

# MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

## DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



**NOVEMBER PROGRAM**  
**Dallas Mullins**  
**AMBA Representative**

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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018, @1:30 PM, Ritter Senior Center, 914 Boston, Nederland

**Program: Let's Play Bingo!** (Linda Harrison, Candye Martin, Beulah Thompson, & Jolene LeMaire **Hostesses:** Rose Reese (chair), Linda Fong, Linda Briggs, Dana Wasser, and Becky Dungan **Agenda Items:** Report volunteer hours, update scholarship sales, put your name on the ballot to be a delegate to state convention

## *Déjà vu begone . . .*

. . . A message from MJCRSP President Lynne James



Thanksgiving has passed and we are now preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Together, Thanksgiving and Christmas afford us the opportunity to take inventory, to gauge not only who we are as individuals and children of God, but also how we can make our lives and the lives of others better. Alas, the spirit of the Christmas Season is now upon us.

Soon we will have the opportunity to reboot. With New Year following soon after Christmas, we will make resolutions to correct some of our shortcomings, to do more for others, to eat less and lose weight, to spend less and enjoy what we already have, and so on. It's déjà vu all over again, as Yogi Berra would say.

Wouldn't be nice if it *weren't* déjà vu all over again? If our insurance premiums suddenly went down? If our paycheck increased a little each month? Although it sounds impossible, let's never give up the cause. There are many people who depend on us to protect their benefits and ensure that they have an acceptable standard of living. So, let's abandon déjà vu and try a new approach!

Instead of "I have not received a cost of living increase . . .," become a real person to your legislators. Instead of "I need . . .," tell them what you sacrificed to be a teacher. Share with them not only the sacrifices but the best moments. Tell them why you didn't become a doctor or lawyer even though you graduated magna cum laude. Tell your story! Begin now, if you have not already done so, jotting down your story so when the legislative session begins in January, you can send your story to every member of the Texas Legislature, either by mail or email—or both. Let them know who we are!

## We made our voices heard! Thanks for VOTING!

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

## November meeting highlights



**Row 1:** Hostesses Beulah Thompson, Candye Martin, Linda Harrison, & Jolene LeMaire; members give thanks as the meeting begins; Lynne James calls the meeting to order; Dallas Mullins makes a point during the program. **Row 2:** Clara Graham & Shelley Dettman review program handouts; Loretta Morman & Candice Zummo smile for the camera; Dixie Tucker & Linda Fong enjoy refreshments; Linda & Richard Briggs share a smile! **Row 3:** Helen Reynolds & Wanda Borne; Linda Harrison & Jolene LeMaire man the beverage table while Candye Martin & Beulah Thompson make sure there is food for all; Becky Dungan & Mary Carter fill their plates. **Row 4:** Beulah Thompson, Linda & Curtis Harrison review new benefits for retirees; member benefits representative Dana Wasser chats with AMBA representative Dallas Mullins; Olive Hall & Gail Krohn; Linda Fong gives her report while Dixie and Walter Tucker look on; Helen Reynolds tells us about flu shots; Dallas Mullins does his best Tim Lee imitation.

**2018 VOLUNTEER HOURS DUE:** Please tally your volunteer hours for 2018 by the end of December and report them to Beulah Thompson on or before the January 8 meeting. Volunteer hours are vital to our standing with legislators as they demonstrate how retirees are involved in their communities and continue to contribute to the local economy. Call or email Beulah with the total of your volunteer hours: Call her at 409-722-2648 or email her at [beulaht@gt.rr.com](mailto:beulaht@gt.rr.com).

**NOVEMBER PROGRAM NOTES:** At the November meeting, AMBA Representative Dallas Mullins discussed benefits available for TRTA members, some new and some related to HEALTH CARE. If someone calls you to discuss retiree benefits, be sure to verify his/her connection to AMBA, the only group sanctioned by TRTA to contact education retirees. Rather than ask *if* they represent AMBA, ask them *whom* they represent. Kearston Thomas represents AMBA in our area. Also, if you are already enrolled in TRS-Care and Silver Script, you do not have to re-apply.

**HELEN'S HEALTH TIP:** The seasonal flu vaccine, which is the best protection against the major types of flu, is an inactivated form of flu virus that cannot cause flu. It takes two weeks for the vaccine to build up antibodies to protect against the flu; therefore, be sure to get your flu shot soon.