

Gladwin County Chapter MARSP Meeting 10/28/2024

On October 28, 2024, members of the Gladwin County Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired Personnel (MARSP) held their annual Harvest Luncheon of turkey or ham sliders, broccoli and cheese soup or butternut squash soup, fruit salad, potato chips, and carrot cake prepared by chapter member Maureen Thurlow. Grace before lunch was led by Kevin Brott.

The lives of four deceased members were remembered and honored for their contributions to Michigan public schools and their commitment to MARSP. Helen (Marguerite) Lieberman passed away in January, retired in 1990 as a Howell School secretary, was a MARSP member since 1990, and was a regular Gladwin County chapter event attendee. Rosa Herrera passed away in January, retired in 1994 as a Spanish and business teacher for Gladwin High School, and was a MARSP member since 1995. Sandra Coveart passed away in March, retired in 2004 as a third-grade teacher, and was a MARSP member since 2004. Virginia Berg passed away in June, retired in 1988 as a cook from Gladwin Community Schools, and was a MARSP member since 1990.

During community announcements, MARSP member and Gladwin School Superintendent Chuck Frisbie gave an update on community meetings about facility needs. The community meetings have discussed wants versus needs and identified secure entryways in all buildings, pick up and drop off K-8, and remodeling the Jr. High School as items that need to be addressed. Mr. Frisbie invited all to attend the next meeting to be held in December.

Renee Benser Swanstra won the 50/50 drawing. Twelve members enjoyed door prizes. A bag of Halloween candy favors was provided to each member, compliments of chapter members Richard and Tina Kleiss.

A work-bee was held to complete an appreciation project for Gladwin and Beaverton School staff. MARSP chapter members attached to candy bars a sticker with the chapter's note of appreciation to staff and the chapter's contact information. Also, they attached a MARSP business card with the MARSP mission and state office contact information. School staff including administration, teachers, secretaries, paraprofessionals, classroom and playground aides, cooks, and bus drivers are appreciated for their work that the chapter's retirees once did. The chapter members hope to increase school staff awareness of MARSP and its mission to protect the pension and health benefits of public-school retirees.

More information about MARSP is available at marsp.org and about the Gladwin County chapter by contacting chapter president Pam Sochacki.



MARSP-Gladwin County Chapter volunteers participate in a work-bee to prepare candy bars to distribute in appreciation to Gladwin and Beaverton School staff.