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Mainland Retired Teachers Association



From the President's Pen

Bridge to Success

Happy Valentine's Day Members,

Are you enjoying the COLA we received in this month's paycheck? Well I say, "Every little bit helps." Thank you to all members who brought Valentine cards for the presentation to Mr. Bob Herndon, (new) Executive Director of Stilwell Retirement Residence. Mr. Herndon was most appreciative for the cards and the donation we made for the kitchen renovation.

Eleven names were turned in at the Technology meeting on January 16th for the day trip to the Capitol on March 26th. More information will be shared at our February meeting.

Please bring the 2024-2025 MRTA Yearbook you received at January's meeting to February's meeting. I will exchange it!

February is known for many holidays and observances such as: *Groundhog Day, Super Bowl Sunday, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Black History Month, Heart Health Month and National Cancer Prevention Month.* Hopefully these holidays and observances will continue as we move forward.

Maxine Wyche

Reports

NEW MRTA EMAIL ADDRESS

mrtapresident24@gmail.com

All future correspondences relating to MRTA will be sent from the above address. Place this address in a safe place for reference until it becomes familiar.

HOSTS/HOSTESSES NEEDED

No one has signed up for the month of April. There are some members who have not signed, so please contact me, Bonnie Brooks, @ (409)789-3472.

February Hosts/Hostesses

Paul Bland

Bonnie Brooks

Charles Brooks

Ben Cavil

Winifred Gilmore

Each Hostess group is responsible for an Ice Breaker Activity.

February 19, 2025

MRTA Meeting

Nessler Center

Alamo Room

12:30 PM

Speaker: Dr. Ford N' Ben Okoli
UTMB

Topic: Geriatrics

March 1, 2025

Membership Drive begins for the 2025-2026 year.

March 19, 2025

MRTA Meeting

Nessler Center

Surf Room

12:30 PM

Speaker: Sheila Wolf, TRTA D4
President

March 26, 2025

Day at the Capitol
Austin, Texas

Happy Valentine's Day



To All February Celebrants



Membership Report

We need your help to boost our MRTA membership. We have lost track of some of our members. If you have missed some of your friends, reach out to them and encourage them to come join us again. Also, don't forget to recruit newly retired educators. Our combined efforts to work with our elected officials has been a success, but we need more voices. Remember to send all payments to Paul Bland.

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Treasurer's Report

As of February 1, 2025, our balance is \$7,655.47. I am still collecting chapter dues. Also, I have the order forms for the NEW D-4 Shirts! Contact me to pay your dues, to place an order for the D-4 shirt, or see me at the February meeting.

My Contact Information Is:

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Especially for You

Valentine's Day filled with hugs and kisses

Candy, flowers, and Sweetheart wishes

From a warm heart does the sentiment flow.

It translates to action and now it must show

The feeling engulfs us and in it, we bask

Never stopping to think or even ask

What has overcome me, what is this I feel?

You may never know, just believe it is real

It's the love that we bring, we send, and we share

The love that says, "FOR YOU WE CARE"!!!

