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# MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



## February Program

**Jeff Branick**

**Jefferson County Judge**



**Next Meeting:** March 10, 2020, 1:30pm @ Ritter Senior Center, 914 Ave. B, Nederland, Texas  
**Program:** Carol Hall, Loyalty Development Manager of Shell Oil — Houston Area  
**MJCRSP Hostesses:** Gail Krohn (chair), Donna Lumpkin, Helen Reynolds, Patricia Allen

## Hats off to the following. . .

. . . A message from MJCRSP President Lynne James



**J**eff Branick, Jefferson County Judge, who spoke to members at the February meeting about a variety of topics. He explained the need to restore the wetlands along the Gulf Coast in Jefferson County, emphasizing that restoration of the coastline areas is important not only for recreation but also to protect industry in the county affected by the recent storms that have ravaged our area of Texas. He also responded to concerns regarding the TPC explosion in November. Language in the new schedule for reimbursements included “certified contractors,” which does not apply in Texas because Texas does *not* certify contractors — only sub-contractors. On the day following our meeting, he met with those handling the TPC reimbursements, hopefully to get the language changed. According to press reports, he was successful.

**V**olunteers in our unit who contributed 22,675 hours to the community during 2019! Each volunteer hour in Texas is worth \$25.43. In 2018, 33,747 hours were reported, valued at \$858,186.21 of community support. However, in 2019, the number of reported hours fell to 22,675, for a difference of 11,072 volunteer hours. Several reasons contributed to this. New members could only report seven months of hours while some had illness and others moved away. The good news is the number of members participating increased by 5%. Eighty members turned in hours, only 27% of our 335 membership. **Nelda Buchanan** reported 2,740 hours, and honorable mentions go to **Carolyn Worsham, Dixie and Walter Tucker, Gail Showalter, and Sharon Mallory.** Our goal of having more members participate was achieved, but our goal will be higher next year.

**T**hose who sold scholarship ads, purchased scholarship ads, and contributed to the scholarship fund when joining or renewing memberships! Our scholarship fund has increased each year since 2016, and this year we will again be able to increase the scholarship amount. **Marty Godwin** was again the top seller of ads, contributing 42% of the total sales.



**F**inally, the newly elected officers who have agreed to lead our unit. They include **Charlie Jehlen** (president), **Gail Krohn** (first vp), **Linda Briggs** (second vp), **Donna Lumpkin** (secretary), and **Wanda Borne** (treasurer). They will be installed in May and will assume their duties July 1, 2020. Please be supportive of them!

SPECIAL THANKS to MCT Credit Union and Hebert Library for the use of their facilities in preparing our monthly newsletters.

## February Highlights



**Row 1:** Lynne James calls the meeting to order followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flags; Program Chair Beverly Minaldi introduces Jeff Branick, our guest speaker. **Row 2:** Judge Branick talks about the destruction of our coastal wetlands and how plans are in place to restore what has been destroyed; Beverly Minaldi presents Judge Branick with a certificate indicating that a contribution to the scholarship fund has

been donated in his honor. **Row 3:** Hostesses Donna Lumpkin, Helen Reynolds, Gail Krohn, and Patricia Allen prepare to serve healthy Valentine treats; Richard and Linda Briggs; Linda Fong, Carol Pagan, and Mary Sue Carter; and Jessie Burkle, Patricia Allen, and Becky Dungan enjoy refreshments. **Row 4:** Dixie Tucker and Shelley Dettman also enjoy Valentine treats; during the business meeting Donna Lumpkin reads correspondence from a teacher at Highland Park Elementary thanking MJCRSP for the book donations to fourth graders at her campus; Healthy Living Chair Helen Reynolds reminds us that February is Heart Healthy Month, and stresses the importance of exercise, adequate sleep, and a stress-free environment in keeping our hearts healthy!

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY:** Membership renewals are pouring in, indicating that all of you anticipate a lively legislative session in January 2021. Our membership lags a little when the legislature is not in session, then picks up again in anticipation of what lies ahead the following year. Membership chair Linda Harrison has planned a drawing at the April meeting for those who join or renew in February or March. The winner will get a refund of his/her 2020-2021 dues or a credit for dues in 2021-2022. Those who have not renewed will receive a membership form with the newsletter, or you can go online to our website ([www.mjcrsp.org](http://www.mjcrsp.org)) and download the form there.

**HELEN'S HEALTH TIP:** February was American Heart Month, so continue to take care of your heart this month by exercising and doing all you can to eliminate stress in your life. Your heart, which in an average lifetime beats three billion times nonstop, deserves to be pampered every month of the year!

