



MRTA JANUARY NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT – Thomasine Allen

Happy New Year!! Wishing you all the best in 2022! Let's make it a good year!

MRTA is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. More information will be coming regarding the celebration.

5 Inspirational Points for the New Year!

1. Think of the year as inspiration around you and motivation within you to be all that you can be!
2. Remember everyone is born with a purpose.
3. Do all you can to make this a better place!
4. Your success and happiness lie in you!
5. No matter what happens, BE THANKFUL!

Our next meeting will be a Zoom meeting on January 19th at 12:30 p.m. **Our speaker will be TRTA Executive Director Tim Lee who will speak at 1:00 p.m. If you have never heard him speak, you are in for a treat.** Pauline Liggio will send you the link prior to the meeting.

*TRS will begin issuing supplemental checks to more than 429,000 retired educators on **January 14.** Now is a great time to thank your state senators and representatives for their support!*

I am here to serve you!! May God Bless Each One of You and May God Bless the USA!!!

1st Vice President Maxine Wyche (Membership Chairperson)

WELCOME BACK!!! I hope everyone had a **HAPPY HOLIDAY!!** Now it is time to resume recruiting new members. We are very close to reaching our goal of 20 new members. So, let us begin **2022 by recruiting 3 more retired teachers to join MRTA!** Unfortunately, I do not have any new members to announce. Therefore, as of January 1st, we have 17 new members and 159 members.

Community Volunteer Services-Nancy Heard

All your hours spent helping others since January 1, 2021, can now be totaled, as of December 30, 2021. How high is your CVS number? I am sure it is higher than 2020!

TRTA allows us to count up to 12 hours per day as volunteer hours. If you helped your family, friends, church, or community in any way, each volunteer hour, up to 12 per day, counts in your CVS total.

The total number of your CVS volunteer hours for 2021 should be given or sent to me by the end of January. hea345nancy@comcast.net Thanks for all you did for others in 2021!

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation-Jana Ferguson

Even though the holiday known for giving is over, please keep giving to the Foundation. Many Texas retired educators struggle to meet their monthly bills on their retirement pensions. When they have an emergency, they have the Foundation to help them. The Foundation also provides disaster relief funds to retirees, funds grants for classroom teachers, and scholarships for new teachers. (Applications are available at www.trtf.org) Please consider giving a little every month to our Foundation Jar while at our meetings. These donations will be presented at the convention in March. You may also donate using your credit card by calling Sarah at 1-800-880-1650 or 512-476-1622 or emailing her at sarah@trtf.org.

2nd Vice President Gina Kearley (Children's Book Project)

A total of nine hundred and ten books were delivered to districts in our area (Dickinson 360, Hitchcock 127, Santa Fe 109, and Texas City 305). Thanks to everyone who helped.

Informative/Protective Services-Olivia Selman

SOME COMMON FRAUDS THAT ARE REVELANT TODAY:

Tech support scam: Criminals pose as technology support representatives and offer to fix non-existent computer issues.

Romance scam: Criminals pose as interested romantic partners on social media or dating websites.

Grandparent scam: Criminals pose as a relative-usually a child or grandchild-claiming to be in immediate financial need.

Sweepstakes/charity/lottery scam: Criminals claim to work for a charitable organization to gain victims' trust, or claim the victim has won a foreign lottery or sweepstakes, which they can collect for a "fee".

Home repair scam: Criminals appear in person and charge homeowners in advance for home improvements.

Family/caregiver scam: Perpetrators are relatives or acquaintances of elderly victims and take advantage of them to get their money.

Our meeting on February 16 will feature our enthusiastic TRTA District 4 President, Mary Ann Dolezal. You will want to hear her!

