

MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER



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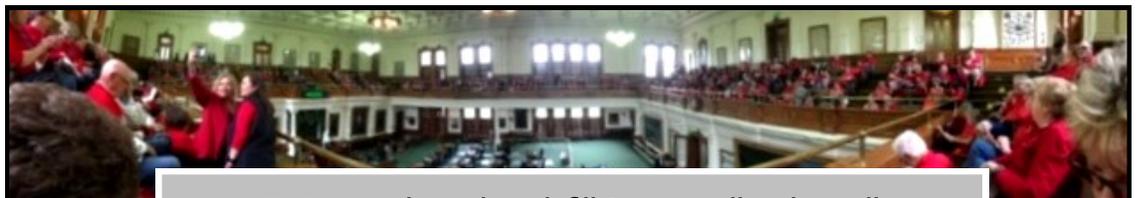
Next Meeting: May 14, 2019 @1:30 PM, Ritter Senior Center, 914 Boston, Nederland
Program: Richard Briggs, Installation of Officers 2019-2020
Hostesses: Linda Pinner (chair), Wanda Borne, Loretta Morman, and Olive Hall
Agenda: Unit Awards, Membership Incentive

Odds & ends . . .

. . . A message from **MJCRSP President Lynne James**



In April, MJCRSP delegates traveled to Austin for the annual TRTA convention. During odd-numbered years, members meet with local state legislators while they are in session. This year we found legislators state-wide more receptive that in years past to making our retirement fund actuarially sound. Unless legislators agree to put more money into the fund than they have in previous years, the fund will not be actuarially sound for almost 90 years. Obviously, none of us will live long enough to get a cost of living increase without the help of our legislators! Contact your state representative and senator; our calls and emails have made a difference, and they *know* we all vote!



TRTA members (in red) fill Senate gallery in April

On April 13 and 14, two 2019 graduates will receive scholarships from MJCRSP. Our scholarships are funded by local merchants who purchase ads in our yearly directory. These ads also scroll across the top of our unit website (address below). In addition members donate to the fund when they pay their yearly membership dues. Because of the support we receive from our sponsors, the 2019 scholarships have been increased from \$1000 per graduate to \$1200.

The two MJCRSP members who accumulated the most volunteer hours for 2018 are Linda Fong (2428 hours) and Carolyn Worsham (2060 hours). This is the third year Carolyn has contributed more than 2000 volunteer hours to the community! Let's make their records our own personal goals for 2019.



Fong



Worsham

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

April meeting highlights



Row 1: Members pledge allegiance to the flags; President Lynne James greets NISD administrators Mike Laird, Robin Perez, and Stuart Kieschnick ; Dr. Perez addresses the bond issue for NISD improvements; members listen intently to bond proposal details. **Row 2:** Dr. Perez responds to questions from the members; members ask questions and show a keen interest; following the program hostesses Loretta Morman, Linda Pinner (chair), Wanda Borne, and Olive Hall have refreshments for members and guests; Linda Pinner says, "Yummy!" **Row 3:** Members look over meeting handouts while enjoying refreshments.

MEMBERSHIP: Thanks from the membership committee for all who participated in our membership incentives! At the April meeting Kay Westbrook and Tammy Bolch won the two \$25 gift cards. At the May meeting the membership committee will award two more \$25 gift cards, one to a membership *recruiter* and another to a *recruited member*. Our membership year began aggressively in February, but there are still many who have not responded to our pleas for local support. If you have not renewed your membership, please use the attached membership form to renew now. If you are a state member *only*, the \$10 local unit dues will assist MJCRSP in supporting TRTA efforts to protect and expand our benefits. If you have *never* joined TRTA and the local unit, please know that the \$45 dues required will be the best investment you can make in securing your future! In addition, there are other member benefits available to TRTA members that are not available to retirees not affiliated with TRTA.

CONVENTION PHOTOS



Members in caucus

Legislative Luncheon

Tim Lee & Marci Cann

House Gallery 04-03

HELEN'S HEALTH TIP: Once again, that hopeful, transforming time of year has arrived: spring with all its beautiful growth, especially flowers, and Easter. Let this meaningful, magical time renew your spirits in every way.