



Mainland Retired Teachers Association

From the President's Pen

Bridge to Success

Hello MRTA Members,

It is November and time to turn our clocks backward one hour to get that extra hour of sleep we have been missing. We will need that extra sleep because November is a busy month. It is **Texas Retired Teachers Foundation Month, Long Term Care Awareness Month, Children's Book Project Month and Thanksgiving Day!**

Most of us over 65 will require some long term care services in our lifetime. If you are in need of a policy to help protect you and your life savings, reduce the stress on your children or spouse, contact our local **AMBA Benefits Advisor, LeAnn McDonald (1-281-317-7318)**. She can determine if a Long Term Care Policy is right for you.

Let's get ready for our **Children's Book Project!** We need everyone's hands to place Book Plates in Books, Wrap the Books, and load them in vehicles for delivery on November 20th. More information is listed under **Save the Date**. We have had a tremendous turnout in previous years. Let's have an exceptional turnout this year! I look forward to seeing you!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Maxine Wyche

Reports

Holiday Cooking Safety Tips

Thanksgiving is the holiday that brings people together with the family dinner being the highlight of the day. Use these tips to help keep your holiday safe.

- ◆ Stay in the kitchen while food is cooking.
- ◆ Keep the cooking range free of clutter.
- ◆ Always keep a potholder, oven mitt and lid handy while cooking.
- ◆ When removing lids on hot pans, tilt them away from you to protect your face and hands from steam.
- ◆ Never wear loose fitting clothing when cooking.
- ◆ Keep smoke alarms connected while cooking.
- ◆ Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of an emergency and know how to use it.

Sources: [United States Fire Administration](#), [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#), [UL](#)



November 20, 2024

Children's Book Project

West Haven Church of Christ

12:30 PM

Bring Christmas Wrapping Paper, Scissors, Scotch Tape

For those who prefer to pre-cut the paper, the recommended size is: 12" x 19"

Wear Red D-4 Shirts (with Old or New Monogram)/ Red Top and Dark Bottoms for Group Pictures for District 4 Newsletter

December 18, 2024

MRTA Meeting

Nessler Center

Alamo Room

12:30 PM

Dress in Christmas Colors

*November Hosts/ Hostesses

Valerie Hall

Vickie Holmes

Evelyn Lee

Shirley Mapps

Emily Smith

TEXAS RETIRED TEACHERS FOUNDATION

(Your Gift Can Change Lives)

Since 2008, TRTF has awarded over \$1 million to provide resources for retired TRS annuitants, as well as active school personnel. Your donation means so many things, but changing a life for the better is the ultimate result. Your donation means a retiree experiencing hardship can receive much needed aid, a teacher can supplement their classroom resources with resources for their students, and a first year teacher can receive funds to assist with new classroom materials. **DONATE TODAY!**





To All November 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. Let's share all the good news we receive from Tim Lee and our state officers. 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 October 31, 2024, our balance is \$7,628.41. 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 November meeting.

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OUR DECEASED MEMBERS



Bertdell Norwood

1943—2024



Dorothy Jeffcoat

1930 - 2024