



# MARSP October 2024

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## October 2024 Program Elder Abuse and Exploitation



Marci Leffler, Community Engagement Specialist for Adult Protective Services, was the guest speaker at the MARSP meeting on October 3. She spoke on elder abuse and financial exploitation. Marci presented Information on indicators of possible abuse and how to report elder abuse.

The next MARSP meeting will be **November 14th**, with Office Chane Blandford of the Midland Police Department presenting the program.



# TRTA Legislature Updates

THE LATEST FROM TIM LEE:

TRTA RELEASES LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Issues/priorities that matter most to TRS retirees:

1. Maintain a solvent TRS pension fund by fully funding statutory contribution rates and using excess state revenues to help reduce the unfunded liability.
2. Provide a benefit enhancement to offset the negative impact of inflation.
3. Maintain and protect TRS-Care by fully funding statutory contribution rates.

Download TRTA'S Legislative Priorities for the 89th Legislative Session for more information.

## Health News

The surgeon general recommends being active at least 20 minutes a day. You may do it in any way! Begin by walking around your residence, safely, without hesitation or walk around the block - carefully, step around any acorns or a rock . Take a walk around the park which will help you make your mark . Also fun to walk the mall; window shopping can be a ball!! Raise your arms as you walk. As you do - hum, sing, or even talk . There's always the treadmill, if you will. Just make yourself get up and move.

**You'll feel better in that daily groove !!!**





# **Reading Volunteers Needed For Elementary Campuses**

Lauren Hopkins Presentstion Request to MARSP

A Ben Carson reading room is a cozy, inviting space in a school that's designed to promote reading and combat illiteracy. Across the district, these campuses have indicated a need for volunteers to works the Ben Carson reading rooms: Bush, Burnet, Parker, Santa Rita, Rusk, Pease, Emerson, Scharbauer and De Zavala. If your interested in hearing more about these opportunities, please email Lauren Hopkins at [lauren.hopkins@midlandisd.net](mailto:lauren.hopkins@midlandisd.net) or call at 432-240-1374.

## **MARSP Membership News**

The MARSP Membership Roster total is now 248 members. We're ahead of last year's numbers for the same time frame, 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. Please update or add the following members to your 2023-2024 yearbook:

### **Updates:**

Nancy Doss, 4400 Island Dr., Midland, TX 79707  
Marilyn Mathis, 2645 Charter House Dr., Abilene, TX 79606

### **New Member:**

Laura Douglas, [ldouglas1066@gmail.com](mailto:ldouglas1066@gmail.com), 288-1531, 2615 Goddard Dr., Midland, TX 79705

The 2024-25 MARSP Yearbook will be sent out to members in November. Continued next page

## Membership News Continued:

Please try to attend the next MARSP meeting on November 14, 2024. Remember to reach out to other retirees!

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

Thank you!

Paula Knight

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## General Election 2024: Get Ready for Early Voting

Members of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA), the November General Election is approaching quickly! Early voting begins in one week. As we head into the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session that begins in January, it's important for our members to make a **plan to vote!**

**Oct. 21-Nov. 1**

Early voting period

**Oct. 25**

Last day to apply to vote by mail

**Nov. 5**

Election Day

MARSP Members who attended the TRTA Fall District 18 Convention at Region 18 on Oct. 8th.



## President's Note

October is a very nice time of the year, especially for people in West Texas. I want to encourage you to vote on November 5, and let your voice be heard. How can you complain about what politicians are doing if you don't vote! Please remember our November luncheon is on the 14th. We will also be collecting for the Texas Retired Teacher Foundation. The foundation is not just a charitable collection of funds, but it also dispenses monies in the form of Classroom Assistance Grants, First year teacher scholarships, Disaster Relief and Legacy Programs for active and retired teachers. Bring your change to put in the bucket, as well as a tax-deductible donation in a check made out to TRTF. We look forward to seeing you at our luncheon.

Sincerely,

Deborah Jordan

## REMINDER

November Meeting is on November 14th.

**BRING A FELLOW SCHOOL RETIREE!**

