

## 2023-2024

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# MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL NEWSLETTER

# March

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday March 12, 2024**

Time: 1:30 pm

**Hebert Library**

2025 Merriman Street, Port Neches



Guest Speaker

**Rob Fong**

Curator & Archivist  
for the  
Museum  
of the  
Gulf Coast



**A message from MJCRSP President  
Charles Jehlen  
with guest speaker Lori Goats**

### **Things That Matter**

I am a master procrastinator. Somedays, I postpone even thinking about repairs, chores, or honey-dos. A random thought or song on the radio will distract me and I'll spend the day chasing butterflies and squirrels. I've read the psychological studies and understand my condition. My self-imposed accommodations are tolerated by my family.

On my IEP, scheduling is paramount. My church, family, and required activities are planned virtually to the minute. If I'm on time for a meeting, I'm late. For decades, I helped the custodians open the school each morning. I still wake up at 5 AM, alarm or not.

**A friend recently gave me a copy of Charles Krauthammer's  
Things That Matter,**

a collection of his early essays. Revisiting CK's thoughts on events at the end of the 20th Century reminded me that history often repeats itself. Names change, while the stories are the same. All politics is local and partisan. Our government survives because rational people choose their leaders. And each decision matters.

My March schedule already contains two required activities: Renewing my TRTA / MJCRSP membership and voting in the **March 5th primary**. There will be extra money in my renewal check to help fund our scholarship and book projects. Before I vote, I'll check each candidate's record to see how she/he feels about TRS retirees. Does she/he continue to fund our Health Care? The TRTA website has many helpful resources.

I urge you to help our chapter and organization achieve their goals. As with the COLA, your efforts today will benefit you and future retirees.

## **Are You Ready?**



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.mjcrsp.org](http://www.mjcrsp.org) — SEE OUR VIDEO SCRAPBOOK  
VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MJCRSP/](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MJCRSP/)





**Helen Reynolds**

February was  
American Heart Month



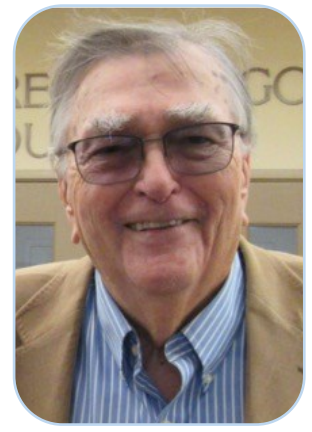
**Mary Sue Carter**

Membership  
starting to collect March 1st  
for July 2024—June 2025



**Candye Martin**

64, 997.5  
Volunteer Hours  
87 People Participated




**Richard Briggs**

**VOTE—VOTE—VOTE**  
Early Voting—February 20th  
Voting Date—March 5

## March 2024



**New Member  
Christine  
Collazo**  
with Brenda Philyaw

1	Friday	District 5 reports CVS, Book Projects, & Scholarships & Grants
2	Saturday	<b>Texas Independence Day</b>
10	Sunday 'Spring Up'	 <b>Daylight Saving Time Start</b>
17	Sunday	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>
19	Tuesday	<b>First Day Spring</b>
31	Sunday	<b>Easter Sunday</b>

April 15—17	69th Convention in Corpus Christi
May 10	Spring Conference @ First Baptist Church in Nederland



February Guest Speaker  
**Lori Goats**  
(with Cathy Purgahn—mom)  
Discover Southeast Texas  
Unusual Things to See & Do



**Book Project:**  
Hillcrest Elementary & Highland Park Elementary

