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Virtual Retirement Seminar

March 19, 2022, 9:00 am –12 noon, District 18 will be hosting the virtual Retirement Seminar. Deadline to register is Friday, March 18th. If you know of anyone that will be retiring this year, have them go to the www.trta.org/retirement seminars to register. BethTuxhorn, at 432-940-8159 is available to answer any concerns about registering for the seminar or other questions related to the virtual retirement seminar. All school personnel planning retirement from their school district would benefit from this seminar.

Community Volunteer Service

Thank you MARSP!

The MARSP local unit annual report for Community Volunteer Service has been completed and submitted for 2021. The report included 250 members and 38 members that participated. **The local unit member submitting the most hours is Paula Knight.** She submitted 1800 total hours for 2021. **Thank you, Paula!** The total number of hours submitted for MARSP 2021 is 12,796. The volunteer hour rate per the Independent Sector for 2021 is \$28.54. The MARSP volunteer hours are equal to \$365,197.84.

Membership 2022-2023

March 1, 2023 will start new membership for the 2022-2023 year.

M&M (Membership & More) is the theme for this year. You will receive your renewal notice in March and membership is \$50. Please join so you can receive TRTA information, health benefits and legislature updates.

Early Voting Begins

Early voting begins Monday, February 14th and continues through Friday, February 25th.. Election Day is March 1st. Ballot by mail deadline is February 18th, received (not postmarked)! You may vote at any polling location. Please take your driver's license to the poll to expedite the process.

GET THE TRTA MOBILE APP

TRTA is the largest retired educator association in the nation, and our mobile app will help you connect with us wherever you go! The TRTA app provides quick access to valuable resources for our members and supporters. With the TRTA app, you can join the organization, renew your dues, find news, read the Inside Line, communicate with fellow members, and much more! Sign up today so you don't miss out on important legislative updates and notifications.



MARSP Thinking Of You!

Sympathy cards have been sent to the following:

Jill Spannus and family: upon the death of her father-in-law

Michele Harmon: upon the death of her mother

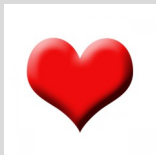
Barbara Hobbs: upon the death of her husband, Clyde Hobbs

If any MARSP members are aware of members in need of sympathy or a "Thinking of You" card, please contact Patti Watson at pnw1000@gmail.com or 432-697-1170. This is a very important request that ensures our members know that they are being thought about during difficult times.

TRTA State Convention News

MARSP is pleased to announce that Martha Kallus was chosen to receive this year's E. L. Galyean Service Award from TRTA. Martha was told of this honor by LeRoy DeHaven, TRTA President, prior to her death and was deeply honored by the news. Her daughters will be present at the TRTA State Convention to receive the award for Martha. Delegates from District 18 will wear special ribbons on their lanyards to honor Martha.

The Texas Retired Teacher's Foundation (TRTF) will be holding a silent auction as a fundraiser at this year's state convention. Items available for bidding will be displayed on our website and our Facebook page and you will be able to submit bids even though you are not present at the convention. Watch for more information so that you can participate in raising money for the worthy programs funded by the Foundation.



Important Announcement for TRTA Members—AMBA – Tim Lee

We want to explain a bit about a notation we provided in the 4th quarter, 2021.(out January 2022) edition of the VOICE. We said and it remains the case today, under the federal court's December 9th order, AMBA remains TRTA's exclusive agent of record and third-party administrator for your group dental and vision plans. We believe that status will likely be in effect for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, we want you to know that AMBA agents will be contacting you about those plans, and you are free to contact AMBA about your plans.

Next Meeting—Join us March 3rd at First Baptist Fellowship Hall.

The program for March will be from Reflections Ministry of Texas, Leslie Bownds. The ministry's focus is human trafficking. She will speak on her experience as a victim of human trafficking and raise awareness of human trafficking in the Permian Basin and how to identify victims. **Email Anita Patton for your lunch reservation at apatton123@sbcglobal.net by February 25th.**