



# 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.lрта.net](http://www.lрта.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 return 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	✓	✓	✓	
Continuous 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 the association. Ballots, membership forms and renewal checks may all be returned to LRTA in the enclosed postage paid envelope. Return as soon as possible, but please note that **your ballot must be received in the LRTA office by close of business February 25 in order to be counted.**

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## From the Desk of the President



**Dr. James A. Taylor**

Myrna and I wish a Happy New Year to each of you and to your family. We pray that the New Year will bring continued blessings to you and yours. The last year was truly challenging as we worked to meet our goal to "make retirement years great!"

Politically, our retirement status and benefits are under attack at the international, national, and state levels. The dominant position of many politicians is that we receive lavish ben-

efits in our retirement at the expense of other state priorities. This simply is not true. Most TRSL members have comfortable but modest retirement benefits. This is due to the insightful, prudent leadership, administration, and management of our elected officers. As you know, our investment portfolio must earn 8.25 percent annually, on an actuarial basis, to fund our checks. We have continued to exceed that minimum over time, despite irresponsible actions in banking and government.

I implore each of you to no longer "park on another's nickel." Each of us delights when we approach a parking meter and see that someone else paid for more parking than was used.  
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## E-mail Club

Join the LRTA E-Mail Club and stay informed up to the minute. All you need to do is send an e-mail to [info@lrta.net](mailto:info@lrta.net) with E-MAIL CLUB in the subject line. Once your e-mail reaches LRTA, your e-mail address will be added as a new contact, and you will receive all e-mail communications sent from the LRTA office. Consider joining, and stay informed!

## Executive Director's Report



**Graig A. Luscombe**

In accordance with the *Bylaws of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, Inc.*, association members, with this issue of the newsletter, are being provided the ballot to be used for the election of the five representatives from the eleven LRTA Dis-

tricts to serve on the LRTA Nominating Committee. The term of the newly elected committee members will be from April 2011 through April of 2013. The committee will meet immediately after the executive board meeting to be held at the LRTA Spring Meeting in Alexandria on Tuesday, April 26, 2011. At this meeting, the chairperson of the committee will be elected from among the committee members. The LRTA Nominating Committee is charged with identifying the candidates to be placed on the ballot for the election to LRTA statewide offices.

The ballot you received is printed using special ink, and the equipment used to count the ballots recognizes this ink. Therefore, ballots that are not originals will be rejected. The LRTA staff takes necessary steps to protect the integrity of all elections, and continues to look for ways the election process might be improved.

One of the privileges of LRTA membership is the ability to vote for your Nominating Committee members. Please take a few minutes to vote for the candidate of your choice. Be sure to follow the instructions provided in filling out your ballot. In order for your vote to be counted, your ballot must be returned to the LRTA office by the close of business on Friday, February 25, 2011. Ballots will then be counted, the results of the election will be determined by the LRTA Elections Committee, and reported by the committee to the LRTA Executive Board at the Spring Meeting.

Even though the new year has just begun, your LRTA staff is already preparing events for 2011.

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# LRTA to Celebrate 55 Years in 2011

## Retired Teachers Day is March 17

As in years past, Governor Bobby Jindal has been requested to honor the state's retired teachers by proclaiming March 17, 2011 as "Louisiana Retired Teachers Day."

Retired Teachers Day has become an annual event for many communities in Louisiana to recognize the contributions made by retired educators. We hope that each unit and district will plan activities to bring attention to the contributions made by thousands of Louisiana's retired teachers.

While Retired Teachers Day is always a special day, this year it's even more so with LRTA celebrating its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. LRTA records show that in 1956 Ms. Kate Perkins, with the help of Ms. Mary Hester, Ms. Julia Wossman, Ms. A. W. Duncan, and Mr. J. E. Sapp, all retired teachers living in Monroe, worked together to draw up a charter to begin the organization that would grow to be the strong voice for retired teachers that it is today. Ms. Perkins served as LRTA's first President, followed by Mr. P. C. Rogers (1958-73), Mr. Roscoe

H. White (1973-76), Dr. L. L. Fulmer (1976-78), Mr. Peter C. Bertucci (1978-80), Dr. E. R. Minchew (1980-82), Dr. Robert E. May (1982-84), Mr. W. J. Davis (1984-86), Mr. James F. Hawkins (1986-88), Ms. Beulah C. Hicks (1988-90), Dr. Fred J. Vogel (1990-92), Ms. Johnnye S. Martin (1992-94), Ms. Doris D. Bienvenu (1994-96), Mr. Louis L. Dill, Jr. (1996-98), Dr. Sidney A. Seegers (1998-2000), Dr. Merline T. Broussard (2000-02), Dr. John D. Foster (2002-04), Ms. Bonnie V. Lyons (2004-06), Dr. Wade L. Ledet (2006-08), Dr. Hugh C. Craft (2008-10), and current president Dr. James A. Taylor.

By 1974, LRTA had gained enough support to open a central office in Baton Rouge. Dr. Robert E. May was appointed LRTA's first executive director, serving from 1974 to 1978. He was followed by Mr. M. Eugene Wright (1978-90), Mr. Fred E. Van Noy (1990-92), Dr. Alvin L. Bertrand (1992-96), Dr. A. Roland Dommert (1996-2006), and current executive director Mr. Graig A. Luscombe.

The LRTA officers and staff encourage every district and local unit to work with the media in letting the public know about Retired Teachers Day and LRTA's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you need assistance planning an event or working with the media, call the LRTA office and we will be glad to help. Copies of the governor's proclamation should be available after February 1. Customized proclamations for your local municipality or school system may also be requested from the LRTA office.

### Meeting Ideas for Retired Teachers Day

- Invite local and state dignitaries to speak or offer special recognition.
- Invite a speaker with a positive, upbeat message.
- Invite educators who plan to retire soon.
- Food, Food, Food!! Nothing else seems to bring people together more than sharing a meal!

## From the Desk of the President *Continued from page 3*

LRTA and TRSL have had many members over more than fifty years who left "time on the meter" for us. The current political climate is "clearing the meter" of past investments faster than we can re-invest. What does this mean? If we are to protect your benefits we need each and every person who receives benefits from TRSL to commit to "putting a nickel in the meter." Through hard work, we have succeeded in protecting our benefits from consolidation attacks. We did not succeed in protecting the rights of retirees to return to work without undue penalties. LRTA was also opposed to the passage of Amendment No. 6 to the Louisiana Constitution that appeared on the November ballot requiring a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to approve future cost-of-living increases for retirees and their beneficiaries, irrespective of the condition of the retirement system and the economy. What does this promise for the next Legislative session? We will be fighting to maintain the right to control our destiny. Many politicians see our approximately \$13 billion in assets as a way to solve Louisiana's financial problems, and they constantly are seeking to control investment of those assets, while at the same time expressing concerns about paying the

approximately \$11 billion owed TRSL for unfunded accrued liabilities that have been mounting since the creation of the retirement system in 1936. We need and, indeed, must have every retiree's support to be successful in "making retirement years great."

Initially, we must ask *each and every* retiree to participate in protecting our benefits by authorizing TRSL to remit \$25.00 for annual dues to LRTA each April from your retirement benefits. When almost two-thirds of the retirees are "parking on another's nickel" our capacity to succeed in defending your interests is impaired. **53,000 members will have more "clout" than 20,000 members.** We have a vast wealth of knowledge, wisdom, and experience on our side. We are, indeed, a sleeping giant that *must be awakened* if we are to secure the blessing of liberty for ourselves and our posterity!

Secondly, we implore each of you to become a member of LRTA's "e-mail club" so that we can keep you informed of critical matters relative to your retirement benefits. We need *each* retiree to have contact information for his or her repre-

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# 2011 Legislative Priorities

LRTA supports legislation that will positively affect retired teachers and opposes legislation that will adversely affect retired teachers. LRTA also supports efforts to maintain adequate funding for top quality public education in Louisiana. Although these priorities are listed in numerical order, the items listed are all top priorities of LRTA.

1. LRTA supports a viable Employee Experience Account for accumulating a portion of the excess interest earnings of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana for future funding of cost-of-living increases for retirees.
2. LRTA supports dedicated allocations from state funds for cost-of-living increases.
3. LRTA supports a stable, automatic cost-of-living increase provision for retirees as part of the benefit structure offered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.
4. LRTA supports dedicated allocations from state funds to meet the state's obligation to reduce the Initial Unfunded Accrued Liabilities (IUALs) of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana without causing an adverse budget impact on public education agencies or retirees.
5. LRTA supports state revenue enhancements that provide a meaningful economic impact on retired educators in enhancing their dignity, independence and overall quality of life.
6. LRTA supports funding from state funds to offset increasing costs of health insurance premiums and other benefits for retired educators offered by the Office of Group Benefits and other health care insurers and providers.
7. LRTA opposes any action that would negatively impact the actuarial soundness of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.
8. LRTA opposes the consolidation of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana with any other retirement system.
9. LRTA opposes the consolidation of assets of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana with any other retirement system, and opposes any other action that would dilute membership control of the investment of the assets of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.
10. LRTA opposes any action that would alter the current defined benefit structure offered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to its members.
11. LRTA opposes the provision of state funded scholarships/vouchers for public elementary and secondary school students to attend private and non-public schools, and supports a viable public education program that requires educators to become members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.
12. LRTA supports repeal of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) of the Social Security Administration and opposes mandatory Social Security coverage of public employees in Louisiana.

# Membership 2011 – Turning The Tide

At the 2011 LRTA Spring Meeting, membership awards will be presented to local retired units in the categories of the largest numerical membership increase and also the largest percentage increase. District awards will be presented to those districts that have the largest numerical increase and also the largest percentage increase during 2010.

Every local unit and district starts 2011 with a clean slate. When we end the year in 2011, how will your unit and district rank? Together, we can reach our goal of having the greatest increase in membership of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association in the history of our organization. Why does LRTA need new members? The answer is simple. If we do not stand firm in protecting our retirement benefits and public education then no one else will step forward to help protect our interests. There have been aggressive legislative efforts that would endanger our retirement funds. We cannot let this happen!

If you are a new retiree, it is time for you to start out by joining LRTA now. If you have been retired for years and have never joined LRTA, then it is time for you to do the right thing and join LRTA. If you have joined in the past and let your membership lapse, then it is time for you to awake and re-join LRTA. For those members with life membership or continuous membership, you are to be applauded for your commitment and dedication to LRTA and for helping protect all our interests.

For you that are not current members of LRTA and receiving a retirement check, this will be the only LRTA Newsletter you will receive this year. Hopefully, you will make the right choice to join us in protecting what is rightfully yours. Do not be misled; legislation can be enacted that could affect your retirement benefits. Join so we can be a bigger and stronger organization. Our fullest potential can be reached when more members are involved.

LRTA associate membership is available at \$10 annually to anyone not receiving a retirement benefit from the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. Associate members have all the benefits available to active members except voting or holding office in LRTA. Many individuals are joining in order to be eligible for AMBA benefits such as the dental and vision packages or many of the other offerings and services available.

LRTA members are automatically members of their district; however, local unit membership does not automatically provide for membership at the district and state levels. All state, district and local unit leaders should clarify this issue of confusion. When a member joins LRTA, membership in the District is included. Local dues are for local units only and should not be confused with state/district dues.

Plans are being implemented at this time to expand LRTA associate membership of active educational personnel in the public schools of Louisiana. This is an effort to promote awareness and support public education needs and retirement issues. Over 35 parish superintendents have been sent a DVD promoting associate membership in their schools. Working with these superintendents, steps are moving ahead to provide payroll deductions of \$10.00 annual dues on April 1 of each year. This associate membership will continue in force until those employees become eligible for retirement unless they leave employment. When the associate member officially retires, then dues will be set at \$25.00 annually on April 1 of each year.

Dr. John Foster, Past President of LRTA and I met with Louisiana superintendents relative to associate membership on November 15, 2010. A DVD has been sent to each of 37 superintendents to promote associate membership. This will provide ongoing membership in LRTA for the future. Increased membership will provide increased lobbying potential for the benefits of all retirees and public schools in Louisiana.

In October 2009, the LRTA Executive Board passed a resolution in support of a pipeline excise tax plan developed by J. Ron Eldridge. Revenues from this excise tax on liquids and gases moving through 20 inches diameter pipelines, or greater, could provide funds to eliminate the unfunded accrued liability of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana as well as provide funds for substantial cost-of-living increases. You can become familiar with the Louisiana Self Help Plan by connecting with the website address <http://laselfhelp.com>. Visit the LRTA website [www.LRTA.net](http://www.LRTA.net) for information about LRTA, about legislation, the self help plan and other pertinent facts. Log on to the websites above to stay informed. The LRTA website has information that will help you in lobbying your legislators. Pass these websites on to your fellow educators, your family and your friends. It is extremely important to stay connected as fellow retirees.

Your membership, involvement, ideas and support are greatly appreciated. Together we can make a difference and further strive to make retirement years great!

*Dr. Jesse W. Scott  
LRTA First Vice- President  
State Membership Chair*

## It's Time for Election of the Nominating Committee!

All LRTA members' renewal packets include a ballot for the election of LRTA's 2011-2013 Nominating Committee. Please be sure to complete and return your ballot before February 25, 2011.

## In Memoriam

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

### Deceased Retired Teachers November 22, 2010 through December 15, 2010

#### District I

Leila G. Williams – New Orleans

#### District II

Harding R. Anderson – Belle Rose

Ellen F. Barras – Marrero

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Alma C. Richard – Houma

Mary Robert – Luling

Irvin E. Schwarz – Gretna

Geraldine G. Smith – Vacherie

Dorothy K. Speaser - Metairie

#### District III

Barbara A. Brune – Amite

Joyce C. Cooper – Slidell

Emelda M. Irvin – Slidell

Willie Jean Roberts – Franklinton

#### District IV

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Eva D. Harvey – Prairieville

Eileen S. Hawkins – Baton Rouge

Melba Ann Honey – Baker

Calvin M. Lamartiniere – Baton Rouge

Spencer J. Maxcy – Baton Rouge

Karen B. Parker – Zachary

Sherry Brooks Rushing – St. Amant

Sidney D. Thibodeaux – Geismar

Theodore W. Vegh – Baton Rouge

Toni Bradford Whaley – Baton Rouge

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Vivian S. Lewis – Opelousas

Pauline B. Miller – Abbeville

Claire S. Richard – Lafayette

Ouida L. Roberts – New Iberia

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Virginia R. Lorrain - Hayes

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Stanley Gill, Jr. – Alexandria

Patricia Humphries – Jena

Shirley C. Jones – Jena

Virginia McInnis – Boyce

Helen D. Springer – Jena

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Betty D. Hilton – Natchitoches

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Innes Ellis Green – Rayville

Leo Rubin - Rayville

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Cecil J. Poss – Shreveport

Susan F. Robillard – Shreveport

Nelda R. Thompson – Haughton

Patricia W. Willis – Springhill

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Pearl P. Nolan – Helotes, TX

Martha A. Oates – Iron Station, NC

Patrick P. Tou – Duluth, GA

## LRTA Foundation: New Year With A New Focus

As we begin the new year of 2011, it is important to stay focused on goals of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation, Inc. The LRTA Foundation, Inc. was chartered in 1984 to receive and administer funds to develop and assist in the administration of educational programs, projects, studies and other activities for the benefit of retired educators. The LRTA Foundation, Inc. operates independently from the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association. The Foundation is governed and administered by an elected board of directors and is incorporated under the appropriate and applicable laws of the state of Louisiana and under the appropriate provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The articles of incorporation designate the LRTA Foundation, Inc. as having a tax deduction status under Section 501(c) (3) of the code.

The board of directors consists of nine members. The members of the board elect, from among themselves, a president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The board of directors meets twice a year, and at other times set by the officers of the Foundation, to conduct the business associated with the acceptance of donations, approving projects to be funded, and all other matters related to, and consistent with, the articles of incorporation and the bylaws of the Foundation. The LRTA Foundation, Inc. accepts monetary donations, indi-

vidual and corporate gifts, and bequests, all of which are tax deductible for the donor under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations, regardless of the type, are acknowledged for tax reporting purposes. Types of donations accepted by the Foundation include:

- Cash Contributions - donations are accepted in honor or in memory of individuals.
- Real Estate - donations of buildings, homes and land are accepted.
- Life Insurance - listing the Foundation as the beneficiary on an insurance policy is accepted.
- Stocks and Bonds - transferring ownership on securities is accepted.
- Art and Jewelry- transferring ownership of these, and other valuable objects is accepted.

Your donation in honor of, or in memory of a deceased relative, friend, or teacher is unique in that it honors the education profession. Your donation will be acknowledged by letter to the person you designate. In addition to an acknowledgement of your gift for income tax purposes, your donation is mentioned in the LRTA newsletter.

*Dr. Hugh Craft, President  
LRTA Foundation, Inc.*

## From the Desk of the President

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sentative and senator. If you taught either of them, or know them personally, we need you to become a personal advocate for LRTA issues. Lastly, it is crucial that *each* retiree become an active member of the local/parish unit. These units must take on recruitment of associate members (future retirees). Each local unit must become a strong *social* network. We need each unit to create programs including such activities as breakfast/lunch groups, group travel, charitable projects, and such other activities where we can enjoy the leisure we have earned.

We have a New Year. We have a new birth of optimism, activity, and enjoyment of life. Let us live life to its fullest and enjoy every opportunity for service and pleasure that God has afforded us. Only through being fully active at every level can we make our “retirement years great!” May God bless us as we make the most of this new year.

## Executive Director’s Report

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We will request that March 17, 2011 be designated by Governor Jindal as Retired Teachers Day. The Spring Meeting dates have been set, and we hope to see many of you in Alexandria on Tuesday, April 26 and Wednesday, April 27. The 2011 Regular Legislative Session will begin on Monday, April 25 at noon, and will proceed through Thursday, June 23. The LRTA staff will again keep you up to date on all legislation that might be considered that could affect retired educators.

District I is inviting LRTA members to head to New Orleans in October for the LRTA Fall Meeting. More details about this event and others will be provided throughout the year as they develop.

All of us here at LRTA hope that you and your family and friends experienced a joyous holiday season. Happy New Year!

# LRTA Membership by Districts as of December 10, 2010

DISTRICT	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010
Parish	Members	%Mbrs	Retirees	Non-Members	Members	%Mbrs	Associate
<b>DISTRICT I</b>							
Orleans	830	33.9	2,768	1,701	1,067	38.5	9
Plaquemines	52	35.4	155	95	60	38.7	1
St. Bernard	53	42.4	133	75	58	43.6	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>3,056</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>1185</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>DISTRICT II</b>							
Assumption	144	64.3	236	93	143	60.6	2
Jefferson	1,025	31.7	3,333	2,268	1,065	32.0	5
Lafourche	513	46.2	1,176	653	523	44.5	3
St. Charles	171	39.0	458	285	173	37.8	3
St. James	169	59.9	290	121	169	58.3	2
St. John	122	37.1	343	208	135	39.4	2
Terrebonne	422	42.4	1,017	586	431	42.4	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,566</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>6,853</b>	<b>4,214</b>	<b>2639</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>DISTRICT III</b>							
Livingston	249	32.5	812	562	250	30.8	38
St. Helena	32	36.4	93	66	27	29.0	1
St. Tammany	736	38.5	2,032	1,291	741	36.5	35
Tangipahoa	415	32.4	1,336	911	425	31.8	7
Washington	243	44.5	559	319	240	42.9	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>4,832</b>	<b>3,149</b>	<b>1683</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>DISTRICT IV</b>							
Ascension	281	37.8	782	486	296	37.9	19
East Baton Rouge	1,789	33.9	5,410	3,656	1,754	32.4	86
East Feliciana	58	34.9	175	116	59	33.7	3
Iberville	91	31.7	298	209	89	29.9	15
Pointe Coupee	91	33.1	279	179	100	35.8	0
West Baton Rouge	52	27.7	196	137	59	30.1	30
West Feliciana	42	36.5	118	82	36	30.5	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>7,258</b>	<b>4,865</b>	<b>2393</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>DISTRICT V</b>							
Evangeline	125	30.2	429	296	133	31.0	1
Iberia	291	35.1	848	556	292	34.4	9
Lafayette	890	43.3	2,679	1,803	876	32.7	16
St. Landry	345	31.3	1,129	785	344	30.5	5
St. Martin	139	33.5	417	277	140	33.6	3
St. Mary	192	41.7	471	282	189	40.1	14
Vermilion	225	42.0	548	318	230	42.0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>6,521</b>	<b>4,317</b>	<b>2204</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>DISTRICT VI</b>							
Acadia	174	32.5	579	402	177	30.6	5
Allen	61	30.8	205	143	62	30.2	0
Beauregard	149	38.0	409	263	146	35.7	0
Calcasieu	825	38.7	2,203	1,407	796	36.1	6
Cameron	16	50.0	30	13	17	56.7	0
Jeff Davis	130	39.5	338	209	129	38.2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>3,764</b>	<b>2,437</b>	<b>1327</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>11</b>

DISTRICT	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010
Parish	Members	%Mbrs	Retirees	Non-Members	Members	%Mbrs	Associate
<b>DISTRICT VII</b>							
Avoyelles	185	40.3	477	288	189	39.6	14
Catahoula	57	42.2	140	85	55	39.3	1
Concordia	88	36.5	241	162	79	32.8	0
Grant	95	34.2	288	192	96	33.3	16
LaSalle	76	46.3	172	98	74	43.0	15
Rapides	573	34.7	1,679	1,123	556	33.1	5
Vernon	107	24.2	464	347	117	25.2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>3,461</b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>DISTRICT VIII</b>							
DeSoto	139	45.6	429	167	262	61.1	43
Natchitoches	211	32.0	679	465	214	31.5	3
Red River	23	30.3	77	53	24	31.2	4
Sabine	102	33.8	315	213	102	32.4	4
Winn	97	44.5	220	125	95	43.2	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>DISTRICT IX</b>							
East Carroll	24	26.1	93	72	21	22.6	0
Franklin	127	40.0	318	204	114	35.8	0
Madison	50	37.9	137	94	43	31.4	0
Richland	101	40.2	580	153	97	38.8	0
Tensas	31	36.9	85	56	29	34.1	0
West Carroll	54	32.9	172	119	53	30.8	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>DISTRICT X</b>							
Caldwell	57	47.5	128	75	53	41.4	2
Jackson	102	42.1	246	140	106	43.1	1
Lincoln	349	41.2	854	505	349	40.9	4
Morehouse	152	57.1	272	121	151	55.5	2
Ouachita	608	36.1	1,730	1,132	598	34.6	38
Union	112	44.1	262	153	109	41.6	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>3,492</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>1366</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>DISTRICT XI</b>							
Bienville	87	41.6	202	121	81	40.1	0
Bossier	325	33.6	1,016	681	335	33.0	8
Caddo	1,071	36.5	2,987	1,917	1,070	35.8	19
Claiborne	98	50.5	196	104	92	46.9	8
Webster	183	34.6	540	353	187	34.6	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>3,176</b>	<b>1765</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Out of State</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>6,749</b>	<b>4,234</b>	<b>2515</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,938</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>53,702</b>	<b>34,405</b>	<b>19,297</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>572</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/10/10:</b>					<b>19,869</b>		



### Mark Your Calendar LRTA Spring Meeting – April 26 & 27

Make plans now to attend the 2011 LRTA Spring Meeting. The Executive Board meeting and pre-convention dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 26, and the general session and luncheon will be held on Wednesday, April 27. 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.

### 2011 SPRING MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION / MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Please use this form to pre-register for the 2011 Spring Meeting in order to expedite registration in Alexandria. To make a reservation for the pre-convention dinner on Tuesday, April 26, and/or for the luncheon on Wednesday, April 27, 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 an on-site 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 18, 2011**. 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 20.** Mail forms and checks to LRTA, 9412 Common St., Suite 5, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.