

MID-JEFFERSON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



Annual Fall Luncheon Honoring New Retirees



Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @11:30 AM

(Registration/social begin at 11:00)

Where: KC Hall, 315 Hardy Avenue, Nederland

Program: STATE REPRESENTATIVE DADE PHELAN

Hostesses: Beverly Minaldi, Candice Zummo, Linda Pinner, Candye Martin, Linda Harrison, Beulah Thompson, Jolene Lemaire, Helen Reynolds, and Mary Sue Carter.

The annual fall luncheon will honor recent retirees of Nederland and Port Neches-Groves school districts. **The meat entree will be provided.**

Except for new retirees and guests, everyone is asked to bring a covered dish item to share with others.

Business Meeting: Voting on **bylaws** changes emailed or sent to members with September newsletter. **Yearbook** will be available. Those who sold ads for the scholarship program will pick up yearbooks to deliver to patrons who purchased ads.

District V Fall Conference: October 5 @ St. Mark's Episcopal Church. 680 Calder, Beaumont. 9:30-2. Registration/Lunch/Business Meeting. **\$10, non-refundable.** Pay Loretta Morman at the conference.

"The worst of times; the best of times . . ."

. . . a message from MJCRSP President Lynne James



Dickens didn't actually say it that way, but the message is the same. The events of the last few weeks took me back to the fall of 2005. Hurricane Katrina had ripped through New Orleans, and we at Port Neches Middle School ended up with almost twenty evacuee students in our midst. Middle school students befriended them, fed them, clothed them, invited them to sleep-overs, and did everything they could to ease their suffering. Two weeks later, we were the evacuees following Hurricane Rita.

When school resumed in Port Neches several weeks later, faculty members were anxious, wondering how many of our students would return (95% did), how much damage had their homes suffered, what their state of mind would be. As I watched from my office window on the morning they returned to campus, I was overwhelmed by the reactions of students as they filled the courtyard between the library and the cafeteria. Normally they would have been in small groups laughing, sharing their personal "bests" with their closest friends, or playing hackey sack. Instead, they were greeting their classmates with hugs, comforting those who had endured the worst of the storm, and generally celebrating the normalcy of school life.

This scene has no doubt played out across campuses all over Southeast Texas since Harvey paid us a visit. Tough times reminds us to be thankful for what we have and the importance of "people" in our lives. During the past several weeks we have witnessed the best of humanity during the worst of times. We all have a deeper appreciation for friends and relatives, as well as empathy for many people we know only from pictures on TV or in the news. Why does it take a disaster to make us take stock of what is *really* important?

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

Insurance highlights

Contract year: January 1, 2018 — December 31, 2018

- Discontinue current retiree contribution schedule, including the \$0 premium plan option.
- Implement retiree contribution schedule below based on family size and Medicare status of the retiree.
- Monthly contributions from non-Medicare retirees who are disabled as of 1/1/2017 will be \$0 for *Retiree Only* contribution coverage beginning 1/1/2018 and ending when the retiree reaches Medicare status or 8/31/2021, whichever is earlier. Other coverage tiers will be reduced by \$200 per month.

Coverage Tier	Revised Proposed Premiums Effective 1/1/2018	
	TRS-Care Standard	TRS-Care Medicare Part D Plan
Retiree/Surviving Spouse Only	\$200	\$135
Retiree & Spouse	\$689	\$529
Retiree/Surviving Spouse & Child(ren)	\$408	\$468
Retiree & Family	\$999	\$1,020
Surviving Child(ren)	\$208	\$208

INSURANCE INFORMATION SESSIONS: If you are changing from TRS Care 1, 2, or 3 into TRS Standard Care or will be joining the Humana Medicare Advantage plan in January, you might find it worthwhile to attend one of the information sessions available. The only session in Beaumont is scheduled for October 9 at the Elegante Hotel. Call **1-800-850-1992** to register for in-person sessions or webinars. Seating is limited.

MORNING SESSION FOR PARTICIPANTS WITH MEDICARE

- 9:00-9:15 TRS — Opening Remarks
- 9:15-10:00 Humana — TRS Care Medicare Advantage Plan (Medical)
- 10:00-10:30 Silverscript — TRS Care Medicare Rx (prescription)

MORNING SESSION FOR PARTICIPANTS WITHOUT MEDICARE

- 10:45-noon Aetna and CVS Caremark — TRS Standard Plan (medical and prescription benefits)

AFTERNOON SESSION FOR PARTICIPANTS WITH MEDICARE

- 1:30-1:45 TRS — Opening Remarks
- 1:45-2:30 Humana — TRS Care Medicare Advantage Plan (Medical)
- 2:30-3:00 Silverscript — TRS Care Medicare Rx (prescription)

AFTERNOON SESSION FOR PARTICIPANTS WITHOUT MEDICARE

- 3:15-4:30 Aetna and CVS Caremark — TRS Standard Plan (medical and prescription benefits)

NON-MEDICARE WEBINARS AVAILABLE

10/17—10 am	10/19 —2 pm	10/24—10 am	10/28 — 10 am
10/31—2 pm	11/7—10 am	11/8 — 2 pm	11/9 —10 am

BYLAWS REVISIONS: Changes in the TRTA state bylaws required us to change names of the two district meetings as well as the change from chairperson/chairpersons to chair/chairs. Other changes will be presented for adoption at the October meeting. Once the changes are confirmed at the meeting, the bylaws will be posted on our website. Proposals were sent with the September newsletter.

REMINDER: Bring your outdated or replaced eyeglasses to the October meeting so they can be donated to the Lions Club!



YEARBOOK 2017: The 2017-2018 yearbook goes to press *before* October 6. Please look over the previous yearbook to check the information associated with your name. If you find an error or need to change an address and/or phone number, please contact Becky Dungan as soon as possible. If she does not hear from you, she will assume all your information is correct. The yearbook can be found on the unit webpage under *About Us*.

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HELEN'S HEALTH TIP: It's time for a reminder not to forget your flu shot this year along with any other shots you may need, such as pneumonia shots (2 different shots needed for full protection) and shingles shot.