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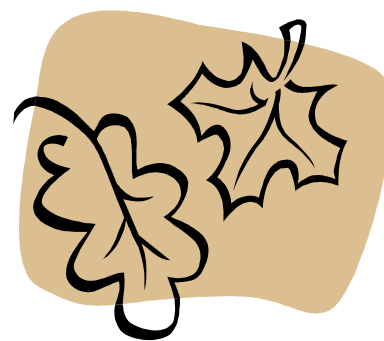
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MARSP NEWS

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Dr. Denise McKown, Dean of Education at Midland College, was the guest speaker at the October 6th MARSP meeting. Also attending from Midland College was Dr. Kimberly White, professor of early childhood training. Dr. McKown spoke about the new pre-K project at Midland College and about the early childhood educator training. The next meeting of MARSP will be held on **November 3**. Guest speaker will be Conrad Coleman who will be presenting his photography exhibit on the homeless of Midland.

MARSP Children's Book Project

The MARSP Children's Book Project presented a check to Midland College to pay for the My Big World subscriptions for the students at the Pre-K Academy. We would like to make another contribution to the Pre-K Academy library in the form of books. This will take some monetary donations from our members. We did receive some donations at the October 6th meeting, but we will need more contributions to the Children's Book Project in order to fulfill our goal of \$500.00. Please consider a donation to the project at the November meeting.

Thinking of You!

"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.

Retirees Need A Raise!

TRTA supports a substantial and meaningful Cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for TRS retirees as a priority item in the 88th Texas Legislature session. On April 11-12, 2023, TRTA members will go to Austin for **Rally Day At The Capital** to visit the legislature. Only the Texas Legislature can approve a COLA for TRS retirees. Let's all rally and pray for a COLA that we all **need and deserve!** Lois Hillary, MARSP Legislative Representative



RALLY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

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In Austin, April 11th -April 12th, 2023 is Rally Day at the Capitol. This is a time for all TRTA members to rally together and go to Austin. The big numbers of TRTA members in their RED SHIRTS make a statement to your House of Representative & Senators that their constituents need their support for a COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA), protect TRS Care insurance, preserve TRS Defined Benefit Plan and to continue to support Senate Bill 12. S.B. 12 keeps TRS actuarially sound. So, mark your calendar and make plans to join up at RALLY DAY at the CAPITOL. Some of us will be carpooling. More fun in traveling together. Have a great Fall everyone and hope to see you at the FALL CONFERENCE- OCTOBER 18th. Rooms are available at the Drury Inn for \$148 with tax. It will start at 9:00 On April 12th.

Blessings— Shirley Johnson District 18th President

Retirement Seminar February 4, 2023

District 18 Retirement Education Chairs, Jimmy and Beth Heath are in the process of organizing the 2023 Retirement Seminar. The Seminar will be February 4, 2023. Jimmy and Beth will be contacting the Local Chapter Retirement Chairs asking for assistance in getting such a big project organized and published to the upcoming retirees. Jimmy and Beth will be contacting each local chapter about donation to put on the seminar. Please let teachers who plan to retire in 2023 know about this date. More info will be coming.

MARSP Membership is a Winner!

MARSP Membership is a winner in the TRTA Membership and More Contest; TRTA awarded MARSP \$200 for placing in the contest. Thanks to all the MARSP members who paid their dues during the contest time! The contest is over, but it's not too late to pay dues for 2022-2023. Dues are \$50 which includes MARSP and TRTA Memberships. Don't miss out on updates, information and the other benefits of membership. Any questions, contact Paula Knight at pvknight432@gmail.com. Door prizes will be awarded to members who bring a guest to our monthly meetings and joins MARSP.

By-Laws Revised

By-Laws were revised and updated by Patricia Maurer, Lois Hillary and Debbie Jordan. They have been sent to the Executive Board for review. The By-Laws will be voted on at the November meeting. Only paid members will be able to participate in the voting process

Texas Voting Dates Reminder

October 11th: Last day to register to vote
October 24th: Early Voting Begins
October 28: Deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot
November 8: General Election Day
November 4: Early voting Ends



President's Note

As the time approaches for our weather to cool down let's make a point to get out and vote. It's your opportunity to have a voice in our government. Once the legislative session starts in January, we will need to voice our need for a COLA. A COLA that is long overdue and essential to our well-being.

November is the month we contribute to the Texas Retired Teacher Foundation. We will be taking donations at our meeting on November 3rd. Due to inflation, the ability to give may be tight, so we are asking for your change. When you get change from a purchase throw your change in a ziplock bag and by the next meeting you may be surprised how much you accumulated. We will have a bucket for your change at the meeting. We appreciate your help!

Debbie Jordan, MARSP President

Would love to see you at the November Meeting !

November 3rd—1st Baptist Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be \$6.00 and please email or call Anita Patton —apatton123@sbcglobal.net if you are planning to have lunch by October 31st. Visit with former educators that you have not seen in a while. Visiting starts at 11:00 with lunch and program following. Members bring a guest that joins the chapter and win a door prize. Guest speaker will be Conrad Coleman who will be presenting his photography exhibit on the homeless of Midland.