



Summer2019

LOUISIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

**LEGISLATIVE
EDITION**



Pictured: Members of the Louisiana Public School Coalition with Gov. John Bel Edwards stand in support of teacher pay raises.

Photo Credit: Travis Spradling/The Advocate

Once a Teacher Always a Teacher: *The Power of Coalitions*

By: Rodney R. Watson

Last year, I made nearly 50 presentations statewide at local Unit and District meetings. I feel as though our meetings have a sense of unity based on common experiences. I think this sense of community isn't so much about retirement; rather, we formed relationships during our teaching careers that maintained lifelong bonds. In other words, "once a teacher always a teacher." This term of phrase became something of a mantra during the legislative session as LRTA supported teacher pay raises and opposed negative retirement legislation through the Louisiana Public School Coalition.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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LRTA is participating in a new initiative with state organizations that support educational goals aimed at improving the quality of education in Louisiana. Six organizations are participating in the Louisiana Public School Coalition: The Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, The Louisiana Association of Educators, The Louisiana Federation of Teachers, The Louisiana Superintendents Association, The Louisiana Principals Association, and The Louisiana School Boards Association. These educational organizations supported LRTA's opposition to HB 28 and attended the House Retirement Committee meeting on May 8.

Additionally, the coalition supported teacher pay raises through SCR 3. This permanent funding represented Gov. John Bel Edwards' key legislative priority to provide \$1,000 for teachers and \$500 for support workers. Additionally, it provided an additional \$39 million increase in state aid for public schools.

LRTA supported the teacher pay raise recommended by Gov. Edwards, which the Louisiana Legislature fa-

vorably approved this spring. Aside from our philosophical support of increased pay for teachers, there is an indirect benefit to our retirement plan. Currently, Louisiana has several thousand more active than retired teachers. More people are paying into the retirement plan than collecting benefits. This creates a fiscally stable retirement system. However, Louisiana is experiencing large teacher shortages due, arguably, to lower pay than neighboring states. By supporting higher pay, districts can address teacher shortages and the increase in active teachers provides greater fiscal stability for our current benefit plan.

The regular legislative session ran from April 8 through June 6, 2019. This year we saw fewer retirement bills than in past years, but the impact of one bill could have had dramatic ramifications for current and future retirees. A complete listing of these bills, their impact and final status can be found on page 4.

The most noteworthy of these was HB 28 authored by Rep. Barry Ivey. Essentially, this bill would have changed our current plan from a Defined Benefit to a Hybrid plan for new hires beginning in 2020. West Virginia, Michigan and Alaska implemented similar plans to what Rep. Ivey proposed. These plans increased administrative costs, increased the UAL (Unfunded Accrued Liability/Debt) and lowered retirement benefits to members of the plan. LRTA opposed HB 28 for these reasons.

Our members wrote letters, made phone calls, sent emails and spoke

with legislators prior to its consideration. These efforts were apparent the day the House Retirement Committee met to consider HB 28. Our membership responded to the "all call" to show up the day of the meeting. LRTA members filled out cards of opposition to this legislation. And, every chair in the committee room was filled as each card of opposition was read into the record. The Chair of the Committee, Rep. Kevin Pearson, also noted the many phone calls and emails the committee members received.

I provided testimony on behalf of LRTA and the Louisiana Public School Coalition. In the end, Rep. Ivey voluntarily deferred HB 28, which essentially killed the bill. Please note that, although Rep. Ivey wants to work with LRTA and other educational organizations to continue to improve our benefit plan, he plans to introduce similar legislation in future years. That means retirees should remain vigilant, increase membership, attend meetings and participate in activism in order to successfully lobby against future legislation aimed at negatively changing our benefit plan.

As we look ahead, it's important to inform our members of the need to vote for legislators and a governor who support education, teachers and retirees in Louisiana. Keep in mind, our current governor has supported teacher pay raises, funding education and maintaining our current benefit plan. To date, we do not have any information from other candidates that indicates that kind of

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR LRTA PRESIDENT



By the time you receive this newsletter and read this article, summertime will be almost half over, schools will be out of session and many teachers will have retired. We need to get busy and contact these new retirees ASAP and get them to join LRTA. They need to know about LRTA and the things that we do to protect retirees as well as active teachers. We had an active legislative session, and I attended the Retirement Committee meeting held on May 2. While at the Capitol, Senator Ryan Gatti recognized me on the floor of the Senate. This was such an honor and something I will remember always.

I'd like to thank everyone who attended the 2019 Spring Meeting. I had a wonderful time speaking with all of you and meeting new LRTA members. If you were unable to attend the Executive Board meeting on April 30, I will inform you of some important issues that we discussed. We began the meeting by introducing four new Executive Board members: Mr. Theodore George, Sr. – District I, Mrs. Celina Richard – District V, Mr. Walter Rogers – District VII, and Mr. Jerry Paige

– District XI. I look forward to working with this board for the remainder of my term. Thank you to the district presidents who completed their terms this year.

At this board meeting, we also approved the state election results. In January, LRTA mailed ballots to eligible members and asked them to vote on the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee and proposed changes to the LRTA Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. Please note that Associate Members are not eligible to vote in statewide elections and did not receive a ballot. The voting membership overwhelmingly supported the proposed changes to the LRTA Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. The primary purpose for changing these governing documents was to reflect the current operating policies of LRTA. The updated governing documents can be found on the LRTA website, www.lrta.net. Renée Siccone, our Assistant Director, will prepare the necessary documents to send to the Secretary of State's office to record these changes.

The members of the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee are listed in the box to the right of this article. I have personally contacted each of the members to give them their charge as committee members. Just a reminder that this committee nominates LRTA members for statewide officers positions during the upcoming election cycle. If you are interested in running for a state position, please reach out to the committee members. We need your expertise and leadership to sustain and grow this vital organization. The

committee's call for nominations can be found on page 9 of this newsletter. Elections will be held in January 2020. Please consider running for a state office. **WE NEED YOU !!!!!** The Nominating Committee will meet in Baton Rouge on August 29 and will present a statewide ballot to the Executive Board on October 21 at the Fall Meeting in Baton Rouge.

Our Executive Director and staff continue to remain diligent as they prepare for future legislative sessions, elections and state meetings. When you see them, be sure to tell them what an outstanding job that they are doing for us. We must always work to **MAKE YOUR RETIREMENT YEARS GREAT!**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy L. Quigley". The script is fluid and cursive.

Nancy L. Quigley
LRTA President

Results of the 2019 LRTA Elections

2019- 2021 Nominating Committee

Area A- Becky Solley
Area B- Joseph Clyde Crooks
Area C- James Broussard
Area D- Gayle Foster, Chair
Area E- Jerilyn Williams

Proposed changes to the LRTA
Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation: **PASSED**

94% Voted "YES"

RECAP: 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Provided below is a list of bills that were pre-filed and/or introduced for consideration by the Legislature during the 2019 Legislative Session that potentially impacted you as a retired educator and/or your retirement system. The descriptions of the bills have been taken from the legislative text and digests.

The words in red are the positions of the LRTA Legislative Committee and Executive Board in accordance with the 2019 LRTA Legislative Priorities. The legislative session began on April 8 and ended on June 6, 2019.

New Benefit Structure- Hybrid Plan

House Bill No. 28 by Representative Barry Ivey

- Proposes to establish a hybrid retirement plan consisting of a combination of a reduced accrual defined benefit (DB) pension and a defined contribution (DC) account for certain new members of each state system (on or after July 1, 2020). Current plan would be "Tier 1."
- Establishes a floating employee contribution rate for new members based on an equal division of the normal cost and the UAL for new members.
- Establishes a 6% interest rate to value normal cost and accrued liabilities attributable to hybrid plan.
- DB accrual rate = 1%; DC account = requires a 10% of monthly pay credit (fully vested at 5 years).
- Retirement eligibility = 5 years at age 65, or 20 years at age 55 (actuarially reduced).
- Death and disability benefits shall be as otherwise provided in Tier 1 DB plan except, accrual rates can't exceed those of Hybrid DB plan.

LRTA Opposed, Voluntarily De-ferred

Funding/Employer Contributions

House Bill No. 19 by Representative Kevin Pearson

- Current law establishes the annual employer contribution rate calculations for state retirement systems whereby a portion of the annual rate funds the debt service for the Initial Unfunded Accrued Liability (IUAL).
- School district retirement expenses for teachers/school employees are covered by a portion of Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) funding.
- Proposes to require the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to remove certain IUAL payments (Original Amortization Base) attributable to K-12 education employers from the MFP before such monies are distributed to school boards.
- Would require TRSL to annually invoice the Dept. of Education (DOE) for an amount equal to 90% of the cost of the mid-year amortization on the IUAL payment as adopted by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC) in the most recent system valuation.
- Would require the DOE to transfer such funds to TRSL in 12 equal monthly payments on behalf of all employers receiving MFP funds.

- Maintains that employers receiving MFP funds with contributing members of TRSL shall be responsible for the remainder of retirement costs required by R.S. 11:102, including balance of OAB payments.
- Effective July 1, 2019.

LRTA Supported, Failed to Pass

Board of Trustees Term Limits

Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Barrow Peacock

- Current law does not restrict or limit the duration of service for elected trustees for state or statewide retirement boards (with certain exceptions such as LASERS and ROVERS).
- Proposes that no person may be elected to serve as a trustee for a state/statewide retirement system for a term that would allow them to serve more than 12 consecutive years.
- Effective June 30, 2019.

LRTA Neutral, Voluntarily Deferred

Minimum Foundation Program

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1 by Representative Nancy Landry

- Provides for legislative approval of the minimum foundation program (MFP) formula for FY 2019- 2020.
- Provides \$101 million for teacher and support staff pay raises and an additional \$39 million to school districts.

LRTA Supported Original Recommendation, Returned to Calendar

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3 by Senator Dan Morrish

- Provides for legislative approval of the minimum foundation program (MFP) formula for FY 2019- 2020.
- Provides \$101 million for teacher and support staff pay raises and an additional \$39 million to school districts.

LRTA Supported, Passed through the 2019-2020 Budget

The following are bills LRTA closely monitored but on which no position was taken.

Civil Service/Unclassified - New Hires

House Bill No. 96 by Representative Steve Pylant

- Proposed Constitutional Amendment
- Current law divides state civil service into classified and unclassified service. Provides that certain officers and employees are in the unclassified service.
- Proposes to require that all employees hired into the employ of the state on or after January 1, 2020 be placed in unclassified service of state civil service.
- Effective if enacted through statewide election to be held on October 12, 2019.

LRTA Monitored, Did not run bill

Adopt/Reject Laws or Constitutional Amendments by Petition

Senate Bill No. 123 by Senator Norbert Chabert

- Would allow voters to propose laws, amend existing laws or the constitution, and adopt or reject such proposals by petition.
- Requires the petition to be signed by a certain percentage of total qualified electors in the most recent gubernatorial general election:
 1. at least 8% to propose a new law or amend an existing law; and
 2. at least 10% to amend the constitution.
- Requires the secretary of state to place the initiative, if valid, on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled statewide primary or general election which will occur at least 100 days after the determination of compliance.
- Includes provisions for contradictory ballot proposals, whether placed on the ballot by initiative or by legislative action.
- Requires approval of a majority of voters statewide for passage.
- Provides that the initiative becomes effective 10 days after passage unless the proposal provides otherwise. Provides that the veto power of the governor shall not extend to the initiative measure.
- Provides a list of areas/actions/ protections/laws excluded from the provisions of the bill: As written, cannot repeal or amend any law or constitutional provision relating to public retirement systems.
- Effective if enacted through statewide election to be held on October 12, 2019.

LRTA Monitored, Voluntarily Deferred

WEP/GPO

House Concurrent Resolution No. 20 by Representative Sam Jones

- Memorializes congress to review and eliminate the provisions of federal law which reduce Social Security benefits for persons receiving pensions from federal, state, or local governmental retirement systems.

LRTA Monitored, Sent to Secretary of State

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34 by Senator Beth Mizell

- Memorializes congress to review and eliminate the provisions of federal law which reduce Social Security benefits for persons receiving pensions from federal, state, or local governmental retirement systems.

LRTA Monitored, Sent to Secretary of State

Constitutional Convention Study Commission

House Concurrent Resolution No. 56 by Representative Franklin Foil

- Proposes to create a Constitutional Convention Study Commission to make necessary studies and analysis to examine and make recommendations relative to the calling of an effective constitutional convention to revise the Constitution of Louisiana.
- Requires the commission to complete its study and determine its recommendations by Dec. 15, 2019, and, by Jan.10, 2020, to submit study results and a report of its findings and recommendations to each legislator and the governor.
- Amd.-Technical in nature.

- Provides that the commission shall be dissolved on Jan. 13, 2020.

LRTA Monitored, Pending Senate and Governmental Affairs

House Concurrent Resolution No. 74 by Representative Neil Abramson

- Proposes to create a Constitutional Convention Study Commission to make necessary studies and analysis

to examine and make recommendations relative to the calling of an effective constitutional convention to revise the Constitution of Louisiana.

- Requires the commission to complete its study and determine its recommendations by Jan. 1, 2020, and by Jan. 13, 2020, to submit study results and a report of its findings and recommendations to each legislator and the governor.
- Provides that the commission is

dissolved at 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 13, 2020.

- Provides that the commission shall be dissolved on Jan. 13, 2020.

LRTA Monitored, Did not run resolution

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support. We will survey candidates on the LRTA legislative priorities and share that information with our membership.

Our new public school coalition strengthens our ability to support our state's educational initiatives and maintain our retirement plan through TRSL. For more information about the coalition's goals and objectives, visit the coalition's website at www.louisianapublicschoolcoalition.org

Finally, please plan to attend the LRTA Fall District Meetings, where we will provide members with updates regarding fall elections. Remember, LRTA also provides legislative updates, current research, and meeting information on our website, www.lrta.net

Stay Tuned!

Rodney R. Watson

Rodney Watson
LRTA Executive Director



LRTA members Linda Gaudet, Ruth Blanchard and Beth Plaisance fill out cards before the committee



Rodney Watson, LRTA Executive Director, and Clyde Hamner, LRTA District II member, giving testimony.

THANK YOU TO THE LRTA FOUNDATION

LRTA strives to provide the most current and accurate resources to our members so that they stay informed on issues that could impact their retirement benefits. Over the past few years, LRTA has significantly increased its output of printed materials. LRTA Executive Director Rodney Watson has met with each district eight times in the four years since he joined LRTA. He has met with many Units in the same time frame. And, he has brought printed handouts with research and resources to **every** one of those meetings.

The print capacity of the old copier could no longer sustain this type of volume. Like our membership, the old copier has provided many years of service and has earned the right to retire. Due to the generosity of the LRTA Foundation, the state office now has a new, state-of-the-art copier.

The purpose of the LRTA Foundation is to develop and assist in the development of educational programs, projects, undertakings, studies and other activities for the benefit of retirees in Louisiana. Providing the funds for the new copier aligns with the mission and values of the Foundation. The new copier will allow the state office to produce higher quality materials at higher quantities.

“The LRTA Foundation stands ready to promote the personal health, safety and interest of the retired teachers of Louisiana,” says Mr. Raymond Powell, LRTA Foundation President.

On behalf of the membership and staff, thank you to the LRTA Foundation for their generous donation to the state office. Thank you to the Foundation Board members for approving this important contribution to the office. And, thank you to those who have donated and continue to donate to the LRTA Foundation. LRTA will continue to work together with the Foundation to **MAKE YOUR RETIREMENT YEARS GREAT!**



Raymond Powell presides as members of the LRTA Foundation vote to donate a new printer to LRTA.

LRTA Foundation Board Members

Raymond Powell, President
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Evelyn Powell, Secretary
Mary Ann Edwards, Treasurer
Carol Lynch, Historian
Geraldine Brown, President Emeritus
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Carolyn Craft
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Pictured (from left to right): Rodney Watson - LRTA Executive Director, Mary Ann Edwards - LRTA Foundation Treasurer and Ann Reed - Membership Services Coordinator.

Mrs. Edwards cuts the ceremonial ribbon as the staff looks on.

Would you like to make a contribution to the Foundation? Please mail donations in a sealed envelope to the LRTA state office and make the attention to the LRTA Foundation. If you are making a donation in honor or memory of an individual, please include their name with the donation.

LRTA SPRING MEETING: UP, UP AND AWAY!

LRTA returned to Alexandria to hold its 2019 LRTA Spring Meeting. The theme this year was “Up, Up and Away LRTA!”

The LRTA Executive Board and the LRTA Foundation Board met on Tuesday April 30 to conduct business. Later that evening, everyone gathered at the Pre-Convention Dinner to kick off the Spring Meeting and recognize individual awards. See the list of award winners to the right of this article.

On Wednesday May 1, members attended the general session that provided information from the state office and the Teachers’ Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL). Rodney Watson, LRTA Executive Director, spoke with members about the Louisiana Public School Coalition and updates to the LRTA website. TRSL Director Dana Vicknair provided an update on the system and legislation that could potentially impact the system.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting this year. We enjoyed meeting with new and returning members, and we hope you enjoyed the meeting!



Pictured: Josie Theriot and Dr. James A. Taylor, Sr.

HORACE G. ROBINSON AWARD WINNER

Josie Theriot, District II
Assumption RTA



Members enjoying the general session.

NAME OF FAME AWARD WINNERS

District III: Lazette L. Watterson

District IX: Ola W. Bunnitt

2018 Membership Award Winners





NOMINEES FOR STATE OFFICES REQUESTED

The January 2020 ballot will feature the election of LRTA President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President. The two-year terms of your newly-elected officers will begin when the successful candidates are installed at the 2020 Spring Meeting in April.

The LRTA Bylaws charge the Nominating Committee to nominate individuals for each statewide elected office. Suggestions for nominees are requested by the committee and should be forwarded to the LRTA office in Baton Rouge.

Prospective nominees must be LRTA members in good standing and must have agreed in advance to serve, if elected. A brief biographical sketch, including educational background, career experience, and honors, awards and involvement in retiree and community activities since retirement must be included for each nominated candidate. Note: Associate Members of LRTA are not eligible to hold office, or to vote in LRTA elections.

Information on suggested nominees should be furnished to the committee on an LRTA Prospect Sheet, which may be obtained from any Nominating Committee member or by contacting the LRTA office. Qualifications of each suggested nominee should be prioritized due to space

limitations. Suggested nominees should also furnish a recent color photo that may be published with their candidate information. Prospects for consideration by the Nominating Committee may be submitted by any LRTA member, including the prospect himself/herself.

The Nominating Committee looks forward to working with the LRTA membership to develop a slate of well-qualified candidates for LRTA's statewide elected offices that will be presented to the executive board at the 2019 Fall Meeting.

All prospective candidate information must be received in the LRTA office no later than August 15, 2019, but may be submitted at any time before that date. Prospect Sheets should be mailed to:

LRTA

Attn: Nominating Committee
9412 Common St., #5
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Members of the LRTA Nominating Committee are:

Area A: Becky S. Solley
 Area B: Joseph Clyde Crooks
 Area C: James R. Broussard
 Area D: Gayle Foster, Committee Chair
 Area E: Jerilyn S. Williams

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Notice: Change in Life Member Dues

Are you ready to become a Life Member of LRTA? Changes to the LRTA Bylaws now allow retirees over the age of 80 to qualify for new, adjusted Life Member Dues. Life Member Dues will reduce from \$600 to \$300 for retirees over the age of 80 seeking to become Life Members.

Other membership dues remain the same.

Interested in becoming a Life Member? Contact the LRTA office at 225-927-8837 for more information. Online payment for the new Life Member Dues is not yet available.

IN MEMORIAM

Deceased Retired Teachers

March 1 - May 31, 2019

District I

Rosario D. Abad – New Orleans
Jessica B. Balovich – New Orleans
Rebecca A. Batchelor – New Orleans
Jeannette Browder – New Orleans
Helena W. Burrell – New Orleans
Doris Cade – New Orleans
Calvin P. Casmier – New Orleans
Betty F. Cates – New Orleans
Armand B. Cox – New Orleans
Edwina T. Gillard – New Orleans
Sandra J. Hartman – New Orleans
Clarence F. Hebert – New Orleans
June E. Marshall – New Orleans
Cornelia R. Rathke – New Orleans
Jamesetta Saunders – New Orleans
Mattie M. Schech – Belle Chasse
Mary C. Schneider – New Orleans
Lois M. Sheets – St. Bernard
Donna J. Taylor – New Orleans
Brenda E. Trench – New Orleans
Eula S. Washington – New Orleans

District II

Patricia A. Benoit – Marrero
Sybil A. Boudreaux – River Ridge
Sylvia P. Boudreaux – Theriot
Robert Broggi – Thibodaux
Joseph T. Butler, Jr. – Thibodaux
Shirley E. Cantrelle – St. James
Tamika N. Clerk – Westwego
Evelyn Cruse-Blanchard – Kenner
Barbara C. Dallam – Metairie
Evelina V. Diggs – LaPlace
Cecile F. Fabre – Bourg
Ella J. Folse – Gray
Mary H. Francis – Houma
Richard Roy Francis – Gretna
Lillie C. Gould – Metairie
Anthony E. Green – Harvey
Linda A. D. Guidry – Cut Off
Constance J. Hatfield – LaPlace
Marjorie A. Hidalgo – Marrero
Jo W. Hill – Kenner
Jeanette K. Johnston – Metairie
Lorraine M. Landry – Thibodaux
Marrinetta Lemay – Metairie
Richard C. Mack, Sr. – Harvey
Shelton P. Mahler – Thibodaux
Diana S. Marant – Houma
Gladys H. Mathews – Harvey
Mary Ann McGovern – Gretna
Joan D. Melancon – Thibodaux
Myra A. Miller – Napoleonville
Saybel M. Montet – Gretna
Gena R. Morgan – Marrero
Janetta Nelson – Gramercy
Betty Ochello – Marrero

Kim T. Orgeron – Harvey
Gail P. Oubre – Hahnville
Peggy W. Ridge – Harvey
John G. Ruth – Gretna
Alice C. Sarrazin – Harvey
Peggy Smith – Cut Off
Irma W. Stevens – Litcher
Barbara M. Strawitz – Thibodaux
Herman T. Sullivan – Houma
Norman P. Zeringue, Jr. – LaPlace

District III

Vicki L. Antrainer – Covington
Hazel B. Bagent – Bogalusa
Kathryn E. Bankston – Tickfaw
Israel J. Batiste – Lacombe
Audrey H. Bodker – Ponchatoula
Dale J. Brouillette – Independence
Ora Lee Brown – Hammond
Edward D. Burow – Slidell
Marie M. Carroll – Ponchatoula
Arthur Cedotal – Covington
Elaine J. Coari – Slidell
Rhea A. Daunis – Mandeville
Dorothy Dugas – Mandeville
Jeannette M. Fitte – Lacombe
Eileen G. Foster – Pearl River
Audrey W. Harrell – Greensburg
Lois D. Hood – Denham Springs
James S. Hunter – Lacombe
Elva J. Hypolite – Independence
Karen L. Klingman – Covington
Joseph P. Mack – Denham Springs
Charles C. Miller – Mandeville
Eunice A. Netterville – Denham Springs
Bobby R. Pierce – Varnado
Clara V. Robertson – Hammond
Katherine F. Rohner – Greensburg
Bobby L. Schneider – Slidell
Frances S. Sherman – Albany
Frank R. Sibley, Jr. – Slidell
David L. Stewart – Bogalusa
Rosa M. Turner – Amite
Felicia D. Tyson – Bogalusa

District IV

George A. Booker, Jr. – Baton Rouge
Elizabeth A. Combs – Zachary
Gary J. Commander – Baton Rouge
Karen A. Davis – Morganza
Delores Dukes – New Roads
Mary Lynn Dupeey – Baton Rouge
Amelia L. Elkins – Plaquemine
Ruby G. Farley – Baton Rouge
Ida E. Fields – Baton Rouge
Vivian Folse – Geismar
Rosalie T. Fowler – Fardoche

Evelyn O. Fresina – Baton Rouge
Ann Grant – Baker
Arlen D. Gross – Baton Rouge
Mable T. Guntz – Baton Rouge
Major L. Harris – Baton Rouge
William E. Haydel – Baton Rouge
John B. Henderson – Baton Rouge
Margaret S. Hendrick – Baton Rouge
C. Wayne Hernandez – Gonzales
William P. Honeycutt – St. Francisville
Mildred S. Hopper – Pride
Katie S. Johnson – Baton Rouge
Betty E. Lancaster – Prairieville
Billy G. Mangham – Baton Rouge
Charlene C. S. Marix – Plaquemine
Bina Ann Martin – Plaquemine
Sarah D. McSwain – Plaquemine
Harold F. Menard – Baton Rouge
Larry L. Metevia – Baton Rouge
Angeline B. Mitchell – Baton Rouge
Carole Shelley Moore – Baton Rouge
Josie K. Pierce – Baton Rouge
Ella B. Price – Baton Rouge
Eartha C. Proctor – Baker
William A. Pryor – Baton Rouge
Edith K. Ramsey – Zachary
James G. Redfern – Baton Rouge
Shirley C. Rimes – Baton Rouge
Shirley H. Shamp – Baton Rouge
Eloise L. Sheffield – Baton Rouge
Marva S. Spears – Prairieville
Dawna V. Spruiell – Baton Rouge
Melvin Stringer – Baton Rouge
Jean D. Thayer – Baton Rouge
Millicent T. Wall – St. Francisville
Walter R. Whitehead – Baton Rouge

District V

Terry J. Antoine – New Iberia
Bob A. Auzenne – Opelousas
Laura F. Babin – Lafayette
Clarence J. Babineaux – Youngsville
Onezippe Barbier – Morgan City
Elena M. Bollich – Eunice
George W. Broussard – Milton
Paul A. Broussard – Abbeville
Dany J. Chauvin, Jr. – Lafayette
Mattie Coppage – New Iberia
Mary Cormier – Lafayette
Roselynn M. Fournier – Morgan City
Dorothy K. Gauthe – Lafayette
Marian B. Godfrey – Baldwin
Judith L. Goodstone – Arnaudville
Catherine L. Goree – Lafayette
Joel S. Greene, Sr. – Lafayette
Thomas E. Guion – Patterson
Ruth W. Hennessy – Broussard
Ruby M. Hill – Palmetto
Ulysses J. Johnson – Arnaudville

Emma D. D. Joseph – Jeanerette
Gerald Joubert – Abbeville
Remi Kidder – Arnaudville
Leola H. Latiolais – Cecilia
Miriam Magee Mann – Breau Bridge
Vanessa May – Lafayette
Mary S. Melancon – Abbeville
Ernest Nabers – Lafayette
Toby R. Orillion – Lafayette
Marie L. Ortego – Ville Platte
Mary P. P. Ortego – Ville Platte
Jane H. Phillips – Scott
Anna M. Racca – Lafayette
Tommy A. Rigsby – Abbeville
Carolyn Smith – Ville Platte
Anthony J. Telotta – Jeanerette
Audrey J. Viator – Jeanerette
Hester L. White – Opelousas

District VI

Theodore R. Alfred – Lake Charles
Shirley Mae Bond – DeRidder
Patsy W. Braxon – Sulphur
Harry E. Carley – Lake Charles
Aline H. Dupuy – Lake Charles
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