



Mainland Retired Teachers Association

From the President's Pen

Bridge to Success

Hello MRTA Members,

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all MRTA members who voluntarily wrapped books on November 20th and December 2nd for our Children's Book Project! It was a **TREMENDOUS** success! We wrapped over 1,000 books and delivered them to all the schools in our service area. We even have **27** wrapped books ready to begin next year! **HIP-HIP-HOORAY!!!**

As we approach this Holiday season, let us remember the **true** meaning of the Holidays. Enjoy spending time with family and friends. Take time to reflect over the past year. Make a list of things you plan to do differently during the new year and make them a priority. Let us all strive to make 2025 a **Wonderful** year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Maxine Wyche



December Hosts/Hostesses

There are no Hosts/Hostesses for December! Everyone is responsible for the meal! This is **POT LUCK DECEMBER**! Prepare your favorite dish and bring it to our meeting for everyone to enjoy! I am looking forward to sampling some delicious dishes!

Remember, the **NOVEMBER HOSTESSES** are responsible for presenting their **ICE BREAKER**. We were too busy last month.

Reports

Holiday Fire Prevention Tips

- ◆ Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat sources in the home such as, fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- ◆ Do not block an exit with a tree.
- ◆ Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- ◆ Bear in mind some lights are for indoor use only.
- ◆ Use an extension cord for short periods and unplug it when not in use. Keep it out of the way to avoid tripping.
- ◆ December is the peak month for home fires, so if you use real candles, monitor the room continually.
- ◆ Consider flameless candles that use LED lights.

Source: Bethesda Health Group



December 18, 2024

MRTA Meeting

Nessler Center

Alamo Room

12:30 PM

Dress in Christmas Colors

Caroling and Christmas Games

January 15, 2025

MRTA Meeting

Nessler Center

Alamo Room

12:30 PM

Speaker: Joel Wright, Director

Stillwell Retirement Residence

(*Bring Valentine Cards to meeting to present to Mr. Wright)

January 16, 2025

District 4 Technology Meeting

Houston, Texas

Time and Place TBD

February 1, 2025

Chapter Members' Individual Community Volunteer Hours Report due to Sharon Hernandez

February 15, 2025

Chapter Children's Book Project Report due to District Committee Chairs

Chapter Community Volunteer Hours Report due to District Com-





To All December 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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Happy Anniversary

wishing you lots of love and happiness



Treasurer's Report

As of November 1, 2024, our balance is \$7,898.63. 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 December meeting.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR