

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

May meeting highlights



Row 1: Beulah, Candye, Mary Beth, and Linda prepare refreshments; Gail, Mary Alice, and Frances are first in line for ice cream sundaes; Betty takes a coffee break; Mary Alice enjoys her ice cream! **Row 2:** Members begin the meeting with pledges to our flags; Richard assists Linda in the installation of officers for the coming year.

Spring Leadership Workshops



Row 1: District V President R. A. Hidalgo conducts the spring meeting; Dr. Bob Nicks addresses legislative concerns for retirees; TRTA 2nd VP Patricia

Macias brings news from the state office; Susan Jones, District V volunteer chairman, gives her report; President Hidalgo gives Exemplary Service Awards to Charlotte Hidalgo and Lynne James. **Row 2:** MJCRSP members are attentive to Dr. Nicks' remarks; MJCRSP hosts pose for a photo at the luncheon.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS FROM TIM LEE: The Legislative Committee will be busy this year and next educating Senators and Representatives about the funding disparity between active teacher payroll, which is a primary source of income for TRS-Care, and rising healthcare costs, including skyrocketing prescription drug prices. Since active teacher salary is not related to medical expenses and does not increase at the same rate, TRS-Care is in need of a fundamental change in its funding structure. TRTA is part of a study group formed by the Texas Legislature as a result of the passage of Senate Bill 1940. The members of the group, which is charged with studying ways to improve and sustain TRS-Care, have not yet been named. When that does occur, you can expect an important *Inside Line* update in your inbox, so keep your eyes peeled!

HELEN'S HEALTH TIP: Now that summer is drawing to a close, remember to exercise regularly and to eat healthy foods in season, such as tomatoes, yellow squash, and zucchini. Kudos to our chapter for getting two consecutive awards for excellence in promoting healthy living; you have cooperated well in learning and applying the new health guidelines at meetings. I am very proud of all of us.