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March Program: Jesse Branick Attorney Final Planning



- ◆ **Next meeting:** 1:30 PM, April 12 at Ritter Senior Center, 914 Boston Avenue, Nederland.
- ◆ **Program:** Kay Decuir, Nederland EDC Director
- ◆ **Hostesses:** Linda Pinner (chairman), Loretta Morman, Olive Hall, and Wanda Borne

Let's do our part . . .

A message from our president



There are several noteworthy items to share in this month's newsletter. If you have been reading Tim Lee's *Inside Line*, you know that Representative Kevin Brady has introduced HR 711, which addresses the Windfall Elimination Provision for public school teachers as well as firemen, policemen, and others. It will be under consideration by the House Ways and Means Committee. We can only hope that HR711 will provide relief for those of us who have been affected by the set off and by the GPO will see action on one or both of these in the next legislative session.

Next, as our state convention approaches we wish our delegates-- Lynne James, Becky Dungan, Clara Graham, Linda Fong and Patricia Allen-- a safe trip and a successful convention. We look forward to their information at the May meeting. Nederland EDC Director Kay Decuir will bring our April program, and since we will be missing the five members at state convention, I hope we have good attendance at our meeting on April 12th.

Don't forget: membership renewal began March 1st, so submit your \$45 dues to Loretta Morman as soon as possible. See you in April.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: To keep up with meetings and activities of MJCRSP, check out the unit web site at www.localunits.org/MidJefferson. **Please help us to save the cost of a stamp and agree to receive the newsletter by email.** Contact Lynne James at lynnej@gt.rr.com or call her at 409.735.6171 and ask to be placed on the emailing list!

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

March meeting highlights



ROW 1: Donna Lumpkin, Dianne Trevey, Gail Krohn, and Candice Zummo serve refreshments with a St. Patrick's Day theme; Jesse Branick talks about the importance of wills and other aspects of final planning; Beulah Thompson listens as Candy Martin asks an important question. **Row 2:** Linda

Fong tells members about fraudulent practices of Lumonistry, LifeLock, and Wounded Warriors; Linda Harrison and Jolene Lemaire listen to Mr. Branick. **Row 3:** Secretary Donna Lumpkin listens to Mr. Branick's response about children's' rights of inheritance; Beulah Thompson and Olive Hall are interested in the differences in the various "powers" of attorney.

Our yearly membership drive began **March 1**, and by the end of the meeting on March 8, fifty members had already renewed! This is a great beginning for a very important membership year. Your quick responses to our urgent request for renewed memberships have been encouraging as we face a very difficult year in the coming legislative session. MJCRSP Legislative Chairman Richard Briggs mentioned that health care stability will be our biggest hurdle in view of the fact that monies available last session are not going to be available in 2017, due in large part to the decline in oil prices and the effect it has had on the Texas economy. If you have not already returned your membership form, help our TRTA Legislative Committee represent us well by doing so soon. A membership form can be found on our unit website at the following address:

<http://www.localunits.org/MidJefferson/index.cfm/membership/>.

HELEN'S HEALTH TIP: Zika virus will be in the news often because it is pandemic in Brazil, site of the 2016 Summer Olympics. Keep informed about it by reading newspapers and online articles as new details are forthcoming.