

## 2022-2023

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# MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday November 8, 2022**

Time: **1:30 pm**

Where:

**PNG Boardroom**  
**766 Magnolia, Port Neches**



# November

Guest Speaker

**Dr. Mike Gonzales**  
**PNG**  
**Superintendent**

**Parking:** Available in the front & along each side of building & in the back

**Entrance:** Please enter at the Front Door - - - The Receptionist will "Buzz You In"

**ID:** No ID is required

**Food: YES,** food & beverages are allowed & a table will be set up in the back



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

The story of the first Thanksgiving has changed a lot from when I first heard it. Myths and fables occasionally have some basis in fact and non-historical details are added for various reasons. It wasn't until college that I learned George Washington DIDN'T chop down that cherry tree.

Nowadays we emphasize the vital importance of the assistance given by Native Americans to the early English settlers. With half of Plymouth Colony dying in the first New England winter, it would be fair to say Squanto and the Native Americans saved the immigrant settlers in their desperate plight.

The word "Thanksgiving" itself has several meanings. The Pilgrims invited the Natives to their three-day feast to give thanks for their successful harvest and for their earlier aid. Giving thanks for gifts received is, what I would call, the traditional view of the holiday. It's also why some children annually count the number of their presents under the tree.

But consider the actions of a servant-leader. These are the humans who acknowledge the bounty in their lives by giving to others. There was a famous Christmas episode of the TV series M\*A\*S\*H in which the pompous Charles Emerson Winchester III sent expensive chocolates as an anonymous gift to the local Korean orphanage. When Winchester found the chocolates had been sold on the black market, he was outraged. That is, until the orphanage director explained the money had been used to buy a month's worth of food for the starving children. Afterward, Winchester sits in solitude in his darkened tent, composing a letter home. Max Klinger interrupts, bringing Winchester the best dinner the army kitchen could offer. When Winchester protested, Klinger explained. The source of the dinner must remain anonymous - it's an old family tradition. The walls came down, as Max and Charles acknowledged the beauty of the act of giving.

Every public educator has the heart of a servant-leader. And that heart doesn't stop at retirement. I see selfless giving in the many civic, church, and social activities members of this chapter participate in. You are my inspiration and I know you are inspiring others.

**I look forward to seeing you at our November meeting.**

**Come visit the new PNG Administration Building!**



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.mjcrsp.org](http://www.mjcrsp.org) — SEE OUR VIDEO SCRAPBOOK

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



**Don't Forget : November Is Foundation Month** read about it in 'The Voice'

November 6 Sunday 'Fall Back' Daylight Saving Times Ends



And Change the Batteries in Your Smoke Alarm

Tuesday November 8

**Election Day**

Early Voting starts October 24



November 11 Friday

**Veterans Day**



November 24 Thursday

**Thanksgiving Day**

Membership Drawing Winner for October New Retirees was **Laurie Graffagnino**



**Becky Dungan on Membership Drive**  
For more information See attachment



Membership Drawing for Recruiters will be at the December Meeting

**April 11—12 'RED SHIRT DAY'**

**Day at the Capitol**

Sign Up for the Bus Ride NO MJCRSP meeting in April

**COLA**

Cost of Living Adjustment

May 5 Friday From 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**TRTA District 5 Spring Conference**

First Baptist Church 1911 Nederland Ave.—Nederland

- Deadlines For 2022-2023**
- ☺ **Candy Martin** - CVS hours should be turned In by January 10, 2023 Meeting
  - ☺ **Lynne James** - January Meeting - Election - Officers for 2023 - 2024  
\* "Are You Interested?"
  - ☺ **Becky Dungan** - Membership is **262**—our GOAL is **300** by December 31, 2022  
\* Membership Drive begins on March 1, 2023

Tim Lee @ District 5 Fall Conference



**October**

Guest Speaker **Lindsey Shafer, Audiologist & student Maddie with Donna Lumpkin**



**for Helen's Health Tips**



Because October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, it is time to remind ourselves of why breast cancer has its own month and color pink, which is seen frequently. Breast cancer affects women across the world (2,261,419 cases in 2020).

In the US, women are diagnosed with breast cancer more than any other cancer besides skin cancer. This year 339,250 women and 2,710 men will be diagnosed. Figures such as these show that much work is still needed to find a cure for this disease; however, the good news is that deaths from breast cancer decreased 42% for 1989-2019 due to early detection and treatment improvements. Therefore,



**Be sure to perform breast self-exams every month and get a mammogram every year.**

A Message from Becky Dungan  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Membership Chair  
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**CONGRATS**  
**To**



**Laurie Graffagnino**

\*winner of the new retirees' drawing\*

Her prize is a free membership to TRTA as well as to our Chapter (MJCRSP) for the next year (2023 – 2024), a \$45.00 value. We hope to see Laurie at our November Meeting.

**December Meeting Drawing**



- We will be holding a drawing for those who have recruited members.
- We still have a few weeks to work on recruiting new members, or members who have been delinquent in paying dues.
- Prize: a \$50.00 Wal Mart gift certificate!
- December 31<sup>st</sup> marks the end of recruiting members for 2022 – 2023, so get as many people as possible signed up.
- It is important for you to know that your name will be entered into the drawing for EACH person you recruit! If you recruit 10 people, your name will be entered 10 times.
- It is also important that your name be entered on the bottom line of the membership form so you will be noted as a recruiter.

**Suggestions:**

1. Supply yourself with a stash of readily available membership forms with your name already signed on the “recruiter’s” line in readiness to hand out at a moments’ notice on the chance of meeting a prospective member.
2. Think outside of the box!! Anyone who is interested in supporting our cause is subject being a member, such as Friends – relatives – civic minded activists  
and, yes, active teachers

Contact Becky Dungan for copies of membership forms or for other questions.

**Starting**  
**March**  
**1<sup>st</sup>**

**We begin the new year**

**2023 – 2024**

**Membership Campaign**