

MARSP MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER



The guest speaker at the May 4th meeting was Melissa Hagins. Melissa is a graduate of Midland High and both her parents taught in MISD. Melissa is a Texas Tech graduate and is now the Executive Director of the Texas Pecos Trail Region. She spoke about the 22 counties she represents and all the different features in each county. She also explained that there are ample travel opportunities in the region, many of which are close enough to complete in one day or one weekend.

President's Note

MARSP Members

This has been an interesting year for TRTA. For the first time we are close to getting a long needed COLA. Keep a close eye on the legislature until the end of the month, they will be voting on SB10 very soon. Some of the Senators and Representatives chosen for the conference committee are definitely proponents for retired teachers. They will meet and make changes to SB10 that the Senate and House can agree on. I think it would be difficult to navigate the workings of the legislature if we did not have Tim Lee's updates and explanations. Being a member of TRTA is beneficial to me and I hope you feel the same way. Have a nice summer and pray for more rain!

Deborah Jordan
President MARSP

2022-23 MARSP Scholarship Winners — Patricia Maurer, Scholarship Chair



Annually, MARP awards two scholarships to students pursuing degrees and/or certification in the education profession. The organization is committed to supporting excellence in teaching. This year's recipients are both deserving of recognition for their accomplishments thus far and for the goals they have for the future. This year's 2022-23 scholarship award winners are Alejandro De La Rosa Azumendi, a senior at Early College High School who will pursue his passion for teaching in his future education at Angelo State and Kristen Ashleigh Hernandez, a teaching assistant for 13 years and the last 3 years at the Pre-K Academy at Midland College and currently enrolled in the Bachelor's in Teaching program at MC

Thinking of You — Patty Watson, Concern for Members Chair

Please notify Patti Watson at pnw1000@gmail.com or 432-697-1170 of any death of a member or member of their family, or member in need of our thoughts due to illness or other adversity. A sympathy or thinking of you card will then be sent to them or their family. The following cards have been sent:

Nancy Moreland—sympathy upon the death of her husband, Roland



2022 MARSP Volunteer Hours— Helen Whitehead, Volunteer Chair

MARSP had 20,140 volunteer hours reported for 2022. These hours reflect the final tally of time spent by retired personnel volunteering their time in 2022. The volunteer hour rate, as per the Independent Sector, for 2022 was \$29.95 . The MARSP volunteer dollar amount is equivalent to \$603,193 of service. This information is reported to the Texas Retired Teacher’s Association each year and reflects our dedication and support to public schools active and retired employees.

- A report will be presented to the Midland City Council and to the Midland
- ISD school board in May.



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LEGISLATURE UPDATE - Lois Hillary, Legislature Chair

If you have not done so already, check out TRTA “The Inside Line” with Tim Lee for May 11th. There will be 3 more shows left in this legislative session. Thursday, May 29 will be the last show. Tim states that at this time there is no new news. He says that continued patience is the key right now. There is so much to vote on and he will report on what’s being negotiated.

Meal Reservations - Anita Patton, Reservation Chair

Many thanks to the members of MARSP for being so diligent in making reservations for meals for our meetings this year. You make my job so much easier! I appreciate that.

Thank you for all you do for MARSP, First Baptist Church Staff



Treasurer Report—Eileen Corley, Treasurer

Thanking all the members for making donations to the various projects that were supported this year. Also counting on your continued support for next year. If you're needing reimbursement for expenses incurred from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023, please download a reimbursement form from our website and request reimbursement before June 25th, 2023. The books for 2022-23 close on June 30, 2023.

Membership Report—Paula Knight, Membership Chair



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Thanks to the 195 MARSP members who have already returned your 2023-2024 MARSP/TRTA Membership form with your dues check. If you haven't yet, please do that soon so you can be counted in "The Magic of Membership" drive. MARSP would love to be a winner in the TRTA Membership contest again. Can't find your renewal form that was bulked mailed in early March? Don't panic —just head to the MARSP website, <https://www.midlandretireded.org>, and you'll find one you can use under "MARSP Documents" or under "Quick Downloads". Fill out the form and send it with your dues check to MARSP, P.O. Box 4954, Midland, TX 79704. Any questions about membership? Email Paula Knight, pvknight432@gmail.com.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

*See you in August to Kick Off 2023-2024,
and have another great year of
information and fellowship
With MARSP!*

