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LOUISIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Changing of the Guard: Why State Elections Have a Critical Impact on Retirement. As I work during my ninth year as Executive Director for the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, we have experienced several political victories which includes successfully lobbying to block more than two dozen detrimental bills that could have had a negative impact on our retirement plan. Additionally, we received approval from the state legislature for two COLAs under current Louisiana statute.

Perhaps most importantly, we worked with the Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana for two years to design and advocate for COLA reform that will provide more regular cost of living benefit increases on a more regular basis, starting approximately 2029.

If we've successfully defended our Defined Benefit (DB) Plan and start receiving COLAs on a more regular basis, then what should our membership focus on from a legislative perspective? *(continued on pg. 2)*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR *Executive Director*



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We are asking retirees to **support Constitutional Amendment No. 3** on the October ballot. This amendment raises the retirement debt payment from non-recurring state revenue from 10% to 25%

This fall is a very important time in state government as many legislators are term limited and new candidates will be asking voters for their support. Perhaps more importantly, there will be a changing of the guard within the Governor's office and several candidates are vying for the state's most influential political post.

When we see a dramatic change in the state's governing body, it is important to garner support from candidates on important retirement issues.

LRTA has attempted to contact each candidate with a five-question survey that revolves around these issues and has asked them to return the surveys to our office so that our membership can make an informed decision in the voting booth.

Although LRTA and our governing Districts do not endorse political candidates, we do encourage our members to vote for candidates

that provide an affirmative answer to the five-question survey. These five issues include: supporting our current defined benefit structure, providing Cost-of-Living Adjustments and approving COLAs as funds become available, supporting teacher pay raises, opposing Constitutional Conventions that include retirement, and to seek the repeal of the WEP and GPO at the federal level.

The survey responses are available for download and updated weekly on the LRTA website at lрта.net/2023-survey/.

Typically, the response rate to these surveys is low. Please reach out to candidates in your area and ask them to complete and return the survey to the LRTA office in Baton Rouge. A copy of the survey and a list with all candidate contact information is also available for download in the same section on the LRTA website (lрта.net/2023-survey/).

Regardless of the election outcomes we must remain vigilant during election years with a heavy turnover of term-limited legislators. The reason for this is twofold. First, many campaigns receive contributions from anti-public pension groups that expect winning candidates to support legislation that could change our defined benefit to a defined contribution plan which could produce or lower retirement benefits to recipients. Although we've seen a reduction in these attacks during the last couple of years due to our advocacy, it is during transition years that they tend to re-emerge. Second, even if

candidates that generally support us are elected, the naively-elected official often votes against our legislative priorities due to a lack of knowledge.

Therefore, looking ahead we will need to pour a large amount of energy into surveying, communicating, and educating all new legislators in order to build and to support the good we have received from many of the legislators during the last nine years.

Although it sounds like we are starting over, the fact is that we've built the advocacy tools and resources we need to begin this process. Your part will be to reach out and begin this arduous process as we continue as an organization to defend and support our benefit plan. Inviting legislators (new and returning) to your Unit and District meetings is a good starting point.

If you presently do not participate, it is highly suggested you start by regularly attending the District meetings. The meetings take place bi-annually per district in the months of September and March. Also, consider subscribing to our email club which you can join on the LRTA website, and be sure to respond to calls to action at the appropriate times.

Finally, encourage all retirees to join LRTA. As I've stated in the past, if all you do is pay your dues, you are funding the lobbying and advocacy activities that keep our retirement plan whole.

Rodney R. Watson

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LRTA Executive Director

A MESSAGE FROM OUR *LRTA President*



As illustrated in our advocacy this past legislative term, I am sure you all are aware of the impact of voting and being politically involved. Even if *you* didn't vote, *you* still made a difference if you contacted your legislators to encourage them to support SB 18 (now Act 184) for our COLA reform—as well as all the other issues that potentially can or currently are affecting retirees. Whether it was through letters, emails, phone calls, or trips to the Capitol, a difference was made through *your* voice. These actions are evidence of how much we can influence change.

Watching our elected officials act in the face of our retired educators was eye opening to how much of a difference our retirees can make. As LRTA President, I also want to mention that throughout my experience what I have treasured most through following the legislative terms was seeing how perspectives and opinions evolved on both sides of the bill that SB 18 faced.

Acting through advocacy never ends. Therefore, there is a need for us to be diligent in our quest

to elect people who generally compliment their opinions with those of LRTA. Pay attention to candidates who are involved in their communities. Their actions are opportunities, which demonstrate firsthand the type of leadership they may possess. Seek these individuals out through the forums and become aware of candidates' agendas with the help of LRTA.

Because LRTA has formed a coalition with other groups, our voice is stronger. When we attend legislative sessions in numbers, our presence is felt. And what LRTA needs now is more numbers. This is a major reason I am pleading with active members to encourage others to join. Due to all members being at different stages in life, some cannot attend meetings. To alleviate this conflict one solution is to include them through Zoom from the meeting site. If this is not feasible, consider calling them with a little conversation about retired teachers. This may help keep them involved through other means. It doesn't matter how you do it, only that you do make the effort.

The objective of the LRTA is to keep the organization alive and growing—to serve its members through ongoing advocacy. The push is to recruit and retain members who have recently retired within the last six years and to target teachers approaching retirement. Educate active employees about our organization, emphasizing that the LRTA is the **ONLY** organization in the State of Louisiana that fights *solely* for

retired teachers. Encourage present educators to join as associate members. Maintain open communication channels with associate members, which will naturally guide them towards active membership upon retirement. As LRTA members in the community and schools, inquire about getting LRTA's name on the School Board website and getting our brochures into teacher lounges. You can reach out to the LRTA staff for free brochures.

Lastly, with so much going on during these hot summer months, remember that fall is just around the corner. This means that so is the 2023 LRTA State Fall Meeting. Planning has been diligently done by office staff and District IV. The meeting will take place on **October 16 and 17th** at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge, LA. Please note the **correct dates of the meeting are October 16-17th**. Registration is now open for the upcoming meeting. Please see the registration form on the back page of this newsletter and event details located on page 8. We look forward to seeing you at the 2023 State Fall Meeting!

Lazette L. Watterson

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LRTA State President

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP AT A GLANCE

The districts are hard at work with volunteerism at the District and local Unit levels. Thank you to our leaders and members for their significant work within their communities and with LRTA. The connections made through LRTA and the Districts are only the start to how to make a meaningful impact not only in the community but between members and prospective members. In this issue, our District Presidents share what their collective units have been focusing on during the year.



District 1

Dr. Levon LeBan, President

District 1 is working on building something special. The District meets every third Wednesday of the month. Through this systematic structure, our members are always on the same page. The routine makes it easier for inviting prospective members as well. We host leaders, in the Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard communities, as well as political leaders with UTNO retirees in attendance.



District 2

Billy Picard, President

While District 2's service activities include a variety of projects across the different units, the District comes together to give back to their local areas by organizing supply drives. Recently St. James Unit organized a food drive—given to the local food banks, and a school supply drive—given to St. Vincent De Paul. They provided over 200 uniforms and an abundance of school supplies. Additionally, several members within District 2 serve on different boards which also help the community. For example, some work at the local churches while others teach exercise classes. All of the above endeavors have proven to be successful in growing the District 2 brand across the local area.

Lastly, strategies to further recruit new members include targeting retirees via social media, personal emails, and letters. Recruitment efforts from the past year included increasing our membership numbers through these tactics. As we celebrate our successes, our main objective is to continue membership growth and encourage members to join LRTA.



District 3

Gayle Foster, President

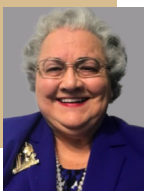
Many members of District 3 are still actively working or involved in education, placing themselves in the school system in order to keep up with current events. We partner all year with Northside Alternative School. The Bogalusa Unit volunteers with one school, spends time preparing and serving breakfast for honor students and treats for employees, as well as organizing the collection of donations and food for the local food bank. District 3 is also partnered with Northshore Youth Build School where we mentor students. Ultimately, our group of members has never stopped working to make education and people's lives better.



District 4

Sue Potts, President

District 4 is hosting the annual State Fall Meeting, which will take place on October 16-17, 2023 at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge, LA. As a large district with active members, we are all looking forward to reconnecting and further developing relationships and gaining new insights and strategies not just within our own circle of members but with those across the LRTA network! We are so proud to have grown memberships by 500+ in the last year.



District 5

Patricia Sonnier, President

District 5 embraces the Acadiana culture and has a strong sense of fellowship among each other, sharing stories from their days as dedicated teachers, in addition to their continued dedication toward those still teaching in the field.

Vermilion RTA's most recent service project is the *Back to School Hygiene Drive* for 2023-2024. In this first-of-its-kind event, District 5 is presently in the process of asking Acadiana community members to collect items for distribution to local middle schools to be shared with students in need. The goal is to reduce anxiety, improve self esteem, lead students towards a more productive school day, and a more effective education process.



District 6

Ivy Mouton, President

Volunteerism in District 6 is always in action. Activities include awarding book stipends to high school students, the celebration and involvement during Black History Month and Teacher Appreciation Day. We know the importance of keeping active and we literally do so through exercise classes for senior citizens, as well as meeting with them at care facilities.



District 7

Sue Sandifer, President

Promoting meetings is key to garnering new members and potentially growing general attendance, through guests of members. For best turn out to events we try to send out a total of three emails/invites. First, send a Save-the-Date memo one month prior to the event. Second, send out the official invitation two weeks prior to the date, and then lastly send out a reminder email one to two days prior to the event date.



District 8

Chris Nolan, President

Stories that highlight active members serve as an effective tool to keep members engaged and recruit new members. We share stories about some of our most active members with the LRTA State office who can then share them with potential new members at events such as the retirement planning workshops hosted by TRSL for active teachers nearing retirement.



District 9

Leandra Mitchell, President

In addition to our community service activities, District 9 is very active through out the school system's athletic programs, specifically AAU Basketball. Also, through our membership drives, we are able to steer more prospects into our community circle, and ultimately our membership group. As a team we work throughout the community to also aid with ministry outreach.



District 10

Becky Solley, President

The units that compose District 10 vary from each other. However, unit similarities include a common goal by counting the "return to action" and meetings as successes. Units in District 10 are always trying various ways to "put a face" to the local organization, and they are doing so specifically through the school system via activities and events.

Other ways units are active is by visiting local retirement facilities, where residents' birthdays are celebrated. Units collect spare change for Life Choices—an organization that provides support to the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. Units also participate in their local area festivals and use their presence while volunteering to raise awareness towards recruitment. Efforts to recruit take on other forms as well, such as placing meeting announcements in local newspapers and sending letters to new retirees (and non-members who are retired) with information regarding upcoming meetings.



District 11

Dr. Emma Shepard, President

Recently, Caddo Bossier Retired Teachers Association donated toiletry items, food, and supplies to the Southern University Jaguar Courtyard for the students at Southern University, Shreveport Campus. Another big project was donating to the SLEEP in HEAVENLY PEACE (Build a Bed Project). (Pictured Right)



Connections that Matter Most



A decades-long study from Harvard University was recently published on happiness and it identified the number one challenge facing retirees. While pensions are precious, there is something else even more valuable. It is not that we miss our 9 - 5 work days, but that we miss the people we used to associate with on a daily basis and the relationships that we garnered through it. Every person we encounter is there for a reason. We can learn from every person we meet if we are truly listening. It is too easy to move through the

motions of the day and overlook the tiny opportunities that may prove so precious in the future. Relationships are what most human beings are programmed for. It can be a challenge not being able to replace the social connections that have once sustained a person for so long at work.

When it comes to retirement, we stress about things such as financial concerns, health issues, and care-giving, but it is the people who thrive in their retirement years who find ways to cultivate connections. Surprisingly, this fact is silently received and yet almost no one ever discusses the importance of developing new ways of meaning and purpose. For example, many people take on hobbies, but without being able to share those with another, that hobby can diminish in how it fulfills a person. To retire happy, invest where you presently are in your relationships. Spending so many years worrying about work itself, shrouded in financial concerns and the pressure of expectations, we may fail to notice how significant our work relationships are until they are no more.

The Louisiana Retired Teachers Association is the voice of the retired education community, representing its interests by monitoring, protecting and improving the benefits needed to secure dignity, independence and overall quality of life for retirees. We are also a community. We do this through our Districts and the connections they form together through advocacy, volunteerism, community outreach projects, and their meetings and events.

LRTA would not be where we are today without a retired teacher leading the way and harvesting connections continuously. Our members have created a niche community of retired teachers who have an everlasting bond with one another, and our local retired teachers associations, or units, are the backbone of LRTA.

Throughout the years LRTA members continue to do extraordinary work in retirement and form lifelong friendships. Local Units meet on a regular basis throughout the year. We recommend locating the unit nearest to you, if you have not already. You may find your local unit on the LRTA website to see how you may get more involved with others and your community. Go to lrta.net/lrta-districts/ for more information.

Additionally, our website is more than just a resource, it is a gateway to advocacy and new connections. If you are looking to become more involved in your community, check out our volunteer and job opportunities web page under the *Member Resources* tab, located at the top of the homepage on the website, or visit lrta.net/volunteer-and-job-opportunities/.





It's All Lagniappe.

Louisiana retired educators are invited to attend the 2023 LRTA State Fall Meeting taking place October 16-17, 2023 at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge, LA.

The theme is **Louisiana Lagniappe!** Wear your best hat or create something original and show off what you love most about Louisiana culture. We will vote on the the most creative hats on day two of the meeting with prizes.

This year's meeting will provide a variety of informational sessions, include honoree awards, door prizes and a silent auction. The event will host guest speakers, Senator Ed Price and Katherine Whitney, TRSL Director. Additionally we are excited to have a special guest performance by multi-instrumentalist and storyteller, James Linden Hogg, and a much anticipated presentation delivered by historian and political figure, Jay Dardenne—both which you will not want to miss!

Use the form on the back of this newsletter to register for the Fall Meeting, or you may register online at lirta.net/fallmeeting/. Attendees must pre-register for the convention banquet by October 9. Although on-site registration is available, pre-registration will ensure that you will receive a packet containing your name tag and other meeting materials upon arrival.

The Embassy Suites is offering LRTA members a special room rate. The cutoff date for this special offer is September 24th. The hotel can be reached at 225-924-6566 and is located at 4914 Constitution Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. Scan the QR code for easy booking and use code **903** when reserving your room.



BOOK NOW

Special Featured Guests



Jay Dardenne - Banquet Speaker | Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:00PM

Jay Dardenne is Louisiana's Commissioner of Administration, the state's chief administrative and operating officer. Elected statewide multiple times, Jay Dardenne has served as Secretary of State, Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, and Baton Rouge Metro Councilman.

As a successful politician and insightful historian, Dardenne created a documentary, now turned book titled, "*Why Louisiana Ain't Mississippi...Or Any Place Else*". He is a member of several halls of fame, including the LSU Hall of Distinction and the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame.

Opening Session | Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 9:30AM - James Linden Hogg

James Linden Hogg is a multi-instrumentalist, singer, and songwriter of traditional American and Celtic folk music. He is a fiddle champion, the youngest artist to ever perform at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and has previously had the privilege to perform before the U.S. President.

In addition to music, James is an award-winning filmmaker and avid storyteller. In 2022, Hogg authored and published the book, *Finding Faith in the Waste Land*. He is an LSU student who has recorded four albums—all cleverly titled, *College Fund Vol. 1, 2, 3 & 4*—to pay for his education.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

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Election Day is Saturday October 14th



Gubernatorial and legislative seats are open for election. LRTA is currently surveying candidates on their thoughts of the LRTA Legislative Priorities. Although LRTA does not endorse candidates for public office, the association remains keenly interested in receiving support from elected officials on issues that are important to

maintaining and improving the benefits needed to secure dignity and independence in retired life.

Here's how to view the survey results:

1. In the search bar of your web browser, go to lrta.net/2023-survey/
2. Download the PDF file of the most recent survey results. Results are broken down by district.
3. Scroll down until you see the district where you currently reside.

Note: You can find more voting resources under the LRTA Advocacy Center tab on the LRTA website.

WHERE ARE WE ON THE GPO AND WEP?



Scan the QR code on the left to visit our webpage dedicated to updates on legislation seeking to repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). You can also stay updated on the efforts to repeal the GPO/WEP with the LRTA Email Club and Facebook page.

LRTA Foundation Donations

Donations by Dr. James Taylor are in memory of:
Sylvia M. "Juni" Bowes, Joe M. Carmichael, Jean E. Coleman, Dr. Donald K. Haynes, Reversia M. Johnson, Elicio Nicholas, Sarah D. Raynor

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.

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Sylvia B. Bryan – Chalmette
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Edna Q. Lewis – New Orleans
Billy R. Mathis – New Orleans
Sonja A. McCarthy – New Orleans
James J. McLain – New Orleans
Sheila McMaster – New Orleans
Lois Moody – New Orleans
Greer G. Rolland – New Orleans
Edward L. Sanders – New Orleans
Constance M. Selico – New Orleans
Claude A. Steward, Sr. – New Orleans
Donna R. Stewart – New Orleans
Lucille Williams – New Orleans

District II

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Vevlyn A. Adams – LaPlace
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Hazel S. Arena – Metairie
Joan D. Bachemin – River Ridge
Mary Ann Benoit – Thibodaux
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Jean E. Coleman – Luling
Thelma M. Comeaux – Belle Rose
Rosalean Conway – Avondale
Jerry L. Cranford – Metairie
Ray A. Crochet – Pierre Part
Robert J. Crochet – Napoleonville
Debbie A. Ewell – Thibodaux
Jack E. Field – Thibodaux
Stanley P. Foret – Raceland
Rita J. Foster – Marrero
Norma J. Francois – Houma
Anna L. Godin – Metairie
Paula G. Grasso – Houma
Patricia Ann Guidry – Houma
George J. Hebert – Lafitte
Lucille W. Henry – Thibodaux
Priscilla H. Kleinman – Metairie
Merlyn A. Kuse – Metairie
Dona Lee Leblanc – Houma
Jeanne M. LeBlanc – Thibodaux
Henry O. Marks – Pierre Part
Dolloye H. Mello – Metairie
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Elicio P. Nicholas – Thibodaux
Dolly B. Omond – LaPlace
Katherine H. Ordoyne – River Ridge
Richard Prejeant – Thibodaux
Rosie Price – Houma
Mary J. Prosperie – Houma
Olive Pruski – Metairie
Joette A. Quarrella – Kenner
Mary B. Quintana – Metairie
Leroy Raphael – Vacherie
Sarah D. Raynor – Destrehan
Shirley Ann Reyes – Harvey

Beverly L. Reynaud – Houma
Allen Richardson – Harvey
Ann A. Robert – Metairie
Arden Rogers – Golden Meadow
Carol R. Roth – Metairie
Virginia D. Rufin – Metairie
Nancy E. Smith – Metairie
Beverly L. Stuart – Metairie
Gettis Thomas – Harvey
Paulette Thompson – Harvey
Johnny L. Verrett – Thibodaux
Bessie Washington-Porter – Marrero
Linda C. West – Metairie
Ora Mae W. White – Houma
Carrie Williams – Gretna
Peggy Williams – Cut Off

District III

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Lois A. H. Austin – Slidell
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Mary Barnease – Slidell
Mary B. Buhler – Covington
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Teresa Christy – Madisonville
Geraldine M. Clarke – Denham Springs
Gladys Denham – Ponchatoula
Frederick W. Derks – Hammond
Joyce G. Elze – Slidell
Irma Burton Gorman – Hammond
Betty J. Greer – Covington
Brenda S. Gulsby – Franklinton
Curtis J. Harris – Slidell
Barbara A. Harrison – Slidell
Denise M. Hernandez – Mandeville
Mary W. Higgins – Mandeville
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Patsy S. Causey – Baton Rouge
Verader L. Chapman – Baton Rouge
James F. Choate, Jr. – Baton Rouge
James M. Coleman – Baton Rouge
Clara J. Collins – Baton Rouge
Annie M. Cornish – Gonzales
Mary R. Courtney – Donaldsonville
Betty Crockett – Port Allen
Edna A. Crockett – Port Allen
John D. Dickerson, Sr. – Maringouin
Felton Douglas – Baker
John P. Duke – Baton Rouge
Mertis A. Edwards – Baton Rouge
Doveal Essex – Baton Rouge
Effie B. Evans – Sorrento
Donald R. Fleet – Baton Rouge
Janet C. Foster – Baton Rouge
Charlesetta Franklin – Baton Rouge
R. Sue Gambrell – Baton Rouge
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Fannie B. Harrell – Baton Rouge
Elaine Hauler – Baton Rouge
Glenda R. Honore – Baton Rouge
Carla Hughes – Zachary
Charlene Hutchinson – Baton Rouge
Jean D. Jaubert – Baton Rouge
Joan C. Jones – Baton Rouge
Delores B. Kemp – Baton Rouge
Freda D. Knight – Baton Rouge
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Laura S. Lang – Baton Rouge
Clyde H. Lindsey – Baton Rouge
Patricia A. S. Mack – Baton Rouge
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Bettye N. Marque – Baton Rouge
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Joseph S. Miller – Ventress
Harriet R. Mitchell – Baton Rouge
Sheila L. Moore – Zachary
Kevin Mulcahy – Baton Rouge
Julie J. Nall – Baton Rouge
Annell T. Oatley – Baton Rouge
Jack B. Parker – Baton Rouge
Thelma S. Perkins – Baton Rouge
Leroy J. Poydras – Baton Rouge
Ronald E. Price – Brusly
Monaca B. Reech – Baton Rouge
Jeanette M. Risinger – Baton Rouge
John H. Romero – Baton Rouge
Frank B. Ross – Baton Rouge
Geraldine Y. Scott – Baton Rouge
Sheryl B. Sherlock – Baton Rouge
Cleop B. H. Simon – Darrow
Carol B. Sims – Plaquemine
Dorothy R. Smith – Prairieville
Janie B. Smith – Baton Rouge
Merrilyn B. Smith – Baton Rouge
Van Smith, Jr. – Plaquemine
Willie B. Stone – Baton Rouge
Benjamin R. Taylor – Baker
Celestine A. Thomas – Plaquemine
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Nettie G. Williams – Baton Rouge
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District V

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