

2022-2023

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MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting:

Tuesday March 14, 2023

Time: **1:30 pm**

Where:

Port Neches Library
2025 Merriman Street



Guest Speaker

Lisa Boler
Founder & Chief Executive
Officer of
Harvest House Ministry



A message from
MJCRSP
President
Charles Jehlen



Words are failing me today.

As I write this column on Ash Wednesday, many of my friends are being reminded
“You are dust, and to dust you will return”.

People worldwide are wearing visible marks acknowledging their faults and mortality. While they may wash the ashes off after a few hours, the ritual focuses our thoughts on our responsibilities, obligations, and choices.

I’ve heard that educators are born, not made, and to an extent I agree with the belief. To be an effective educator, one must have empathy and compassion—a desire to improve oneself and help others. I’ve often spoken of a servant’s heart and how that inner strength will propel a person forward in the face of daily irritants and systemic failings.

But one must choose to listen to this inner light. Everyone has choices, from the child learning social skills to the adult deciding how to respond to injustice. In his seminal book, Damon West posed the test of boiling water to an egg, a carrot, and a coffee bean. He stressed how our response to a harsh world could make us hard as a boiled egg, a cooked carrot—uncaring or ineffective. West asks us to choose the third option and be a coffee bean, changing our hostile environment for the better.

Wanda Borne chose to make a difference in her life, and her influences have ripples that extend over the horizon. While we celebrate the life of our friend, and mourn her untimely passing, we also remind ourselves that each of us still has something to add to the coffee pot. There are people in our community who need help, and by grace we have the ability to change their world for the better.

Are You Ready ?

Committee Chairs

Please notify Charlie

Officers were elected in January, so now is the time for committees to reorganize. Some committees have no current chair, some committee chairs have served for decades in the same spot, some members have never been a committee chair. Now is the opportunity to reorganize!

- ★ If you have served as a committee chair and wish to change your status,
- ★ If you have never been a committee chair and would like to serve,
- ★ If you enjoy being a committee chair but wish to swap to another committee,

Committees are listed on pp. 16—18 in your chapter yearbook.



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March 2	Thursday	Texas Independence Day
March 12	Sunday	Daylight Saving Time
March 17	Friday	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	Monday	1st Day of Spring
March 23	Thursday	1st Day of TX-State Fair



March 1 2023—2024	Becky Dungan	Membership Drive begins Another Drawing—early Dues
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

May 5	Friday	TRTA District 5 Spring Conference	First Baptist Church 1911 Nederland Ave.—Nederland
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- ☺ **Cathy Purgahn** - needs **IDEAS** for next year Programs
- ☺ **Dade, Tim, & Richard** met in Beaumont to exchange ideas as they discussed ways to get a COLA!



FEBRUARY

Guest Speaker **Shanna Briggs**
Regional Manager The Alzheimer Association

Helen's Health Tips

February is American Heart month and a good time to remind ourselves that heart problems are leading causes of death for males & females.



It is important to know what we can do to keep our focus on heart health regarding diet, health conditions, and signs of heart attack for both men and women (not the same).



Happy Heart Day to everyone and always try to keep your heart healthy and happy!

