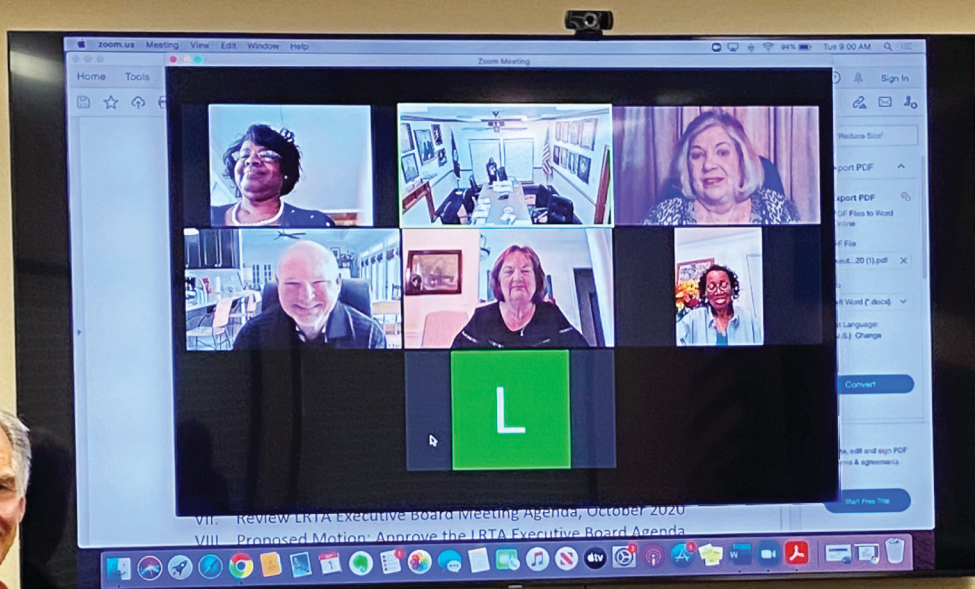




Fall 2020

LOUISIANA RETIRED
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

VIRTUAL ACTIVISM: Accessing Our Online Resources



A Message from Our Executive Director

By: Rodney R. Watson

Though the state continues with phases of reopening, for most of our members, we continue to operate in phase O. For people who are over 65 and/or have pre-existing health conditions, it is critical that we maintain social distancing (staying six feet away from others), wear masks if in public, wash our hands frequently and stay home until we have medications and a vaccine to protect us. For the health and safety of our staff and members, LRTA has adopted a plan that allows staff to work primarily from home and partially in the office. When more than one staff member is required in the office to conduct essential business, we practice social distancing and wear masks. We also complete a check-in and check-out process, record our temperatures and verify sanitizing our workspace when entering and exiting the office.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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Thanks to the AARP We Care Grant, we updated our technology presence at the LRTA office with a smart television screen, webcam and increased internet speed. The upgrades will allow us to continue to conduct meetings virtually and expand our services to our members.

The LRTA Executive, Budget and Audit Committees have met and will continue to meet using Zoom. The requisite committees have addressed all necessary business to date. Although we will not meet in person this fall, the LRTA Executive Board will meet virtually on October 28 at 9:30 a.m. Staff will facilitate the meeting from the office while the board will attend remotely. All board members will receive essential documents prior to the meeting to address items central to the operation of our organization. This meeting is open and available for our membership to view. Details are included on

the back of this newsletter and on the LRTA website. Virtual meetings certainly do not replace our face-to-face gatherings, but it does allow us to operate for the time being.

Unfortunately, many of our Virtual Fall District Meetings were canceled or postponed due to Hurricane Laura. Our thoughts are with everyone who is impacted by the storm, and we will get through this together.

Though we cannot meet in person, we want to keep our members engaged in our advocacy efforts. Some legislators will plan new legislation aimed at amending or changing the current Defined Benefit plan next session, so it is essential that we continue activism as an organization, even when quarantined. You might ask, "What can I do from home as a member?" In the past, I would provide you with resources and training when attending local Unit, District, and State Meetings. Now, you can access the same resources and training online from home!

I refer to this as "Virtual" Activism. You can continue to be an activist and contribute to the collective group effort, even if we are not having face-to-face meetings. Earlier this summer, we mailed every active member an appeal to join our Email Club. If you have not already done so, please join at www.lrta.net. Email Club members receive timely

notifications and updates on potential legislation that affects our retirement plan and other resources that help you as a virtual activist. We also included steps to access our advocacy materials and other resources on the LRTA website on pages 4 and 5 in this newsletter.

Along with expanding our online presence and services, LRTA is also planning and developing a new program, "Becoming a Virtual Activist." This program will use a series of emails, social media posts and videos to educate our members on how to use our advocacy tools. Stay tuned for details!

You are an important member of our organization. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with our resources and prepare in advance of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session. Your efforts as an individual will collectively echo a powerful message to our state legislature. Even during trying times, we must guard the constitutional protections of our retirees and maintain our current Defined Benefit plan.

Stay home and stay safe until we can meet again. Together, we are strong!

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Rodney R. Watson
LRTA Executive Director

The Louisiana Retired Teachers Association cares and is thinking of those impacted by Hurricane Laura. Our members have created a strong organization with an even stronger support system for retired teachers across the state of Louisiana. You are a part of the niche community of retired teachers who have an ever-lasting bond with one another. Louisiana will do what it does best: regroup and rebuild. We are resilient people, and we will get through this together. **LRTA is here for you.**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LRTA PRESIDENT



I don't know about you, but I've never been one to accept change easily. I have even fought against it at times. Things just seem to go smoother when we do things "the way we've always done it." However, this pandemic has taught us (no matter our age) we have to learn to change. We had to change our daily routines, our activities, our schedules, our means of communication and our behaviors. It has been quite overwhelming, hasn't it? The other day, I was reading and saw this: "Embrace change, even when the change slaps you in the face." I literally laughed out loud at that! Boy, does that describe us. As I am writing this article, Hurricane Laura is battering our state. My thoughts are with those of you who will experience even more disruption to your lives.

When the quarantine began, we all thought it would last only a few weeks. I made a list of things I wanted to do around the house that I just had not found the time to do. As I scratched off the items and the list grew shorter, I realized that I should no longer be just trying to fill the time. I need to enjoy my life as it is. I have been doing jigsaw and crossword puzzles and sewing

masks for family, friends and hospitals. And, of course, planning LRTA activities with our staff and Executive Committee has kept me busy.

Our main focus next year will be strengthening our relationship with the legislature. Every year, our biggest concern is legislators will try to change or harm our retirement system. Therefore, our membership and program goals are to inform our members and engage them in our grassroots advocacy actions.

LRTA will continue to educate and update members so they can effectively contact their legislators when the need arises. We will also encourage our Districts to hold meetings (when it is safe to do so) with legislators annually, so members have additional opportunities to meet and form relationships with their legislators.

And, we want to activate and engage our local Units. Since local Units are autonomous from LRTA, the Units can cover more local ground (politically). Local Units have the ability to recruit retirees or individuals who understand our issues to run for office. The Units can also work for them, endorse them, and then hold them accountable. Let's encourage our colleagues who understand our issues to hold political seats and make a huge impact!

Thanks to the LRTA staff, the Executive Committee has maintained contact and made important decisions regarding everyday functions as well as long-term planning. There is nothing like meeting in person, and I know we all enjoy seeing

old friends and making new ones. However, in these difficult times, it is good to know we can still "meet" through virtual meetings (There's that "change" thing again).



Executive Committee Meeting on August 11, 2020.

We hoped to meet with our Executive Board in person this fall, but, after much discussion, the Executive Committee decided unanimously to conduct the meeting virtually. The primary consideration was the health and safety of our staff and members. We also encouraged the Districts to meet virtually. However, due to Hurricane Laura, the Executive Committee allowed Districts to cancel or postpone their meetings to a later date.

We will, therefore, meet virtually on October 28 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct necessary business. The Budget Committee and the Audit Committee will also do the same, so we can continue to run the organization effectively. Believe me, we CANNOT WAIT until we can meet in person again!

Until then, be safe!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janis M. Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'J' and 'H'.

Janis M. Hernandez
LRTA President

NEW

Advocacy Resources For You!

LRTA has developed tools for its membership that will come in handy as we become virtual activists. Check out some of the new tools below and see page 5 for steps on how to get there. Also, make sure to check out other resources LRTA has available for its members like articles and research.

How-To's

Check out our step-by-step guides to writing emails and letters to your legislators. We have digital versions ready to download and print on our website, lрта.net/onlineresources.



Talking Points

Get the facts about pensions and retirement to guide your conversations with legislators and the community. Find the digital downloads at lрта.net/onlineresources.



Articles and Research

Critics of public pensions are already using the economic crisis as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to spread misinformation about public pensions and retirement systems. Get ahead of the game, and start gathering the facts! The National Public Pension Coalition (NPCC) released a brief that addresses and debunks some of the misinformation circulating among public pension opponents like:

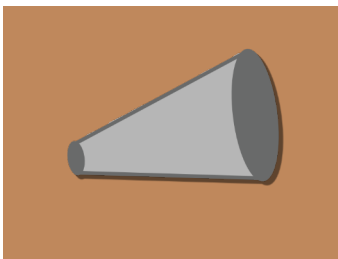


The coronavirus-induced recession will cause unmitigated harm to public pensions, threatening their ability to offer benefits. In their brief, the NPCC addressed and debunked the article that sparked this claim. The NPCC also explains why the ratio of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the economy compared to pension debt is critical to examine. As long as this is a stable ratio, pensions should be able to continue paying out benefits during the recession and beyond.

LRTA has articles like this and more on our website. Read the NPCC's brief and other articles on lрта.net/articles.

As easy as 1... 2... 3!

Three easy steps for using the new LRTA online resources:



Advocacy Center: All of the great resources from the LRTA & the Louisiana Legislature and SSA pages in one convenient location!

1. Go to www.lrta.net
2. Hover over the “Member Resources” tab
3. Click on “Advocacy Center”



Articles and Research: Catch up on the latest articles and research.

1. Go to www.lrta.net
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3. Click on “Articles and Research”



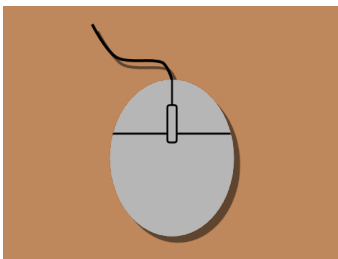
LRTA District and State Meetings: Register for District and State Meetings here!

1. Go to www.lrta.net
2. Hover over the “Member Resources” tab
3. Click on “LRTA District and State Meetings”



Member Forms and Applications: Find the downloadable membership forms and online applications on the Membership Forms webpage (previously the Membership webpage).

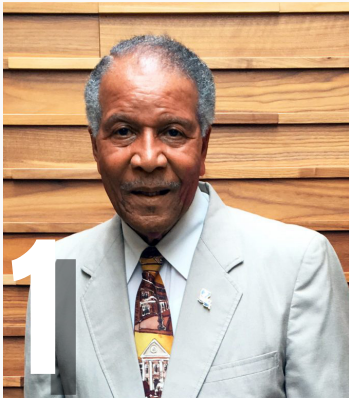
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2. Hover over the “Member Resources” tab
3. Click on “Membership Forms”



Online Resources: The previous LRTA Links webpage is now the LRTA Online Resources webpage! Here you will find the latest LRTA videos, online advocacy materials and links from the original LRTA Links page.

1. Go to www.lrta.net
2. Hover over the “Member Resources” tab
3. Click on “Online Resources”

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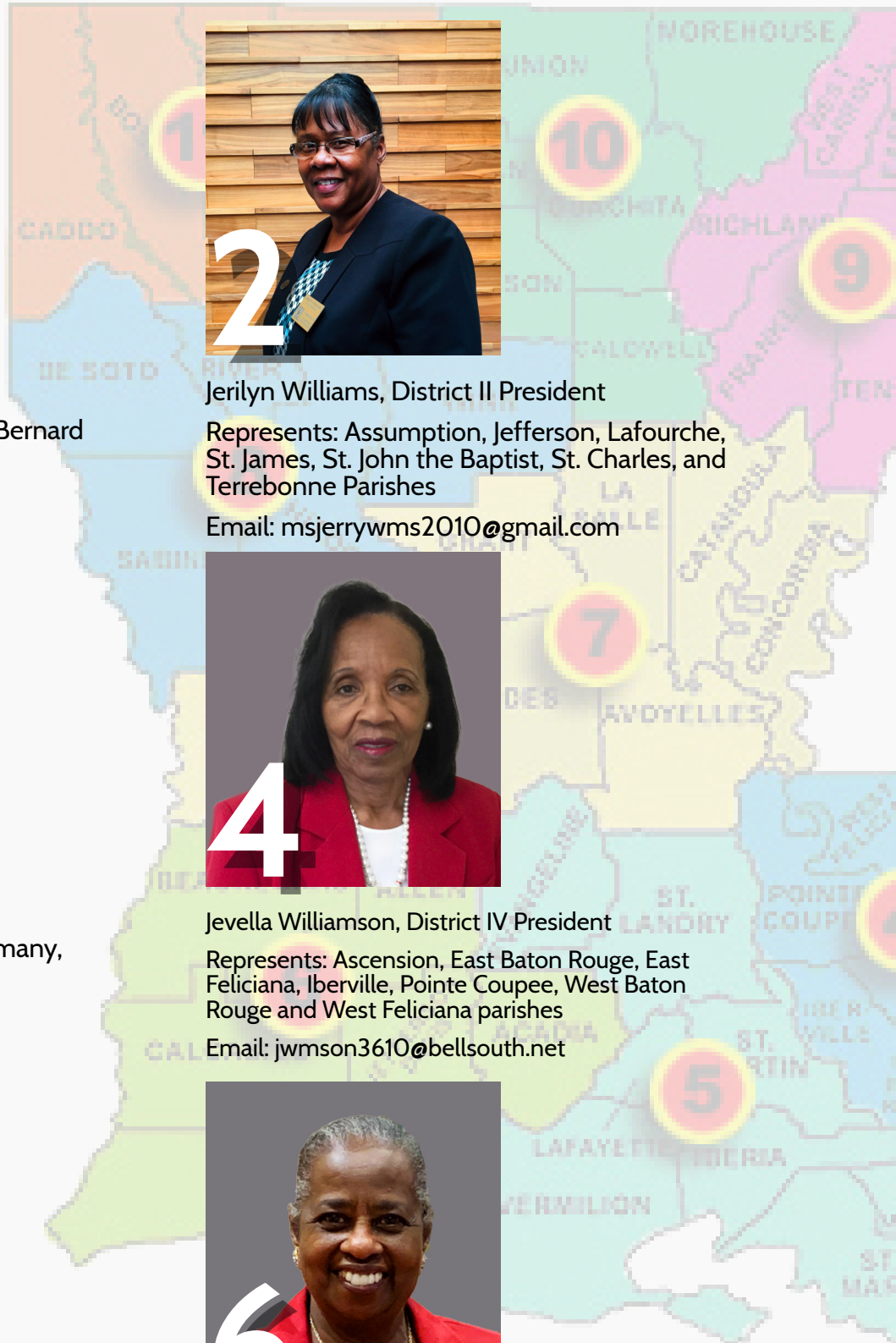
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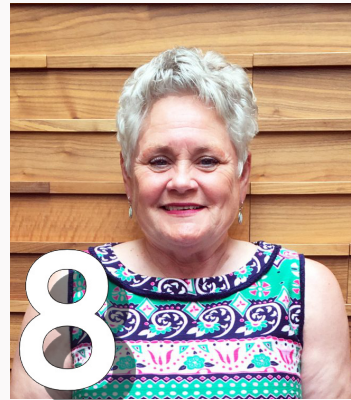
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THANK YOU!

LRTA would like to extend our thanks to our District Presidents and their officers for their service during these extraordinary times. Thank you Past District Presidents Peggy Aime (District IV) and Wilda Chelette (District VI) for continuing to serve and represent your respective districts.

ACTIVISM AND RETIRED TEACHERS GO TOGETHER

CLYDE HAMNER, LRTA SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT AND LEGISLATIVE CHAIR



Sadly, in so many aspects of society, older people are largely invisible as activists. The media typically favors pictures of millennials and Gen Z for its stories on marches and protests. However, in reality, plenty of protesters are in their 60s, 70s, 80s, and beyond.

Such is the story of Maddie, a retired guidance counselor who did more than her share in getting a school property tax renewed for Terrebonne Parish. She is in her 80s and voted absentee via mail for health reasons. When Election Day rolled around, she made sure her children voted and sent text messages to the contacts in her iPhone to remind them to vote. This sounds like a small thing, but the impact she made was huge.

Then, there were retirees like Lanny, Sammy, John, and Lilly whose ages range from late 70s to early 90s. These activists made a point to call family and friends just to say, "I voted today, did you?" Not to mention Lynn, Bill, Karen and Pauline who spent hours stuffing letters in envelopes that reminded retirees they are a powerful voting bloc and

encouraged them to use that power to vote for their issue. Because of their activism, 25 percent of retirees in Terrebonne Parish early voted and most (if not all) of the remaining voted on Election Day. Their "small" actions made a huge impact.

Efforts of LRTA members like these exist all over the state. We often don't imagine retirees as politically active when, in fact, activism and LRTA go together. In retirement, people have more time to engage. They are no longer constrained on their political activities and can take a stance without fear of retribution. Political pundits tell me that for every retired teacher that votes, they bring an average of three to five additional voters to the polls in support of their issue or candidate.

It is important that our members make sure the legislators, the governor and our congressmen support education and retirement. I encourage Districts and local Units to be aggressively active in grassroots efforts. Keep your members updated on the issues we face. Plan and organize your meetings around training your members on what to do when called to action. Form relationships with your legislators by inviting them to your meetings. Do what you do best; teach them to support the needs of both retired and active teachers.

District and local Units can reach out to me for help in organizing events and activities. When the legislature reconvenes, we must be ready to make sure our legislators support LRTA's Legislative Priorities. See below for more information about these priorities. As a voting bloc, it is essential that we assert ourselves.

We have the people; we have the power, now let's get busy on the politics.

What are the LRTA Legislative Priorities?

Every year, LRTA adopts a list of priorities to use as we consider which positions to take on pre-filed/ filed legislation for the upcoming legislative session. Those priorities include:

- Oppose legislation that would alter the defined benefit structure of TRSL
- Oppose constitutional conventions that could remove the Louisiana Constitution's protections for education and retirement
- Support legislation for Permanent Benefit Increases (PBIs)
- Support adequate funding of the MFP, which includes funding for retirement and health insurance benefits
- Support repealing the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provisions (WEP) of Social Security

For the full list of LRTA Legislative Priorities, visit www.lrtanet.net/advocacycenter.

Member Story: Joyce Harvey

When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade. Teachers, active and retired, truly understand the importance of being innovative problem-solvers (especially during extraordinary times). When life presented Joycelyn Harvey with a new set of obstacles, she utilized her skillset as a teacher to turn a negative into a positive.

Joyce was in her 20th year of teaching at McDonogh 35 College Preparatory High School when she began to lose her eyesight. She was diagnosed with retinitis (RT) and her prognosis was less than optimistic. All while facing her own battles, Joyce focused her attention on her students and providing them with the opportunities to be successful.



Joyce spent the majority of her career teaching high school in New Orleans. During her tenure, she became curious about the decline of the “Career Day” program. She approached her principal about reviving “Career Day” and ended up taking the lead on the program. She reached out to alumni of the high school who still worked and lived in New Orleans to invite them to speak. Joyce needed about 50 speakers to fill the program. Little did she know, the handful of alumni she contacted began contacting other alumni and telling them about the program revival. Joyce greeted nearly 151 speakers on “Career Day.” The majority of speakers came in from out of state. Joyce coordinated the “Career Day” program for six years. The number of speakers grew each year. Joyce successfully revived a program that provided students with many opportunities while silently coping with losing her eyesight.

Joyce is now legally blind, but she embraces and lives an independent life. She received help from many people who showed her how to use the different apps, including Eynote, Be My Eyes and Seeing AI (all free on the App Store). Joyce has an iPhone full of apps that helps her to navigate everyday life. Joyce does preface that she has only used an iPhone and is unsure of how these apps may function on an Android phone or other devices. However, these apps allow Joyce to live her life independently. Joyce was willing to try something and embrace technology so she could continue to do the things she enjoyed doing and needed to do.



Joyce had a new breadth of knowledge, and she did not want to keep the knowledge to herself. Joyce recognized an opportunity to use her teaching skills to help those with low-vision or blindness learn new life skills. She conducted her first workshop in September 2018 at her church and quickly had to search for a larger venue.

The workshops were put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but Joyce is eager to continue to share the skills she has with people in need. Despite the obstacles she faced in life (including relocating after Hurricane Katrina), Joyce took everything in stride. Joyce, like many retired teachers, found ways to help her community. And, when Joyce needed it the most, her community helped her.

If you are in the Alexandria area and are interested in a workshop from Joyce, please contact her at (318) 427-8097 or joyceharvey@bellsouth.net.

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How to register for the Virtual Executive Board Meeting:

1. Go to: <http://bit.ly/2020ExecutiveBoardMeeting>
2. Input your name and email address. Then, click register.
3. After you click register, you should see a confirmation screen and receive a confirmation email. Please do not click on any links in the email at this point. You will receive reminder emails prior to the meeting. We recommend calling in or clicking on the link to join about 5-10 minutes prior to the meeting.