

MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER



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February Program: Shaun Davis, Director Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission

- ◆ **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 @1:30 PM, Ritter Senior Center, 914 Boston Avenue, Nederland
- ◆ **Program:** Adult Education Offerings @ Local Public Libraries
- ◆ **Hostesses:** Candice Zummo (chairman), Gail Krohn, Donna Lumpkin, & Dianne Trevey

The road ahead . . .

. . . a message from MJCRSP President Lynne James



**Senator Crieghton
& Richard Briggs**

While the future might not look very bright concerning our health care funding and the condition of our retirement fund, MJCRSP Legislative Chair Richard Briggs says things are looking a little better. Some in Austin are eager to help us; others are not. He will report in March on a recent trip to Austin.



TRTA Executive Director Tim Lee will visit MJCRSP at our April 11 meeting. At three months into the current legislative session, Lee should have some interesting and important things to share with us.

Make plans to attend!

Pat yourselves on the back! Our goal for the scholarship project was to raise \$1000 for two \$500 scholarships. With the help of very generous local merchants and hard-working members, we surpassed that goal by \$1800+. The scholarship committee will report in March how the success of the ad sales will work into our scholarship awards. Please make note of the people who supported our scholarship program by purchasing an ad in our yearbook (2017-2018) and on our website (running currently). A list is on page 3. Show your appreciation in person whenever possible. When you go online, click *Read more* on the ads and "Like" their Facebook pages!

Scholarship applications have been placed with the senior counselors at both Nederland and PNG high schools. Any senior from either high school is eligible to apply. Scholarship applications are available from a member of MJCRSP as well as on our website. The forms are due March 31, and scholarships will be presented during awards programs at both campuses in May.

Finally, it is that time of year again. **Membership forms** for 2017-2018 are available online, and one is included in your current newsletter. Don't wait until the year is over to renew. Our enrollment is at an all-time high, but **333 local retirees have not joined our cause.** Go figure.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.mjcrsp.org.

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

February meeting highlights



Row 1: Hostesses Donna Lumpkin, Gail Krohn, Dianne Trevey, and Candice Zummo prepare refreshments with a Valentine theme; members begin the meeting with pledges to our flags; Linda Briggs, program chairman, is happy to introduce the guest speaker; Shaun Davis, Director of Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission, begins his presentation citing his ties to Mid-County. **Row 2:** Beulah, Linda, Curtis, Olive, and Candace enjoy Davis' presentation; Wanda, Donna, Loretta, Helen, and Linda are equally interested in SETRPC facts; Candice, Beverly,

Linda, Richard, Wanda and Loretta listen intently to things the planning commission is responsible for. **Row 3:** Davis is happy to talk about the accomplishments of his son Hunter, an up-coming country artist; Patricia, Richard, and Helen serve themselves at the refreshment bar; Linda and Patricia visit while enjoying treats; Candace and Jolene pause between refreshments and the business meeting. **Row 4:** Dana, Rose, and Linda pose for a picture; Shaun Davis and Richard talk business; Wanda and Beverly are "lookin' good;" Candice helps welcome Frances back from an illness. **Row 5:** Dianne and Candice are happy that others enjoyed their Valentine treats; Helen Reynolds tells members about probiotics in her committee report during the business meeting.

THANK YOU from the **Lions Club** for your donations of used eyeglasses. Linda Harrison will collect others you have to donate at the March meeting.

HELEN'S HEALTH TIP: Probiotics are regulated by the FDA like food, not like medications; therefore, makers of probiotic supplements do not have to show that their products are safe or that they work. The trials that have been done on probiotics are inconclusive due to lack of consistency in the standards used. If you want to know whether probiotics are appropriate for you, talk to your doctor.

**Merchants/Individuals
Who Supported Our Scholarship Program**

Please go out of your way to acknowledge the support these individuals gave to our scholarship program. As mentioned in the president's message, if they have a link to a Facebook page, you can show your support with a "Like," which will indicate to them that you visited their page. The chart below indicates the level of support each merchant or individual contributed.

**** \$200 ad**

***\$100 ad**

Others: \$50 or \$25 ads

Courtyard Café**	Elite Home Health**	Robert Fong Productions**
Pelican Bay Assisted Living**	First United Methodist Church PN*	First United Methodist Church Ned*
First Christian Church PA*	Oak Grove Nursing Home*	C&L Antiques*
Market Basket*	First Baptist Church Groves*	Groves Beautification Committee*
UBM Attic & Treasures*	Magnolia Manor Nursing Home*	James Carpenter Insurance*
Gail Showalter, author*	Deborah Mahan, artist*	Groves Chamber/Pecan Festival*
Delta Theta –Delta Kappa Gamma	Snooper's Paradise	Merle Norman Groves
NHS Retirees	Oliver Maxwell Boutique	Kizmet Art Studio
Shoogz	Beauty Basics	Photo Texas Photography
Visions of Summer		Maggie's Memorable Moments

Our membership year runs from March 1 each year through the end of February the next year. Time to renew or join!

**Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Membership Form 2017-2018
(Membership year begins on March 1 each calendar year.)**

Name(s) _____ Date _____
 Address _____ City/State _____
 Zip Code _____ E-mail _____
 Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please check one: New Member _____ Membership Renewal _____ (2017-2018)	
Active Member (TRTA/LOCAL) (Receiving Annuity)	\$45.00 _____
Associate Member (TRTA/LOCAL) (Active teachers/spouses, etc.)	\$45.00 _____
Life Member (TRTA/LOCAL)	\$10.00 _____
*Current Monthly Member (TRTA Payroll Deduction/LOCAL)	\$10.00 _____
Add \$1 (or more) toward our annual Book Project	\$1.00 _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Make Check Payable to: **Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel or MJCRSP**
 Mail to **Loretta Morman, 3108 Nashville, Nederland, TX 77627**
 or bring form and check to MJCRSP meeting.

*Payment/response to the membership forms sent from the state organization does not address local membership, but payments to the local unit will insure both state and local membership

*Monthly meetings are held at the Ritter Senior Citizen Center,
 914 Boston Avenue in Nederland the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1:30*