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# MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

## 2019 Scholarship Recipients



Last May two graduating seniors received scholarships from Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel. At left is Dylan Brittain of PN-G and at right is Gavin Lopez of NHS.

**Fall Luncheon Honoring New Retirees:** September 10, 2019 @11:30 AM  
*Bonne Vie Continuing Care* 8595 Medical Center Blvd., Port Arthur, TX 77640



**Guest Speaker:** Texas State Representative Dade Phelan

**Hosts:** Natalee Patterson, & Staff of Bonne Vie

**MJCRSP Hostesses:** Rosalee Reese (chair), Linda Pinner, Gail Krohn, & Mary Sue Carter

**Note:** In order to assist Bonne Vie with the luncheon, we must notify them of the number attending. Please reserve your place by September 5. Details on next page!

## Back to business . . .

. . . A message from MJCRSP President Lynne James



In 2019 MJCRSP welcomes forty-one new retirees from Nederland and Port Neches-Groves districts. The staff at Bonne Vie is again sharing their facility and providing a luncheon to help us honor teachers who have completed their professional careers and are entering a new phase in life. As a unit of Texas Retired Teachers Association, it is our responsibility to assist them as they transition into retirement. We begin by honoring their service to the students they have educated in their careers. Invite a new retiree to the luncheon in September and help welcome him or her to this next stage of life.

In addition, TRTA Executive Director Tim Lee will speak at our November 12 meeting, also at Bonne Vie. He will address recent legislation that will provide stability to our retirement fund, the possibility of a much needed cost of living increase in the future, and the challenges we will face in two years with our health insurance. If you have not had the opportunity to meet Mr. Lee, this is your chance! His passion for retirees and the roles they have played in positively affecting the lives of young people is infectious. Seating is limited, so we are limiting attendance to new retirees and paid members. Information about reservations will follow in October. Save the date! You will not want to miss this event!



Congratulations to Rikki Bodin, a recent Lamar University graduate and relative of MJCRSP member Odette Hill, who received a \$750 Beginning Teacher Scholarship from the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation. The beginning Teacher Scholarships help recipients purchase materials for their classrooms in their first year of teaching and reimburse them with funds for certifications tests. Rikki will begin her career with Bridge City ISD. Congratulations to her, and thanks to Odette for helping her become one of twenty-one recipients in 2019. Read more [here](#).

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VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MJCRSP/](http://www.facebook.com/MJCRSP/)

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

## May meeting highlights



**Row 1:** Linda and Henry Pinner with Loretta Morman prepare ice cream sundaes for refreshments. Linda and Richard Briggs, Dana Wasser, Louise Lattimore, and Peggy Griffith enjoy the annual *sundae* meeting; no one enjoys ice cream like Henry Pinner! **Row 2:** Becky Dungan, Clara Graham, and friends enjoy time to chat and eat ice cream; Lynne James calls the business meeting to order; Secretary Donna Lumpkin reads correspondence; Beulah Thompson gives the volunteer report; Richard Briggs installs officers for 2019-2020.

**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:** MJCRSP awarded two \$1200 scholarships in 2019, making our three-year total \$6400. Our scholarships are funded by local merchants who graciously renew their yearbook and website ads to make the scholarship program a success. Their contributions, combined with member donations, are appreciated! Read about them at

<http://www.mjcrsp.org/scholarships>.

**SHOW APPRECIATION:** Members who made contact with state legislators during the recent legislative session, either by phone, letter, text, email, or in person, are to be congratulated. According to our District 5 legislative chair, the bills that affected retirees all passed unanimously except for one. That *one* was by a single vote! Make contact again and soon to say

**MEMBERSHIP:** Our membership drive continues but we are still lagging behind last year and the year before. In 2017 we had 341 members with 331 in 2018. It seems that a little success from the recent Legislative session has caused some to relax, assuming our work is done until the Legislature meets again in 2021. That is far from the truth! Please don't be one to sit back and let others carry the burden. If you have not renewed, or have never joined, do so today. State-wide TRTA membership is on the rise. MJCRSP has been the District V leader in membership for two years now. Don't let us down. We need YOU to help us keep up with the rest of Texas. A membership form accompanies this newsletter.

### Save the Date! Reserve Your Place!

Bonne Vie has been very generous to MJCRSP by not only allowing us to use their facility but also by providing the food. We can show our appreciation by giving them a head-count from which to plan the luncheon. If you plan to attend on **September 10**, please RSVP no later than **September 5**.

**New Retirees:** RSVP to Linda Harrison  
409.722.3135 (home), 409.656.0718 (cell)  
or [lindamch@swbell.net](mailto:lindamch@swbell.net)

**Members:** RSVP to Lynne James  
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**HELEN'S HEALTH TIP:** Hopefully, your summer grilling experiences have included healthy practices, such as cooking meats at temperatures lower than 325 degrees when HCAs begin to form and using spices known to retard HCA formation (thyme, sage and garlic). In addition, vegetables and fruits for desserts grilled on indirect heat hopefully accompany your meals. Grilling does not have to be hazardous to your health if you follow these guidelines.

