

2022-2023

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**MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY
RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL NEWSLETTER**



NO

**April meeting
Because Of
'Day at the Capitol'**



Next Meeting
May 9th @ PNG
Administration Building
@ 1:30

A message from
**MJCRSP President
Charles Jehlen**



**NO
We Will Not
Paint the Town
RED !**

April 12th Day at the Capitol gives TRTA members a chance to show off their Spring wardrobe. Advocates are urged to wear RED as they assemble in Austin and contact their legislators for support of an overdue Cost of Living Adjustment for TRS retirees. Pictures of previous rallies demonstrate the solidarity of the movement. But in the midst of this fellowship, TRTA will NOT paint the town red.

The phrase has an entirely different meaning, as those who remember TV westerns can attest. This son of an English teacher (a pleasing epithet) did some research and found it probably originated in merry old England, specifically the Leicestershire town of Melton Mowbray. The "Mad" Marquis of Waterbury and his friends allegedly engaged in a "riotous spree" one night and painted several of the town's storefronts red in the early 1800s. In our nation, the phrase has taken a more mellow meaning of spending a night drinking and dancing.

While it would be presumptuous of me to proclaim neither of those activities will occur in Austin on April 11th or 12th, I submit to you that our contingent has serious intentions. TRTA and MJCRSP are effective organizations because they focus on specific issues. In recent days, both the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House have promised support for COLA legislation. Keeping the RED metaphors going, we must strike while the iron is hot!

Those of us who can't attend the rally have important jobs to do as well. Each of us needs to contact our legislators and Tell Our Story demonstrating our need for the COLA. And I urge you to wear RED on April 12th in support of our frontline advocates in Austin. Choose a color and send a selfie to MJCRSP. Since my Maroon coaching clothes don't fit anymore, I have a loud Burgundy shirt picked out to wear to my LSCPA classes that day.

And I hope my students ask why I'm wearing a shirt from the 70's!

Are You Ready ?



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





Tricia Kimball
New **MJCRSP**
Treasurer Elect

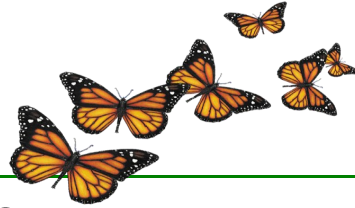


Linda Briggs
New **MJCRSP**
Scholarship



Charlie Jehlen
New **District 5**
Treasurer

April 9	Sunday	Easter
April 18	Tuesday	Tax Day
April 22	Saturday	Earth Day



Turn in Membership Dues by May 1st

Becky Dungan

☺ Drawing will be @ May meeting

April 12 'RED SHIRT DAY' COLA	Day at the Capitol -NO- MJCRSP meeting in April	Tim Lee will be broadcasting a Video on 'Facebook' and 'You Tube' Thursdays @ 4 p.m. Updates on COLA
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May 5 Friday

TRTA District 5
Spring Conference

First Baptist Church
1911 Nederland Ave.—Nederland
10 am to 2 pm
Hosted by MJCRSP



☺ **Cathy Purgahn** - needs **IDEAS** for next year Programs

☺ **Richard Briggs** - we all need to e-mail **Dade Phelan**

★ Give him a big 'Thank You' for his efforts for COLA

★ e-mail address is dade.pelan@house.texas.gov

"Thank You - Candye Martin - 88 People with 36,976 Volunteer Hours"




MJCRSP—Book Project—200 Books

4th grade students
Groves Elementary
Thank You
Cathy Purgahn



MARCH Guest Speaker
Lisa Boler
Founder & Chief Executive Officer of
Harvest House Ministry
'End Child Sex Trafficking in Southeast Texas

Helen's Insurance Information



In 2024, we will have a new Pharmacy Insurance plan with Express Scripts that will be establishing websites for finding information about our new plan.

Be sure to read all regular mail and emails from Express Scripts because they will contain valuable information about the new plan, and health fairs to sign up for will be available in the fall.

TRS worked hard to get us the best plan they could, so we should take advantage of all it offers.

2023 Spring Conference Is May 5!

Make plans to attend now! The deadline to reserve a place is April 18!

The conference is for all TRTA members in District 5 and MJCRSP is the host chapter. We will meet at First Baptist Church in Nederland and follow the schedule below:

Registration and Refreshments: 9:30-10am
Meeting/Breakout Sessions: 10am-noon
Lunch: Noon (Catered by *The Courtyard of Groves*)
12:45: Short Business Meeting
Minutes of Spring Conference 2022
Election of Nominating Committee
Finalize Standing Rules
Awards

You may choose any of the breakout sessions you find interesting. You do not have to be a committee chair or officer to attend. Select something from each session that you might be interested in. Please send your selections (Session 1 and Session 2) to Charlie Jehlen (crjehlen@gt.rr.com) on or before **APRIL 18**.

SESSION ONE

1. **Advocate:** Drop in on the chapter legislative chairs to learn what is going on in Austin!
2. **Facilitate:** Learn what treasurers and secretaries do at the chapter level.
3. **Participate:** Discuss how all retirees can participate in the local chapter through volunteering.
4. **Create:** Learn creative ways to communicate via newsletters and yearbooks.
5. **Communicate:** Find out about TRTA's book project for school children and guest speakers at meetings.

SESSION TWO

6. **Cooperate:** Learn how treasurers and vice presidents in district chapters conduct membership drives.
7. **Communicate:** Share ideas about designing free websites, social media, and Facebook.
8. **Administrate:** Learn what chapter presidents do to support TRTA.
9. **Create:** Scrapbooks in the digital age — bring a laptop of your wish!
10. **Educate:** Learn all about Health & Safety and TRTA's Retirement Education programs.

⇒ Your **lunch reservation of \$10** should be received by Lynne James by **APRIL 18**. Make out checks to MJCRSP and mail them to Lynne James, 5305 Oakwood Cir., Orange, TX 77630. Remember . . . The mail is slow!

⇒ Treasurers must report the **names** and **number** attending by **April 20** to Charlie Jehlen (crjehlen@gt.rr.com or by text at 409.656.862).

Join us if you can!