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# BAY LEAF

GRAND TRAVERSE AREA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL  
A LOCAL CHAPTER OF AREA 5, MARSP FOR ALL RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Sue Schmidt

Another challenging year and like many organizations we need to continue to **promote the VALUE of being a member of MARSP.** At the moment, there is no crisis facing our pension and insurance but **MARSP is now working in the MI Legislature to get the pension tax removed.**

I am hoping you will want to attend the **May 11 luncheon meeting to meet Royce Humm, Executive Director of MARSP.** He will be there in person to tell us about what and how MARSP continues to work for all retired school employees.

Sue Schmidt

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### New Location for Luncheon Meeting

**Wednesday: May 11, 2022 NOON**  
**(doors open at 11:30)**

**BAYVIEW INN**  
**15074 US Highway 31 N**  
**Williamsburg**

**Lunch will be served at your table.**

**You will have a choice of one item:**

**Cobb Salad**

**Greek Salad**

**Gyros sandwich**

**Hamburger sandwich or Ruben sandwich**  
**(turkey or corned beef)**

**PLUS: Beverage choice: soda pop, coffee, tea,**  
**iced tea or lemonade**

**DESSERT: Cake**

**TOTAL COST \$ 17**

## KEEP INFORMED!!

Check out the MARSP web: <http://www.marsp.org>  
or Email: [staff@marsp.org](mailto:staff@marsp.org) or Call: 888-960-4022  
**Do you want to be contacted for GTARSP activities? Be sure we have you phone number.**

**Call or email Sue Schmidt, @ 231 946-2863 or [schmidttc@att.net](mailto:schmidttc@att.net)**

## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

### RESERVATIONS

If you want to make a reservation for the May GTARSP luncheon, **YOU MUST CALL SUE SCHMIDT** at 231-946-2863.

## ONLY ONE BAY LEAF

Yes, your GTARSP Board voted to send only one Bay Leaf each year to each member. This decision was made based on the popular electronic communication usage AND as a measure to save funds. The GTARSP Roster will still be printed this fall. Be sure you are included!! Remember to pay your 2023 dues.

## MARSP DUES REMINDER

Dues for 2023 will be \$35 State + \$10 Local, pay by June 30, 2022. **Please remember that the 2023 fiscal year begins July 1, 2022 and goes through June 30, 2023. Reminder notices are in the mail or reminders via email.** Forms are available at the luncheon meeting.

## GTARSP Board Meeting:

**April 27 10:30: @ The Cottage, Plan for lunch**

## **HEALTH NEWS: Verification of Coverage Survey Suspended for 2022**

As a reminder, the Michigan Office of Retirement Services (ORS) has suspended the annual Verification of Coverage (VOC) survey for 2022. This means you DO NOT have to submit a VOC survey in 2022. This applies to the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Medicare and non-Medicare insurance plans.

ORS and BCBS are reviewing their annual process for obtaining information about other coverage to improve your experience. You should have received a letter earlier this month from ORS communicating this same information.

Again, you do not have to submit a VOC survey in 2022. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either ORS or MARSP.

ORS: 517-284-4400 or 800-381-5111:

MARSP: 1-888-960-4022

## **MINI GRANTS For 2021-2022**

Thank-you for your membership in GTARSP. Your dues help us meet our goal of supporting education by providing extra money to classroom teachers to encourage and enrich student learning. We were joined again this year by the TBA Credit Union and were able to provide twelve mini grants, each for one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). This is our tenth year of providing mini grants and we have helped 114 teachers!

*Grand Traverse Area Retired School Personnel  
Susan Schmidt Mini Grant and the TBA Credit  
Union: Mini Grant Recipients for 2021-2022  
Twelve grants awarded each for \$150.00*

**Jennifer McCain :** Kdg – 5th Math  
Interventionist Long Lake Elementary TCAPS  
Learning games in Math for each grade level

**Carrie Bui :** Kdg – 5<sup>th</sup> Music Eastern  
Elementary TCAPS, Music activities/games for  
centers in the music room

**Jackie StremLOW-Hansen:** Young Fives  
Long Lake Elementary TCAPS  
Activities for fine motor development and  
writing skills

**Nikki Wilkins:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math  
Kingsley Middle School Kingsley Public Schools  
Set of whiteboards for solving math problems  
with grid on back to graph equations

**Stacie Jankewicz:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Kingsley Middle School Kingsley Public Schools  
Strategy and sequencing games for end of  
units' review and celebration

**Katie Zemsta:** Kdg – 5<sup>th</sup> Art  
Rapid City Elementary Kalkaska Public Schools  
Materials and supplies for art projects

**Marcie Diener :** 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Mancelona High School  
Update novels read in class with current titles

**Stephen McDonald:** 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Lakeland Elementary Elk Rapids Public Schools  
Leveled readers for 1<sup>st</sup> grade at home reading  
program

**Jaime Smith:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Phys-Ed  
Frankfort High School  
Two 22lb curl bars for high school weight room

**Emily Durkin:** Kdg.  
Buckley Community Schools  
Decodable books for kdg. students

**Kyle Ross:** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
Crystal Lake Elementary  
Owl pellet kits for students to dissect

**Rochelle Kreft:** Mental Health Counselor  
K-12 Buckley Community Schools  
SEL tools and resources for mental health services