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October

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MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting:

Tuesday October 11, 2022

Time: **1:30 pm**

Where:

**Port Neches Public Library
2025 Merriman, Port Neches**



A message from **MJCRSP President Charles Jehlen**

“Are You Ready?”

Go me, October was always “Second Gear” Month. Between summer school, coaching school, two-a-days, and the start of classroom instruction, there were many demands on my energy as a beginning teacher in the summer. But it took October to get into my rhythms of public education. Hopefully the temperature will start dropping as our climate cools down.

Speaking of temperature, Greg Bostwick recently pointed out the lack of tropical activity in the Gulf of Mexico this hurricane season. Yet wise southeast Texans still have iron rations in the cupboard and gasoline in the generator. We prepped back in June, knowing Mother Nature throws a curve ball now and then. The memory of past storms encouraged our actions. Five years ago, I was gutting my house after Harvey. Last month I increased my flood insurance coverage.

As members of **TRTA**, we realize how dependent we are on the Texas Legislature for our benefits. **Tim Lee** and our staff work diligently with our legislators to keep us secure. Legislators have limited funds to divide among many requests. **TRTA** makes sure that our voices are always heard. We may not get everything we ask for, but consider the alternative. What benefits would we have if **TRTA** didn't exist? I cannot imagine owning a house on the Texas coast without insurance. I shudder to think what Texas public school retirees would have without **TRTA**.

Many of us will elect new legislators this fall. It behooves us to contact them now and lay the groundwork for our **COLA** request. I encourage you to also contact friends who are eligible to join **TRTA**, but are not yet members. We are very close to our chapter membership goal. Help **Becky Dungan** and the Membership Committee by recruiting one new member this month.

Senator Carl Parker, a true friend of public educators, started our September meeting off with a bang. I encourage you to attend at least on **MJCRSP** meeting this fall. Visit with your friends, get information about benefits and services, and help **TRTA** prepare for the legislative storms of 2023.



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Don't Forget !

Folklore for the Season

- When deer are in a gray coat in October, expect a hard winter
- Much rain in October, much wind in December
- A warm October means a cold February

October 11

Tuesday

MJCRSP meeting

New Retiree Drawing

October 31

Monday

HALLOWEEN

BOO



November 8
Election Day

Tuesday



MJCRSP meeting
PNG Board Room

Speaker: **Dr. Gonzales**
Administration Building
776 Magnolia, Port Neches

April 11—12
'RED SHIRT DAY'

Day at the Capitol

Sign Up for the Bus Ride

COLA

- ♦ Tim Lee & Richard Briggs: **VOTE * VOTE * VOTE NOVEMBER 8 Election**
 - * **COLA** (cost of living adjustment) is a major priority for TRS
- ♦ Tim Lee: Medicare Advantage deductible reduced from \$500 to \$400 starting January 1, 2023
 - * & routine eye exams will now have \$0 copay every 12 months
- ♦ Becky Dungan: 257 members—our GOAL is 300 by December 31, 2022
- ♦ **NO** April meeting because of 'Day at the Capitol'



Helen's Health Tip

Both monkeypox & smallpox have been in the news lately. Both require the same vaccination which we all had as children in the 1950's—1972, when the smallpox vaccination was discontinued. Today, according to studies done, those who had the vaccination as children do still have a small amount of residual protection but not enough to keep us from catching monkeypox. As more is learned about its spread, we will learn whether we might need another vaccination.

(Here's hoping I still have natural immunity to smallpox!)



September Highlights

