



Midland Association of Retired
School Personnel
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MARSP VOLUNTEER HOURS

Volunteer hours for MARSP recorded for 2021 as of December 31, 2021 are 1,121. The MARSP collects volunteer hours from members to present to the State of Texas Legislators. These statistics are important when we ask for consideration and support from the State for our health care and other benefits associated with our retirement.

Examples of volunteer hours would include, but are not limited to, work in schools, libraries, museums, any non-profit, hospitals and nursing homes, small businesses and business offices, friends, neighbors, family, senior citizen centers and other community services, raising money for worthy causes, church, babysitting, etc.

Hours are still being collected for the 2021 year. The 2021 data will be collected until January 29, 2021. At that time, the data will be calculated and sent to the District CVS Chair for submission to the state. Volunteer hours reported thus far for 2021 are very low compared to previous years. Thank you in advance for your participation in reporting data for 2021 by submitting to: Helen Whitehead at hlwhite54@gmail.com.

We're on the Web!

www.midlandretireded.org

TRS SUPPLEMENTAL CHECKS COMING IN JANUARY

TRS Retirees will be receiving a supplement check in January that the Texas Legislature has granted to TRS members. Checks were scheduled to be issued on January 14th.

TRS retirees who are not members of TRTA need to be encouraged to join in order to support future push to win a cost of living increase and fix the unfair WEP and GPO.

TRTA Honoring a MARSP Member

Martha Kallus' life was remembered and honored recently in the TRTA *The Voice* bulletin. Martha passed away November 18th, 2021 and was an active member in TRTA for many years in various positions as well as the community. MARSP and TRTA will miss Martha.

Children's Book Project

The Children's Book Project has concluded for 2021. We were able to collect 2,361 books mainly from Friends of the Library and Eileen Corley. We had some problems finding organizations willing to take the books, but thanks to Mike Landrum, we were able to give most of the books to the library at the First Christian Church Children's Learning Center. The learning center staff were very appreciative of our donation!



**Texas Retired Teachers
Foundation Grants
& Scholarships**

Applications for the 2022-2023 Beginning Teacher Scholarship program and Classroom Assistance Grant program are available on the TRTF website at www.trtf.org for download. The scholarship program has been updated so that applicants no longer need to be related to a TRTA member. Rather, a referral from a current TRTA member is now accepted. TRTA will be rewarding 20 Beginning Teacher scholarships and 30 Classroom Assistance Grants (at \$750 each), for 2022-2023. Deadline for submission is Friday, Feb. 25th, 2022 by 5:00pm. Winners will be announced in April.

" What better legacy can we offer than the opportunity for someone to pursue a higher education? "

Send Donations to:
Kathy Favor
P.O. Box 4954
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Applications for the \$1500.00 MARSP Scholarship, can be found on the MARSP website scholarship link.

MARSP Thinking OF You

Cards have gone out to The Family of Golden Beal Gibbs - Sympathy upon her death; Joyce Whitley- Thinking of you; Martha Kailus - Thinking of you; The Family of Martha Kallus - Sympathy upon her death; John and Shirley Moreland - Thinking of You, and The Family of Joy Cunningham - Sympathy upon her death. If you know of a member who needs to be remembered by sending a Thinking of You card or member who has passed away whose family I could send a sympathy card, please contact Patti Watson at 697-1170 or pnw1000@gmail.com.

Next Meeting—Join us February 3rd at First Baptist Fellowship Hall. Call Anita Patton at 432-349-6822 or e-mail her at apatton123@sbcglobal.net by Monday, January 31st. See You There! Invite a Retired Educator that you know to join us!