked for providing the centerpieces. Thanks were also extended to Valerie Watkins, church hostess, for providing our meals each month.

Pat Adams introduced Loyce Phillips, President of District XVIII TRTA, who installed the MARSP officers for 2011-2012. They are as follows: President, Dorothy Thompson; Co-First Vice Presidents, Mike and Kathy Landrum; Second -President, Pat Adams; Secretary, Deanna Dunn; Treasurer, Betty Merritt.

President Thompson recognized and thanked Ann Parish, Parliamentarian, Leonard Boyd, Chaplain, and Ann Dixon, Historian, for their participation this past year. She also recognized and thanked all committee chairmen.

Awards were presented by President Thompson to MARSP including the Outstanding Recognition and Achievement Awards, Special Unit Award for member retention and the Banner Unit Award for outstanding programs and achievements.

Additional awards presented were: Health Care Award, Bob Cornell (most steps); Volunteer Service Award, Deanna Dunn (most volunteer hours); 21<sup>st</sup> Century Award, Maridell Fryar, Pat Adams, and David Kleinbeck (outstanding community or local unit service) and the Appreciation Award, Kathy and Mike Landrum and Ryder Warren (unusual service to TRTA). The School Bell Award was presented to the MRT for outstanding MARSP coverage.

There were no corrections to the minutes of the last meeting or the Treasurer's report, so they were both filed.

Kathy Landrum, First Vice-President, encouraged the members present to round up new members because representation is so critical. Second Vice-President Pat Adams reported 2001 books collected thus far and asked for program suggestions for next year. Ann Parish announced that the next meeting would be August 11 with Tim Lee from TRTA to be the speaker. Maridell Fryar gave an update on the issues in Austin and also challenged us to get new members.

Free lunch certificates were awarded to Sandy Burke for steps and Lois Hagins for volunteer hours.

Over 50 door prizes were awarded to paid memberships for 2011-2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40.

Nancy Doss  
Substitute Secretary



### Scholarship Awarded

Each year the Midland Association of Retired School Personnel awards a scholarship to a student who is enrolled in the field of education. The scholarship for 2011 was awarded to Bo Sun, a master candidate of Professional Education, who is enrolled at UTPB. She was mentored by Dorothy Thompson, MARSP president. When asked about the source of her motivation, she said, "I believe that my teachers have influenced and shaped my life, and I also believe that all teachers have the powers to enrich and even change a child's life. Being raised and educated in China, I believe that I can bring cultural diversity into the educational field."

When Bo Sun presents proof of enrollment, she will be able to accept her award. We hope she will be able to attend a luncheon so that everyone is able to meet her.

Many thanks to each of you for your contributions to the scholarship fund. Special thanks goes to Nancy and Roland Moreland, Teri Evans, and Zoe Carter for serving on the scholarship committee.

Diantha Dawkins  
Scholarship Chairperson

### Please Come to the September Meeting

Don't forget to put Thursday, September 1 on your calendar. This is the date for the next meeting of MARSP. The guest speaker will be Dr. Steve Thomas, Midland College President. His topic will be "Midland College and Our Community: Past, Present, Future." He will also talk about Midland College Classics for Seniors. Meet and greet begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. **The cost is \$5.00, and your reservation is your commitment to pay, even if you cannot attend.**

The program will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Call Anita Patton at **432-697-1602** or e-mail her at [apatton123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:apatton123@sbcglobal.net) by Monday, August 29.



### In Memoriam

#### **MARSP Members:**

*Kaye Welsh Sexton*

*Mary Elizabeth Titus Schmidt*



#### **Other who worked for MISD:**

*Clifford Leon Bailey*

*Aaron McCracken, Jr.*

*Audrey Lee Culley*

*Patricia Ann (Patsy) Culver*

*Anita Diana Cooper*

*Robbie Rucker*

*Kenneth L. McGraw, Sr.*

*Marvin Theodore Carlsen*

*Jerry McGowan*

*Betty Jo Hickey*

Please send articles for the newsletter to Joyce Whitley or Carole Miller at 1210 W. Golf Course Road, 79701 or e-mail them to joyce.whitley@gmail.com.

### Concern For Our Members



During the summer, some MARSP members were sent cards just to let them know they were being remembered. Cards of sympathy went to Nancy Mc Nerney, Tina Moseley, Sally Munoz, Karron and Greg Pearson, Bob and Valerie Watkins, Brune Torres, Kaye Sexton's family, and Natalie Eustace. Get well cards were sent to David Kleinbeck, Carolyn McGaha, Sue Norris and Tim Lee. Thinking of you cards went to Pat Adams, Sally Cook, Lois Templeton, Loyce Phillips, Anita Patton and Lola Nunn.

If you know of a member who would appreciate a card from MARSP, please call Patti Watson at (432)697-1170 or e-mail her at [pnw1000@gmail.com](mailto:pnw1000@gmail.com). Also, if you have any extra cards that you don't need, Patti would appreciate your giving them to her.

Patti Watson

Friendship Chairperson

### Got Milk...or Water... or Juice?



Is there more to hydration than water? Water is a great choice for staying hydrated. After all, water is calorie-free, inexpensive, and readily available. Still, water isn't your only option. Remember that food also contributes to your daily fluid needs. Many fruits and vegetables, such as watermelon and tomatoes, are 90 percent or more water by weight. Beverages such as milk and juice are also composed mostly of water. In moderation, even beer, wine and caffeinated beverages, such as coffee, tea or soda, can contribute to your daily fluid needs.

Health Tip of the Week, [www.MayoClinic.com](http://www.MayoClinic.com)  
July 29, 2011

Karron Pearson  
Health Care

### Community Volunteer Hours-2010



*Five million eight hundred thirty-one thousand seven hundred seven.* That is 5,831,707 hours of volunteers hours reported by Texas' 260 local TRTA units. Thanks to our local unit, our members are included in that number. Remember to count your hours and submit your totals at our luncheons. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please e-mail Nancy Young at [cd.neyoung@grandecom.net](mailto:cd.neyoung@grandecom.net). A few hours or many hours all add up to give us a good amount of hours to turn in. Thanks to all of you who volunteer.

Nancy Young

Community Volunteer Service

### Volunteer Opportunity



*(The following was received by Dorothy Thompson.)*

I am Karen Lowder with the Santa Rita Club. The Santa Rita Club is the volunteer arm of The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. Together with the museum, we are again this year sponsoring a Prospective Volunteer Luncheon on Thursday, September 29th at the Petroleum Museum. We would love for anyone in your organization interested in learning more about volunteering at the museum to come and have lunch on us! Teachers do make excellent docents! However, there are many other areas to volunteer in as well.

I would appreciate it if you could pass the following information on to your membership via your newsletter. We request that anyone interested please RSVP to the museum by September 27th so that we can have enough food prepared.

My contact information is below should you have any questions. Thanks so much for your time!

Sincerely,

Karen Lowder

697-5656 559-3923 (cell)

### MARSP Continues to Collect Books



As of this printing, the members of MARSP have collected a total of **2210** new and gently used books. These books have been distributed to many places, including Midland Need to Read, Amos Charities, Offices of Gupta and Gupta, M.D., Community Children's Ministry, Buckner Family Place, Midland Children's Dental Center, Safe Place, Coleman Family Care and Dental, Casa De Amigos, Memorial Christian Church Food Bank, and High Sky Children's Ranch, Inc. If you have books to contribute, please call Pat Adams at 432-697-3339 and she will pick them up. Thanks for your continued hard work in this most important project.

Pat Adams, Book Chairperson

### Want a Brighter Smile?



Eat more apples. You can naturally whiten your teeth by eating apples. Don't have time to brush? Eat an apple. "A mildly acidic nature and rough, fiber-rich flesh make apples the ideal food for cleansing and brightening teeth," explains Jeff Golub-Evans, DDS., a cosmetic dentist in New York City. An apple a day may help keep the doctor AND the dentist away.

Karron Pearson

Health Care

### **Volunteer Hours—May-Aug 2011**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Walking Steps—May-Aug 2011**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Steps:** \_\_\_\_\_