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Fourteen Good Reasons Why You Should Join LRTA and Your Local RTA Unit:

LRTA:

1. Represents the interests of Louisiana's retired education community on proposals considered by the TRSL board of trustees, by the Louisiana legislature, and by the U.S. Congress.
2. Supports annual cost-of-living adjustments for eligible benefit recipients.
3. Will continue to work with legislative leaders and committees to increase the level of benefits for oldest retirees and to review methods for granting future COLAs from the Employee Experience Account.
4. Is working toward obtaining legislative appropriations to pay down the IUAL.
5. Supports appropriate levels of health insurance coverage for retirees through the Office of Group Benefits and local school boards.
6. Provides current information about LRTA on www.lrta.net.
7. Provides six newsletters mailed to all members each year.
8. Supports repeal of Social Security Administration benefit offsets known as GPO and WEP.
9. Opposes changes in the current governance, administrative, and benefit structure of TRSL.
10. Opposes mandatory Social Security coverage of Louisiana's actively employed educators.
11. Maintains a staffed state office to coordinate state activities.
12. Works with district and local units to provide programs and information.
13. Provides a member benefits package through Association Member Benefits Advisors.
14. There is no other association that works exclusively for Louisiana's retired education community.

Membership Renewal Time

It's membership renewal time for LRTA members. Annual renewal members of LRTA, as well as former members with lapsed dues and non-members, will receive membership invitations/renewal letters with this issue of the newsletter. LRTA is the largest organization dedicated to the preservation of benefits and advocacy for the welfare of Louisiana's retired educators. Through the years, LRTA's members have worked together to create a strong, viable and professional organization, and the Association looks forward to carrying this legacy far into the future. We need your support to remain strong and to maintain a unified voice representing all retirees from Louisiana's educator community.

This mailing from LRTA once again includes several items in one package. This helps to economize on postage, to direct contents to appropriate recipients, to expedite delivery, and to help you in returning materials to the LRTA office. The table below shows the materials that you received, based upon your membership status in LRTA.

Member Class	Newsletter	Return Envelope	LRTA Ballot	Membership Form
Lifetime Member	✓	✓	✓	
Continuing Member	✓	✓	✓	
Annual Renewal	✓	✓	✓	✓
Non-Member	✓	✓		✓
Associate Member	✓			

Ballots are sent to voting members of LRTA: Lifetime Members, Annual Members who renew each year, and Continuing Members who have authorized payment of their annual dues by automatic deduction from their April retirement benefit. Membership renewal forms are sent to all members who renew annually. Non-members receive a complimentary copy of the LRTA Newsletter and an invitation to join LRTA. Ballots, membership forms and renewal checks may all be returned to LRTA in the postage paid envelope. Please return as soon as possible, but note that ballots must be postmarked by February 16 in order to be counted.

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From the Desk of the President



Dr. Hugh C. Craft

Now that the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are behind us, we can plan for LRTA achievements for 2009. I hope everyone had an enjoyable conclusion for the year 2008. The first Leadership Training Workshop was held November

13, 2008 at the Holiday Inn South in Baton Rouge. This was a remarkable and rewarding leadership opportunity. After introduction of all the participants involved, key elements of LRTA Articles of Incorporation, Constitution/Bylaws, Code of Ethics, Executive Board Policies, Strategic Plan, Membership, District Operations for the eleven Districts, Legislative Priorities and planning for the Day at the Capitol were covered. Executive Director Graig Luscombe and his staff prepared a detailed manual for this workshop. It received praise from all participants involved in the training sessions. Preparations are in the process now to send a condensed version of the Leadership Training Manual to all presidents of the local LRTA units. From this viable workshop, it is expected that more members will assume positions of leadership at the local, district and state levels.

As LRTA moves into 2009, the watchword is "communication," and dedicated involvement

from the local to the district to the state level will be paramount. Building more effective two-way communications and connectivity from the state to the grassroots membership and from the grassroots membership back to the state level is our goal. This is the only way that LRTA and its membership can achieve common efforts to enhance member benefits. Many non-members of LRTA have viewed happenings from a distance in a spectator mode. Remember the old adage called the TEAM approach. The letters depict that "Together Everyone Accomplishes More." We need more retirees as LRTA members and their friends as associate members on the LRTA TEAM.

Active retiree dues are only a small investment of \$25. This is less than 7 cents per day! Non-teaching friends/relatives and active school personnel may join as associate members for only \$10 and receive the same access to Association member benefits package as regular LRTA retirees. This computes to less than 3 cents per day! AMBA offerings exclusively for LRTA members may be examined at www.amba.info. The only restrictions for associate members are that they may not hold office or vote in LRTA elections. Associate members and active retirees may attend state meetings with no registration fees. The LRTA membership year is from April 1 to March 31 of the following year. All new members, whether associate or active retirees, may join now and their dues are paid until

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Executive Director's Report



Graig A. Luscombe

Happy New Year!

My column for this issue is devoted to the ballot that voting LRTA members received with this issue of the LRTA Newsletter. The ballot asks for your vote on the consolidation of the existing LRTA

constitution and bylaws into one document that will be known as *Bylaws of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, Inc.*

In October 2007, LRTA contracted the services of a consultant to assist the Executive

Board in the development of a strategic plan for the association. During that process, Mr. Bob Harris, Executive Director of the Non-Profit Center who facilitated the plan's development, recommended that the two existing documents be consolidated into one.

Staff began the process of reviewing the documents for their consolidation back in December 2007. A draft of the consolidated constitution and bylaws was then provided to an attorney for review. The draft of the new bylaws, comments provided as a result of the legal review, and all recommended changes were sent to the LRTA Constitution and Bylaws Committee for consideration. That committee met on October 14, 2008, and recommended that the Executive

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LRTA Membership by Districts as of December 10, 2008

DISTRICT	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008
Parish	Members	%Mbrs	Retirees	Non-Members	Members	%Mbrs	Associate
DISTRICT I							
Orleans	931	41.5	2,527	1,544	983	38.9	18
Plaquemines	45	40.9	139	81	58	41.7	3
St. Bernard	45	42.9	126	69	57	45.2	31
TOTAL	1,021	41.5	2,792	1,694	1,098	39.3	52
DISTRICT II							
Assumption	142	66.7	218	72	146	67.0	4
Jefferson	1,073	36.2	3,171	2,131	1,040	32.8	15
LaFourche	500	50.6	1,083	578	505	46.6	20
St. Charles	165	42.5	426	269	157	36.9	4
St. James	164	63.6	275	109	166	60.4	9
St. John	135	45.3	327	192	135	41.3	27
Terrebonne	401	46.7	954	535	419	43.9	127
TOTAL	2,580	43.2	6,454	3,886	2,568	39.8	206
DISTRICT III							
Livingston	228	34.5	732	498	234	32.0	236
St. Helena	33	40.7	86	52	34	39.5	5
St. Tammany	932	48.8	1,855	1,185	670	36.1	134
Tangipahoa	411	37.2	1,234	818	416	33.7	77
Washington	220	43.7	539	306	233	43.2	84
TOTAL	1,824	42.8	4,446	2,859	1,587	35.7	536
DISTRICT IV							
Ascension	245	39.0	706	446	260	36.8	129
East Baton Rouge	1,737	35.3	5,190	3,482	1,708	32.9	195
East Feliciana	58	38.7	158	105	53	33.5	12
Iberville	81	30.8	282	192	90	31.9	6
Pointe Coupee	90	36.7	266	171	95	35.7	3
West Baton Rouge	49	30.4	180	131	49	27.2	4
West Feliciana	36	36.0	111	68	43	38.7	56
TOTAL	2,296	35.5	6,893	4,595	2,298	33.3	405
DISTRICT V							
Evangeline	115	31.9	409	283	126	30.8	2
Iberia	292	38.7	823	527	296	36.0	83
Lafayette	830	46.4	1,982	1,123	859	43.3	26
St. Landry	329	34.2	1,070	730	340	31.8	60
St. Martin	140	38.7	401	253	148	36.9	14
St. Mary	204	48.2	444	256	188	42.3	166
Vermilion	214	44.6	523	300	223	42.6	16
TOTAL	2,124	41.4	5,652	3,472	2,180	38.6	367
DISTRICT VI							
Acadia	163	37.5	499	319	180	36.0	24
Allen	60	34.5	193	133	60	31.1	11
Beauregard	131	37.1	395	261	134	33.9	1
Calcasieu	800	42.1	2,083	1,291	792	38.0	5
Cameron	16	50.0	34	17	17	50.0	1
Jeff Davis	135	46.1	327	203	124	37.9	3
TOTAL	1,305	40.9	3,531	2,224	1,307	37.0	45

DISTRICT	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008
Parish	Members	%Mbrs	Retirees	Non-Members	Members	%Mbrs	Associate
DISTRICT VII							
Avoyelles	174	44.1	434	260	174	40.1	3
Catahoula	56	44.4	137	79	58	42.3	14
Concordia	80	36.5	230	152	78	33.9	1
Grant	87	33.1	272	183	89	32.7	2
LaSalle	74	49.0	160	86	74	46.3	32
Rapides	525	35.6	1,613	1,078	535	33.1	2
Vernon	111	28.8	419	311	108	25.8	1
TOTAL	1,107	36.7	3,265	2,149	1,116	34.2	55
DISTRICT VIII							
DeSoto	140	53.0	286	144	142	49.7	3
Natchitoches	218	36.6	648	424	224	34.6	2
Red River	23	32.4	75	47	28	37.3	10
Sabine	109	37.5	301	191	110	36.5	0
Winn	94	48.2	214	117	97	45.3	47
TOTAL	584	41.2	1,524	923	601	39.4	62
DISTRICT IX							
East Carroll	25	28.1	90	69	21	23.3	0
Franklin	130	42.3	322	190	132	41.0	2
Madison	40	35.4	127	84	43	33.9	0
Richland	106	47.1	244	139	105	43.0	0
Tensas	25	32.9	82	52	30	36.6	0
West Carroll	58	39.5	160	107	53	33.1	0
TOTAL	384	40.1	1,025	641	384	37.5	2
DISTRICT X							
Caldwell	52	50.0	117	60	57	48.7	14
Jackson	99	44.4	237	141	96	40.5	23
Lincoln	354	45.7	836	496	340	40.7	31
Morehouse	144	58.5	260	107	153	58.8	21
Ouachita	616	39.5	1,675	1,061	614	36.7	11
Union	106	48.8	248	133	115	46.4	35
TOTAL	1,371	43.9	3,373	1,998	1,375	40.8	135
DISTRICT XI							
Bienville	97	48.0	214	123	91	42.5	25
Bossier	319	38.5	919	590	329	35.8	0
Caddo	1,002	38.2	2,868	1,856	1,012	35.3	6
Claiborne	85	48.0	185	100	85	45.9	64
Webster	170	36.2	512	350	162	31.6	3
TOTAL	1,673	38.9	4,698	3,019	1,679	35.7	98
Out of State	2,511	40.2	6,541	4,096	2,445	37.4	42
TOTAL	18,780	40.4	50,194	31,556	18,638	37.1	2,005
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/10/08: 20,643							

Proposal Seeks to Consolidate LRTA Constitution and Bylaws

All LRTA members (except associate members) receiving this newsletter will also receive a ballot which contains one proposal: to consolidate the LRTA Constitution and LRTA Bylaws into a single document. The consolidation will simply merge all information contained in both documents into one. The only substantive change will be that the LRTA Nominating

Committee will be elected in odd-numbered years instead of even-numbered years. To find details about the proposal to merge the Constitution and Bylaws, see the Executive Director's Report on page 2 of this newsletter. **Please note that ballots must be postmarked by February 16, 2009 in order to be counted.**

An Inside Look - Office of Group Benefits

1-800-272-8451

An Important Note About Dependent Verification

The deadline for the Louisiana Office of Group Benefits (OGB) to receive dependent verification documents was November 30, 2008. Effective December 8, 2008, OGB stopped paying claims on unverified (ineligible) dependents for medical care, prescription drugs and life insurance. In addition, all unverified dependents were dropped from OGB health and life coverage December 31, 2008.

Because unverified dependents are not eligible to receive OGB benefits, all health claims OGB paid on behalf of these dependents must be repaid. OGB

mailed letters to employees and retirees who owe OGB for claim payments made on behalf of unverified dependents. The letters list the amount they owe OGB, which reflects credit given for the employee share of premiums paid for unverified dependents. These overpayment amounts must be repaid in full to OGB within 60 days, unless you contact OGB at (225) 925-6625 or (800) 272-8451 and successfully negotiate an alternative repayment plan.

OGB must receive dependent verification documents no later than March 4, 2009, to restore coverage for depen-

dents retroactive to January 1, 2009, with no lapse in coverage if all back premiums owed are promptly paid. If OGB does not receive verification documents for your dependents by March 4, 2009, you will lose coverage for these dependents forever!

If you have questions regarding dependent verification, call OGB Customer Service at 800-272-8451.

I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Dr. Merline T. Broussard
Your Group Benefits Policy
& Planning Board Member*

From the Desk of the President *Continued from page 2*

March 31, 2010. Of course once active educational personnel retire with TRSL benefits, they become eligible to vote and hold office in LRTA with dues of \$25. In St. Tammany and St. Bernard Parishes, active school personnel as associate members may renew their membership by having their checks payroll deducted once per year in April for \$10. Other associate members outside these parishes should send their \$10 check or money-order before April 1, 2009. Active retirees have choices of either 1) life membership and never have to pay dues again, 2) continuous membership where the \$25 is deducted from their retirement check on April 1 each year, or 3) mail in dues check or money-order by April 1 each year. Your small investment of dues assures that someone will be looking out for your benefits all year long--year in and year out! For someone to represent your needs and benefits, you need to be a member of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association. Be a member; get involved at the local, district and state levels. You need LRTA and LRTA needs you.

Plans are actively being made to hold an "LRTA Day" at the Capitol in Ba-

ton Rouge to urge the Louisiana Legislators and Governor Jindal to provide monies from the State General Fund to supplement available Employee Experience Account dollars to provide retirees an ongoing annual cost of living adjustment of at least 3% if the consumer price index (CPI-U) is 3% or more for the said year. The May

2009 LRTA Day Rally will be the largest in the fifty-year history of LRTA. All educational retiree members and all associate members are urged to attend this tremendous event. Bring your sunscreen and umbrella to keep the sunrays minimized. Wheel chairs, walkers, canes and motorized carts are welcomed. Large signs will design-
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The Louisiana State Museum is in Search of Docents

The Louisiana State Museum is looking for volunteer docents. Docents are tour guides who assist the museum's Education Department:

- Give tours to students and adults
- Help with special events
- Mentor new docents

Qualifications:

- Commit about 2 hours weekly for a minimum of one year
- Be dedicated to the best interest of children
- Be interested in Louisiana history and culture

- Attend and complete docent training

By interacting with the public, docents play an extremely important role in the operation of the museum and are depended on to deliver a positive educational experience to their visitors.

If you are interested in becoming a museum docent, please fill out the online application at the museum's website, at http://lsm.crt.state.la.us/education/volunteer/docents_ap.asp, you can also call 504-568-6968 or 1-800-568-6968 for more information.

Membership Recruitment: Now is the Time

The last issue of the LRTA Newsletter reported that membership is now 20,000 strong. There is strength in numbers, and it is important to keep our membership growing in order for LRTA to maintain a strong presence in representing the retired education community. Recently, the LRTA Executive Board issued a new membership challenge to LRTA: increase membership to 25,000.

If we all work together, this goal is achievable. I personally believe that one of the most important methods of

membership recruitment is one-on-one contact. I am asking that each LRTA member make an effort to recruit one new member. LRTA members, who know the value of supporting the only membership organization in Louisiana devoted solely to representing the interest of retired Louisiana educators, are asked to contact their fellow retired educators and encourage their membership in LRTA.

Associate members are also important to LRTA. Active educators, family members and friends of retirees are all

good prospects for associate members. In addition to providing financial support to LRTA, associate membership facilitates public awareness of LRTA and its advocacy for retired educators.

As LRTA kicks off its annual membership campaign, I encourage LRTA members to get involved in membership recruitment. Let's get started and get the job done! THANKS!

Rupert E. Breland

*First Vice-President and
State Membership Chair*

LRTA Foundation

Hopefully, for all of our retirees, the holiday season leaves fun filled memories with family and friends. With the New Year's resolutions still fresh in our minds, our wish from the Foundation Board members is that everyone will continue to remember the LRTA Foundation when making donations. As you probably know, donations may be made in honor or in memory of individuals. These donations may be made by individuals, LRTA districts or local RTA units, and donations may be designated as restricted or unrestricted. The names of the donors and those individuals honored or memorialized will be published in a subsequent LRTA Newsletter.

As 2009 progresses and moves rapidly forward, we need to be keenly aware of so many in our retired ranks who have been retired for a number of years and who are facing the bleak reality that their retirement checks do not even come close to maintaining a decent standard of living. So many, unfortunately, are at poverty levels. These retired school personnel are in the neighborhoods of our local RTA units and districts. It is imperative that we seek them out and provide some assistance and encouragement to them. Please provide a narrative of their circumstances and send it to our office so the LRTA Foundation can seek and/or provide assistance for them. We need LRTA leaders who can utilize their knowledge of programs available in order to provide necessary aid to those on low, limited incomes.

Go to the LRTA website: www.lrta.net and click on LRTA Foundation for additional information. Remember there are no dues for being affiliated with the LRTA Foundation. You are urged to offer ideas for the growth of the Foundation and its effectiveness. The LRTA Foundation Board welcomes your involvement and comments. Our ongoing goals are to make things better for all retirees.

Hugh C. Craft, Ed. D.

Foundation President

Make Plans Now for the 2009 Spring Meeting

Mark your calendar to attend the 2009 LRTA Spring Meeting in Alexandria on April 28 and 29. The Executive Board meeting and pre-convention dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 28, and the general session and luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 29. All meeting sessions will be held at the Alexander Fulton Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn) in downtown Alexandria.

A meeting registration form may be found on page 8 of this newsletter. To make hotel reservations, contact the Alexander Fulton Hotel directly at (318) 442-9000 and ask for the special LRTA convention rate of \$70 per night.

Executive Director's Report

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Board approve the consolidation to be sent to the voting members of LRTA. In accordance with Article XI of the existing bylaws, they can only be amended by a majority vote of the members on an official ballot.

The consolidated document contains all the provisions of the existing *Constitution of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, Inc.* and of the *Bylaws of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, Inc.* There is one substantive change to the bylaws being recommended by the Executive Board to the voting membership. That change deals with LRTA's Nominating Committee, and provides the committee with additional time to develop the LRTA slate of officers every two years. In fact, if the recommendation is approved, the LRTA Nominating Committee can begin its work to identify candidates for state-wide offices a year earlier than is currently provided by the existing documents. The changes being recommended by the Executive Board are outlined below.

Article VI of the existing bylaws currently states:

ARTICLE VI: ELECTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Executive Board shall establish five areas of the state where membership numbers shall be corresponding to each other as nearly as possible. Before January of each even-numbered year each District in an area shall submit one name of an LRTA member in that district to be placed in nomination for a Nominating Committee member in the established areas. One Nominating Committee member from each area shall be elected by a majority vote of official ballots for a two-year term beginning at the close of the April meeting. Official ballots will be sent to voting members by direct mail, and must be received in the LRTA office at least 30 days prior to the Spring Meeting. In case of a vacancy on the Nominating Committee, the candidate from the same Area with the next highest number of votes in the last election for that position shall be named to the Nominating Committee. If no other candidate is available, the vacancy shall be filled by a special election.

If approved, the new language in the consolidated document would read as provided below. The changes are highlighted in red and bolded. The article dealing with the election of the Nominating Committee members is assigned a new number "X" from number "VI" as a result of the consolidation, not because additional items were added to the bylaws.

ARTICLE X: ELECTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Executive Board shall establish five areas of the state where membership numbers shall be corresponding to each other as nearly as possible. Before January of each **odd-numbered year beginning in 2011**, each district in an area shall submit one name of an LRTA member in that district to be placed in nomination for a Nominating Committee member in the established areas. One Nominating Committee member from each area shall be elected by a majority vote of official ballots for a two-year term beginning at the close of the April meeting. Official ballots will be sent to voting members by direct mail, and must be received in the LRTA office at least 30 days prior to the Spring Meeting.

Section 2: The five areas of the state are:

Area A: District X and District XI

Area B: District VII, District VIII, and District IX

Area C: District V and District VI

Area D: District III and District IV

Area E: District I and District II

Section 3: In case of a vacancy on the Nominating Committee, the candidate from the same Area with the next highest number of votes in the last election for that position shall be named to the Nominating Committee. If no other candidate is available, the vacancy shall be filled by a special election.

I hope this explanation provides you the information you need to make an informed decision regarding your vote.

Graig A. Luscombe

LRTA Executive Director

From the Desk of the President

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nate each district and the parishes in the district for the members to gather. Retired teachers and other school personnel taught many of the current legislators. It is time for those who were taught so well to return the favor by providing an ongoing cost-of-living adjustment on an annualized basis. To

do any less is totally unacceptable. I am excited about this upcoming rally but the determining factor to its success is the number of people who turn out. It is all about numbers. Your leaders and members at the local and district levels will determine the success or failure of this rally. If thousands

rather than hundreds turn out, then this will be a positive show of intensity for a cause that is just, fair and drastically needed. Those of you who are on the sidelines and have not paid your LRTA dues--it is time to step up to the plate and knock a home run by paying your dues now. May we all continue to strive to make retirement years great!

Hugh C. Craft, Ed.D.

LRTA President

In Memoriam

"...these immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence."

Deceased Retired Teachers, November 7, 2008 through December 12, 2008

District I

Patricia M. Addison – Violet
Lawrence A. Armour – New Orleans
Myrna J. Bright – New Orleans
Ruenette W. Delone – New Orleans
Elias J. Morris, Jr. – New Orleans
Aldrich H. Seals – New Orleans
Annie L. Thompson – New Orleans
Edward J. Tuohy, Jr., - Belle Chasse
Alma H. Watkins – New Orleans

District II

Betty M. Cenac – Houma
Sandra K. Dubuisson – Marrero
Thelma Johnson Duffoure – Westwego
Barbara W. Julien – Garyville
Doris Monconduit – St. James
Gayle M. Plaisance – Marrero
Bert E. Robinson – Marrero
Bernadette Rogan – Metairie

District III

Fannie R. Adams – Slidell
Z. Richard Conerly - Madisonville
Audrey L. Hills – Ponchatoula
Thomas Hufstetler – Hammond
Earlean D. McClain – Mandeville
Franklin Owens – Covington
John J. Sugar – Hammond

District IV

Leo Bossier – Baton Rouge
Rosa J. Dupre – Brusly
Huey L. Gray – Brusly
Kellet W. Hathorn – Baton Rouge
Ella Louise Jefferson – Baton Rouge
Odessa B. Johnson – Baton Rouge
John J. Mackler – Baton Rouge
Elizabeth A. P. Miles – Baton Rouge
Thorton Rhodes – Baton Rouge
Charles D. Stevenson – Baton Rouge
Linda Kay R. Taylor – Baton Rouge
Ruby Johnson Young – Plaquemine

District V

Barbara A. Bergeron – Lafayette
Doris D. Creed – Lafayette
Dolores Eastin – New Iberia
Alzenia G. Jackson – New Iberia
Joseph P. Nicoletti – Lafayette

District VI

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Mona F. Bertrand – Iowa

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James L. Loyd – Westlake
Fanelia R. Miller – Iowa
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____ Number of tickets for Tuesday night Pre-Convention Dinner (\$24.00 per person) = \$ _____

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