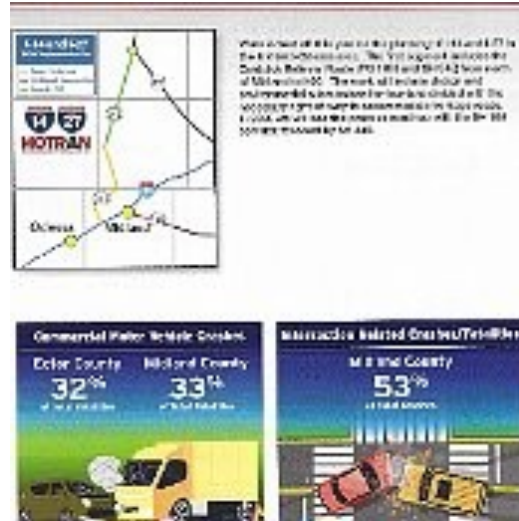


MARSP

NOVEMBER 2025



James Beauchamp, Executive Director of MOTRAN, spoke at the November 6th meeting of MARSP. MOTRAN is the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance and is instrumental in raising funds for the infrastructure of the Permian Basin. James explained that the infrastructure includes not just roads and highways, but also pipelines, railways, freight, and air travel. He talked about the development of I-14 and I-27 which will affect the Midland-Odessa area.

TRTA Legislature Update

TRTA's legislative priorities include protecting and improving retirement benefits for TRS retirees, preserving the TRS pension fund, and reforming harmful Social Security provisions.

Pension Checks will be mailed November 26, 2025.

Direct Deposit will be mailed November 28, 2025.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear MARSP members,

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approach, I feel we have a great deal to be thankful. I also feel this is a time for caution and careful handling of our finances. It is my sincere hope during the next legislative session we can bargain for a more permanent method of gaining a COLA, reflective of the inflationary economic status of our country. Then we wouldn't have to come begging every other year, hat in hand. Please encourage your retired school personnel friends to come to our luncheons and enjoy the friendships we have formed.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Deborah Jordan

President

HEALTHY HABITS FOR SENIORS

Regular exercise

Balanced diet

7-8 Hours sleep nightly

Stay hydrated!

Keep your brain Stimulated

Have regular doctor checkups

Manage stress

If you don't have a Hobby, try something new!!!

Have Fun!



2025 - VOLUNTEER HOURS

We currently have 5,210 volunteer hours reported for 2025 with only 24 members reporting. Since we have 230+ members, I'm sure we will have a greater number to report at the end of 2025. Let's do our best to beat the 19,034 hours reported in 2024. There is a form on the MARSP website for your use to keep track of your hours and there will also be reporting slips at the monthly meetings. Report your hours monthly or annually. Either way is perfectly OK. Every effort you make to report volunteer hours shows our commitment to retired school personnel. You may use any method you like to report your hours via of text, email, or paper to Helen Whitehead

hlwhite54@gmail.com

432 553-3924

**DECEMBER MEETING
BRING A FELLOW EDUCATOR
OR SCHOOL PERSONNEL FRIEND!
DECEMBER 4TH**



MARSP MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Membership at this time is 224 members, which is good but could be better!

The best way to increase our numbers is to invite retired educator friends to our meetings and encourage them to join. Make sure you tell others what TRTA has done for all of us. TRTA has been SO proactive for its members and all retirees!

Over the last few years, TRS retirees have seen the passage of the Social Security Fairness Act (the repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision, or WEP, and the Government Pension Offset, or GPO), a cost-of-living increase, a 13th check, increased state funding for the pension fund, and reduced TRS-Care premiums. These successes have been due to the strength of TRTA's membership.

Please keep using your 2024-2025 MARSP Yearbook until the next one is published. As member updates are communicated, they will be published in the MARSP Membership Newsletter Article each month. Please update or add the following members:

- Patti Heard new phone number, 247-1302
- New Member: Charles "Dick" Harris, 3100 Princeton, Midland, TX 79701, 203-2314, 11/3, 1994

Together we are stronger and more powerful! Membership in TRTA is important for all retired education personnel!

Thanks!

Paula Knight

MARSP 1st VP/Membership

