



Louisiana Retired Teachers Association

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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 permanent benefit increases (PBIs) 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 PBIs 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 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 you received, based on 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 Continuous 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 enclosed postage paid envelope. Please return as soon as possible, but please note that ballots must be received by February 19 in order to be counted.

It's time for officer elections!
Check out candidate information on pages 3, 4 & 5.

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From the Desk of the President



Dr. Hugh C. Craft

Hopefully, the Christmas season brought each of you the blessings of being with family and friends. As the year 2010 begins, there will be no shortage of challenges for Louisiana retirees. There is talk by the Division of Administration about the privatization of the Office of Group Benefits relative to the PPO insurance plan. Dr. Merline Broussard, retiree member of the OGB Board, keeps retirees apprised of the latest situations.

There is also talk around the Capitol of a cut of \$1 to \$2 billion in the state budget, the total of which is around \$28 billion. As you know, there is no money in the Employee Experience Account for Permanent Benefit Increases (PBIs) because Act 497 of 2009 applied the entire \$297 million in the account to pay on the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) obligations of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

It is important in the months ahead that LRTA and

its organized efforts receive the support of its members and "should be members" as well. The very least that a retiree can do to support legislation that is in their best interest and oppose legislation that is not in their best interest is to pay the annual dues of only \$25.00. Of course, members are encouraged to be active at the local, district and state levels. Non-members, please realize this is a small price to pay for an investment in your future. For LESS THAN SEVEN CENTS PER DAY, you can be part of the solution as the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association works tirelessly on your behalf! This issue of the LRTA Newsletter is being sent to retirees who are not members of LRTA. Non-members need LRTA and LRTA needs you to build a bigger and better organization. Join now, don't procrastinate any longer!

As members are aware, LRTA endorsed a revenue enhancement plan that could help Louisiana garner funds to raise the base monthly pensions of all retirees. Funds could be available to zero out sales taxes, property taxes and income taxes for every citizen and business in Louisiana. You may go to Mr. Ronald Eldridge's website: www.LASelfHelp.com to find out more about this opportunity. Local units and districts are encouraged to schedule meetings for Mr. Eldridge to explain the plan.

Executive Director's Report



Graig A. Luscombe

By taking a quick glance at this issue of the newsletter and the materials mailed with it, you can immediately tell that it is member recruitment and election time again. Participation in the election of LRTA state-wide officers is a privilege provided to LRTA members, and I want to encourage each

of you to take a few minutes, fill out your ballot, and mail it back to the LRTA office in the postage-paid envelope provided with your packet.

The slate of candidates for this election was determined by the LRTA Nominating Committee and submitted to the Executive Board at our Fall Meeting in Lafayette. Information provided herein was submitted by each of the candidates in an effort to allow you to get to know a little about them, and to help you make an informed decision on your choice of officers.

In order for your vote to be counted, your ballot must be returned to the LRTA office by close of business, Friday, February 19, 2010. On Monday, February 22, 2010, the ballots received will be delivered to a third party contractor who will count

the ballots and report the results of the election. The election results are provided in a sealed envelope. Once the election results have been received by the LRTA office, Mr. Simeon Marcotte, chairman of the elections committee, will call a meeting of the committee to open the envelope, to receive and to approve the election results.

In accordance with new policies adopted by the LRTA Executive Board at recently held Fall Meeting, the winners will be notified immediately after the elections committee meeting that they were the successful candidates for LRTA state-wide offices. The new officers will be installed at the LRTA Spring Meeting to be held in Alexandria, and the installation ceremony will be held on April 14, 2010.

The ballot you received is printed using special ink. The equipment used to count the ballots recognizes this ink. Therefore, ballots cannot be duplicated. Any duplicated ballots will also be recognized, and rejected. The LRTA staff takes steps to protect the integrity of all LRTA elections and continues to look for ways that the election process can be improved.

I want to invite all non-members to seriously consider joining LRTA. The association was established in 1956 and is the "voice" of the retired education community. LRTA represents the interests of all retired educators by monitoring, protecting and improving the benefits needed to secure dignity, independence, and overall quality of life.

LRTA Executive Board

President

Hugh C. Craft
P. O. Box 530
Chalmette, LA 70044

Past President

Vacant

First Vice-President

Rupert E. Breland
1201 N. Columbia St.
Bogalusa, LA 70427

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110 Magloire St.
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District I President

Maria S. George
P. O. Box 15713
New Orleans, LA 70175

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Elicio P. Nicholas
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Thibodaux, LA 70301

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Bertha Breland
1201 N. Columbia St.
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District IV President

LeRoy Washington
3033 Rosedale Rd.
Port Allen, LA 70767

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James Broussard
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District VI President

Eurella D. Cahanin
7129 Grand Prairie Hwy.
Rayne, LA 70578

District VII President

James T. Stewart
1638 Creed St.
Pineville, LA 71360

District VIII President

Raymond Christensen
1017 Oma St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457

District IX President

Dorothy W. Brown
1207 Maple St.
Winnsboro, LA 71295

District X President

Sidney A. Seegers
2704 Pargoud Blvd.
Monroe, LA 71201

District XI President

Carol J. Lynch
3299 Mt. Bethel Rd.
Keithville, LA 71047

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631 Voorhies Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70815

TRSL Board of Trustees

Anne H. Baker
631 Voorhies Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70815

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Merline T. Broussard
320 Briars Ct.
Bossier City, LA 71111

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Charles W. Landry
P. O. Box 14
Youngsville, LA 70592

LASS - R President

Lloyd Dressel
18918 Beaujolaes Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70817



Rupert E. Breland
Candidate for
LRTA President

Educational Background

- Bay High School, Bay St. Louis, MS (Salutatorian)
- B. S., Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, MS
- M.Ed., University of Southern Mississippi
- Masters+30, USM, LSU, SLU, Tulane, and University of Georgia
- Post Graduate work, USM

Professional Background

- Teacher and Coach, 5th thru 12th grades
- Elementary School Principal
- Supervisor of Child Welfare
- Supervisor of Transportation
- Supervisor of Drug Education
- Supervisor of Title Nine Programs

Retired Teacher Activities

- President of Bogalusa RTA, two terms
- President of LRTA District III, three terms
- Member of LRTA Executive Committee as District President Representative, one term
- LRTA Second Vice-President, two terms
- LRTA First Vice-President, one term
- LRTA Name of Fame Award honoree

Other

Bogalusa Citizen of the Year, 2000
Scout Master, 30 years
Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award recipient
President of Bogalusa Lions Club, four terms
Pastor, Sunset Acres Mission, 15 years
Deacon, Superior Ave. Baptist Church
Consultant, State Department of Education
Consultant, Wallace Foundation, one year at Bogalusa High School as advisor
President of Bogalusa Classroom Teachers
President of Bogalusa RTA



Dr. James A. Taylor, Sr.
Candidate for
LRTA President

Education

- J.D., Loyola University, New Orleans
- Ph.D., University of New Orleans
- M.Ed., Tulane University, New Orleans
- B.A., Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, Louisiana

Professional Experience

- 30-year Retiree, St. Charles Parish Public Schools
- Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Curriculum & Instruction, Southern University, Baton Rouge
- Assistant Professor, School of Graduate Studies, Southern University, New Orleans (Member, Faculty Senate)
- Assistant Professor, School of Education, Dillard University, New Orleans (Member, Faculty Senate)
- Program Manager, Louisiana Department of Education Bureau of Pupil Accountability
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, Southeastern Louisiana University
- Director of Middle Schools, St. Charles Parish Public Schools
- Principal, Hahnville Junior High School
- Principal, Carver Junior High School, Hahnville, LA

Civic & Professional Contributions

- Lifetime member, LRTA
- Lifetime member, St. Charles Parish Retired Teachers Association
- Lifetime member, Louisiana State Bar Association
- Perpetual member, Arthur Retif Lodge, F. & A.M. (Past Master)
- Director of Music, First United Methodist Church, New Orleans
- Associate Director, Concert Choir of New Orleans
- Member, Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Delta Kappa
- National Assessment Coach, Council of Chief State School Officers (Collaborative on Assessment and Student Standards)
- Technical Advisor, Louisiana Department of Education (Louisiana Norm Referenced Testing Program)
- State Technical Committee Member (selection of the Louisiana Kindergarten Developmental Screening Instruments)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (accreditation review teams)
- BESE Advisory Committees of Personnel Evaluation and Pupil Proficiency



Felix Johnson, Jr.
Candidate for LRTA
First Vice-President

Educational Background

- 1959 B.S., Southern University, HPE & Driver Safety
- 1970 M.A., Southern University, Secondary Education Administration, Supervision

Professional Background

- Teacher for 35 years: Junior, Senior High Schools
- Teacher/Head Coach Athletics, St. Martin Parish
- Teacher/Head Coach Athletics, Lafayette Parish
- Supervisor of Student Teachers, Lafayette Parish
- Assessor of Student Teachers, St. Martin Parish
- Teacher of Mathematics, General Science, Biology
- Director of Physical Education and Driver Safety
- Teacher at Carver High, Paul Breau High, Lafayette High, Northside High, N.P. Moss Middle, Carencro Middle

Retired Teacher Activities

- Active Membership in LRTA
- District V Second Vice-President, Health Reporter
- LRTA Second Vice-President
- Member of LRTA Executive Committee
- St. Martin Parish Educators, Chaplain
- Participated in NRTA Advocacy Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Participated in March on the Capitol, LRTA and AARP
- Membership AARP/Greenhouse Chapter #3629
- Membership RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program)

Other

- Married to Doretha R. Johnson, father of 3 sons
- Served in the U.S. Military, Army Medical Corps, 2 yrs., rank Cpl.Sp.2, Honorable Discharge
- Active Practicing Catholic
- Membership Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Parish
- Member of IHM Council #76 – 3rd Degree
- Faithful Navigator of St. Paul Assembly #3
- Sir Knight of the Year 2005, 4th Degree
- K.P.C. National Officer, Supreme Outer Sentinel, 4th Degree
- Lafayette Parish Physical Education Teacher Association, served as Vice-President and President
- Louisiana American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation
- Member NEA, LEA, and LTA
- Louisiana High School Athletics Association
- Delegate to State Conferences and National Conventions
- Graduate thesis abstract, Spring Issue 1971 of LAHPER Journal
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Eta Gamma Lambda Chapter, served as Sergeant-at-Arms
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Man of the Year 2002
- District 5AAA, 7AAA, 5AAA Coach of the Year, 1982-83, 1985-86, and 1989-90
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Adult Chapter, served on board of directors and as Huddle Advisor, Prayer Minister



Dr. Jesse W. Scott
Candidate for LRTA
First Vice-President

Educational Background

- Ed.D. University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
- M. Ed. Texas A & M University, College Station, TX
- B.S. Ed. Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA

Professional Employment Service

- Science Consultant for the Louisiana Department of Education
- Planetarium Director, Mathematics and Science Teacher, College Instructor, and Adult Education in St. Bernard Parish
- Science Teacher in Calcasieu Parish

Professional Service Involvement

- St. Tammany Mathematics Teacher
- Long-time Member of LRTA and Life Member of St. Tammany RTA
- Past President of St. Tammany Retired Teachers Association
- Past President of St. Bernard Teachers Association
- Past President of the Louisiana Association of Educators
- Past NEA Board representing Louisiana
- Multiple committees at the local and state levels of LAE
- Serve on Political Action Committees at the local, state and national levels.
- Past Vice-President of Louisiana Teachers Association

Other

- Past President of the Optimist Club of St. Bernard
- Member of the Jaycees
- Real estate agent in St. Tammany Parish

Goals to Promote LRTA and Help the Members It Serves

- Develop strategies to increase membership in every RTA unit in the state and also membership outside the borders of Louisiana
- Work with legislators, governor and Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to insure permanent benefit increases on a regular annual basis.
- Oppose any legislation that would not be in the best interest of retired teachers.
- Work vigorously for federal legislation to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset which unfairly impact many LRTA members.



Dr. Lonnie E. Dunn
Candidate for LRTA
Second Vice-President

Educational Background

- Ed.D. – Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA
- M.Ed. – Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA
- B.S. – Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA
- Graduate of LaSalle High School, Olla, LA

Professional Background

- Senior High School Mathematics and Science Teacher
- Middle School/Senior High School Assistant Principal
- Middle School Principal
- Principal of K-4 through 12 Private Christian Academy
- Adjunct Professor – Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA
- Current Adjunct Professor – Louisiana College, Pineville, LA

Retired Teacher Activities/Positions

- Current Legislative Chairman – Caddo RTA and District XI RTA
- Vice-President – District XI RTA
- President – Caddo RTA, two terms
- Member of Planning/Implementation Committee for two LRTA Fall Meetings in Shreveport

Other

- Mission Committee Member, Youth Worker – Summer Grove Baptist Church
- Mission Trips to Canada, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana – Disaster Relief and Church Construction
- Recipient of Caddo Parish Teacher of the Year and Administrator of the Year Awards
- Recipient of Caddo Parish and Louisiana PTA Awards
- Founding Member of Shreveport/Bossier Phi Delta Kappa Chapter
- Delegate to Phi Delta Kappa International Representing Shreveport/Bossier Chapter
- Recipient of Earl A. McKenzie Leadership in Education Award from Shreveport/Bossier Phi Delta Kappa Chapter
- Recipient of Phi Delta Kappa International Service Key
- Area Coordinator – Phi Delta Kappa – Six Louisiana Chapters
- District I Board Member, Louisiana Association of Principals
- President – Caddo Administrators Group
- President – Caddo Association of Educators
- Member of Superintendent Search Committee – Caddo Parish
- Member of Merger Implementation Committee for Teacher Groups in Caddo Parish
- Graduate of Shreveport Chamber of Commerce Leadership Shreveport



William “Billy” Picard
Candidate for LRTA
Second Vice-President

Educational Background

- M.Ed.+30 – LSU, SLU, NSU
- M.Ed. – Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA
- B.S. – Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Professional Background

- Employed and retired after 37 years in the St. Charles Parish Public Schools System
- High School Social Studies Teacher, Department Chair, Head Basketball Coach, Assistant Principal, Destrehan H.S.
- Middle School Principal, E.J. Landry Middle School
- Principal and District Supervisor for Alternative Programs and HPE, St. Charles Parish Schools
- LMSA (Louisiana Middle School Association) - Former President, Conference Coordinator
- Presenter at various local, state, and national conferences
- Served on numerous SACS review teams
- Committee Member - Louisiana State Standards for Physical Education

Retired Teacher Activities/Positions

- Vice-President of the St. Charles Parish RTA
- Coordinator of 6th Grade Citizenship Student Awards presented by the St. Charles RTA

Other

- Peabody Society of the LSU College of Education
- Initial Recipient of the Louisiana Middle Level Educator of the Year award
- Various memberships, including NASSP, LAP, Phi Delta Kappa, LSU Alumni Association, Acacia Fraternity Alumni, and lifetime member of the LHSCA
- Member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Luling
- Married to Patricia Kocotis Picard, 3 children and 8 grandchildren

Mark Your Calendar

LRTA Spring Meeting – April 13 & 14

Make plans now to attend the 2010 LRTA Spring Meeting. The Executive Board meeting and pre-convention dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 13, and the general session and luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 14. All meeting sessions will be held at the Alexander Fulton Hotel 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.

LRTA Day at the Capitol – April 29

The LRTA executive board and staff look forward to hosting the second LRTA Day at the Capitol. Plans are being made to have an even bigger and better event this year. Organizational meetings are being planned with state and district coordinators for this year's event. Event and registration information will be sent to district and local unit leaders in a few weeks.

In Memoriam

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

Deceased Retired Teachers November 7, 2009 through December 3, 2009

District I

Joan W. Smith – New Orleans
Raymond Wilkerson – New Orleans

District II

Molene Blackwell – Houma
Marilyn E. Guidry – Metairie
Williemae G. Lemieux – Marrero
Corinne P. Lewis – Napoleonville
Marlena R. Nunnery – Jefferson
Audrey Picou – Houma
Susan M. Porche – Houma
Georgia M. Robbins - Marrero

District III

Diona Bonds – Bogalusa
Margaret T. Chanecka – Slidell
Lillian S. Dickinson – Slidell
Katie P. Friedrichs – Ramsay
Clarence E. Manasco – Covington
Annabelle C. Meth – Amite
Edwin Newman – Hammond
Edna Adams Rogers – Bogalusa
Anna Gennaro Whalen - Independence

District IV

Etta Allen – Baton Rouge
Lois Louise M. Garrett – Baton Rouge
Ethel Shirley Honore – Baton Rouge
Perry H. Howard – Baton Rouge
Mary Virginia W. Layton – Zachary
Violet L. Marchand – Donaldsonville
Mary Recurt – Baton Rouge
Jo P. Roberts – Baton Rouge

Clyde J. St. Clergy – Baton Rouge
June Reid Townsend – Baton Rouge
Goldie R. Williams – Baton Rouge

District V

Sophie A. August – Jeanerette
Augustine M. Carney – Lafayette
Joan M. Conway – Lafayette
Barbara R. D'Avy – Sunset
Betty W. Durst – Lafayette
Dorothy H. Griest – Lafayette
Bolivar Lee S. Hait – Lafayette
Mary Frances Jolivette – Lafayette
Ruby B. Nunez – Abbeville
Willie Lee S. Richard – Sunset
Mary A. Young – Gueydan

District VI

Ferrel Bob Bertrand – Church Point
Boyd J. Linhart – Crowley
Gloria J. Reder – Lake Charles

District VII

Dorothy M. Fogleman – Bunkie
Pamela D. U. McArthur – Glenmora
Annie B. Osborne – Alexandria
George D. Strother – Pineville
Shirley M. G. Tezeno – Ville Platte

District VIII

Rose H. Lucky – Natchitoches
Joseph D. Rudd - Winnfield

District IX

Josephine M. Hanchey – Rayville
Wesley R. McManus – Gilbert

District X

Jodie Johnson – Monroe
Ruth Johnson – Ruston
Martha A. Lewis – Dubach
Shirley V. Sampognaro – Monroe
Marianna T. Seals - Monroe

District XI

Oben D. Greer – Minden
Warren Q. Kaylor – Bossier City
Dorothy J. Lee – Shreveport
Bruce McKinnon – Greenwood
Jennie V. Nash – Shreveport
Audra Obine Stricklin – Bossier City
Lorane Tucker - Shreveport

Out of State

Sylvia S. Bajan – Houston, TX
Cheryl J. Childres – Houston, TX
Marie V. Comeaux – Decatur, TX
Jess N. Fenton – Morrilton, AK
Victoria H. Greenwood – Brooklyn, NY
Betty N. Janette – Natchez, MS
Lester Johnson – Richmond, VA
Opal B. Jones – Bogue Chitto, MS
Vicki Kohn – Johns Creek, GA
Joanne L. Patterson – New York, NY
Robert Petriskey – Kingman, AZ
Robert H. Sundin – St. George, UT
Ronda L. Turner – Panama City, FL



Mr. Clifford Durand, Jr. was honored at the recent 25th birthday celebration of the St. Martin Association of Retired Teachers (SMART). Mr. Durand was the founder and first president of the SMART unit and was recognized for his dedicated service throughout the years by LRTA executive director Graig Luscombe.



The St. Martin Association of Retired Teachers (SMART) celebrated its 25th birthday at the association's meeting held November 15, 2009. Mrs. Melba Breaux, SMART president, Mr. Clifford Durand, Jr., honoree, and other distinguished SMART members gather around the birthday cakes.

LRTA Membership by Districts as of December 3, 2009

| DISTRICT Parish | 2008 Members | 2008 %Mbrs | 2009 Retirees | 2009 Non-Members | 2009 Members | 2009 %Mbrs | 2009 Associate |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| DISTRICT I | | | | | | | |
| Orleans | 983 | 38.9 | 2,446 | 1,616 | 830 | 33.9 | 17 |
| Plaquemines | 58 | 41.7 | 147 | 95 | 52 | 35.4 | 2 |
| St. Bernard | 57 | 45.2 | 125 | 72 | 53 | 42.4 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 1,098 | 39.3 | 2,718 | 1,783 | 935 | 34.4 | 24 |
| DISTRICT II | | | | | | | |
| Assumption | 146 | 67.0 | 224 | 80 | 144 | 64.3 | 2 |
| Jefferson | 1,040 | 32.8 | 3,234 | 2,209 | 1,025 | 31.7 | 9 |
| Lafourche | 505 | 46.6 | 1,111 | 598 | 513 | 46.2 | 6 |
| St. Charles | 157 | 36.9 | 438 | 267 | 171 | 39.0 | 3 |
| St. James | 166 | 60.4 | 282 | 113 | 169 | 59.9 | 1 |
| St. John | 135 | 41.3 | 329 | 207 | 122 | 37.1 | 6 |
| Terrebonne | 419 | 43.9 | 995 | 573 | 422 | 42.4 | 32 |
| TOTAL | 2,568 | 39.8 | 6,613 | 4,047 | 2,566 | 38.8 | 59 |
| DISTRICT III | | | | | | | |
| Livingston | 234 | 32.0 | 765 | 516 | 249 | 32.5 | 46 |
| St. Helena | 34 | 39.5 | 88 | 56 | 32 | 36.4 | 1 |
| St. Tammany | 670 | 36.1 | 1,910 | 1,174 | 736 | 38.5 | 79 |
| Tangipahoa | 416 | 33.7 | 1,279 | 864 | 415 | 32.4 | 10 |
| Washington | 233 | 43.2 | 546 | 303 | 243 | 44.5 | 19 |
| TOTAL | 1,587 | 35.7 | 4,588 | 2,913 | 1,675 | 36.5 | 155 |
| DISTRICT IV | | | | | | | |
| Ascension | 260 | 36.8 | 743 | 462 | 281 | 37.8 | 28 |
| East Baton Rouge | 1,708 | 32.9 | 5,282 | 3,493 | 1,789 | 33.9 | 48 |
| East Feliciana | 53 | 33.5 | 166 | 108 | 58 | 34.9 | 1 |
| Iberville | 90 | 31.9 | 287 | 196 | 91 | 31.7 | 0 |
| Pointe Coupee | 95 | 35.7 | 275 | 184 | 91 | 33.1 | 0 |
| West Baton Rouge | 49 | 27.2 | 188 | 136 | 52 | 27.7 | 2 |
| West Feliciana | 43 | 38.7 | 115 | 73 | 42 | 36.5 | 12 |
| TOTAL | 2,298 | 33.3 | 7,056 | 4,652 | 2,404 | 34.1 | 91 |
| DISTRICT V | | | | | | | |
| Evangeline | 126 | 30.8 | 414 | 289 | 125 | 30.2 | 0 |
| Iberia | 296 | 36.0 | 829 | 538 | 291 | 35.1 | 16 |
| Lafayette | 859 | 43.3 | 2,056 | 1,166 | 890 | 43.3 | 11 |
| St. Landry | 340 | 31.8 | 1,101 | 756 | 345 | 31.3 | 9 |
| St. Martin | 148 | 36.9 | 415 | 276 | 139 | 33.5 | 3 |
| St. Mary | 188 | 42.3 | 460 | 268 | 192 | 41.7 | 30 |
| Vermilion | 223 | 42.6 | 535 | 310 | 225 | 42.0 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 2,180 | 38.6 | 5,810 | 3,603 | 2,207 | 38.0 | 72 |
| DISTRICT VI | | | | | | | |
| Acadia | 180 | 36.0 | 535 | 361 | 174 | 32.5 | 10 |
| Allen | 60 | 31.1 | 198 | 137 | 61 | 30.8 | 1 |
| Beauregard | 134 | 33.9 | 392 | 243 | 149 | 38.0 | 0 |
| Calcasieu | 792 | 38.0 | 2,134 | 1,309 | 825 | 38.7 | 3 |
| Cameron | 17 | 50.0 | 32 | 16 | 16 | 50.0 | 0 |
| Jeff Davis | 124 | 37.9 | 329 | 199 | 130 | 39.5 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,307 | 37.0 | 3,620 | 2,265 | 1,355 | 37.4 | 14 |

| DISTRICT Parish | 2008 Members | 2008 %Mbrs | 2009 Retirees | 2009 Non-Members | 2009 Members | 2009 %Mbrs | 2009 Associate |
|--|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| DISTRICT VII | | | | | | | |
| Avoyelles | 174 | 40.1 | 459 | 274 | 185 | 40.3 | 0 |
| Catahoula | 58 | 42.3 | 135 | 78 | 57 | 42.2 | 2 |
| Concordia | 78 | 33.9 | 241 | 153 | 88 | 36.5 | 0 |
| Grant | 89 | 32.7 | 278 | 183 | 95 | 34.2 | 0 |
| LaSalle | 74 | 46.3 | 164 | 88 | 76 | 46.3 | 10 |
| Rapides | 535 | 33.1 | 1,651 | 1,078 | 573 | 34.7 | 1 |
| Vernon | 108 | 25.8 | 443 | 336 | 107 | 24.2 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1,116 | 34.2 | 3,371 | 2,190 | 1,181 | 35.0 | 13 |
| DISTRICT VIII | | | | | | | |
| DeSoto | 142 | 49.7 | 305 | 166 | 139 | 45.6 | 1 |
| Natchitoches | 224 | 34.6 | 660 | 449 | 211 | 32.0 | 0 |
| Red River | 28 | 37.3 | 76 | 53 | 23 | 30.3 | 3 |
| Sabine | 110 | 36.5 | 302 | 200 | 102 | 33.8 | 0 |
| Winn | 97 | 45.3 | 218 | 121 | 97 | 44.5 | 8 |
| TOTAL | 601 | 39.4 | 1,561 | 989 | 572 | 36.6 | 12 |
| DISTRICT IX | | | | | | | |
| East Carroll | 21 | 23.3 | 92 | 68 | 24 | 26.1 | 0 |
| Franklin | 132 | 41.0 | 320 | 193 | 127 | 40.0 | 0 |
| Madison | 43 | 33.9 | 132 | 82 | 50 | 37.9 | 0 |
| Richland | 105 | 43.0 | 251 | 150 | 101 | 40.2 | 0 |
| Tensas | 30 | 36.6 | 84 | 53 | 31 | 58.5 | 0 |
| West Carroll | 53 | 33.1 | 164 | 110 | 54 | 32.9 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 384 | 37.5 | 1,043 | 656 | 387 | 37.1 | 1 |
| DISTRICT X | | | | | | | |
| Caldwell | 57 | 48.7 | 120 | 63 | 57 | 47.5 | 7 |
| Jackson | 96 | 40.5 | 242 | 140 | 102 | 42.1 | 3 |
| Lincoln | 340 | 40.7 | 848 | 499 | 349 | 41.2 | 8 |
| Morehouse | 153 | 58.8 | 266 | 114 | 152 | 57.1 | 5 |
| Ouachita | 614 | 36.7 | 1,684 | 1,076 | 608 | 36.1 | 3 |
| Union | 115 | 46.4 | 254 | 142 | 112 | 44.1 | 9 |
| TOTAL | 1,375 | 40.8 | 3,414 | 2,034 | 1,380 | 40.4 | 35 |
| DISTRICT XI | | | | | | | |
| Bienville | 91 | 42.5 | 209 | 122 | 87 | 41.6 | 3 |
| Bossier | 329 | 35.8 | 968 | 643 | 325 | 33.6 | 2 |
| Caddo | 1,012 | 35.3 | 2,936 | 1,865 | 1,071 | 36.5 | 6 |
| Claiborne | 85 | 45.9 | 194 | 96 | 98 | 50.5 | 19 |
| Webster | 162 | 31.6 | 529 | 346 | 183 | 34.6 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1,679 | 35.7 | 4,836 | 3,072 | 1,764 | 36.5 | 31 |
| Out of State | 2,445 | 37.4 | 6,670 | 4,158 | 2,512 | 37.7 | 14 |
| TOTAL | 18,638 | 37.1 | 51,300 | 32,362 | 18,938 | 36.9 | 521 |
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/03/09: 19,459 | | | | | | | |



| LRTA STAFF |
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| Renée M. Siccone <i>Assistant Director</i> |
| Ann S. Reed <i>Membership Services Coordinator</i> |

| OTHER IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS |
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| TRSL (Retirement Benefits and Check) (225) 925-6446 Toll-free (outside of Baton Rouge area) 1-877-275-8775 |
| Office of Group Benefits (225) 925-6625 Toll-free (outside of Baton Rouge area) 1-800-272-8451 |
| Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) 1-800-258-7041 |
| LRTA Office (225) 927-8837 Toll-free (outside of Baton Rouge area) 1-888-531-1992 Fax..... (225) 927-8838 |

2010 SPRING MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION / MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Please use this form to pre-register for the 2010 Spring Meeting in order to expedite registration in Alexandria. To make a reservation for the pre-convention dinner on Tuesday, April 13, and/or for the luncheon on Wednesday, April 14, indicate in the space provided and send a check for the appropriate amount. **Each person pre-registering and/or reserving a meal ticket should return a separate form** in order to receive a registration packet. Guests may use the form in order to have a registration packet. (Photocopies acceptable.)

Name: _____ Social Security No. _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ E-mail _____

____ Attendance only, no fee

____ Number of tickets for Tuesday night Pre-Convention Dinner (\$24.00 per person) = \$ _____

____ Number of tickets for Wednesday luncheon (\$20.00 per person) = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Note: Pre-registration/meal reservations must be received in the LRTA office by **April 5, 2010**. Registration will be available at the meeting; however, meal function tickets are sold by pre-reservation only. **No meal reservations will be taken by phone. NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 8.** Mail forms and checks to LRTA, 9412 Common St., Suite 5, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.