



MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



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November 12, 2013 Meeting David Benoit Texas Game Warden "Nature Activities in or Near Our Area"



- ◆ Next meeting: December 10, 2013 @ Ritter Center in Nederland, 914 Boston Avenue—1:30
- ◆ Program: Christmas music by Becky Seymour and Deann Tanner & AMBA representative Dallas Mullins
- ◆ Refreshments: All members provide Christmas edibles in disposable containers! Leftovers will be taken to MCT and Hebert Library in appreciation for the use of their facilities in publishing the monthly newsletter.

MJCRSP presidency considerations . . .

A message from MJCRSP President Linda Briggs



The president's main duties are

- Presiding over meetings – Not a problem for anyone who has taught. Attending the 10 meetings is not a requirement – (I had to miss 3 meetings each year due to District V obligations, and MJCRSP managed quite well as both Dana and Gail took charge)
- Exercising leadership – This role is spread out among the members because everyone is so helpful, supportive, and appreciative.
- Performing administrative tasks – The other officers and committee chairmen do their jobs so well that our local unit seems to be on "automatic."
- Communicating to the members – Emailing to the other officers and committee chairmen has been effective and easy. Getting messages out to the membership has also been easy, thanks to MJCRSP's Wonder Woman, Lynne James. She maintains the website, does the group emails, and produces the newsletter.
- Fulfilling obligations to TRTA District V and the state officers – Emailing has been the main means of correspondence. This has really minimized paperwork.

So my message to all members – "If I can do it, any MJCRSP member can also."
Think about taking on the presidency and let Dana Wasser know.

VISIT OUR WEB SITE: To keep up with meetings and activities of MJCRSP, check out the unit web site at www.localunits.org/MidJefferson. Now available is the 2013-2014 yearbook. It is password protected and only current members will have access. If you are a current member who does not have a password or if you have joined recently, email Lynne James (lynnej@gt.rr.com) or call 409.735.6171 and ask for her.

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

November highlights



Top: Game Warden David Benoit gave a very informative presentation about the qualifications for and responsibilities of a game warden. He reviewed both land and water duties, which include water safety, enforcement of drug and firearm laws, as well as game and fish regulations.

Gail Krohn presided in the absence of President Linda Briggs and First Vice President Dana Wasser. She also gave a legislative report, reminding members that we are losing several of our “friends” in the legislature and that we need to keep well informed as the next election approaches.

Left: Members enjoyed “healthy” refreshments at the November meeting prepared by Candye Martin, Helen Reynolds, Beulah Thompson, and Linda Harrison. Health Care Chairman Helen Reynolds suggested that we continue healthy practices during the holiday season ahead. Reports were also given by Protective Services/Memorials/Get Well Chairman Linda Fong, Yearbook Chairman and Nominations Committee member Becky Dungan, Book Project Chairman Patricia Allen, and Volunteer Chairman Jessie Howard. Candye Martin gave the Treasurer’s report in the absence of Mary Beth McDuff.



Reminders:

- Volunteer to man the Angel Tree at Central Mall on December 4 & 5. Call Jessie Howard at 409.722.2891 or email her at jessiebh@sbcglobal.net to volunteer for a 2-hour session.
- Attend the community-wide Thanksgiving service November 24 at the Methodist Church in Nederland—6 PM.
- Join the Book Sale Committee as they distribute books to students at Highland Park Elementary December 6 @ 9 AM.

HELEN’S HEALTH TIP: The holidays always feature foods which can be high in sodium; to make these foods healthier, eliminate or cut down on sodium and use herbs and spices instead. For holiday baking, use apples and pumpkin, which are delicious, nutritious, and fiber-rich.