

MIDLAND ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL - MARSP - August — September 2024 Newsletter

August 2024 Program—Tim Lee, TRTA Exec. Dr .

At the District meeting on August 22, Tim Lee, Executive Director of TRTA, was the guest speaker. Tim spoke about the possible legislation that we could see in the upcoming legislative session, how important our organization is, and how to recruit new members.

The next MARSP meeting will be held on September 5, with MISD superintendent Dr. Stephanie Howard speaking to our group.

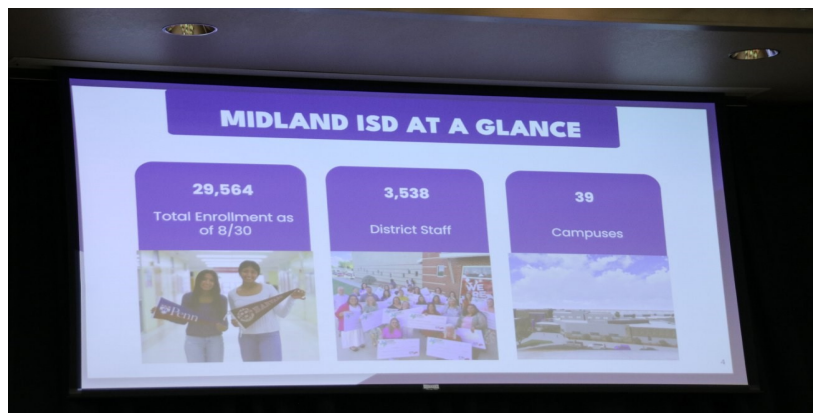


ATTENTION!

**The November meeting has changed to
November 14th, 2024**

September 2024 Program—MISD Supt. Dr. Stephanie Howard

Dr. Stephanie Howard, Superintendent of Midland ISD, spoke at the September 5, meeting of MARSP. Dr. Howard showed the myriad steps involved in the new programs she and her staff are implementing. She also discussed the bond and the new facilities that will be built.



MARSP ANNUAL BOOK PROJECT

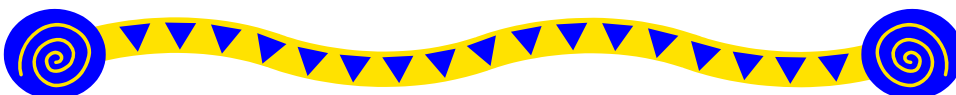
Mary Schultz, Director of the First Baptist Church Early Childhood Development Center, brought some of her students to the September MARSP meeting. The students had several of the books that were donated to the Center's library by the MARSP Book Project. Mary thanked the membership for the books and for the My Big World magazines.



MARSP MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The MARSP Membership Roster total is [now 243 members](#). We've had many new members, but we're always seeking more! Encourage your retired educator friends to attend our meetings and join MARSP/TRTA. Our meetings are informative and a time of connecting with others

As members are updated or added to the MARSP roster, their information will be right here in the MARSP Membership Newsletter article. **Continued on following page:**





MARSP MEMBERSHIP NEWS continued

Please update or add the following members to your 2023-2024 yearbook:

Updates on Current Members:

1. Paula and Phil Edwards, 2 Cuesta Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87508
2. Nancy Ward's phone # is 940-5490
3. Celia (Maria) Munoz, 2825 Sophie Lane, Apt. 1353, New Braunfels, TX 78130
cjmunoz1938@gmail.com
4. Roberta "Sue" Burdette's phone # is 230-9938
5. Nancy Young, 405 Adobe Dr., Midland, TX 79707

New Members:

1. Agnes Biggs, agibig@optimum.net, 631-6501, 4104 Skyline Dr., Midland, TX 79707, 9/12\
2. Julie Crosby, jcrosby111415@gmail.com, 978-2432, 1123 Porterfield Dr., Midland, TX 79705, 11/5
3. Corina Flores, flores.4322@gmail.com, 557-7712, 3307 Sycamore Ave., Midland, TX 79703, 12/8
4. Elise Kail, lewk6@att.net, 638-5322, 2812 Frontier, Midland, TX 79705, 5/1
5. Barbara Terrazas, barb.terrazas1@gmail.com, 894-8329, 2502 Gulf Ave., Midland, TX 79705, 11/13
6. Susan Vermillion, faith8888@cs.com, 664-0511, 605 Meadowpark Dr., Midland, TX 79705, 1/11
7. Donna Whiles, dkwhiles@suddenlink.net, 638-8187, 3109 Elma Dr., Midland, TX 79707, 12/11

Please try to attend the next MARSP meeting on October 3, 2024. Remember to reach out to other retirees!

Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.--Maya Angelou

Thank you!

Paula Knight



VOLUNTEER HOURS

JANUARY 1/1/2024—DECEMBER 31, 2024

The 2024 year for reporting volunteer hours is already in the 3rd quarter for MARSP. Your participation speaks volumes when reported to legislators making decisions concerning your retirement benefits. Please report a maximum of 12 hours per day for time you volunteered in 2024. The volunteer hourly rate for 2024 reported by the Independent Sector is \$33.49. If you haven't started calculating please make a plan to do so. There will be volunteering hours reporting tickets on each table at the regular monthly meetings or submit your cumulative totals anytime that is convenient for you. Please submit all cumulative **hours for 2024 by January 31, 2025.**

Submit to: Helen Whiteside - hlwhite54@gmail.com Or text to 432/553-3924

REMEMBER:

- ♦ Volunteer hours may be counted for any service that is provided without pay to an individual or group.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Combine all hours regardless of type of service performed.
- ♦ 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 website.

<https://www.midlandretireded.org/newsletters/VolunteerHrsYrly.pdf>



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

DANCE RECEPTION

HOSTED BY
THE VILLAGE AT MANOR PARK

Friday, September 13, 2024

4:00PM TO 7:00PM

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

<i>Sam Paliashchuk</i>	&	<i>Nelly Mustafayeva</i>
The national champion of Belarus with over 25 years of experience in teaching, choreography, and competing internationally.		The national champion of Azerbaijan with over 25 years of experience in teaching, choreography, and competing internationally.

ALAN HALE COMMUNITY BUILDING
5323 SINCLAIR AVE.
MIDLAND, TEXAS

RSVP BEFORE 09/10/2024

(432)699-3414

Health Information

ATTENTION— CRUMBS HAVE NO CALORIES!

Here is a crumbly recipe:

1- package of your favorite cookies

1 Hammer, Mallet or Brick will do

8 oz. of Cold Milk (Optional)

Directions - Place package of cookies on a hard, flat, surface and have fun beating until it is all crumbs. Pour crumbs into a bowl and can add optional milk (but remember milk has calories). Eat with a spoon!
Enjoy! Fun and Yummy!



PRESIDENT'S NOTE

MARSP Members,

This year has many new and interesting events happening in our state, as well as country. The elections in November will be key for our local government, and school district. The question of who our next president will be decided. Your vote will be so important for the future of retired teachers, if not also for education in Texas. Please plan on voting, as Tim Lee pointed out, Prop 9 was approved by 2.5 million votes. More votes than any proposition has ever received. We are a powerful voting block. And if you need help, please let one of the MARSP board members know. We are more than happy to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Deborah Jordan

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation

November is Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) month. We will collect coins, cash and checks at our October and November meetings. TRTF is an important part of our organization with five programs - A Helping Hand, First Year Teacher Scholarships, Classroom Assistance Grants, Lehr- Pritchard Endowment Fund, and Disaster Relief Fund. We will have containers (buckets) at the tables in October and November, so bring your coins for some “jingle-jangle” and cash or checks for some “rustle-rustle” in our bucket.

For more information about TRTF, check out the website at www.trtf.org or contact Heather Bostic or Jan Perkins..

OCTOBER MEETING DATE

October 3rd
1st Baptist Church Fellowship
11:30



DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE FOR A GREAT TRIP —JOIN NOW!

TRTA members are thrilled about the once in a lifetime opportunity to take a trip to Asheville, North Carolina: A Biltmore Christmas! It's important that your dues are paid by **September 13** to be sure you are automatically entered in the drawing.

ENTERING IS SIMPLE: The best way to be assured your state dues are paid and you are entered in the drawing is to **pay your state and local dues at our next chapter meeting.**

Please note that if you have already paid your state dues, you are already entered in the drawing! We look forward to seeing you at the next local chapter meeting, where you can enjoy fellowship with fellow TRTA members!

TRIP DETAILS: One paid TRTA member (with one guest) will be selected at random to receive this remarkable trip to Asheville, North Carolina: A Biltmore Christmas! The trip takes place December 11 – 15, 2024. The winner will be selected and announced the week of September 16. View the details at www.trta.org/biltmore!

Questions About Membership? Email Paula Knight: pvknight432@gmail.com

THINKING OF OUR MEMBERS

Sympathy cards sent out to the families of :

Ed Calvin Wilson

Robert Brooks Stewart

Dorothy Nell Thompson

Peggy Jo Taylor

Vivian Renfrow

Joyce Watts on behalf of her husband Richard Watts

David and Barbara Adams on the loss of their son, David Adams, Jr.

Get Well Cards sent to:

Brune Torres, Carolyn Stroman, Richard Watts, Bill Maurer