



MARSP NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023

October Program

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Dr. Stephanie Howard, Superintendent of MISD, was the guest speaker at the October 6th MARSP meeting. Dr. Howard spoke about changes being made in 3 basic areas which included Student Experiences, Grow & Develop Staff, and Engage & Act. She also presented the facts about the bond issue. The next MARSP meeting will be held Nov 2nd, with the program presented by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.



23-24 Yearbooks Mailed

The annual MARSP yearbooks that contain the list of current members as well as other MARSP information were mailed out to paid MARSP members on Thursday afternoon Oct 5th. You should be receiving your copy soon. If you see information that needs to be corrected or a member that is no longer with us, please email Paula Knight to make corrections in our records.

MARSP Thinking Of You!

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 Fall District Conference

The Fall TRTA District Conference was held at Region 18 on October 3rd. TRS reported that investment returns are up from last year. Through legislation the contribution to TRS is increasing. Senate Bill 1854 will make TRS-Car members eligible to open enrollment for Vision & Dental Coverage. Enrollment will be in Fall of 2024 and start in January 2025. Pharmacy will change back to Express Scripts in January 2024, You will receive a new drug card in December 2023 . You should not have to change pharmacies. New Officers for District 18 will be:

President: Judy Crawford, Andrews, TX

1st Vice President: Sonia Hanks, Snyder TX

2nd Vice President: Mary Alice Ramos, Odessa, TX

Secretary: Phyllis Anderson, Crane, TX

Treasurer: Helen Whitehead, Midland TX



Please Report Volunteer Hours

HOURS TO BE REPORTED FOR TIME PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31. (Maximum of 12 hours per day)

Remember:

1. Volunteer hours may be counted for any service that is provided without pay to an individual or group.
2. Record hours spent in volunteer work from the time you leave home until the time you return. Also count the time you spend preparing to do the volunteer work, i.e., preparing a speech or baking cookies.
3. Combine all volunteer hours regardless of type of service performed.
4. Make a habit of recording the activities on a regular basis. A calendar is ideal for keeping track. [A Community Volunteer Record form](#) is also available on the MARSP webpage.

Report your hours to Helen Whitehead at hlwhite54@gmail.com

President's Note

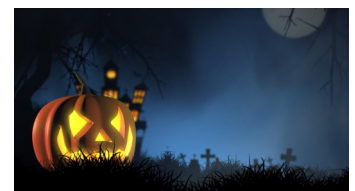
MARSP Members:

I hope you have your candy bought and ready to trick or treat little princesses, goblins and cowboys. We need to also treat everyone we meet like they have no idea what Proposition 9 is about. Spreading information about our COLA is vital so voters don't blindly say no, not understanding what it means to retired school personnel. Educate your friends, neighbors, and family about Proposition 9 and what it means for us.

In November we will be collecting your loose change and dollars at the luncheon on the 2nd for the Foundation. TRTF helps retired school personnel that need financial assistance, and it offers three programs to assist educators. The Foundation is an endowment for a permanent and growing program that is A HELPING HAND.

Texas Parks and Wildlife will be the program for our November meeting. Please contact Anita Patton to make a reservation. Above all, vote for Prop 9 on November 7th!!

Deborah Jordan
MARSP President



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Can you believe that 253 people have joined MARSP for 2023-2024?! Not sure if you're one of those people? Many of you paid with the bulk mailing and membership drive in March, so it's hard to remember back that far. Please feel free to email Paula Knight, pvknight432@gmail.com, for any questions about your membership.

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If you know other retirees who are not members of MARSP, please invite them to our meetings and encourage them to join. If you know members who don't attend our meetings, reach out to them. There is strength in numbers.

Thank you!

Paula Knight

MARSP 1st VP/Membership



