

April 2026 MARSP Newsletter



April's Program featured Rebecca Bell, Marketing Director for the Aphasia Center. The Aphasia Center provides support for speech and communication challenges following a stroke, brain tumor or any brain trauma. Contact information is on the MARSP website.

Concern for MARSP Members

Concern For Members Cards sent - March 4, 2026

1. Sympathy Card sent to the family of Shirley Moreland
2. Sympathy Card sent to the family of Brune Torres



Thank You Cards sent to MARSP board members who donated to the MARSP Scholarship Fund on April 2, 2026 -

Paula Knight
Deanna Dunn
Barbara Stooksberry
Nancy Ashley
Deborah Jordan
Linda Hancock
Joyce Leffingwell

If you would like to [donate to the MARSP scholarship](#) fund that would support our current or aspiring educators please mail your donation to **MARSP, PO Box 4954, Midland, Texas 79704**. The scholarship committee will be Paula Knight, Nancy Ashley, Estella Aleman and Debbie Jordan.

TRTA House of Delegates

At the March 26th, 2026 House of Delegates meeting the Midland Delegates were Barbara Stooksberry, Nancy Ashley, Eileen Corley and Deborah Jordan. The election of new state officers took place and they will be

President – Frans Patterson

President Elect – Terri Navrkal

Vice President – Gary Schepf

Secretary/Treasurer – Karen Hoelscher

The new **STATE** dues will become \$48 effective July 1, **2027**. The 593 form will allow members to have the dues taken out of their annuity monthly, then only chapter/local dues of \$15 would be paid in the spring.

The new officers for District 18 are: President Judy Crawford, 1st VP Sonja Hanks, 2nd VP Debbie Burnett, Treasurer Helen Whitehead, Secretary Phyllis Anderson, Past President Shirley Johnson

MARSP 26-28 Officers

On May 7th, installation of the new MARSP chapter officers for 26-28 will take place. The new officers will be:

President: Linda Hancock

1st VP: Paula Knight

2nd VP: Barbara Stooksberry

Secretary: Nancy Ashley

Treasurer: Eileen Corley

Past President: Debbie Jordan

Health Tips

Try chair yoga!! There is a good chair yoga workout at: [SeniorShapeFitness youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)



President's Note

As our new membership drive kicks off again, please be aware our chapter receives \$15 out of your \$50 membership. As a non-profit with the \$15 we have a book project that gave 2,150 books this year. Supplies like envelopes, ink, mailing, and postage comes out of the budget, along with the computer program that Michael uses for mass communication with our members. MARSP generously gave TRTF this year, a check for \$1400. Lastly, there is scholarship that helps an aspiring student in their educational career.

Donations are key to our scholarship program. There is still a shortage of funds this year and we are desperately in need more donations to help give a scholarship. If you can contribute a tax-deductible donation of any amount, please send it to: **MARSP, P. O. Box 4954, Midland, Texas 79704.** Thank you in advance for your donation, it will once again prove the power of retired teachers.

Thank you,
Debbie Jordan
President MARSP



Membership Update

MARSP membership was 229 when TRTA closed the Chapter Portal for 2025-2026. The new membership campaign for 2026-2027 started in March 2026; membership renewal forms were passed out in the April 2nd meeting to those in attendance and sent to all others the next week. Please return your membership renewal with your payment to the MARSP post office box or bring it to the next MARSP meeting on May 7th. An addressed return envelope was enclosed with your individualized membership form. Most members send a \$50 check to cover \$35 TRTA dues and \$15 MARSP dues. This way you are covered for both groups for the 2026-2027 year.

However, if you pay TRTA a different way, the amount to send is indicated in the bottom right corner box of the form.

Please attend our meetings and encourage retired education personnel to join our ranks. TRTA always vigorously advocates for all retired education personnel. Let's support them!

Thank you,
Paula Knight
MARSP 1st VP/Membership

Mark your calendar for May 7th, the last meeting for this year.

Come visit with fellow retirees and enjoy lunch!

We will have installation for next year's officers

Please email Bayta Cullen – bayta.cullen@gmail.com

for a lunch reservation

