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2012 Fall Meeting in Kenner: Louisiana's Bountiful Harvest

LRTA District II is already busy making plans for the 2012 Fall Meeting to be held in Kenner. District Host Committee Chair Donald Bascle and Co-Chairs Brenda Washington and Joyce Harris, along with committee members, have chosen **Louisiana's Bountiful Harvest** as the theme for this year's meeting. LRTA President Lonnie Dunn and State Program Chair Bertha Breland invite you to come and enjoy fun and fellowship at the meeting to be held October 22, 23 and 24 at the Airport Hilton in Kenner, La. Yes, this is the same location as last year's Fall Meeting, but this year's meeting will be hosted by the local units of District II in the parishes of Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, and Terrebonne.

A special hotel room rate of \$79 (plus tax) per night for single or double, and \$99 (plus tax) per night for triple or quad, has been negotiated with the Airport Hilton for LRTA attendees. Cut-off date for this special rate is October 8. To reserve a hotel room, call the Airport Hilton directly at 1-800-872-5914.

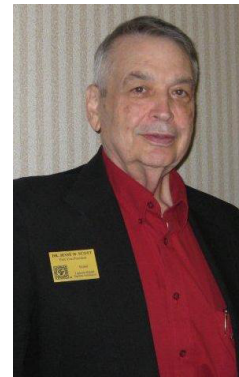
Be sure to ask for the special LRTA convention rate.

The Fall Meeting promises a lineup of speakers and presenters who will entertain, inform and inspire participants who attend. Already booked are Cajun Humorist Kent Gonsoulin to entertain at the Monday night pre-convention dinner, La. School Boards Assn. Executive Director Scott Richard to speak on Louisiana education reform and recent litigation, NRTA Representative Rebecca Villarreal to speak on the importance of being your own advocate, and Louisiana Public Service Commission Representative Brenda Headlee to speak on the state's Do Not Call Program. Updates from the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and the Office of Group Benefits are also on the agenda. Tuesday night's convention banquet will feature entertainment by the vocal group "Joyous Sounds", followed by a ceremony honoring Name of Fame Award recipients from LRTA Districts V, VI, and VII.

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LRTA Mourns the Loss of Dr. Jesse Scott



Dr. Jesse Scott

On Saturday, June 23, 2012, Dr. Jesse Scott passed away. Dr. Scott devoted his life to teaching, and during his retirement years he was extremely active in LRTA.

Dr. Scott spent the majority of his teaching career in St. Bernard Parish. He was a math and science teacher, college instructor, adult education instructor, and planetarium director. Additionally, he was a science consultant for the Louisiana Department of Education.

Dr. Scott was a long-time member of LRTA and a life member of St. Tammany RTA. He served as president for the St. Tammany RTA and as first vice-president of LRTA. Dr. Scott was elected by his peers to serve on the board of the National Education Association as Louisiana's representative. He was also active in other teaching organizations, serving as an officer or committee member in many of those.

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Lonnie's Lagnaippe



Dr. Lonnie E. Dunn

There are many things in the planning stages for LRTA as a result of your Executive Committee's review of the past Legislative session and visits throughout the state to district meetings and local unit meetings. In order for LRTA to be on the cutting edge of everything necessary to protect and preserve the rights and privileges of retired educators, the Executive Committee is proposing some changes and innovative ideas to help us better deliver information to members while, at the same time, implement strategies to better equip local units with new officer development in order to strengthen them. Our focus will be on membership development, strengthening local units, and equipping members with the tools necessary to build relationships with legislators.

Our current membership of retirees in LRTA statewide is approximately 20,000 and there are about 55,000 retirees listed as total potential members. Those numbers are as of June 8, 2012 and reflect a 36% membership. At this time in LRTA, our membership is not growing. In fact, with deaths of members, we are seeing negative growth in some years. In order for us to be recognized with any authority by legislators and other policy makers, we must improve our membership. This is going to take each of our current members making a conscious commitment to recruiting non-members. I realize many of you lead very busy lives in your retirement years, but I would like you to think about setting aside some time that you could dedicate to the protection of your retirement benefits. If there has ever been a time when you needed to become involved, it is now. Mrs. Maria Sly George, LRTA First Vice-President, and her membership committee are working to determine the best ways for all of us to work together to improve membership. Since we are a membership driven organization, most of

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Executive Director's Report



Graig A. Luscombe

Although the legislative session is over, there are many recent developments here in Baton Rouge that are of interest to you. Interim committees are meeting to determine the impact of cuts in federal funds for Medicare and Medicaid programs and to review tax exemptions and incentives provided to Louisiana's corporate citizens. Also, a major change in the provision of health insurance coverage is being implemented by the Office of Group Benefits.

Despite opposition from LRTA, the Retired State Employees Association, and many other groups, the Division of Administration has proceeded with the privatization of the PPO and other offerings provided by the Office of Group Benefits. On Friday, July 20, 2012, the Office of Group Benefits released a letter to Ms. Annette Gill informing her that Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana would be awarded the contract to administer health insurance programs offered by the Office of Group Benefits unless protests to the contract award are received from other proposers. The transition is planned to be completed by January 1, 2013. LRTA will keep you informed as developments with the third party administrator unfold.

The LRTA officers and staff have been busy making plans for the LRTA Fall Meeting.

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LRTA Membership Committee Meets

Mrs. Maria Sly George of New Orleans, the newly installed first vice-president and membership chair of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association convened a meeting of the association's Membership Committee on Wednesday, June 11, 2012. Those in attendance included Dr. Lonnie Dunn of Shreveport, LRTA president, Mrs. Bertha Breland of Bogalusa, LRTA second vice-president, Mr. Kenneth Boyd of New Orleans, LRTA District I first vice-president, Mrs. Brenda Washington of Houma, LRTA District II first vice-president, Mr. Benjamin Sandifer of Jonesville, LRTA District VII first vice-president, Mrs. Dorothy Carradine of Tallulah, LRTA District IX first vice-president, and Ms. Jan Webb of Bossier City, LRTA District XI first vice-president.

The membership committee heard from two companies offering affinity programs for LRTA members. Representatives from North American Life Plans, LLC provided a presentation of offerings that could be made available to members of LRTA. Ken Lock, a representative from Life Line Screening, presented a proposal offering health screenings LRTA members could receive at a discounted rate. Both proposals were referred to the LRTA state office in order to begin preliminary contract negotiations. If negotiations are successful, these contracts will be presented to the Executive Board at the LRTA Fall Meeting. Another topic discussed by the committee was the implementation of the annual Associate Member Recruitment Program. Active teachers may join the association as an associate member prior to their retirement.

LRTA Executive Director Speaks at LDOE/BESE Hired, Fired, and Retired Luncheon



From left, RESA Executive Director, Frank Jobert, and LRTA Executive Director, Graig Luscombe, speak at LDOE/BESE Hired, Fired, and Retired Luncheon.

Graig Luscombe, executive director of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, and Frank Jobert, executive director of the Retired State Employees Association, were invited to speak at the Louisiana Department of Education/Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Hired, Fired, and Retired luncheon. The informal group meets twice a year in Baton Rouge on the last Friday in January and the last Friday in July. The most recent meeting was held on July 27, 2012, and there were approximately 75 individuals present.

Foundation Donations

The following donations to the LRTA Foundation have been received:

Desoto Retired Teachers Association - In memory of Theresa Chapman.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Powell - In memory of Dr. Jesse W. Scott.

LRTA - In Memory of Dr. Jesse W. Scott.

If you would like to make a donation please fill out the form available at www.lrta.net

Mr. Luscombe and Mr. Jobert covered topics of interest including retirement legislation considered during the recent legislative session, future COLAs, and upcoming changes in the Office of Group Benefits. Provisions of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) and the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), and their funded status was also discussed. Retirees who attend the luncheon include those who receive benefits from both the retirement systems.

Dr. Jesse Scott

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During his time as first-vice president of LRTA, Dr. Scott spearheaded the LRTA Associate Membership Recruitment Program that helped obtain 5,369 new associate members. His involvement with this program and in other LRTA activities helped him earn the 2012 LRTA Foundation Leadership Award at the Spring Meeting in April this year. Dr. Scott served as a member on the LRTA Foundation Board of Directors.

Dr. Scott is survived by his wife, Sharon, three children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The family has asked for donations to be made to St. Joseph's Hospice, 877-892-6955. Donations may also be made to the LRTA Foundation.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Dr. Scott's family and friends as we all mourn the loss of a great educator.

Executive Director's Report

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Our invited keynote speaker is Mr. Scott Richard, the newly appointed executive director of the Louisiana School Boards Association. Mr. Richard has agreed to offer comments on recent education reform legislation passed by the Louisiana legislature and the impacts it may have on public education. Other guest speakers include Ms. Rebecca Villarreal of the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) and Ms. Brenda Headlee, Louisiana's Do Not Call Program Manager with the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Mr. Donald Bascle, LRTA District II President and the planning committee already have a fantastic program lined up, and I hope many of you are able to come to hear the speakers, enjoy the entertainment and most of all, renew old friendships. Additional information regarding the Fall Meeting is included in this issue, along with your registration form located on page 8. Do not delay in completing your form and mailing it to the LRTA office. I will look forward to seeing all of you in Kenner on October 22, 23 and 24.

Fall Meeting 2012

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newsletter to register for attendance at the Fall Meeting. On-site registration will be available, but attendance at the evening banquet functions on Monday, October 22 and Tuesday, October 23 are by pre-reservation only. Also, preregistration will ensure you receive a packet upon arrival containing a pre-printed name tag and other meeting materials. **Register today!**

Office of Group Benefits - Update

Blue Cross selected to administer state employee health plans

The Office of Group Benefits recently announced that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana has been selected to administer both the PPO and the HMO health plans at an annual cost of \$37.8 million.

Currently, Blue Cross serves as the third-party administrator of the HMO health plan, while the PPO plan is self-administered by OGB. Earlier this year OGB issued a Notice of Intent to Contract seeking proposals from health insurance companies to serve as third-party administrator for both the HMO and PPO health plans. An evaluation team reviewed three proposals submitted by Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Humana and UnitedHealthcare.

This change will go into effect at the start of the 2013 plan year on January 1. The move will mean that members of the PPO plan, the plan to which most retirees belong, will gain access to a nationwide health care provider network. Plan members will not see a significant change in benefits, as Blue Cross will use OGB's PPO plan of benefits. All plan members who are enrolled in the PPO plan will be notified of the change and will receive new member ID cards with contact information for customer service.

Monthly health plan premiums for state employees, retirees to decrease 7%

On August 1, 2012, state employees and retirees began paying seven percent less in monthly premiums for health coverage through the state Office of Group Benefits.

Retirees' benefit checks are disbursed at the beginning of the month; therefore, retirees will see the premium change on their August checks. OGB health plan premiums are deducted from active employee paychecks a month in advance. Their July paychecks reflected the change resulting from the lower premiums.

OGB Annual Enrollment scheduled for October

In preparation for the 2013 plan year, which again will coincide with the calendar year, the Office of Group Benefits will hold meetings for two separate enrollment periods, **OGB Annual Enrollment** and **OGB Medicare Advantage Enrollment** during the month of October. During Annual Enrollment, you will be able to choose a new plan for 2013, or remain in your current plan. If you are eligible for Medicare coverage, you will also have the option of joining a Medicare Advantage health plan. Detailed information about health plans for 2013 and a list of meeting dates and locations will be mailed to retired plan members in September.

I wish you an enjoyable, healthy and relaxing summer.

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

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our resources needed to operate come from memberships. I ask each of you to get involved with your local unit officers and use every resource possible to recruit new members. I would like for our total membership to be over 50% by the time we get to the end of this membership year on March 31, 2013. Ultimately, by the end of my two year term as your president, I would like our goal to be 75% or greater. This will take a tremendous effort from every one of us, but it is a realistic goal if it becomes a priority as it should be. LRTA is the only organization that solely represents retired educators. We need to become a force with which to be recognized and we do that with strong, enthusiastic, proactive membership.

In our traveling about the state visiting local units and being in district meetings, we heard from many members that some local units were having difficulties attracting members to meetings, as well as finding members to step forward and accept officer positions when it was time for election of officers. We want to make an effort to strengthen every local unit by offering support to improve programs where needed, strategies to get members involved, and assist in the development of officer candidates for future leadership. Mrs. Bertha Breland, LRTA Second Vice-President, will be working with her program committee to assist local units in any of the areas listed in order to strengthen their presence in their region of the State. The Executive Committee is requesting that each local unit add officers to their executive committee so that the officers coincide with the state

officers. This would mean that some of your local units will need to enlist new officers to take office at your September meeting, if possible. We want to better facilitate the flow of information up and down through our organizational chart. This way, district officers may call meetings of their corresponding local unit officers to better disseminate information or receive suggestions. This addition of officers will also help with the growth and development of individuals to step up to leadership positions in future years. In addition, each unit could separate secretary/treasurer into two offices to give more members a chance to move onto a leadership position. We are also revising the RTA Handbook as a reference document to assist local unit officers understand the responsibilities outlined for each local unit office.

Our plans are to conduct eleven district meetings this year, rather than three regional meetings, to help members be better equipped in the areas necessary to develop the type coalition we need to help each of us to become "Our Own Best Advocate". We have already requested that each district president review the Legislative Contact Lists to find members that would agree to become an "intimate" contact with each legislator. These contacts should be somewhat proficient in the use of a computer, since the use of a computer will be essential for communicating with legislators and their office staff. By "intimate", I mean know the legislator well enough to invite them to lunch and/or routinely be able to contact them by phone or other means. I have asked Mr. Ben Sandifer, LRTA Legislative Chairman, to develop a list of techniques that could be

used to build a relationship with an individual legislator. We will send a copy to each contact identified by the district presidents. Our desire is that relationships be developed prior to the beginning of the 2013 Legislative Session so that when we need to ask for assistance, or a vote, we have a better chance of influencing outcomes in our favor. The eleven district meetings will be scheduled for dates after the LRTA Fall Meeting, and we will use LRTA staff along with board members to teach members retrieving skills and dissemination skills necessary to communicate effectively with LRTA staff and legislators, especially when the Legislature is in session.

My feelings about any organization with which I have ever been involved is that there is no status quo. We either make progress to become better, or we are backing up. I want LRTA to become a proactive organization that represents retired educators effectively. This will require a commitment from each of you to become actively involved and take the responsibilities you have accepted seriously. Since all responsibilities are on a volunteer basis, the only accountability that can be in place is self-assessment to determine if you are involved in a responsible manner and meeting obligations and timelines. I want to thank each of you who have already stepped up to accept a responsibility, and encourage others to get actively involved as opportunities present themselves.

*Lonnie E. Dunn
LRTA President*

In Memoriam

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

Deceased Retired Teachers - May 16, 2012 - July 25, 2012

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In Memoriam (continued)

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*Mrs. DeJean passed away in December 2011, but was omitted from the listing in the last newsletter.

Note: We regret the erroneous inclusion of Ms. Catherine Marie Scott of Labadieville in the deceased list of the May/June 2012 issue of the LRTA Newsletter. Our apologies to Ms. Scott for this error.

TRSL Update**Annual disability re-exam forms due to TRSL by August 31**

If you are a disability retiree, you may be required to undergo periodic medical re-examinations to maintain your benefit payments. Your re-exam notice and the Physician's Annual Report of Disabling Condition (Form 12D) will be sent to you on July 1. You will need to have a physician of your choice complete Form 12D and return it to TRSL by August 31.

Re-exam requirements:

- Required once per year for the first five years of disability retirement
- Required once every three years thereafter until age 60
- Not required if eligible for a service retirement.

If you have any questions, please call TRSL at 225-925-6446 or 1-877-275-8775 (outside the Baton Rouge area).

REMINDER: State law prohibits a TRSL disability retiree from being employed in the field of education, whether public or private. Such employment will result in the termination of benefits.

Have you changed banks?

Most retirees have their retirement benefits deposited directly into their banking accounts. If you have changed banks recently or intend to do so, make sure you send TRSL a new Direct Deposit of Benefits (Form 15D) that reflects the information of your new financial institution.

This form is available at www.trsl.org. You can also request a copy by phone at 225-925-6446 or toll free (outside the Baton Rouge area) at 1-877-ASK-TRSL (1-877-275-8775), or e-mail us at web.master@trsl.org.

NOTE: Retirees who have their DROP or ILSB withdrawals directly deposited in their banking accounts, should submit a new Direct Deposit of DROP or ILSB Account Withdrawals (Form 11R) with the information of their new financial institution as well.

The information above is provided to LRTA from the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. If you have any questions about the contents, please contact TRSL at 1-877-ASK-TRSL.

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2012 FALL MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION / MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Please use this form to pre-register for the 2012 Fall Meeting in order to expedite registration in Kenner. To make a reservation for the pre-convention dinner on Monday, October 22, and/or for the convention banquet on Tuesday, October 23, 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: _____ Social Security No.: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Attendance only, no fee
 Number of tickets for Monday night Pre-Convention Dinner (\$32 per person)= \$ _____
 Choose One: Roast Pork Loin with garlic cream sauce
 Chicken Piccata with mushroom lemon caper sauce
 Number of tickets for Tuesday night (\$29 per person)= \$ _____
 (London broil beef with mushroom sauce)

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Note: Pre-registration/meal reservations must be received in the LRTA office by October 12. 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 18. Mail forms and checks to LRTA, 9412 Common St., Suite 5, Baton Rouge, LA 70809