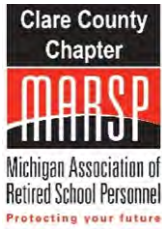


THE TATTLER



THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL CLARE COUNTY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

May 9, 2023

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Welcome back, everyone! May is always such a happy time gathering together again, embracing each other (and the warmer weather)!

My thanks to all of our Executive Board members who spend extra time outside of our regular membership meetings. This past winter, Fred Schuster never missed sending a monthly financial report. Deb Sherrod and Sheryl Judd have embraced their new roles as secretary and web manager respectively, and have been helping to keep me on my toes. Linda Patterson prepared our May meeting publicity article early in April. Tom House spent a day in March visiting Lansing to represent our chapter for the MARSP Legislative Outreach Day. We are so grateful for their volunteer time!

Lastly, I would like to give special thanks to our past president, Liz Smith. Her incredible dedication to this group is evidenced by the documentation she painstakingly organized to provide for this transition. She continues to be a wonder for our chapter.



I admit to being a might intimidated in this new position as president, but I promise to give it my best effort. I know I will make mistakes, but I am inspired by the camaraderie of this group, and I am confident we will survive the year together.

Terry Petrongelli, President
MARSP Clare County Chapter

MARSP TRAVEL PROGRAMS

With the MARSP Travel Program, you can enjoy the benefits of retirement while staying connected with friends who served in public education and share your interests.

This year, the Travel Program will explore five new destinations:

1. Alaska
2. National Parks of America
3. Australia to New Zealand
4. Finland
5. Hawaii



Learn more online at marsp.org/travel
or call Collette at 1-800-581-8942.

MARSP'S NEW ONLINE TOOL: ONE CLICK POLITICS

Be sure to visit marsp.org/advocacy soon to see MARSP's new political advocacy tool called *One Click Politics*.

MARSP provides easy access for you to voice your opinion and send an email to your governor, senator or representative. It is pretty cool!

Another way MARSP is dedicated to advocating for retired public school employees is by monitoring the budget process of the pension and healthcare funding of Michigan retired school personnel. You can also view an updated MARSP Legislative Status Report at marsp.org/advocacy.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to our MARSP Clare County Chapter members who attended every membership meeting during the 2022 year:

Beverly Mapes,
Kathy McAndrew,
Deb Sherrod,
Sheryl Judd,
Liz Smith
and Jeanne Shelander.

Well done!

MARSP CLARE COUNTY CHAPTER JACKPINE LUNCH MENU FOR 2023



- May 9th:** Cabbage rolls with beef/rice, scalloped potatoes, side salad, dinner roll, cookies, water, and coffee.
- June 13th:** Baked Cod, Pulled Pork, coleslaw, potato salad, zucchini cake, water, iced tea.
- July 11th:** Chicken/Beef Stir fry, brown/white rice, side salad, fruit crisp/cake, water, iced tea.
- August 8th:** Hot Roast Beef sandwich w/bread, mashed potatoes, green beans, cookies, water, iced tea.
- September 12th:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, roll, green beans, cake, water, coffee.
- October 10th:** Your famous Hot Turkey sandwich dinner with all the fixings!
- *Watermelon will be available when in season on those warm summer days.***

**IMPORTANT
HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN
CONTACT INFORMATION**



Blue Cross/ Blue Shield
(PPO in MI) 800.422.9146
bcbsm.com/mpsers
(PPO Providers - Outside MI)
800.810.2583



Blue Care Network HMO)
Medicare: 866.966.2583
Non-Medicare: 800.662.6667
www.bcbsm.com/mpsers



Priority Health (HMO)
888.389.6648
priorityhealth.com/mpsers



Delta Dental
800.345.8756
deltadentalmi.com/MPSERS



Prescription Plan
OptumRx (Medicare)
855.577.6517
OptumRx (non-Medicare)
866.288.5209
www.optumrx.com/enroll/MPSERS



Vision
EyeMed
866.248.2028
www.eyemed.com/MPSERS



Hearing Care
TruHearing
855.205.6305
www.truhearing.com

**DON'T FORGET
TO RENEW YOUR
CLARE COUNTY CHAPTER
MARSP MEMBERSHIP**

There are three ways to join or renew a MARSP membership.

1. Mail:

STEP 1: Complete the MARSP Membership Form.

STEP 2: Include a check or credit card number for state dues (\$40) plus Clare County Chapter dues (\$5).

STEP 3: Mail form and payment to:
MARSP
P.O.Box 23214
Lansing, MI 48909-2314

2. Online: marsp.users.membersuite.com

3. Phone: 517-337-1757
or 888-960-4022
Monday - Friday
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM EST

There will also be monthly and annual referral drawings. Once a month, members who referred a new member will be in a drawing for a \$25 gift card. At the end of the year, all members who referred new members will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a 3-day, 2-night stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

WHY BECOME A MARSP MEMBER?

Advocacy – MPSERS

Pension and health care advocates, working daily to protect your benefits.



Learning – Annual conferences, training workshops, and seminars keeping MARSP members informed.

Community – Representing ALL public school retirees – and ONLY public school retirees.

Resources – Keeping MARSP members up to date through the *Vanguard*, a quarterly newsletter, and *Vision* – a monthly e-newsletter, and presenting informational webinars.

Discounts – Offering “members-only” discounts on a variety of products and services.

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

To laugh often and much;
to win the respect of
intelligent people and the
affection of children;
to earn the appreciation of
honest critics and endure
the betrayal of false
friends;
to appreciate the beauty;
to find the best in others;
to leave the world a bit better,
whether by a healthy child,
a garden patch or a redeemed
social condition;
to know even one life has
breathed easier because
you have lived.
This is to have succeeded!



— Ralph Waldo Emerson

WITBECK'S HOT DOG AND ROOT BEER FLOAT SCHOLARSHIP “FUN”DRAISER



MARSP Clare County Chapter supports education by providing scholarships. On Thursday, May 25 and June 22, our annual Hot Dog/Ice Cream Float fundraisers will be held at Witbeck's Family Foods in Clare. All donations will go directly to our scholarship fund.

Your help as a volunteer is needed to cook, serve, scoop or pour and be a friendly face to all who shop at Witbeck's. This is a great opportunity to recruit new members, to connect with MARSP members and to have fun being a friendly face.

Call Chris Schuster at home 989-588-7147 or cell 989-339-4118.



HaHaHa

What did one hot dog say
to the other hot dog?

Hi, Frank.