

MARSP September 2023



VOTE FOR PROP 9
A PENSION INCREASE FOR RETIRED TEACHERS!

REASONS TO VOTE FOR PROP 9:

1. No public school retiree since 9/1/2004 has ever received a cost-of-living adjustment. Most retired teachers are not eligible to receive Social Security; therefore, a TRS pension is their primary source of income.
2. It won't create a tax increase! The Texas Legislature has already set aside the funds to make this happen with voter approval.
3. Prop 9 is ENDORSED by the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA)!



SCAN BELOW
TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT
PROP 9!



Legislature News

MARSP members, if you would like to be part of a voter registration drive to get Midland County citizens registered to vote in the upcoming General Election on November 7, 2023, please contact me. I have the information you will need to become a Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR). My contact information is listed below. I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

Lois Hillary

addie1447@sbcglobal.net

432-553-0502

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

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.

Family of Carole Campbell - Sympathy upon Carole's death

Family of Shirley Fox - Sympathy upon Shirley's death

Family of Kathy Favor - Sympathy upon Kathy's death



September

MARSP Programs

D'Anna Baucom, Area Sales Manager for AMBA, presented the program at the September 7th MARSP meeting. D'Anna presented information on the different products that ABMA offers to TRTA members. She also talked about the TRS Health Fairs to be held around the state in September and October. The closest Health Fair to Midland will be held on September 21, in Odessa. The next MARSP meeting will be held on October 5, with Dr. Stephanie Howard presenting the program.



Deborah Morris with **Victory Christian Academy** gave a presentation concerning the need of tutors for their students. Help is needed in all areas from Math to Art or even recreational.

The **Children's Book Project** has been completed for 2023. MARSP has purchased My Big World, a bi-weekly magazine for the Pre-K students at Midland College. There are 188 students at the new pre-K campus with each student receiving 18 magazines throughout the school year. This means that MARSP will be credited with 3,384 "points" by TRTA.



Dear MARSP Members:

September and October will be key months to get the word out about Proposition 9. Lois Hillary is our Legislative Chairperson and if you are interested in being a certified voter register, please email her at addie1447@sbcglobal.net. You can also go to VoteTexas.gov to see if you are registered to vote. All the propositions for November 9 are detailed at tlc.tx.gov. I will have campaign materials at the October 5 meeting. There will be a limited number of push cards, buttons and yard signs. We will also need volunteers at each polling place to remind voters to **say "Yes" for Prop. 9**. It's time to talk to family and friends about the urgency of this issue. Please expect more information to come!

Deborah Jordan

MARSP President