



# MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER



## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**Linda Briggs**  
President

**Dana Wasser**  
First Vice President  
Immediate Past President  
Membership

**Gail Krohn**  
Second Vice President  
Legislation

**Sue Croom**  
Secretary

**Mary Beth McDuff**  
Treasurer

**Ted Loftin**  
Parliamentarian

**Becky Dungan**  
Yearbook Chairman

**Lynne James**  
Newsletter  
Technology Contact

**Olive Hall**  
Local Historian

**Sylvia Ramirez**  
Foundation Representative

**Jessie Howard**  
Community Volunteer Services

**Patsy Bartels**  
Member Benefits

**Helen Reynolds**  
Healthcare

**Linda Fong**  
Information & Protective Services

**Rose Reese**  
Retirement Education

**Patricia Allen**  
Children's Book Project

**Donna Lumpkin**  
Refreshment & Hospitality

**Wanda Borne**  
Audit

## October 9, 2012 Meeting

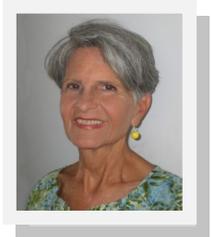
**Local realtor Kay DeCuir  
declares Mid-County  
real estate market healthy and  
gives advice to buyers and  
sellers at October meeting**



- ◆ **November 13 Meeting:** 1:30 PM @ Ritter Center, 914 Boston Avenue, Nederland. Guest speaker: Marc Shepherd, Texas Department of Transportation, discussing transportation issues in our area and around the state.
- ◆ **Bylaw Change Proposal: To Article V, Section 2:** (Change in bold type) Elective Officers shall be elected for one year. The term of office shall coincide with the Local Unit's fiscal year. They shall be eligible for reelection for an additional term **with the exception of the Secretary and the Treasurer, who may serve additional terms dependent upon their ability to serve the Unit.** (Rationale: Coincides with state and district bylaws; affected officers are not policy-makers and, if willing, could effect stability on the board as well as ensure office-holders are capable and experienced to fulfill their duties.)
- ◆ **November Refreshment Committee:** Linda Harrison, chairman; Candye Martin, Mary Beth McDuff, Lana Parker, and Helen Reynolds.

## A message from MJCRSP President Linda Briggs . . .

All over Texas TRTA's legislative teams have been meeting with state senators and representatives in an aggressive initiative to educate them about TRS pensions and TRS-Care concerns. We know the powerful groups and individuals who are lobbying for the defined benefit plan to be replaced by defined contributions, similar to 401 K's. It is estimated that the state could pay \$12B more to switch, but the financial advisers stand to gain so they will keep up the attacks. TRTA's influence is increased with high membership numbers and our active involvement in the state politics directly affecting us. Our dues are a small price to pay to promote our interests in Austin.



**VISIT OUR WEB SITE:** To keep up with meetings and activities of MJCRSP, check out the unit web site at [www.localunits.org/MidJefferson](http://www.localunits.org/MidJefferson). Find newsletters, pictures and summaries of meetings past and present.

SPECIAL THANKS to MCT Credit Union for the use of their facilities in preparing our monthly newsletters!



Above: Program chairman Gail Krohn introduces guest speaker at October 9 meeting. Cookie Byrd and Clara Graham enjoy refreshments. Hospitality chairman Donna Lumpkin prepares for the meeting.

Linda Briggs presides at District 5 Fall Conference.



Richard Briggs gives legislative report.



Representing MJCRSP at District Fall Conference are back row: Beverly Minaldi, Jessie Howard, Rose Reese, Lynne James, Clara Graham, Loretta Morman, and Linda Briggs; front row: Becky Dungan, Dana Wasser, Donna Lumpkin, Richard Briggs, and Nellie McCoy.

**Thanks to Philpott Ford for paying the registration fee for all MJCRSP members who attended the Fall Conference on October 4 in Beaumont!**

**Membership: If you have paid your membership dues to Mary Beth McDuff, please disregard notices from the TRTA office in Austin reminding you to renew your membership. Often, membership renewals cross in the mail. Their records are not up-to-date in some cases.**

Jessie Howard reminds all to keep a record of volunteer hours! Reports are due to the state in January. Helen Reynolds says to also keep track of your "steps." Linda Fong, Protective Services, Memorials, and Get Well Chairman, asks that you contact her (409.962.6523 or [lsfong@gt.rr.com](mailto:lsfong@gt.rr.com)) regarding illnesses or deaths of members and/or their families.

**Newsletter and Yearbook by email:** Thanks to all of you who have agreed to receive your newsletter and/or your yearbook by email. The postage savings will allow our unit to dedicate more funds toward our special projects and our efforts to preserve our retirement fund and our healthcare.