

MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12

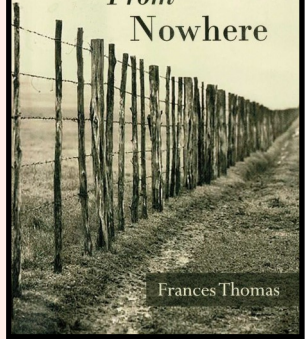
When: 1:30 pm

Where: Port Neches Public Library
2025 Merriman, Port Neches

Program: Frances Thomas, Author of
Eight Miles from Nowhere

Frances Thomas is a resident of Nederland, a PNGISD retiree, and a member of TRTA and Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel.

**Eight Miles
From
Nowhere**



Frances Thomas

“Unanswered prayers

... A message from **MJCRSP President Charles Jehlen**

As I watched the hurricane blow in on the date of our September luncheon, I reflected on how lucky we really are. Due to the pandemic, in early September the staff at Bonne Vie arranged for our catered meeting to be moved to tents outside their facility. This magnificent group has generously supported our organization for many years, and they were trying to make the retirement luncheon special in every way they could. But it wasn't meant to be. It was a hard decision to cancel the event, but it was the right one. We thank Ken, Natalee, and their staff for their hospitality and look forward to working with them again in the near future.



Per TRTA guidelines, the District 5 Fall Conference will be held via Zoom on October 7th. I will email the link information to you when I receive it.

Our local goal is to have 300 members by the end of the year. Contact your retired (and soon-to-be retired) friends and urge them to join MJCRSP and TRTA. The **Thirteenth Check** coming our way is tangible evidence of our effectiveness! It didn't just drop out of the sky though. TRTA members were disappointed that we didn't get a cost of living increase, but they buckled down and continued pushing for an alternative. Thus, the thirteenth check. Our prayers (and advocacy) were answered. Thank you for your support and keep spreading the good news.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.mjcrsp.org — SEE OUR VIDEO SCRAPBOOK
VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: www.facebook.com/MJCRSP/

MJCRSP Highlights

REMINDER — MEMBERSHIP DRAWINGS: AT THE OCTOBER 12 MEETING, THERE WILL BE TWO DRAWINGS FOR NEW RETIREES, EACH FOR A FREE MEMBERSHIP IN TRTA AND MJCRSP FOR THE 2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP YEAR (WORTH \$45). ONE DRAWING IS FOR 2020 RETIREES AND THE OTHER FOR 2021 RETIREES. TO BE ELIGIBLE THE RETIREE MUST JOIN TRTA & MJCRSP FOR THE 2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP YEAR AT OR BEFORE THE OCTOBER 12 MEETING.

THERE WILL BE TWO DRAWINGS FOR MJCRSP MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECRUITED A NEW MEMBER OR ENCOURAGED A FORMER MEMBER TO RENEW HIS/HER DUES. THE FIRST DRAWING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 12 AND THE SECOND WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 9. THE PRIZE IS A WALMART GIFT CARD IN EACH DRAWING. THE DEADLINES FOR ENTERING THE DRAWINGS ARE OCTOBER 1 FOR THE OCTOBER 12 DRAWING AND NOVEMBER 1 FOR THE NOVEMBER 9 DRAWING. THE RECRUITER'S NAME WILL BE ENTERED ONCE FOR EACH MEMBER RECRUITED, AND RECRUITERS ARE ELIGIBLE IN BOTH OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. IF YOU RECRUITED A MEMBER OR FORMER MEMBER, MAKE SURE YOUR NAME WAS ON THE BOTTOM OF THE MEMBERSHIP FORM SENT TO THE

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: Our scholarship program, which began in 2016, provided two \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors from NISD and PNGISD. Since then we have gradually increased the scholarship monetarily until in 2020 and 2021 we were able to offer two scholarships each year worth \$1500, making our total scholarship contributions \$12,400. These scholarships were made possible, and still are, through member contributions and ad sales that appear in our yearbook and on our website. Participation by the businesses in our Mid-County communities has been great. Most of the ads in the yearbook are full page ads, which cost \$200. However, many of our smaller businesses, who have purchased \$50 ads, have gone out of business. Our ad sales begin in October and end in December. We need more ads if we are to continue to offer scholarships comparable to those in years past. Begin considering what businesses that are not currently in our yearbook would probably be willing to support our scholarship program. There are many businesses on Magnolia and Port Neches Avenue, Nederland Avenue and Boston, and along Twin City Highway in Groves to whom you could sell an ad! In our 2020 yearbook there are 21 ads. Ten of them are Groves businesses, three are in Port Neches, and two are in there from both Nederland and Port Arthur. Others are represented by more than two communities. In all, ten were sold by one person! The rest of us can do better than that! If you have a relative with a business, or you frequent a local business, consider offering them the opportunity to support our scholarship program by purchasing an ad. If you have email, information is added to this newsletter to assist you in selling a scholarship ad. If you have a copy of the 2020-2021 yearbook, you can show them how the ads appear in the yearbook. In addition, you can also show them the ads at the top of our local unit website (mjcrsp.org). The yearbook is also available on the website, and the 2021-2022 yearbook will be available on the website by October 12, the date of our next local unit meeting.



DISTRICT 5 FALL CONFERENCE: The TRTA Board of Directors has decided that TRTA officers and committee chairs will not travel to in-person meetings for the foreseeable future. As a result, the fall conference scheduled for October 7 in Beaumont has been changed to a Zoom meeting. TRTA First Vice President Marcy Cann will address those attending as will Debbie Potter of Trident Benefits, our new benefits provider. Each unit will probably have to notify the district president of those wishing to join the meeting. If you are interested in attending, I suggest you send your name and email address to Charlie Jehlen: crjehlen@gt.rr.com. If you are not acquainted with Zoom or do not have a computer with adequate speaker and microphone capabilities, you can attend with a friend who does. Zoom allows you to attend incognito and leave at any time.

HELEN'S HEALTH TIP: For those age 65+, a good night's sleep is 7-8 hours – no more, no less, unless one has a special medical concern and requires medication. Our bodies need sleep besides rest; for example, our brains need to reset every night as we escape our sometimes hectic daily lives in healing sleep.