



Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel October 2007 Newsletter

President's message

The best thing about being president of MJCRSP is how I am blessed to have exceptional officers and committee chairpersons. *Again, I would like to give special recognition to Anita Harrell and her hospitality committee for the great decoration at the September meeting.

*Our October meeting will be on Tuesday the 9th at the Ritter Senior Citizen's Center on Boston Avenue in Nederland at 1:30.

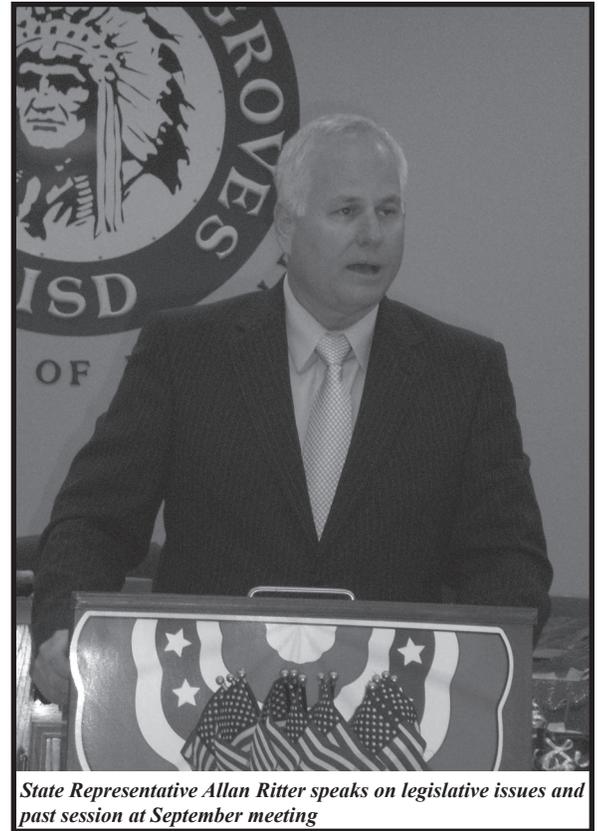
*Through the efforts of Dana Wasser and our members, MJCRSP has a current membership of 230. I hope we will have over 250.

*Please encourage all eligible persons to join with us to fight for increased pay and benefits.

*Remember to turn in to Jesse Howard your volunteer hours.

*We will vote on persons to serve on the nomination committee to select next year's officers during the October meeting. New officers will be elected in November, and take office in July, 2008.

*Bring a book or money for the Book Project.



State Representative Allan Ritter speaks on legislative issues and past session at September meeting

Yearbook Information 2007-2008

Chairman: Becky Dungan

The 2007-08 MJCRSP Yearbook will be ready for distribution at our Oct. 9th meeting.

Everyone, please come to the meeting and receive your yearbook. You may also take those of members whom you expect to see.

October Program

Chairman: Lynne James

Speaker: Mark Sheppard of TxDot; Topic; Status of local roads, bridges, highways, toll roads, corridor issue, etc. Email Lynne James (lynnej@gt.rr.com) if you have a specific concern you want Sheppard to address.

- Richard Briggs
Local President
- Norma McBee
Local Immediate Past President
- Dana Wasser
Local First Vice-President
- Lynne James
Local Second Vice-President
- Local Technology Contact
Loretta Morman
Local Treasurer
- Ruth Smith
Local Secretary
- Zack Byrd
Local Legislative Chair
- Dana Wasser
Local Membership Chairman
- Harry Charles
Local Parliamentarian
- Olive Hall
Local Historian
- Beverly Minaldi
Local Foundation Representative
- Jessie Howard
Local Community Volunteer Service Chair
- Linda Briggs
Newsletter, Publicity
- Carol Broussard
Local Member Benefits Rep
- Donna Lumpkin
Local Health Care Chair
- Alice McEntire
Local Info/Protective Services Chair
- Rose Reese
Local Pre-Retirement Chair
- Becky Dungan
Yearbook Chair
- Anita Harrell
Hospitality Chair

**Mid-Jefferson County
Retired School
Personnel Website:
trta.org**

Scroll to bottom right until you see Texas map. There is a link near it that takes you to local unit web pages. Once there, scroll until you get to Mid-Jefferson County RSP (in middle column). Click there for newsletter, notes of meetings, updated news, etc.

Special thanks to MCTCU for use of their office facilities to produce newsletter every month.

Legislative Report

Chairman: Zack Byrd

While the market numbers were up at the end of August, there has been no definite indication as to whether TRS retirees will receive a thirteenth check. If you missed our initial meeting, you would have been impressed with Representative Ritter's commitment to education and to retired school personnel. He indicated the next legislature session would be critical to education and to TRS retirees.

There is some concern with the TRS Board and their investment staff. We will attempt to keep you informed on this situation.

This week I was again reminded by a legislative aide, that an organization's total membership determines its influence. We encourage you to join and encourage other retirees to be a part of our group and of its efforts.

Annual District V Fall Conference 2007

Thursday, October 11 from 10:30 to 12:00

at First Baptist Church in Nederland.

We will have 20 representatives there.

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Children's Book Project

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If every member would contribute just one dollar, we could fund the book project without monthly collections. What we are able to do depends on the generosity of the members!

Membership

Chairman: Dana Wasser

If you know of any retirees who are not members of our organization, please call them, invite them, bring them to our October meeting. They may join at the meeting. Or give me their names and addresses, and I will be glad to send them a personal invitation by mail. Dana Wasser, 678 Ridgewood Dr., Port Neches, Tx 77651 727-8310 or 527-0136; danaw678@sbcglobal.net

To help in recruitment, members could give any perspective member the form below to fill out and mail.

Mid-Jefferson County Retired School Personnel Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Please check one: **New Member** _____ **Membership Renewal** _____

Active Member (TRTA/LOCAL) (Receiving Annuity) \$35.00 _____

Associate Member (TRTA/LOCAL) \$35.00 _____

Life Member (TRTA/LOCAL) \$10.00 _____

Current Monthly Member (TRTA Payroll Deduction/LOCAL) \$10.00 _____

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According to our records you have not joined TRTA. We urge you to do so.

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