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# MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

**When: 1:30 pm**

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

**Program: DR. BRENDA DUHON**

**Retired PNGISD Assistant Superintendent, MJCRSP member**

**“Internet Security/Phishing”**



**“You’ve got to play to win . . .**

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

Well, I didn't win the lottery. Those of you who were at our last meeting at the Port Neches Library might be surprised at that. After my name was drawn twice in succession for a MJCRSP recruitment gift card, I thought the Mega-Millions prize drawing would be a mere formality. I'd already spent most of the money. Fortunately only in my head.



As we wind up our annual membership drive, the importance of personal contact cannot be overstressed. Many retirees will join if asked. Some have never heard of TRTA, or don't realize it works for all retirees. Some don't realize the bargain price of the \$45 membership. Some still don't know they'll be getting an extra check in January. This organization has demonstrated its value this legislative session and deserves our support.

The key is to ask. If a name or face of a retired friend pops into your mind, call and share our information. If each of us brings in one new member, we'll achieve our primary goal of 300 members, and our secondary goal of being the largest local unit in District 5. Make the effort. You've got to play to win.

**Work  
Together**

**&**

**Help Each  
Other**

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

# OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



**Row One:** Candye Martin, Lynne James, and Rose Reese set up for our first in-person meeting since March 2020; members enjoy seeing each other again; Frances Thomas reviews her book *Eight Miles from Nowhere*; Charlie Jehlen presents Frances Thomas with a certificate showing that donation to our scholarship fund in will be made in her honor; Frances Thomas shows a precious memento from her childhood—her band uniform. **Row Two:** Beulah Thompson reminds members of the importance of volunteer service; Dana Wasser reports on the welfare of MJCRSP members; Mary Sue Carter gives information about handling back pain; Helen Reynolds delivers healthy living tips; three new retirees join the meeting: Roy Vergara, Laurie Graffagnino, and Brenda Duhon.

**REMINDER — MEMBERSHIP DRAWINGS:** There will be a drawing for MJCRSP members who have recruited a new member or encouraged a former member to renew his/her dues. The deadline is November 1 for the November 9 drawing. The recruiter’s name will be entered once for each member recruited, and recruiters who were eligible in both October (but did not win) and November will be included. If you recruited a member or former member, make sure your name was on the bottom of the membership form sent to the treasurer. Brenda Duhon won the October drawing for 2021 new retirees worth \$45 for her 2022-2023 membership dues. Lynne James won the recruitment drawing for a Walmart gift card.

**TURNING 65 SOON?** If you are turning 65 soon, there are certain steps you must take to make sure your TRS Care transitions smoothly to TRS Care Medicare Advantage. You will enjoy taking advantage of the lower premiums, deductibles, and prescription benefits of the Medicare Advantage coverage. Details are on the next page.

**RECEIVED BY OUR TREASURER:** “Enclosed is my gift to the Scholarship Fund in memory of my mother, Mrs. Ruth Martin, who was a long-time teacher in the elementary grades and then initiated the very first program in Special Education for Exceptional Children in the Nederland Independent School District in the fall of 1950. What a long way we’ve come since that time! She also was a charter member of the Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel. With best regards, Frances Thomas”



**EXTRA! EXTRA! HB 2022** provides a one-time re-enrollment opportunity for TRS-Care retirees who are **eligible for Medicare** and who voluntarily **terminated their enrollment between January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2019**. Returning retirees can also add their eligible dependents at the time they re-enroll.

**HELEN’S HEALTH TIP:** A healthy breakfast (not sweet rolls and coffee!) is a must for everyone, including senior citizens. *Healthy* means food with protein, fiber, and calcium. YouTube has many videos for healthy breakfasts, so check the videos for new suggestions for fruit smoothies, fruit and yogurt parfaits, and much more.



# Turning 65 Soon?

If you retired before age 65, and your health care coverage was provided to you under the TRS-Care Standard Plan, that will change to TRS-Care Medicare Advantage.

This transition does not happen automatically, and there are important steps you need to take to ensure TRS can successfully enroll you into the plan.

Complete your Medicare enrollment **three months prior to your 65th birthday** to avoid a lifetime monthly penalty from Medicare!

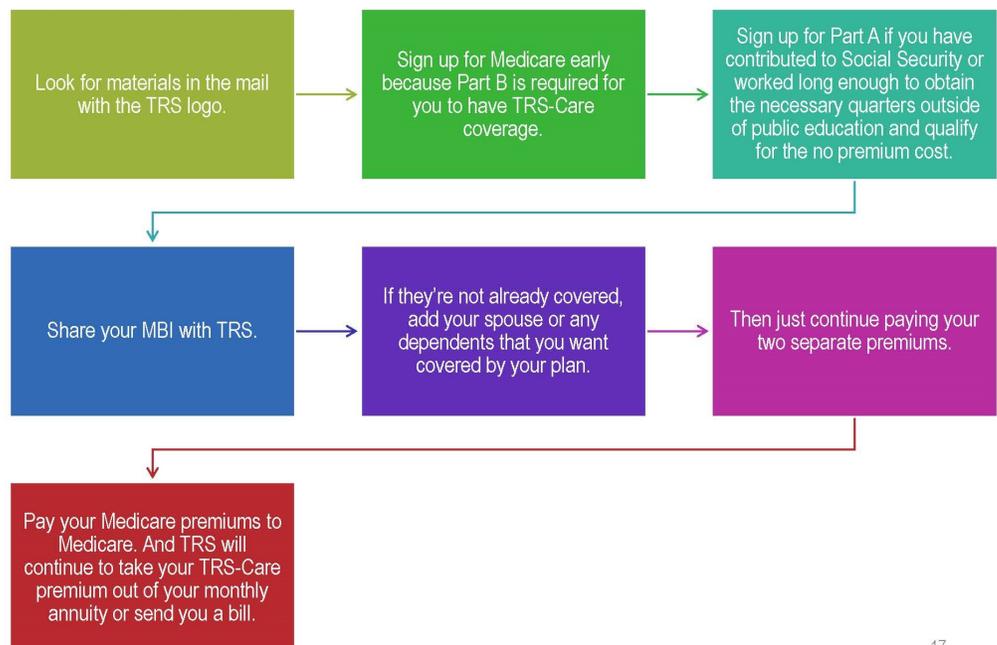
Sign up for *TRS-Care Medicare & You* and *TRS-Care Medicare Welcome* webinars:

[https://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/healthcare\\_turning\\_65.aspx](https://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/healthcare_turning_65.aspx)

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## Follow These Steps

### TRS-Care Medicare Advantage Enrollment Steps:



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