

Save the Date!

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel will *finally* welcome into retirement 2020 and 2021 PNGISD and NISD retirees — educators and support personnel who served both communities through their contributions to the education of our children. Our annual retiree luncheon will be held on May 10 this year after a two-year hiatus due to COVID restrictions. It will give *all* of us the opportunity to reunite with colleagues and former colleagues as well as other friends of education in the area.

The catered luncheon will be hosted by Bonne Vie Continuing Care Center, 8595 Medical Center Blvd., Port Arthur. Reservations are required and must be made by April 25 (see below). Driving directions and other protocols, if necessary, will be sent after reservations close.



Members should begin arriving at 10am and opening remarks will begin at 11:45. We will have two guest speakers this year! Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Dade Phelan will cover important legislation passed in the recent session of the legislature. TRTA Executive Director Tim Lee will also discuss the recent legislative session, including issues that will affect education in our communities and especially legislation dealing with retirees. Speaker Phelan will address those in attendance before



lunch. Tim Lee's address will follow the luncheon, and a question and answer session will follow. Members will have a short business meeting afterward.

All MJCRSP members are encouraged to attend. We hope you will be able to join us for this much awaited event. **You must RSVP by April 25.** To register email Lynne James at lynnej@gt.rr.com (preferred) or text her at 409.718.8808. Shortly after reservations close, you will receive an email (or postal mail if email is unavailable) with driving directions, parking instructions, and health protocols. If plans change you will also receive information through the same communication channels.



September 2018 Retiree Luncheon @ Bonne Vie



September 2019 @ Bonne Vie



**2021-2022
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**MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY
RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER**



Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12

When: 1:30 PM

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

Program: DR. STUART KIESCHNICK

**Dr. Kieschnick began his career in education
as a teacher and coach in 1991.**

He was named Nederland ISD Superintendent in August 2020.

**He is a former graduate of Nederland High School
and received his undergraduate degree from Lamar University.
The topic will be an update on the NISD Bond construction.**



A message from **MJCRSP President
Charles Jehlen**

Springing Forward has always disoriented my life. Even as a child, losing one hour of sleep affected my waking routine significantly. The biological clock would eventually catch up and I did enjoy the extra hour of afternoon sunshine. But those first Sunday and Monday mornings were rough.



Texans and the world have been through a lot in the last two years. Our routines were disrupted and some habits have changed permanently. I believe the worst is behind us and we will prosper in the new normal. I'm especially heartened by the attendance at our recent in-person MJCRSP meetings. We are almost to Stranding Room Only! The strength of the programs has been a major factor.

But I also think we were ready to see each other again.

The program for the April 12 meeting will be no exception. Nederland ISD Superintendent Stuart Kieschnick will update us on his district's construction. The NISD bond featured a multi-year plan impacting every campus and they are about halfway through. Some of our MJCRSP leaders will be attending the TRTA State Convention that week. This means we have a few extra seats in the Port Neches Library! Invite your friends to see what MJCRSP is all about.

Keep contacting your friends in education and urge them to join MJCRSP. Our membership drive is ongoing. The recent extra checks received by TRS annuitants are evidence of the effectiveness of TRTA's efforts in the recent legislature.

**We are the ONLY group advocating the TRS members.
Get involved!**

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

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| APRIL 11-13 | TRTA 68th STATE CONVENTION Anatole Hotel, Dallas | Richard & Linda Briggs, Mary Sue Carter, Lynne James & Donna Lumpkin, Loretta Morman & Beverly Minaldi |
| MAY 6 | TRTA DISTRICT 5 SPRING CONFERENCE | First Baptist Church, Nederland 10 AM to 2 PM Hosted by MJCRSP |
| MAY 10 | MJCRSP will honor 2020 & 2021 retirees from PNGISD & NISD | with a luncheon at BONNE VIE |
| Special Guest Speakers  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dade Phelan Speaker of the House of Representatives ◆ Tim Lee TRTA Executive Director | The luncheon is free to all paid MJCRSP members & invited guest (this is tentative depending on COVID & health restrictions that may apply) |



Need to Know

- ◆ Tim Lee & Richard Briggs: **MAY 24** Run Off Election—VOTE
- ◆ Tim Lee: March 18th TRS-Care policyholders received a one time payment of \$448.12
 - * Senate Bill 8— TRS to obtain reimbursement for Covid-19 related claims
- ◆ Lynne James: Give a **Thank You** to the business who have an Ad in our Year Book
& Website at www.mjcrsp.org "They help support our Scholarship Fund"



Membership
Drive

March 1st
till
May 1st

Drawing for a
\$50 Walmart Gift Card

HELEN'S HEALTH TIP

Decluttering

your home is like editing it
"making room for what matters most"

Clutter can affect your anxiety level, sleep, ability to focus
and can also be linked to negative emotions such as
confusion, tension, and irritability

Therefore, while we are in early spring and
the weather is pleasant,
take time to declutter before it gets hot



March Highlights



Guest Speaker
Henry Bodden
'In the Footsteps of Valor'
with
Charles Jehlen