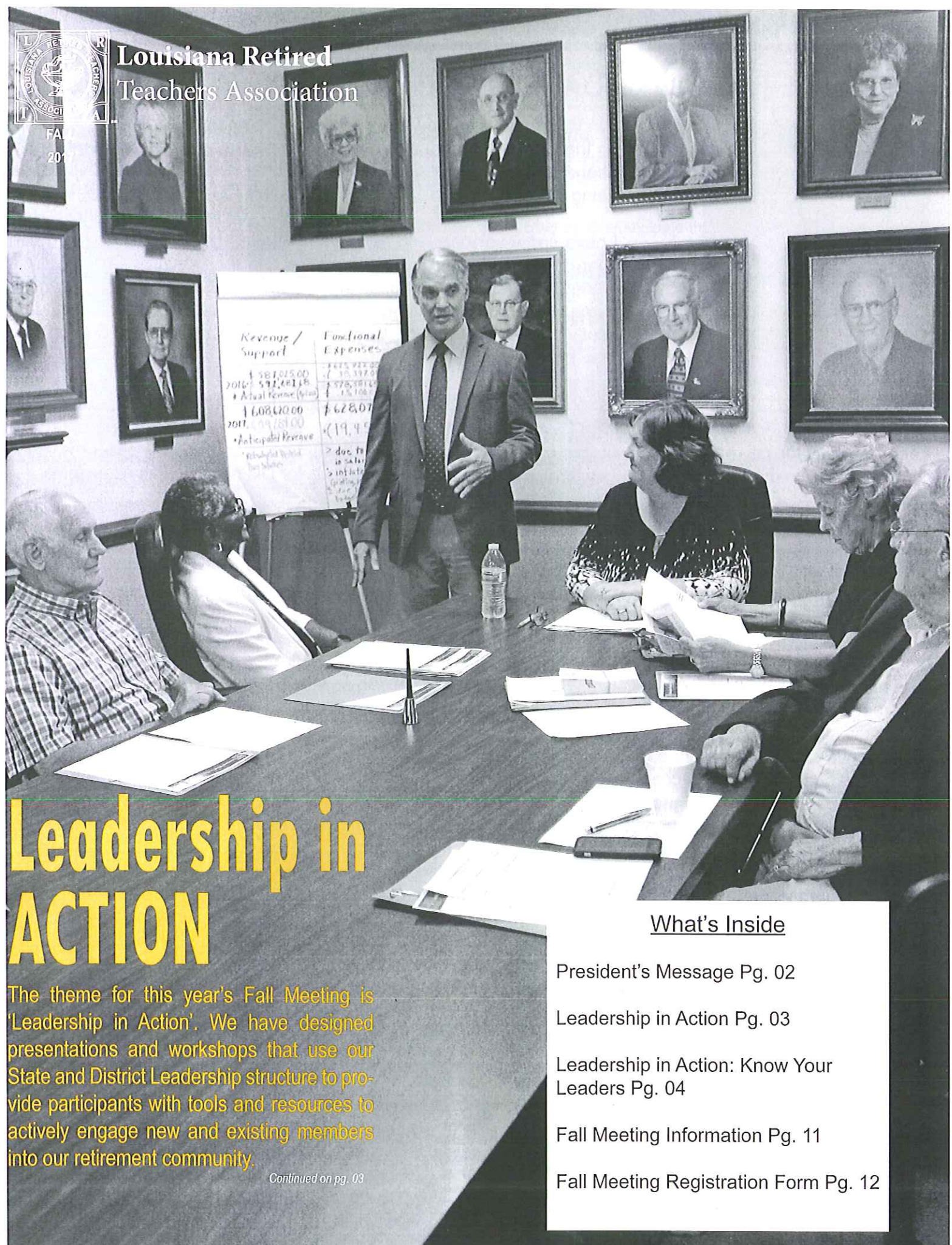




Louisiana Retired Teachers Association

FALL
2017



Revenue / Support	Functional Expenses
2016: \$581,025.00	\$581,025.00
* Actual Revenue (plus)	\$578,581.00
\$1608,000.00	\$628,000.00
2017: \$592,881.00	\$592,881.00
* Anticipated Revenue	\$592,881.00
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Leadership in ACTION

The theme for this year's Fall Meeting is 'Leadership in Action'. We have designed presentations and workshops that use our State and District Leadership structure to provide participants with tools and resources to actively engage new and existing members into our retirement community.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LRTA PRESIDENT



As I'm sure you may have noticed by now, all of LRTA's redesigned newsletters are loosely themed. Each issue's topics have been timely relevant to the interests and lives of Louisiana's retired teachers; this issue is no exception. We want to dedicate this issue to developing leadership skills at the local, district, and state levels.

An association such as LRTA depends on strong leadership for success in achieving goals. We have been blessed over the years with many strong leaders at all levels. However, we must continue to encourage our members to accept positions of leadership throughout the organization. With as many leaders as we have in retired teachers, no one should have to hold an office longer than the appropriate time frame outlined in the organization's guidelines. After all, we all became leaders when we stepped into classrooms as teachers!

Another reason to encourage retirees to take a leadership role is that it keeps our minds sharp and our hearts young. Well, I can't guarantee the heart part, but the mind does work better when used. With our situation in Louisiana, we stand to lose a lot if we slip away from knowing what is going on. It is important that we keep our

minds in the game, and our hands on the wheel! We care about what happens to us, as well as the well-being of others.

I have some very exciting news to share! Our very own accomplished leader has received an honor that carries national recognition. Executive Director Rodney Watson has been elected president-elect of the Association of State Retired Teacher Executives (ASRTE). ASRTE is a national organization of Executive Directors of retired teachers associations from every state. They meet once a year and are in contact by e-mail regularly. What a great way to share ideas, successes, and brainstorm to remedy weaknesses. He will serve two years as president-elect and two years as president. Congratulations to Rodney!! This is an excellent way to get positive recognition for Louisiana and for our organization.

Thanks in advance to LRTA District II for hosting this year's Fall Meeting. We look forward to an informative and entertaining convention. The meeting takes place October 23-25, at the Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel, 2601 Severn Ave., Metairie, La. I have been in the area often and I know there is plenty of good shopping and good food in the area, but the hotel has everything you need under one roof if you don't want to leave the facility. I know you remember how informative and how fun last year's meeting was. I think you can look forward to the same this year—including BINGO!

An added feature this year will be breakout sessions that emphasize

our theme of Leadership in Action. The sessions include Membership led by State Membership Chair Nancy Quigley, Programs led by State Program Chair Janis Hernandez, Legislative Activism led by State Legislative Chair Patricia Sonnier, and Leadership in Action led by myself and Lonnie Dunn. We hope these sessions will inspire and encourage more people to take leadership roles. We want to emphasize the materials and resources that are available for your use, such as the Resource Book for District and Unit Presidents.

I want to thank the Nominating Committee for their work thus far. A new slate of state officers will be seated at the Spring Meeting in April 2018. Election ballots will be sent out in January 2018. Be in prayer for this committee and the prospective nominees.

Just a reminder that the dues increase will go into effect beginning with the 2018-2019 membership year. Dues will increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 for active members, \$10.00 to \$12.00 for associate members, and from \$500.00 to \$600.00 for new lifetime members. Thank you for a positive vote on this issue on the 2017 ballot.

I also want to share with you that I had total knee replacement surgery on August 23. The surgery went well. I've been recuperating at home since the 24th. I have to tell you that the hardest part is physical therapy. Not fun, but a must!!! I plan to be stepping pretty high by convention time. I hope to see you all there!

Bertha H. Breland, President

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

“Leadership is both a research area and a practical skill, regarding the ability of an individual or organization to ‘lead’ or guide other individuals, teams, or entire organizations”

Additionally, we have designed a series of workshops that focus on the function of State and District Officers. Participants will have an opportunity to choose a session on Leadership, Membership, Program or Legislation.

As we look at the role of leadership in our organization, it's important that our officers actively participate in the protection of our retirement benefits. Specifically, how do our leaders instill the concept of activism within our membership?

Definition of Activism: a doctrine or practice that emphasizes direct vigorous action, especially in support of or opposition to one side of a controversial political issue.

Our successes over the past two years have been a credit to the lobbying efforts and activism among our officers and respective membership. Too often, however, we apply the concept of activism toward the end of our objective rather than at the beginning.

Protecting our benefit plan is arguably one of the most important missions of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association (LRTA). We have succeeded in that mission by electing a governor that supports our defined benefit structure, lobbying against multiple pieces of legislation aimed at reducing or changing our state pensions, and securing a cost-of-living adjustment in a year when legislation did not provide for that benefit. Additionally, we have prevented legislation from passing that could have amended the constitutional protection of our state retirement plan.

Because of budget issues and a national climate that is critical of public pensions, we will continually fight these battles. Therefore, how do we as an organization plan ahead to address these long term attacks on our retirement plan?

We now need to focus on state legislators and how they vote in support or opposition to maintaining our defined benefit plan. We should actively review the voting records of each legislator and survey the opinions of each person that seeks an elective office in the state of Louisiana. We have nearly 160,000 active and retired educators in Louisiana. This powerful number of citizens could vote any legislator into or out of office. How do we accomplish this mission?

LRTA has an excellent state and district organizational structure

that allows us to promulgate the goals of protecting our benefit plan and providing opportunities to ‘make our retirement years great’. We can better accomplish these goals by:

- Using our organizational structure to communicate and solicit legislative views on retirement issues
- Train our members on what legislative platforms support our current benefit plan
- Communicate these views to citizens who value our educational structure and our right to a modest retirement plan
- Vote as a constituency
- Attend training at our state meetings to assist district and unit officers on accomplishing our mission. This fall's keynote speaker is Tom Schedler, Secretary of State, who will talk on the power of the vote!
- Focus on putting the right people in the right seat to permanently maintain our retirement plan
- Invite legislators to your Unit and District meetings and share with them the reasons why our benefit plan is not only important to retirees but provides for the recruitment of highly qualified teachers and is an economic driver at the parish and state levels
- Invite active school employees and school administrators to your meetings to learn about mutual retirement issues and legislative platforms



By actively using our leadership structure at the State and District level to elect the right representatives to serve in the state legislature we are, in effect, preventing damaging bills from being introduced at legislative sessions. This type of preventative activism will lead to solutions for winning the war, rather than the recurring battles. In short, don't wait for bills to be introduced at a legislative session, let's prevent them from being written as potential changes to law!

I invite you to attend our Fall Meeting on October 23, 24, and 25, to receive more information and training on how you can be a preventative activist in your local community!

Rodney R. Watson, Executive Director

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION: KNOW YOUR LEADERS

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In regards to embracing legislative action, District II President Beth Plaisance advises, "Embrace the power of sending e-mails and setting up e-mail contacts for local units to inform legislators of their concerns." Plaisance also recommends forwarding e-mails from Executive Director Rodney Watson to all units within the district, and encouraging each to share them with respective members.

"The most important quality of a leader is to have an extraordinary dedication to LRTA," District President Alva Martin said, "along with having availability, being an asset to the varied local units and a sincere desire to serve in office with the best of their skills and abilities."

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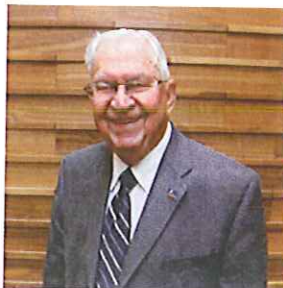
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"A leader must understand the scope of his or her responsibilities," District VI President Wilda Chelette said. "Then an effective leader must have a positive attitude, be enthusiastic and be a motivator. He/she must be able to give clear instructions concerning what needs to be accomplished. A successful leader always gives praise and positive feedback."

"Leadership may take many different forms, but effective leadership leaves everyone with an opportunity to present his/her views toward a common goal," District VIII President Raymond Powell said.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION: KNOW YOUR LEADERS *CONTINUED...*

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"Our motto was 'each one bring one'," Chelette said in regards to their most successful membership program. "At our executive meeting, we made sure each unit had a plan of action. Some sent letters to all those retirees who retired within the last five years, others asked members to contact any retirees that did not belong to LRTA. Envelopes were made available to members to recruit new members or associate members."

"We are focusing on program variety that is centered on participant engagement," District X President Becky Solley said. "I'm encouraging each unit to embrace, employ, and enjoy the suggestions that were disseminated from Mrs. Breland and her committee several years ago. We are establishing a district-wide program committee hoping that the opportunity for communication will provide encouragement and ideas for more attendance-generated programs for each unit and district."

"District III has embraced Activism," Alva Martin began, "believing it is the single most vital strategy for District III and LRTA as a whole, by getting involved as individuals, being active, staying connected and informed. We respond to legislative issues that may negatively affect us; contacting our state representatives and expressing/demonstrating our view on pending issues has been our most successful strategy for legislative action."

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR STATE AND DISTRICT LEADERS

Membership: Provide training and copies of a script and other pertinent information (letter to school superintendents, reasons for joining LRTA, etc.) to disseminate in school faculty meetings.

Membership: Members are drawn to age appropriate programs and activities.

Membership: Eat and greet meetings result in the greatest percentage of attendance.

Membership: The most successful membership program involved First Vice President Nancy Quigley presenting the 2016-2017 program on membership development.

Membership: Most effective way to draw new members is by personal contact to attend unit and district meetings.

Membership: Most successful membership drive was the coming together of all units in the district to invite recent retirees to a social affair in one central location.

Membership: Most successful membership program has been to advertise in several local newspapers of the upcoming membership drive, and inviting potential members who sign up to receive a free buffet lunch and to receive pertinent life information from invited speakers.

Membership: Most successful positive program to draw in new membership involves providing good food and entertainment.

Legislative Action: Most successful strategy for legislative action involved a training meeting of unit officers to learn to use the internet to reach members, as well as legislators. Attendees left the meeting feeling more confident concerning the use of the internet as means of communication.

Legislative Action: Offer training for unit members to become familiar with and utilize the Louisiana State Legislature website to make themselves aware of introduced bills, follow the progress, listen to the presentations in committee and to track progress throughout the session, as well as noting the votes of the local legislators on issues that concern teacher retirement.

Legislative Action: Send e-mail blasts relevant to bills and votes, include contact information for legislators and include points of information for members to contact and share their concerns.

Legislative Action: Any time I receive notice from Rodney, I forward the information to each unit president so that the membership can remain informed.

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MARGARET
MEAD

IN MEMORIAM

"...THESE IMMORTAL DEAD WHO LIVE AGAIN IN MINDS I

Deceased Retired Teachers

June 13 through September 6, 2017

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Bythelda M. Davis – New Orleans
Albertha M. Edwards – New Orleans
Katherine M. Gallo – New Orleans
Marilyn T. Heno – New Orleans
Constance Jordan – New Orleans
Amelie L. LeBlanc – New Orleans
Sandra C. Lewis – New Orleans
Mary Jeanne Manguno – New Orleans
Peter J. O'Malley – New Orleans
Joyce D. Reimonenq – New Orleans
William R. Savage, Jr. – New Orleans
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Mary L. Cerise – Kenner
Marie Gisclair Cheramie – Cut Off
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Joellen R. Dewey – Gretna
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Barbara B. Hebert – Houma
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Armand Joseph Matherne, Jr. – Norco
Lorraine G. Naquin – Houma
Burgess B. Nixon – Metairie
Roxie Roniger – Metairie
Rosemary W. Ruello – Metairie
Rita Schexnauldre – Metairie
Mary R. Schnur – Metairie
Elizabeth R. Schwarz – Gretna
Lawrence Simmons – Avondale
Robert Simmons – Napoleonville
Herbert Smith – Edgard

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Elaine A. Valenti – Harahan
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Ronald A. Welsh – Gretna
Dana White-Dixon – Gretna
Carolyn R. Zeringue – Westwego

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Barbara A. Errington – Slidell
Doris B. Flanagan – Hammond
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Johnnie Rogers – Hammond
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Bobbie J. Smith – Slidell
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Juanita P. Edwards – Baton Rouge
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2017 FALL MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT LANDMARK BEST WESTERN PLUS HOTEL IN METAIRIE

The LRTA Fall Meeting will be held at the Landmark Best Western Hotel in Metairie on October 23-25. Special hotel room rates have been negotiated with the hotel for LRTA attendees, as follows:

\$99.99 plus tax per night for standard King or double without breakfast

\$109.99 plus tax per night for standard King or double with breakfast for two

\$129.99 plus tax per night for King or double queen suite without breakfast

\$139.99 plus tax per night for King or double queen suite with breakfast for two

All rooms have mini-refrigerator and microwave. All suites have full kitchen, separate bedroom and pull-out sofa in living room. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m., and check-out is 11:00 a.m.

Cut-off date for this special rate is October 9. To reserve a hotel room, call Landmark Hotel directly at (504) 888-9500, and ask for Group Code LRTA 2017.

Use the form on page 12 of this newsletter to register for attendance at the Fall Meeting. Please note: On-site registration is available, but attendance at the evening banquet function on Tuesday, October 24 is by pre-reservation only. Pre-registration will ensure that upon arrival you will receive a packet containing your name tag and other meeting materials. Register today.

In addition to an update from TRSL Director Maureen Westgard, the Fall Meeting program will feature presentations from Secretary of State Tom Schedler and inspirational speaker Merlyna Valentine. A new feature this year will be breakout training sessions on the topics of Leadership, Membership, Program and Legislation. These breakout sessions are designed to give support and resources to leaders at the local and district levels, as well as opportunities for discussion and brainstorming with leaders throughout the state. Please plan to attend one of these informative sessions!

Check the LRTA website (www.lrta.net) and LRTA Facebook page for updates on the Fall Meeting program.

We hope to see you there!

DUES INCREASE REMINDER

Beginning with the 2018 membership year, dues will increase to:

Active Members \$30 annually

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2017 FALL MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION / MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Please use this form to pre-register for the 2017 Fall Meeting in order to expedite registration in Metairie. To make a reservation for the convention banquet on Tuesday, October 24, 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 (\$35 per person)= \$ _____
(Chicken Parmesan)

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Note: Pre-registration/meal reservations must be received in the LRTA office by October 13. 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