



# Louisiana Retired Teachers Association



www.lrta.net

Striving To Make Retirement Years Great!

Sept. - Oct. 2014 • Vol. 41, No. 5

## YOU MUST CHOOSE

If you currently have health care insurance coverage through the Office of Group Benefits, you will be required to select a new health insurance plan during the OGB Open Enrollment Period that begins on October 1, 2014 and ends on October 31, 2014. OGB is offering new health plans that will be implemented on January 1, 2015. Your current insurance plan will not be offered after December 31, 2014. It is imperative that you complete the Open Enrollment form that will be provided to you by OGB. If you fail to do so, OGB will automatically place you into the Pelican HRA 1000 plan, which may not be the best plan for you. (HRA stands for Health Reimbursement Account.)

Included in this issue is information that has been furnished to LRTA by OGB which provides a brief summary of plans to be offered. We also have included the OGB Open Enrollment meeting schedules. Note that one group of meetings is for active and retired

OGB members that are not eligible for Medicare, and the second group is specifically designed for those who currently have Medicare coverage. If you are eligible for Medicare, you should not attend a meeting for active and retired OGB members who do not have Medicare coverage.

You may have already received your Open Enrollment packet from OGB. Please pay attention to this important piece of mail, and remind your friends to open the mail and complete the form included in the envelope. If you plan on attending one of the Open Enrollment meetings, please take your plan booklet with you. The Open Enrollment form you will be completing must be mailed to the OGB office, and not to the employer from which you retired, as was done in the past. For additional information regarding the Open Enrollment process and new plan provisions, please visit the OGB web site at [www.annualenrollment.groupbenefits.org](http://www.annualenrollment.groupbenefits.org).

**View Open Enrollment Meeting Schedules Here:**

[www.annualenrollment.groupbenefits.org](http://www.annualenrollment.groupbenefits.org)

### LRTA Fall Meeting

#### Agenda

Embassy Suites

Baton Rouge, LA

October 27/28/29, 2014

**Monday, October 27, 2014**

- 10:00 LRTA Foundation Board Meeting
- 1:00 Registration
- 1:30 LRTA Executive Board Meeting
- 4:30 President's Reception

**Tuesday, October 28, 2014**

- 8:00 Registration / Exhibits
- 9:00 Opening Ceremonies & Welcome
- 9:30 State of the Schools:  
Dr. Patrice Pujol
- 10:15 Door Prizes and Break
- 10:45 State of the State:  
Rep. James Fannin
- 11:30 LRTA Foundation Update
- 11:45 Door Prizes
- 12:00 Lunch on your own
- 2:00 Legislative Update:  
Sen. Elbert Guillory &  
Rep. Kevin Pearson
- 2:45 Door Prizes
- 3:00 Break-Out Sessions:  
State Officers, District Presidents  
and Officers;  
Unit Presidents and Officers
- 6:30 Convention Banquet  
Speaker: LSU Women's Basketball  
Coach Nikki Caldwell  
Name of Fame Awards

**Wednesday, October 29, 2014**

- 8:00 Registration / Exhibits / Flu Shots
- 9:00 TRSL Update
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 OGB Update
- 11:45 Recognitions  
Door Prizes and Adjournment

President's Report.....	2
Executive Director's Report.....	2
OGB Annual Enrollment 2015.....	3

### *An Inside Look*

LRTA Foundation to Meet.....	5
LRTA Around the State.....	7
Fall Meeting Registration Form.....	8

## President's Report



James T. Stewart

The summer months are gone and we move into the fall and the start of a new school year. Many are glad that they have to face the challenges of a new school year. As usual, we (retirees) face many hurdles, obstacles and challenges like personal illness, loss of a loved one, financial concerns, issues with kids and grandkids or other family members and friends. We are able work through these issues and overcome them with the help of friends and family.

Our association membership is also facing its share of hurdles, obstacles and challenges. Those members who are provided health coverage by the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) and administered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield are facing a situation that will impact their healthcare insurance and their families. We must come together as a family

## Executive Director's Report



Graig A. Luscombe

In an effort to reserve space in this issue for other important information regarding OGB plan changes, I am dedicating my allotted space to provide you LRTA's official position on health care insurance plan changes being implemented by the Office of Group Benefits on January 1, 2015. Our position is provided below.

\*\*\*\*\*

The Louisiana Retired Teachers Association has opposed the privatization of the Office of Group Benefits since the topic was brought up by the Jindal adminis-

to work with OGB, the administration and the legislators to find solutions that will give relief to our affected members.

As we work to help find a solution, we need you to stop and take the time to join the LRTA Email Club. Your membership will keep you current on action that is taking place on the issue. When we need you to contact legislators we can reach you quickly by email so that you can contact them- **JOIN TODAY!**

Make it your priority to attend the OGB meetings that apply to you. Go with questions!

I know that you have already made plans to attend the 2014 Fall Meeting at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge on October 27-29. District IV President Janis Hernandez and her committee have planned a very informative and exciting meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Support your district and local officers by attending the meeting they have planned. Also thank them for helping us to help you.

tration in January 2011. In April 2011, then-President Dr. James A. Taylor, Sr. appeared before the Senate Retirement Committee and publicly testified that the privatization of the Office of Group Benefits would eventually cause reductions in coverage and increases in premiums, or both. The association continued to register its opposition through public testimony at additional meetings held by the Senate Retirement Committee and the Senate Insurance Committee through the 2011 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature. When the contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the administration of the program was presented by the Division of Administration to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, then-President Dr. Lonnie E. Dunn, current President James T. Stewart, and LRTA Legislative Committee Chairman Benjamin L. Sandi-

*Continued on Page 4*

## LRTA

### Executive Board

#### President

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

#### Past President

Lonnie E. Dunn, Ed. D.  
3750 Christy Dr.  
Shreveport, LA 71129

#### First Vice-President

Bertha H. Breland  
1201 N. Columbia St.  
Bogalusa, LA 70427

#### Second Vice-President

Nancy L. Quigley  
5210 Airline Dr.  
Bossier City, LA 71111

#### District I President

Theodore H. George, Sr.  
P.O. Box 15713  
New Orleans, LA 70175

#### District II President

Beth Plaisance  
310 Barrilleaux  
Lockport, LA 70374

#### District III President

Lazette L. Watterson  
P. O. Box 873  
Bogalusa, LA 70429

#### District IV President

Janis M. Hernandez  
13313 Fleur de Lis Dr.  
Gonzales, LA 70737

#### District V President

Martha G. Bryant  
1087 Ruth Bridge Hwy.  
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517

#### District VI President

Clara F. Duhon  
614 Oleo St.  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

#### District VII President

Benjamin L. Sandifer  
1001 Oak St.  
Jonesville, LA 71343

#### District VIII President

Raymond Powell  
P. O. Box 523  
Mansfield, LA 71052

#### District IX President

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

#### District X President

Cathryn L. Buckley  
12764 Hwy. 2  
Bernice, LA 71222

#### District XI President

Jan Webb  
1830 Venus Dr.  
Bossier City, LA 71112

#### TRSL Board of Trustees:

William C. Baker, Ed. D.  
631 Voorhies Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Jerry J. Baudin, Ph. D.  
15323 Alma Mater Ct.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810

#### OGB Board

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

#### AARP Louisiana

Brenda G. Hatfield, Ph. D.  
301 Main St., Suite 1012  
Baton Rouge, LA 70825

#### LASS-R

Donald A. Songy  
37617 Seven Oaks Ave.  
Prairieville, LA 70769

## OGB Annual Enrollment for 2015 Health Care Benefits

*This article was submitted by OGB.*

There are 230,000 OGB members, and no two of them are alike. That's why OGB is offering an expanded list of health plan options for 2015. Whether you are looking for low (or even \$0) premiums, a large coverage network or predictable co-payments, OGB offers a plan that fit your needs. OGB's annual enrollment period is from October 1 through October 31. All members must select a plan during that time period. A summary of the plans is below, and we encourage you to attend one of the annual enrollment meetings across the state to learn more about the options available to you. Visit [groupbenefits.org](http://groupbenefits.org) for a schedule of meetings.

### OGB Medicare Advantage Plans

1) **OneExchange** - OneExchange offers the broadest range of individual Medicare coverage options for post-65 retirees, including Medigap (also known as Medicare Supplement), Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans. OneExchange has multiple plan offerings with well-known insurance carriers. Additionally, OneExchange offers a full range of enrollment support services and tools to aid you in evaluating which plan choice best meets your individual health care and financial needs. You will also be enrolled in a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) receiving HRA credits of \$200 to \$300 per month from the state.

2) **Peoples Health Plan** - Peoples Health Medicare Advantage plans offer much more than Medicare, with extra benefits like vision and dental coverage, free health club membership and prescription drug coverage. As a Peoples Health Group Medicare member, you pay a premium in addition to paying your Medicare Part B premium; you receive 100 percent coverage for many services with NO Medicare deductibles. Peoples Health plans feature a member-centered model of care that offers coordinated, personalized service.

3) **Vantage Medicare Advantage** - For retirees who are 65 and over, Vantage offers several great Medicare Advantage plans as an alternative to Medicare. One benefit to Vantage's Medicare Advantage plans is that a network of providers is already contracted with the plan throughout Louisiana. These physicians, hospitals and specialty medical facilities have already agreed to provide health care services to treat Medicare Advantage members.

### OGB Group Plans (Secondary to Medicare)

1) **Pelican HRA 1000**- OGB's Pelican HRA 1000 plan offers low premiums in combination with employer contributions to create an affordable option for many members in 2015. The HRA 1000 includes an employer contribution in a health reimbursement account that can be used to offset deductible and other out-of-pocket health care costs throughout the year. Any unused funds rollover up to the in-network out-of-pocket maximum, allowing members to build up balances that cover eligible medical expenses when they happen. The Pelican HRA 1000 plan offers coverage within Blue Cross's nationwide network as well as out-of-network benefits to ensure members have a broad network of care.

2) **Magnolia Local**- Magnolia Local plans offer lower deductibles than the Pelican HRA 1000 in exchange for higher premiums. The Magnolia Local plan is a traditional plan that offers \$25 primary care co-pays (excluding wellness visits) and \$50 specialty care co-pays for members who live in specific coverage areas. Shreveport, New Orleans and Baton Rouge networks are currently available for OGB members. This plan is ideal for members who live in the parishes within the available networks and don't plan to utilize out-of-network care. However, out-of-network care is provided in emergencies.

a. **Community Blue** - Community Blue is a select, local network product designed for members who live in the Baton Rouge (East & West Baton Rouge and Ascension Parishes) and Shreveport communities (Caddo and Bossier Parishes). This means healthcare providers work as a team led by a primary care doctor.

b. **BlueConnect**- BlueConnect is a select, local network product designed for members who live in

*Continued on Page 4*



## OGB

*Continued from page 3*

the New Orleans community (Orleans and Jefferson Parishes). BlueConnect is a great health plan for people who want local access, a new approach to health and a lower priced insurance plan.

3) **Magnolia Local Plus**- The Magnolia Local Plus option offers the same coverage as the Magnolia Local plan with the benefit of a nationwide network. The Local Plus option offers \$25 primary care co-pays (excluding wellness visits) and \$50 specialty care co-pays for OGB members in any region. The Local Plus plan is ideal for members who prefer the predictability of co-payments rather than using employer funding to offset out-of-pocket costs. This plan provides care in Blue Cross's nationwide network. Out-of-network care is provided in emergencies.

4) **Magnolia Open Access**- The Magnolia Open Access Plan offers coverage both inside and outside of Blue Cross's nationwide network. It differs from the other Magnolia plans in that members enrolled in the open access plan will not pay co-payments at physician visits. Instead, once a member's deductible is met, he or she will pay 10% of the overall bill for in-network care and 30% of the overall bill for out-of-network care. Though the premiums for the open access plan are higher than OGB's other plans, its moderate deductibles combined with a nationwide network make it an attractive plan for members who live out of state or travel regularly.

5) **Vantage Medical Home HMO**- Vantage's Medical Home HMO is a patient-centered approach to providing cost effective and comprehensive primary health care for children, youth and adults. The Medical Home HMO plan creates partnerships between the individual patient and his or her personal physician and, when appropriate, the patient's family.

**This year you are required to make a selection during the annual enrollment period.** If you have OGB secondary coverage and do not make a selection by the end of the enrollment period, you will still retain your Medicare coverage but will be moved into the Pelican HRA 1000 as your secondary coverage.

Keep an eye on your mailbox for more information about annual enrollment, including an all new Annual Enrollment Decision Guide filled with more information about the new plans and tools available to you. You can also visit OGB's website at [www.groupbenefits.org](http://www.groupbenefits.org) to review the latest information.

## Executive Director's Report

*Continued from page 2*

fer, and Executive Director Graig Luscombe officially registered LRTA's opposition with the committee.

Prior to that meeting, both the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association and the Retired State Employees Association worked ferociously to convince some members of the joint committee that privatization of the state's health insurance plan would have future negative impacts on retirees. At the first meeting of the joint committee, the contract between OGB and Blue Cross/Blue Shield was deferred. Following that meeting, some of the committee members were removed by the Speaker of

the House, and replaced by other members of the House of Representatives, and the joint committee voted for the approval of the contract at a meeting held the following week.

Since that time, LRTA has closely monitored the changes brought forth through the privatization by attending all OGB board meetings held since the Blue Cross/Blue Shield contract was approved. As a result of the privatization, we are now seeing the increase in premiums (implemented by OGB on July 1, 2014), and the reduction in benefits (to be implemented January 1, 2015) that were predicted by Dr. Taylor in April 2011.

LRTA is extremely concerned about our members, and all retired educators who, for whatever reason, may not be able to comply with the OGB Open Enrollment deadline, and who will subsequently be placed in the HRA 1000 plan. This plan, in our opinion, is not an appropriate plan for our members and other retired educators.

LRTA continues to oppose changes being made to the administration and operation of the state health care plans offered by the Office of Group Benefits.

## LRTA Foundation to Meet at Fall Meeting

As plans and preparations are being made for the 2014 Fall Meeting in Baton Rouge at the Embassy Suites, it is important to make your plans now to attend this event for fun, food, fellowship and information. The Foundation Board will meet on Monday, October 27 at 10:00 a.m. to conduct business and plan strategies for the future. Reports will be made to the Executive Board and the general membership during the convention. Appreciation is extended to individuals, LRTA, and districts and local units for their donations to the Foundation in honor or memory of individuals.

The Foundation Silent Auction will be held during the Fall Meeting. The highest bidders will pay for the items at the end of the state meeting on Wednesday, October 29. Cash and checks will be accepted. Credit cards will not be accepted.

LRTA leaders and foundation members are requested to contact local businesses and individuals for donations of items to be auctioned. Please call the LRTA office and provide staff information about items to be donated for auction, and a the value of the items.

Suggested value of auction items:

- \$10 to \$25 items

- \$25 to \$50 items
- \$50 to \$100 items
- Above \$100 items

The donor's name (business or individual) will accompany all items on the auction listing.

If you have questions regarding the auction, please contact Dr. Hugh Craft, LRTA Foundation president at (504) 451- 4248.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Meeting!

*Dr. Hugh Craft*  
*Foundation President*

## Foundation Donations

The following donations to the LRTA Foundation have been received:

Mr. & Mrs. Merlin Duke - In memory of Greg Genco

Anonymous - In memory of all deceased retired educators from April 23, 2014 through October 27, 2014.

If you would like to make a donation please fill out the form available at [www.lrta.net](http://www.lrta.net) under the LRTA Foundation link.

## LRTA Fall Meeting Information

The LRTA Fall Meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge on October 27-29. A special hotel room rate of \$89 (plus tax) per night has been negotiated with the hotel for LRTA attendees. Cutoff date for this special rate is October 13. To reserve a hotel room, call the Embassy Suites directly at 1-225-924-6566. Be sure to mention the group code "LRT" when booking over the phone. For more information about the meeting go to our website [www.lrta.net](http://www.lrta.net) and click on LRTA State Meetings.

## TRSL Update

### Taylor wins retiree run-off election for TRSL Board of Trustees



Dr. James A. Taylor, Sr.

James A. Taylor, Sr., J.D., Ph.D., of Baton Rouge, has been elected to serve on the TRSL Board of Trustees as a retiree representative.

Results from the 2014 retiree run-off election were announced at the board's September meeting.

Taylor received 51.77% of the vote against Darlene L. LeBlanc, also of Baton Rouge, who finished with 48.23%.

Taylor has 30 years of service with St. Charles Parish Public Schools. During that time, he worked as a teacher, principal, and central office administrator. He also has many years of service in higher education.

Taylor's four-year term on the TRSL Board begins January 1, 2015. He is replacing William C. "Bill" Baker, Ed.D., who has served on the TRSL Board for the last 22 years.

The TRSL Board meets monthly to monitor investment performance, review System operations, and develop policies for the administration of the retirement plan. The board safeguards and manages assets TRSL holds in trust to provide retirement income for System members.

# In Memoriam

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

## Deceased Retired Teachers - July 12, 2014 - Sept 15, 2014

### District I

Mary F. Arena – St. Bernard  
Bonnie J. Burt – New Orleans  
Henry Carter, Jr. – New Orleans  
Frank Merrick – New Orleans  
Dianne P. Orlesh – New Orleans  
Elaine M. Trosclair – New Orleans  
Marilyn M. Vallette – New Orleans

### District II

Stephanie J. Adams – Marrero  
Ida K. Ballay – Gretna  
John S. Berault – Harahan  
Betty B. Bernard – Metairie  
Stephanie B. Breaux – Houma  
Sylvia D. Carter – Lafitte  
Lynda H. Champagne – Houma  
Aura M. DeLeon – Destrehan  
Earline A. Dufrene – Houma  
Patricia B. O. Fabbra – Metairie  
Antoine N. Foret – Raceland  
Gregory Genco – Metairie  
Irma L. Henry – Westwego  
Elda M. Long – Harvey  
Dinah Magee – LaPlace  
Juanita C. Massey – Harvey  
Thomas B. Merritt, Jr. – Metairie  
Jeanette B. Odom – Houma  
Emile J. Plaisance – Marrero  
Betty G. Politz – Plattenville  
Peter Reilly, Jr. – Gretna  
Shirley P. Roach – Metairie  
Miriam J. Robinson – Gretna  
Antoine C. Rodrigue – Thibodaux  
Carol C. Smith – Thibodaux  
Jerome M. Theriot – Bourg  
Dolores M. Westerfield – Harvey  
Judith A. Westfall – Marrero  
Viola C. Williams – Reserve  
Augusta C. Yrle - Metairie

### District III

Francis R. Abadie – Mandeville  
Shelly J. Ard – Tickfaw  
Annie Clark – Angie  
Edward Coleman – Hammond  
Shirley B. Demello – Pearl River  
Lionel D. Dureau – Covington  
Dolores J. Fitch, Sr. – Covington  
Jacqueline B. Fourcade – Mandeville  
Gwendolyn Guillory – Covington  
Marie L. Hebert – Ponchatoula  
Joy E. Kidstry – Hammond  
Betty Sue Miller – Mt. Hermon  
Rose M. Vance – Covington  
Bertha Mae Vaughn – Mandeville

### District IV

Willie M. Barnes – Donaldsonville  
Doris B. Burden – Baton Rouge  
Anthony B. Carimi – Baton Rouge  
Ophelia Dixon – Baker  
Irma G. Ellis – Baton Rouge

Craig S. Emrich – St. Amant  
Otha F. Franklin – Baton Rouge  
Steven Gahagan, Jr. – Baton Rouge  
Tommie H. Haynes – Plaquemine  
Rosa L. Holmes – Baton Rouge  
David D. Horton – Zachary  
Esther Marion Lokken – Baton Rouge  
Joyce W. Magee – Baton Rouge  
Alice L. Merrill – Baton Rouge  
Mona F. Navarro – Baton Rouge  
Claudia P. O'Rear – Baton Rouge  
Clyde A. Orgeron – Gonzales  
Willie Mae Payne – Port Allen  
Alma P. Risley – Baton Rouge  
Landry A. Roy – Baton Rouge  
Elsie C. Rupe – Baton Rouge  
Reba Duke Staples – Clinton  
Goldye G. Stills – Baton Rouge  
Gloria F. Swinney – Baton Rouge  
Patricia W. Thomas – Baton Rouge  
Allen R. Toups, Jr. – Baton Rouge  
Mary S. Vince – Baton Rouge

### District V

Mary A. Angelle – Breaux Bridge  
Georgia M. Babineaux – Lafayette  
Irene P. Bordeaux – Milton  
Sidney Breaux – Lafayette  
Ronald L. Broussard – Maurice  
Ora-Westley S. Cady – Lafayette  
Lois Marie Crochet – New Iberia  
Juanita M. Dardeau – Ville Platte  
Marie J. Dimauro – Patterson  
Christina L. Doucet – Patterson  
Mary B. T. Dugas – New Iberia  
Margaret R. Durand – New Iberia  
Edna G. Gray – Lafayette  
Jack A. Guidroz – Lafayette  
Ramona R. Guillory – Lafayette  
Rose C. Hebert – Lafayette  
John H. Hollier – Broussard  
Emma K. Landry – Lafayette  
Mary L. Rachal – Lafayette  
Ellen C. Resweber – Scott  
Mary J. Richard – Lafayette  
Jeffrey Robin – Arnaudville  
Amos E. Simpson – Lafayette  
Elaine E. Thomas – Lafayette  
Pearl Frank Thomas – Opelousas  
Roy Allen Vidrine – Ville Platte

### District VI

Frank A. Antoine – Lake Charles  
Mary Jo Canik – Lake Charles  
Charles O. Daggett – Welsh  
Myrtis A. Gautreaux – Mermentau  
Elizabeth Harris – DeRidder  
Sharon Ritter LeJeune – Iota  
Charline H. Manley – Crowley  
Lannie A. Molo – Lake Charles  
Ida W. Poe – Lake Charles  
Tommy Lee Smith – Lake Arthur  
Archie Peter Solari – Lake Charles

Kenneth S. Sweeney – Lake Charles  
Barbara K. Viator – Crowley  
Stuart H. Wever, Sr. – Ragley  
Brenda B. Williams – Jeanerette  
Doris Mae Young - Jeanerette

### District VII

Margaret Alene Barton – Pineville  
Johnnie Fay Busby – Olla  
Evelyn M. Carnal – Lecompte  
Earl J. Cooper – Alexandria  
Clifton Cowan – Alexandria  
Beatrice E. L. Crawford – Pineville  
Narvell Curry – Alexandria  
Marcia Dauzat – Pitkin  
Lamourie B. Eaves – Bentley  
John E. Francis – Alexandria  
Alice C. Grimes – Cottonport  
Johnnie Mae Jones – Marksville  
Rosa L. Jones – Pineville  
Juanita L. B. J. Joshua – Alexandria  
James B. McCain – Rosepine  
Angel J. Merritt – Alexandria  
Odeal J. Montgomery – Ferriday  
James H. O'Quinn – Colfax  
Peggy Sawyer Parker – Pineville  
Hattie G. Shorter – Woodworth  
Ruth A. Sharkey – Pineville  
Ruby D. Williams – Alexandria  
Gladys Willis - Pineville

### District VIII

Delta S. Baker – Mansfield  
Nudia Bradley – Natchitoches  
Dorothy G. Collins – Winnfield  
Howard C. Cooper – Natchitoches  
Mary Jean Gregory – Pleasant Hill  
Betty Jacks Hervey – Stonewall  
Inez H. Peters – Coushatta  
Catherine I. Rankin – Many  
Robert W. Smith – Many  
Helen T. Spencer - Natchitoches

### District IX

Phyllis B. Ezell – Winnsboro  
Elizabeth Gordon – Oak Grove  
Ophelia Hill – Gilbert  
Christine F. Jackson – Delhi  
Lucinda P. Mohler – Newellton  
Geneva Robinson – Tallulah  
Joan K. Schmidt - Delhi

### District X

Evan E. Austin – Quitman  
Paul Bauer – Monroe  
Johnye L. Brown – Quitman  
Mildred S. Butler – Bernice  
Thomas W. Chatham – West Monroe  
Dorothy J. Cockerham – Grambling  
William D. Colvin – Ruston  
Boncile C. Crews – Monroe  
Louis Flournoy – Grambling  
Bonnie A. Hurst – Clarks



*In Memoriam (continued)*

Elmore D. Mayfield – Ruston  
 Edna M. McGrew – West Monroe  
 Barbara L. Melton – Calhoun  
 Versie Lee N. Moy – Monroe  
 Jason C. Owen – Ruston  
 Roy Rhone – Grambling  
 Emmagene Thorne – West Monroe  
 Bessie T. Williams – West Monroe  
 Gracie Williams – Ruston

**District XI**

Elizabeth Brewer – Minden  
 Mary W. Burroughs – Shreveport  
 R. A. Byars – Arcadia  
 Pamela H. Clay – Mooringsport  
 Grover Cleveland – Minden  
 Elbert W. Darrow – Shreveport  
 Linnie M. Francis – Bossier City  
 Veratene Frazier – Shreveport  
 Nelwyn Goodman – Shreveport  
 Melvin H. Haire – Bossier City  
 Jewell L. Jackson – Minden  
 Katherine B. Jackson – Shreveport  
 Jimmy Lawrence – Springhill  
 Nola R. Lawrence – Bossier City  
 Elmo A. Phelps – Shreveport  
 Alexander R. Rollins, Jr. – Shreveport

Kenneth H. Smith – Shreveport  
 Henry J. Stewart – Shreveport  
 James A. Vardeman – Shreveport  
 Rose M. Wakeman – Shreveport  
 Lois A. Walters – Bossier City  
 Larry W. White – Homer  
 James O. Whitler – Shreveport  
 Pearline T. Williams – Shreveport  
 Rose M. Williams - Princeton

**Out of State**

Janice B. Barbin – Winchester, VA  
 Bertrand O. Boyd – Purvis, MS  
 Virginia Boyett – Franklin, ME  
 Vina D. Collins – Stone Mountain, GA  
 Franklyn E. Copeland – Smiths Grove, KY  
 Maxine L. R. Dixon – Mableton, GA  
 Christine S. Doody – Bentonville, AR  
 Kenneth T. Egan – Bowling Green, VA  
 Warren J. Fontenot – Orange, TX  
 Betty O. Fuller – Franklin, TX  
 Helen C. Gaspard – Poplarville, MS  
 Hilda F. Gott – Bradenton, FL  
 Gloria W. Gray – Brewton, AL  
 Wemmer C. Hauptert – Austin, TX  
 Ruby C. Higginbotham – Philadelphia, PA  
 Hattie Cooke Hill – Tulsa, OK  
 Bessie R. Hobbs – Newton, TX  
 Joy M. Johnson – Brooklyn, NY  
 Martha G. Keith – Loveland, CO  
 Dorothy J. Langley – Scottsboro, AL

Leon E. Larce, Sr. – Ontario, CA  
 George Marshall – Portland, OR  
 Mildred G. Mayfield – Woodbridge, VA  
 Annie D. McFarland – El Dorado, AR  
 John H. Pennybacker – Decatur, GA  
 Beth K. Poe – Birmingham, AL  
 Jewel Prestage – Houston, TX  
 Stella E. Rich – Lawrenceville, GA  
 Martha Raye Roberts – Powder Springs, GA  
 Gretchen Rouzan – Roanoke, VA  
 Nancy L. Russ – Pearlinton, MS  
 Ann C. Sampere – Katy, TX  
 Billie Semanchick – Mableton, GA  
 James L. Simmons – Cypress, TX  
 Elizabeth J. Simonds – Cumming, GA  
 Irma G. Smith – Stephens City, VA  
 Jerald E. Starek – Cedarpark, TX  
 Thelma C. Tacneau – Jamaica Plain, MA  
 Lois Y. Thompson – Evanston, IL  
 Tommy D. Tumey – Liberty, MS  
 Ethel B. Wade – Shepherdsville, KY  
 Selma M. Washington – St. Louis, MO  
 Eliza G. Watson – Washington, DC  
 Cherrie J. Webster – Bedford, TX  
 Wylla M. Zink – Brentwood, TN

## LRTA Around the State

Here's a look at what our members are doing around the state!



**St. Tammany RSEA Board members for 2014-2015. From left to right: Ronald Caruso, Ellen Lamarque, Roxanne Lagarde, Jean Krieger, Tassie Wahl, Jack Loup, Beverley Musson, Rhonda Chambers, Marian Arrowsmith, Carolyn Brugmann, and Bill Brugmann.**

*This section features photos LRTA members have submitted from their districts or units all around Louisiana. The photos can be from your meetings, a service project, etc. If you would like to have your photo published in the newsletter, email it to Erica Rodriguez at [Rodriguez@lrta.net](mailto:Rodriguez@lrta.net). Please provide the following information about the picture: which unit or district, the names of the people in the photo, and when/where the photo was taken.*

**LRTA NEWSLETTER**

9412 Common St., Suite 5  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
Phone: 225.927.8837  
Toll-Free: 888.531.1992  
Email: info@lrta.net  
Website: www.lrta.net

NONPROFIT  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
BATON ROUGE LA  
PERMIT NO 317

**Return Service Requested**

LRTA STAFF
<b>Graig A. Luscombe</b> <i>Executive Director</i>
<b>Renée M. Siccone</b> <i>Assistant Director</i>
<b>Ann S. Reed</b> <i>Membership Services Coordinator</i>
<b>Erica T. Rodriguez</b> <i>PR/Communications Coordinator</i>

OTHER IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
<b>TRSL (Retirement Benefits and Check)</b> .....	225.925.6446
Toll-free (outside of Baton Rouge area) .....	877.275.8775
<b>Office of Group Benefits</b> .....	225.925.6625
Toll-free (outside of Baton Rouge area) .....	800.272.8451
<b>Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA)</b> .....	800.258.7041
<b>LRTA Office</b> .....	225.927.8837
Toll-free (outside of Baton Rouge area) .....	888.531.1992
Fax .....	225.927.8838

**LRTA EMAIL CLUB**

If you would like to join LRTA's Email Club please visit our website at [www.lrta.net](http://www.lrta.net). Type your email address in the space provided under the heading "Join Our Email Club" and click on "Join". You will receive email updates regarding current events taking place.

**2014 FALL MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION / MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

Please use this form to pre-register for the 2014 Fall Meeting in order to expedite registration in Baton Rouge. To make a reservation for the convention banquet on Tuesday, October 28, 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 also use the form in order to obtain a registration packet (photocopies accepted).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Attendance only, no fee

\_\_\_ Number of tickets for Tuesday night banquet (\$33 per person)= \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(pecan-crust chicken breast)

Total Enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Pre-registration/meal reservations must be received in the LRTA office by October 17. 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 OCTOBER 23. Mail forms and checks to LRTA, 9412 Common St., Suite 5, Baton Rouge, LA 70809