

# THE TATTLER



## THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL CLARE COUNTY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

June 13, 2023

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Thanks to so many of you, our May Scholarship fundraiser at Witbeck's was a HUGE success!

Special thanks to Chris Schuster for organizing and to Fred for lugging the needed cooking items as well as all the money.

Along with our fundraisers, we also serve Clare County residents in another way by collecting old prescription eye glasses. A container is available at the head table at each membership meeting for your clean, unusable prescription glasses.

Liz Smith will drop them off at Member's First Credit Union where there is a Lion's Club donation container. Thank you, Liz!

Happy Summer!

Terry Petrongelli, President  
MARSP Clare County Chapter



### HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH MPSERS VISION, HEARING, AND DENTAL COVERAGE?

Last month, our Insurance Chair, Kathy Laubon spoke to us about completing a Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) Survey on our experience and satisfaction with our vision, hearing, and dental insurance through MPSERS

The MARSP Supplemental Insurance Survey takes only FIVE MINUTES to complete online, but voices your opinion on the current coverage.

With this survey, MARSP aims to collect the feedback to pass along to the Office of Retirement Service (ORS), the administrator of our insurance. In this survey, you'll see questions like:

- *How satisfied are you with your vision coverage?*
- *What kinds of features would you like to see added to your hearing plan?*
- *How much would you be willing to pay for additional dental coverage?*

Visit [www.marsp.org/survey2023](http://www.marsp.org/survey2023) to complete the survey OR you can call the MARSP Office at 888-960-4022.

***Let your voice be heard!!!***

If nobody knows the troubles you've seen, then you don't live in a small town.

--Anonymous



## THINK ON YOUR FEET

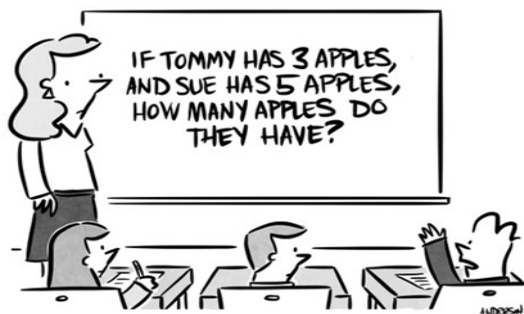
“...there’s a mountain of evidence that shows walking- especially walking outdoors- is powerful medicine for your brain. Here’s what the science shows:

- Walking may help you grow new brain cells.
- Walking may boost your creativity.
- Walking may enhance your mood.
- Walking may reduce the risk of cognitive decline.
- Walking may decrease brain-damaging stress.”

--Martha W. Murphy

*For more information see  
AARP Bulletin May 2023*

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“OK, first things first - how many kids are just walking around with multiple apples?”



## SAVE THE DATE! THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023

The second and last annual MARSP Clare County Scholarship “FUNdraiser” will be on Thursday, June 22 at Witbeck’s Family Foods in Clare.

I’d like to share some experiences I’ve had as I volunteered in the past:

- Several former students came by and we had a chance to chat.
- Community members shared “school day” stories from their past.
- I had a chance to get to know several MARSP members better.
- Clare Middle schoolers came by just to chat as they waited for a dance.
- Robin Randall stopped by for a hot dog and is now a MARSP member.

We will have fun working with each other as we serve up hot dogs, Polish dogs and root beer floats to Witbeck’s shoppers.

All donations collected go to the MARSP Clare County Chapter Scholarship Fund. Come and volunteer for a two hour time slot. Call Chris Schuster at 989-588-7147 or 989-339-4118.

--Chris Schuster  
*Calling Chair*



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### **AARP Michigan**

517-482-2772

[www.aarp.org/states/mi](http://www.aarp.org/states/mi)

### **Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA)**

877-290-3167

### **National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA)**

888-687-2277

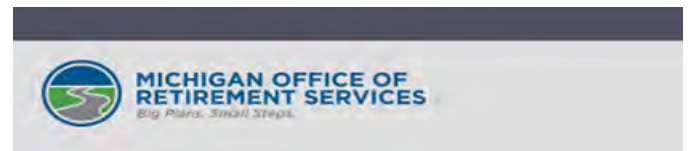
### **Social Security Administration (SSA)**

800-772-1213

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### **Medicare**

800-663-4227



(8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

517-284-4400 or 800-381-5111

Fax: 517-284-4416

PO Box 30171

Lansing, MI 48909

Website:

[www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools)

miAccount:

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MARSP

PO Box 23214

Lansing, MI 48909

(7:30 - 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

517-337-1757 or

888-960-4022 (toll-free)

Email: [staff@marsp.org](mailto:staff@marsp.org)

Website: [www.marsp.org](http://www.marsp.org)

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## THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T KEEP IN YOUR WALLET

Here are the 10 things you should remove from your wallet and *store in a safe place*, depending on how often you need to access them:

- **Social Security card.** You do not need it for daily use, and criminals could use it to open lines of credit in your name or sell it to another criminal.
- **Multiple credit cards and credit card receipts.** Choose one credit card and one debit card you wish to use the most, and leave the others at home. Multiple credit cards are a gold mine for criminals. They can easily charge items online or send runners to different stores.
- **Checkbook, or even one blank check.** The days when you might need one for a purchase are mostly in the past.
- **Work ID card.**
- **Passport or passport card.**
- **List of your passwords.**
- **Gift card not fully redeemed.**
- **Birth certificate.**
- **Library card.** It sounds benign, but a crook can always check out lots of books and sell them for a buck or two apiece, Clay warns.
- **House key.** Thieves could find your address from the contents of a stolen wallet.

## HOW SAFE IS YOUR MONEY WHEN IT'S IN THE BANK?

*Two high-profile failures earlier this year raise an important question.*

The collapse in March of two major U.S. banks—the second- and third-largest bank failures in history—may have made you wonder. *Will I lose money if my bank fails?* Good news: You're protected, to a limit.

The government's Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) guarantees \$250,000 per depositor, per deposit category, per insured bank. (Credit unions have similar protections.) So if both you and your spouse have checking accounts at the same bank, each is insured for up to \$250,000. If you also share a joint account at that bank, that, too, is insured, for \$500,000 (\$250,000 per co-owner).

Insurance covers checking and savings accounts, certificates of deposit, and money orders. *Not covered:* mutual funds and other investments sold at a bank, stock in the bank itself, and contents of safe-deposit boxes.

--John Waggoner  
*AARP, The Magazine* April/May 2023

--Katherine Skiba  
*AARP* April 12, 2023