



## **EAGLE MOUNTAIN-SAGINAW RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES NEWSLETTER September 2019**

**Next Meeting**  
**Wed. Sept. 11 - HCTC**  
**8:30 Potluck Breakfast**  
**9 Program "Honoring**  
**First Responders"**

Welcome to 2019-20, EMSRSE! We're Gonna Have the Best. Year. Ever!

Exciting meetings are planned at Hicks Air Field, Hollenstein Career and Technology Center (HCTC), The Beacon Café, Arlington Baptist University, Joe T. Garcia's Restaurant, and the EMS ISD Administration Building.

We'll be learning about Fort Worth, Tarrant County and Texas history; safety and security procedures; using medical expenses to save money; a new independently-made movie and eating popcorn; new ways to live a long, healthy life; how to fly an airplane; hearing and seeing the real Sam Houston; mentoring new physicians; and how EMS ISD schools celebrate Christmas!

In addition, the Board wrote Proposed Amended EMSRSE Bylaws so the Bylaws will be more current, reflect Roberts Rule of Order, Newly Revised, and support state TRTA Bylaws. And wait, there's more – The Board reviewed and revised the EMSRSE Yearbook to insure its' usefulness to members.

Whew! As you can see, the EMSRSE Executive Board has been busy working/planning/snacking as they organized a memorable year for our Association. Thank you to Board members Kathy Vogel, Adrienne Russell, Kay Lotz, Barbara and Harold Hawthorne, Jan Schellhase, Dotty Carriker, Burt Weems, Pam Phillips, Pam Williams, JoyLynn Schnell, Gay Williams, Pauline Estrada and Linda Currier for their ideas, their time and their dedication. Thank you to Sylvia Underwood, who also worked with the Board.

### News from Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD

Haven't signed up for a Gold Card yet? Applications will be available at the Sept. meeting, and completed applications will be submitted for you. The complimentary Gold Card

Luncheon, hosted by Supt. Dr. Jim Chadwell and the EMS ISD Board of Trustees, is scheduled for Tues. Oct. 8, at 11 am at the Hollenstein Career and Technology Center.

In the just released 2019 State Accountability Rating, EMS ISD earned a score of 88, which is considered a high B grade and “Recognized Performance.” In comparison, other districts earning B’s are Keller ISD, Weatherford ISD, Arlington ISD and Castleberry ISD.

#### News from TRS

TRS is on schedule to send annuitants a thirteenth check during September. (You must have retired Dec. 31, 2018 or before to receive this check.) Your check will be the same amount as your monthly annuity or \$2000, whichever is less. No exact date has been announced, but hopefully, about the time you receive this email you will be receiving the extra check!

#### News from TRTA

There are upcoming opportunities in our area to hear TRTA officials:

- TRTA President Pat Macias will be speaking at the TRTA District 11 Fall Conference on Tues. Oct. 1. The conference is being held at Education Service Center Region 11, located at 1451 S. Cherry Ln. It begins at 9 with coffee and refreshments, and the program begins at 9:30. There is a \$10 registration fee if you plan on staying for lunch.
- TRTA Executive Director Tim Lee will be speaking to retired educator groups- Arlington Retired School Employees Association on Thurs. Sept. 5 at 6:30 pm, at the Arlington ISD Professional Development Center at 1111 Arbrook in Arlington. No fee to attend.

Hurst-Euless-Bedford Retired School Employees Association on Mon. Sept. 9 at 9:30 am, location to be determined. Go to the HEBRSEA website for more information.

#### News from Washington D.C.

Windfall Elimination Provision Update: Representative Richard Neal (D – Massachusetts) is the new chairman for the Congressional Ways and Means Committee. He has oversight on the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), which penalizes retired Texas school employees who paid into Social Security before, during or after they worked for public schools. He says he is developing a revised bill to provide meaningful WEP relief to retirees, and will introduce it this summer.

Rep. Neal has worked closely with TRTA in the past. TRTA says it is working every day on WEP, and said big announcements will be coming soon.

### News from EMSRSE

Welcome to our new members Yvonne Falcon Hamlin, Debbie McKinney, Shirley Miller, and Raymond Harvey Welch! Shake their hands, hug their necks, and tell them you are glad they are one of us!

Haven't renewed your membership yet? We won't name names, but there is only a small handful left to renew, and we don't want you to be left out! To be in and to receive a Yearbook, you must renew by August 25<sup>th</sup>. Our motto is, NMLB....No Member Left Behind! Call Secretary Linda Currier at 817.578.4734 as soon as possible if you are not sure if you have renewed or not.

Thank you for keeping in your thoughts and prayers member Timmie Mosley after falling, and First Vice-President Burt Weems' daughter Laura Kurkendall after a motorcycle accident. If there are others we should know about, please let us know.

Please mark your calendars for the big day, Wed. Sept. 11—our first meeting of the year. Here are highlights:

- Potluck breakfast at 8:30, please bring a favorite covered dish
- Lots of door prizes – EMS ISD athletic gear!
- Fifth grade student Emily Williams will lead pledges
- First responders who protect EMS ISD will join us for breakfast and be recognized
- 2019-20 Yearbooks will be distributed to members
- Deputy Supt. Dr. Linda Parker and Dr. Barry Baker, Director of Safety and Security, will discuss what is being done to keep our schools safe
- Proposed Amended Bylaws and Proposed 2019-20 Budget will be discussed and voted on

Here's to the Best Year Ever!

*Roy Mayfield*

President

TRTA Eagle Mountain -Saginaw Retired School Employees

