



LOUISIANA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Fall 2025

LEAVING A LEGACY OF ADVOCACY AND A WEALTH OF FRIENDSHIPS



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As I complete more than ten years as Executive Director for the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association (LRTA) and look toward my own retirement beginning January 1, 2026, I’ve reflected on the many improvements we’ve made to this valued organization.”
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR *LRTA Executive Director*



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I believe together we've created a legacy of activism and built a wealth of lifelong friendships.

This all began during the summer of 2015 when I started my role as Executive Director of LRTA. Before we began this transformative process, I worked with our staff and leadership to update the LRTA governing documents and to develop an action plan for the next decade. We updated our Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws and used our committee and board structures to promulgate goals and objectives as we navigated a complex legislative process that clearly targeted public retirement plans.

Additionally, we redesigned and updated our technology

platforms, including our website, social media platforms, and email club to reflect the needs of both young and older retirees. By using technology to improve communication methods we have created greater awareness about our organization and therefore attracted a younger generation of retirees into joining LRTA.

Once our infrastructure was updated it was time to develop a plan for activism that included training members to implement our Legislative Priorities.

The first step was educating our members on how our retirement plan works, understanding why retirement reforms were necessary, defending the need to maintain our Defined Benefit Plan (DB), and making our benefit plan whole through Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) reform.

LRTA has 11 statewide districts that meet twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. When I arrived, the state office was partially unaware of when and where some district

meetings were scheduled to take place. I immediately saw the need to coordinate the dates for these meetings so that I could attend and train our members on the above mentioned constructs.

It wasn't that our members didn't want to participate in retirement advocacy, it was that they didn't know how. In the fall of 2015, I attended my first round of district meetings with the intent of putting a face and 'brand' on the state LRTA organization by providing relevant information regarding retirement to our membership. And the rest, as the dictum goes, is history.

During the last 10.5 years, I've attended (with few exceptions) every district meeting and trained our members on how to be effective advocates on behalf of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL).

After years of providing this training at approximately 250 meetings, our membership has implemented a model of advocacy that is both powerful and respected by other state organizations and legislators across Louisiana.

I supplied advocacy packets and provided training during each district meeting. These packets contained LRTA positions on retirement bills, talking points, sample letters, and contact information so that members knew how to reach out to their legislators and communicate effectively on each retirement bill that we monitored.

During my ten years as Executive Director, we have monitored more than 100 retirement bills. We successfully opposed more than 30 bills that could have had a negative impact on our retirement plan. We have successfully supported two Cost-of-Living-Adjustments (COLAs) and, more importantly, successfully supported the passage of a bill that will provide regular COLAs once the account is filled in a few years. Passage of the COLA reform law made our retirement plan whole because it secures the buying power of our basic benefits.

At the Federal level our most important accomplishment is the repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO).

These onerous Social Security provisions drastically reduced or eliminated Social Security benefits for nearly 97,000 retirees in Louisiana, many of whom are retired teachers. Thank you to former Congressman Garret Graves and LRTA Legislative Chair Janis Hernandez for their herculean efforts in helping to pass this historic legislation.

These legislative wins are extremely important for retired teachers at the state and national level, and it will be important for the new Executive Director to sustain these wins as we move into the future.

On a personal note, these past ten years have been extremely rewarding for me in terms of purpose and relevance and not just in terms of legislative wins. Establishing and maintaining lifelong friendships has been the most rewarding experience during my career as an educator.

I've spent more than 48 years working in public education. I've worn all the educator hats: from teacher, to supervisor, to superintendent, to college

professor. All these positions provided me with a rich and rewarding career steeped in purpose and relevance.

However, I can honestly say that building friendships with fellow educators during the last decade has provided me with the strongest sense of relevance and purpose during my nearly fifty-year career.

I want to thank each and every member that I have had contact with during my tenure as your Executive Director. These memories will sustain me during my journey into retirement.

Thank you retired teachers of Louisiana for the opportunity to serve you as the Executive Director of LRTA from 2015 through 2025. You are the crown on a career that has spanned decades and has made me proud to have served public education in the great State of Louisiana.

Rodney R. Watson

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LRTA Executive Director

A MESSAGE FROM OUR *LRTA President*



Leading LRTA Through Strength and Vision:

Strong and visionary leadership is essential for the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association. COLAs, repeal of WEP and GPO, and preserving the constitutional provisions protecting retirement have long resonated with us. Over the years I have known Rodney Watson, our Executive Director, it has been my pleasure to collaborate with him on these initiatives, bringing about successes that have enhanced our quality of life.

This journey toward securing legislative victories was neither brief nor simple; it required strategic planning, persistent advocacy, and the combined strengths of the LRTA's leadership and members. These joint efforts have propelled our legislative achievements, strengthened the fabric of LRTA, and united members around common goals and shared successes.

Advancing LRTA's Legislative Advocacy:

A Collaborative Effort To organize LRTA's advocacy campaigns takes an understanding of legislative processes and retirement policy. Working together, Rodney and I coordinated outreach to policymakers, engaged local chapters, and mobilized our

members when action was needed on legislation. This collaborative effort helped lay out a solid foundation to accomplish legislative victories.

Our approach centered on ensuring every member's voice was heard and amplified. We collaborated extensively to accomplish LRTA's legislative priorities, appearing at committee meetings at the capital and delivering testimony before legislative bodies when needed. These combined efforts generated widespread support, underscoring the power of shared vision and steadfast teamwork.

Representation on the TRSL Board:

Two Seats at the Table

A cornerstone of Rodney's and my relationship developed through my service, and that of Dr. James Taylor, on the TRSL Board of Trustees. Involvement on the TRSL Board has been an opportunity to work on influencing policies that impact thousands of retired educators. Whether reviewing actuarial data, strategizing pension policies, or analyzing legislative proposals, Rodney, Dr. Taylor, and I maintained an open and constructive dialogue, always guided by our joint commitment to fiscal security for retired teachers.

Through our positions as a TRSL Board members, Dr. Taylor and I have forged strong relationships with Rodney rooted in ensuring that the interests of LRTA's members were always at the forefront. Together, we advocated for policies that promote sustainability and equity within TRSL, striving to create a retirement system that honors the service of educators while meeting the evolving needs of our membership.

Uniting at State Conventions: Building Community and Purpose:

The annual State Convention is a highlight of our association's calendar, a time when we converge to celebrate achievements, share knowledge, and chart the path ahead. Last year's convention was a remarkable illustration of what effective collaboration looks like in practice.

From the earliest planning stages, Rodney and I worked as a unified team with our District host coordinating events, developing programming, soliciting sponsors, and engaging local officials to ensure the event's success. Our shared vision created an inspiring atmosphere where every participant felt valued. The convention's success was not merely the result of careful planning, it was the product of trust, communication, and the spirit of partnership that defines the working relationship between Rodney and me.

Looking Ahead: Sustaining LRTA's Legacy Through New Leadership:

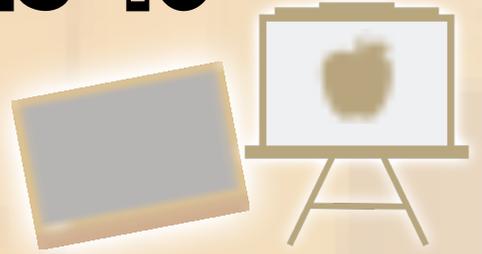
Reflecting on my past leadership roles, the importance of a reliable and visionary Executive Director has been clear. The future of LRTA depends on continued teamwork between new leadership and the incoming Executive Director to advance legislative advocacy, membership growth, financial security, and opportunities for retired educators to remain connected and informed.

This ongoing partnership will maintain LRTA's strength and vibrancy in supporting Louisiana's educators during retirement.

Clyde F. Hamner

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LRTA State President

From Chalkboards to Leadership Boards



District Presidents share stories as retired educators and collaborations with Executive Director, Rodney Watson, as we wish him a happy retirement!



DR. LEVON LEBAN, *District I President*

“As a life member of the LRTA for over two decades, I have observed both progressive and positive changes, especially over the last ten years. I find myself looking forward to the Fall Conference and am marveled by the amount of dedication and work that goes into it. In addition, the information shared is relevant and appropriate and it is sprinkled with a family-like atmosphere. Thanks, Rodney, Renee, and the entire LRTA Staff.”



BILLY PICARD, *District II President*

“Since my affiliation with LRTA and as District II President for the past ten years, I have come to respect Rodney as a strong advocate for retired educators. He has guided LRTA into being a viable state organization through his effective leadership, always the lobbyist, always informative to our membership, always organized to the hilt, and always a friend and colleague to each of us from District II. It has been a pleasure to work with him these past few years and all of us wish him all the best as he journeys onward.”



ROXANNE LAGARDE, *District III President*

“Under Rodney’s leadership, LRTA has remained true to its **core values**:

Service to Members and the Association: Rodney has been a respected voice and a progressive face of our association throughout Louisiana.

Integrity, Honesty, and Transparency in Leadership: These values define Rodney in his tenure as Executive Director.

Respect for Diversity of People and Ideas: By leading by example, being open to different perspectives, and valuing the diversity within our association, Rodney will be remembered as a true *Service Leader*. District III thanks you!”



BARBARA DAVIS, *District IV President*

“Throughout the past ten years I have appreciated the hard work and dedicated service that our Executive Director, Rodney Watson has provided to LRTA. He will be greatly missed as he moves onward and upward in his future endeavors. It is with a grateful heart I say thanks for the many successes the Association accomplished working under his leadership. I wish him well as he moves on to new adventures in his retirement.”



PATSY HEBERT, *District V President*

“Rodney retires after 10 ½ years of dedicated service as Executive Director of LRTA, leaving behind a legacy of advocacy, guidance, and heartfelt leadership. He championed Louisiana’s retired teachers, keeping members informed and empowered to be their own advocates. With kindness and empathy, he navigated legislative challenges, always leading by example. On a personal note, I will always remember how he reached out to me when my son passed away—I consider him a true friend.”



EDITH (EDIE) KEYS, *District VI President*

“The first time I saw Rodney Watson and heard him speak I thought, “How can this soft spoken, kind man ever accomplish anything within the man-woman-eating system we call the Louisiana Legislature?” But you know what, he did, and he did it over and over again. I ate my own words! I really respect him more today than I did then, because he accomplished so many hurdles without ever compromising his integrity and he genuinely has always had so much love for our organization. District VI is grateful for his time and devotion toward LRTA throughout the years. Rodney, may God continue to bless you in this next journey!”



SUE SANDIFER, *District VII President*

“Rodney is forever a seeker of knowledge and has always been a thorough researcher in his work. For every district meeting Rodney is beyond prepared to update, educate and inform retirees on the status and events regarding legislation impacting retired educators. You will never go to a talk he gives without the entire audience becoming involved in an open discussion of some sort. He was (and still is) always happy to answer any questions. The members have always enjoyed visiting with him. We will miss him. ❤️”



CHRIS NOLEN, *District VIII President*

“Rodney and I first met through our professions in education. He was working in the State Department of Education, and I was working as the Director of Special Services where decisions made at the state level trickled down to the districts in Sabine Parish. Years later, through our involvement with LRTA, Rodney and I crossed paths again. He has done a great job taking the Association to the next level. He continued to develop and utilize his many professional connections and has created collaborative relationships with other like-minded organizations to advocate for teachers and retirees. His advocacy efforts have been very successful, and retired teachers are better off for his efforts. I wish him the very best as he finally gets to say that he is truly retired.



LEANDRA MITCHELL, *District IX President*

“I met Mr. Rodney Watson in 2018 at the District IX Fall Meeting in Rayville, LA. I was impressed at how detailed and thorough he was when covering information he brought to discuss. Rodney Watson has played an integral part of the LRTA’s sustainability, leadership and strength. Rodney has proven himself to be the leader that he is and keeps us informed at whatever is going on with the State or in legislation as it relates to retirement.”



BECKY SOLLEY, *District X President*

“I met Rodney prior to my retirement when interviewing for a position in Region 8/LDE. He asked a question to which I replied, “There is no end to education. You learn and then you teach.” That is what he has done as Executive Director of LRTA. He has educated retirees in understanding legislative issues impacting us and how we can educate others. I thank him for the opportunity I had to serve in Region 8 and my opportunities to learn in LASIP classes which led me to be a better classroom teacher. I thank him for what he has done to put retired teachers as his priority and for his efforts in educating us to be more informed citizens and voters.”



NANCY QUIGLEY, *District XI President*

“Rodney Watson. There are so many stories! Where to begin? Well, over ten years ago I made a phone call to Rodney suggesting that he interview for the role of Executive Director at LRTA. It was the best phone call I have ever made. I knew when he came to Parkway High School as a first year teacher back in the day that he would go far despite my friend saying, “He will never make it”. It will be hard to replace his dedication, professionalism, hard work, loyalty and his never ending sense of humor. Good luck Rodney in all that you do in your retirement years. LRTA will never forget you and all that you have done to *Make Retirement Years Great*. Thanks for our years of friendship and much love. I will call you again, so be ready!”



CELEBRATING SUCCESSES



Join Us! Louisiana education retirees are invited to attend the LRTA State Fall Meeting on October 20-21, 2025. The meeting will take place at Embassy Suites, located at 4914 Constitution Avenue in Baton Rouge. LRTA will hold a variety of informational sessions with guest speakers Leea Russell, LA Division of the Arts Executive Director and Katherine Whitney, TRSL Executive Director. We will present the Name of Fame Awards to honorees from Districts III and IV, as well as distribute our annual Unit Challenge Awards. Additionally, LRTA will also have its annual wacky hat contest! **We are celebrating ten years of legislative successes while forging friendships.** We are so excited to see where the imaginative minds of our members go when creating their hats this year!

Use the form on page 12 of this newsletter to register for the meeting. Attendees must pre-register for the banquet meal by October 13. Although on-site registration is available, pre-registration will ensure that you receive a packet containing your name tag and other meeting materials upon arrival. Delayed mail received by the LRTA office through the USPS may affect your registration being received by the deadline. **LRTA is encouraging members to register online at <https://lrta.net/state-fall-meeting/> or scan the QR code above.**



Additionally, if you are planning to stay overnight, Embassy Suites is offering room rates at \$110/1 king bed or \$118/2 queen beds per night. **Note:** Contact the hotel at (225) 924-6566 or book online. Use reference code "RTA" when booking hotel room.

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Deceased Retired Teachers

May 16, 2025 - August 19, 2025

District I

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Berneal Bell – New Orleans
Roberta K. Bell – New Orleans
Thelma J. Bertrand – New Orleans
Wilson C. Boveland, Jr. – New Orleans
Louise Davis – New Orleans
Penelope W. Dralle – New Orleans
Gayle Duskin – New Orleans
Carmen G. Espinoza – New Orleans
Beverly C. Favre – New Orleans
Joel J. Finley – New Orleans
Thomas L. Forsell – New Orleans
William Garibaldi III – New Orleans
Fred M. Hunter – New Orleans
Gloria S. Jackson – New Orleans
Rosaline A. Jackson – New Orleans
Peggy V. Kellam – New Orleans
Albert J. Martinez – New Orleans
Dianze B. Montelaro – New Orleans
James Parsons – New Orleans
Manfred Pollard – New Orleans
Jeanne M. Prevost – New Orleans
Sandra Lee Rockwell – New Orleans
Muhammad Saddiq – New Orleans
Carol J. Stokes – Chalmette
Joseph Thibodeaux, Jr. – New Orleans
Linda T. Wessel – New Orleans
Lynn D. Winn – New Orleans

District II

Hesham M. Abdel-Rahman – Metairie
Curtis T. Alexander – Luling
Milleen R. Babin – Houma
Carolyn A. Barras – Marrero
Janete S. Bates – Houma
Rena C. Black – Metairie
Elizabeth L. Bourg – Gretna
Rudie L. Bourgeois – Thibodaux
Henry J. Cancienne – Lockport
Marlene B. Champagne – Houma
Maude G. Cheramie – Galliano
Ezel B. Cherry – Gray
Janice R. Cooley – Bourg
Gwendolyn R. Crockem – St. Rose
Judith B. Darensbourg – Metairie
Kathleen S. Deroche – Paulina
Louella B. Duffel – Mathews
Shelia D. Eugene – Harvey
Gloria S. Fields – Reserve
Sonja Anne Fonseca – Schriever
Ramona A. Fox – Thibodaux
Otis P. Guichet Jr. – Harahan
Allen P. Hymel – Vacherie

Edward Johns – Houma
Barbara H. Kass – Gretna
Lucille I. LeBlanc – Marrero
Marjorie Martin – Raceland
Hilda M. Merritt – Metairie
Margaret D. Milnor – Luling
Ammerette Moore – Jefferson
Mary B. Moore – Houma
Chris J. Morel – Metairie
Patricia A. Orozco - Harvey
Albert L. Ott – Gretna
Marilyn A. Parker – Belle Rose
Nina M. Ploof – Des Allemands
Charlene A. Porche – Houma
Rosalie S. Raheem – Harvey
Margaret Ransone – Metairie
Sandra Rigdon – Kenner
Perry J. Rodrigue – Thibodaux
Donna B. Scott – Convent
John R. Stelly – Metairie
Estonia E. Stephens – Harvey
Marie S. Stout – Harahan
Judith R. Thibodaux – Houma
Carol G. Trant – Raceland
Connie M. Wahlen – Metairie
Enola C. Woods – Thibodaux
Gail A. Young – Metairie
Patricia A. Young - Kenner

District III

Judith D. Bennett – Bush
Douglas W. Bergeron – Mandeville
Wendy Blouin – Covington
Deborah D. Bodron – Covington
Alice Booker – Independence
Connie Marie Brown – Lacombe
Michelle Buckley – Hammond
Myra H. Catalanatto – Hammond
Mary E. Coburn – Amite
Julia M. Creel – Hammond
Shirley P. Edwards – Walker
Barbara Epps – Franklinton
Ronald H. Geauthreaux – Mandeville
Dorothea S. Gegenheimer – Covington
Barbara J. Harrell – Slidell
Charles Hill Jr. – Mandeville
Louise W. Hood – Mandeville
Hosea C. Johnson – Angie
Angie W. Jones – Pearl River
Delta L. Kovach – Albany
Peggy L. Kyzar – Independence
Mary L. Leary – Lacombe
Nancy W. Leglue – Kentwood
Doris O. Lentz – Denham Springs
George L. Magee – Franklinton
Delores B. Marshall – Lacombe
Cassandra M. Marvil – Covington
Samuel McCarter – Robert
Joan M. Naquin – Covington
Ethel M. Parainfo – Pearl River
Pamela Rawls – Pine Grove
Patricia G. Rutherford – Mandeville

Patricia T. Saucier – Ponchatoula
Mary J. Singletary – Pearl River
Woodrow W. Thomas – Slidell
Joyce F. Tolar – Covington
Melanie A. Watts – Independence
Miriam Weaver – Lacombe
Bobbie H. Williams – Covington
Don G. Williams – Bogalusa
Sue S. Williams – Bogalusa

District IV

Lous J. Barbatto Jr. – Sunshine
Juanita S. Barker – Baton Rouge
Yvette B. Butler – Baton Rouge
Geraldine C. Chapman – Baton Rouge
Ye-Sho Chen – Baton Rouge
Nancy Claiborne – Baton Rouge
Debra H. Clark – Baton Rouge
Frances W. Cobbins – Baton Rouge
Emma L. Conner – Baton Rouge
Shirley M. Conrad – Baton Rouge
Deborah I. Dawan – Baton Rouge
Lovenia Deconge-Watson – Baton Rouge
Verna M. Dixon – New Roads
David W. Dukes – Greenwell Springs
Bertha M. Freeman – Baton Rouge
Frederick I. Frisby – Baton Rouge
Patti L. Guedry – Greenwell Springs
Mary W. Hagan – Zachary
Lillie R. Harris – Baker
Mearl E. Harville – Baker
Jack N. Haynes – Baton Rouge
Juanita Hill – Grosse Tete
James F. Hunt – Clinton
Joycelyn C. Jean – Prairieville
Erat S. Joseph – Baton Rouge
Peggy L. Kimble – Baton Rouge
Augusta J. Ladmirault – New Roads
Jacqueline H. Lambousy – Baton Rouge
Helen K. Leger – Brusly
Joann V. Levatino – Baton Rouge
Bettye M. Martin – St. Francisville
Patricia A. McElroy – Baton Rouge
Theresa Mims – Baton Rouge
Helen S. Morgan – New Roads
Barbara P. Myers – Baton Rouge
Dorothy B. Pruyn – Baton Rouge
Elsie O. Rogers – St. Francisville
Sonya D. Ryland – Baton Rouge
Joe Salter – Baton Rouge
Benjamin Sanders III – Baton Rouge
Julia J. Scott – Baton Rouge

Lucille M. Shamburger – Baton Rouge
Tracey A. Sieklicki – Baton Rouge
Pamela S. Spracklen – Pride
Yolanda S. Stevenson – Baton Rouge
Ethel R. Taylor – Baton Rouge
Willie M. Titus Jr. – Baton Rouge
Patricia J. Tyson – Baton Rouge
Dianna M. Underhill – Baton Rouge
Jimmy Sue Valentine – Zachary
Lucy P. Virdure – Baton Rouge
Billy D. Williams – St. Francisville

District V

Jacob Ambrose – Maurice
Melvin Bellow – Eunice
Verona Bertrand – Mamou
Rosalind N. Blaze – New Iberia
Rebecca A. Bowles – Franklin
Cynthia H. Chataignier – Youngsville
Camille C. Clausen – Lafayette
Norma M. Clements – Centerville
Marvin E. Colar – Lafayette
Joseph M. Cotton – Lafayette
Sherrie L. N. Delatour – Lafayette
Donella C. Duncan – Arnaudville
Evelyn R. Estay – Patterson
Randell J. Francois – Lafayette
Marion J. Fruge – Eunice
Donald P. Gremillion – Abbeville
Barbara Guillot – Lafayette
Kurt A. Hellscher – New Iberia
Larry K. Henderson – New Iberia
Merline L. Herbert – Lafayette
Karen Herpin – Kaplan
Maxine G. Jack – Ville Platte
Jean Ida T. Jolivet – Ville Platte
Marion H. Jones – Breaux Bridge
Revera F. Joseph – Lafayette
Paul E. Joubert – Carencro
Geraldine M. Kreamer – Lafayette
Laura M. Larive – Patterson
Charles T. Mahfouz – Lafayette
Linda Elaine Mahler – Lafayette
J. Oswald Melancon – Morgan City
Orgy Vee Moss Jr. – Erath
Eunice E. Mouton – Lafayette
Marie A. Musemeche – New Iberia
Bayne A. Olivier – New Iberia
Michael J. Patin – Breaux Bridge
Renee F. Richter – Opelousas
Deborah D. Robichaux – Abbeville
Lovenia H. Robinson – Lafayette
Rita Ann Rogers – Lafayette
Ann Russo – Lafayette

“...THESE IMMORTAL DEAD WHO LIVE AGAIN IN MINDS MADE BETTER BY THEIR PRESENCE”

Dolores G. Shipley – Lafayette
Brenda M. Smith – Lafayette
Mildred M. Taylor – Arnaudville
John W. Turner – Lafayette
Sherryl M. Verdugo – Lafayette
Eugenia Winters – Lafayette

District VI

Theodora M. D. Cade – Jennings
Billy Callens – Hackberry
Marjorie R. Chavis – Lake Charles
Mary Gonden Dugar – Crowley
Dolores Duplechin – Lake Charles
Nicholas H. Fruge – Welsh
Emma Hobbs – Lake Charles
Thomas R. Hymel – Lake Charles
Albert L. Kennard – Kinder
Bobbie Jean Lee – Lake Charles
Georgia Mathis – Iowa
James V. Meche – Crowley
E. Doris Reed – Lake Charles
Kenneth R. Richard – Crowley
Carolynn W. Sharp – Merryville
Judy A. Smith – Church Point
Betty L. Sonnier – Sulphur
James Sonnier Jr. – Lake Charles
Lydia F. Thibodeaux – Mermentau
June M. Trotter Jr. – Jeanerette
Donna E. Victorian – Church Point

District VII

Claristeen O. Beard – Vidalia
Nelwyn O. Broussard – Alexandria
Mary L. Brown – Simmesport
Kenneth E. Deen – Montgomery
Shirley A. Grandpierre – Ball
Grover A. Holaway – Leesville
Gwendolyn F. Idlett – Pineville
Melvin L. Jackson Jr. – Alexandria
Beatrice M. Jeter – Woodworth
Earl C. Johnson – Pollock
Ted McKee – Leesville
Vonette B. McKithern – Ball
Hilda S. Nelson – Alexandria
Wanda R. Paulk – Deville
Pamela Quebedeaux – Mansura
Rosie W. Rachal – Boyce
Randal J. Reech – Moreauville
John L. Sampson – Alexandria
Shirley A. Sayes – Pineville
Berdia A. Shorter – Pineville
Johnnie R. West Jr. – Colfax
Zenobia M. Wilson – Leesville

District VIII

Tammie L. Brian – Provencal
Odell Cobb – Robeline
Lawrence H. Davis – Grand Cane
Yvonne W. Dupuy – Natchitoches

Robert Gillan – Natchitoches
Mary W. Gough – Natchitoches
Kenneth H. Green – Natchitoches
Charlie L. Johnson – Natchitoches
Mablene D. Kelly – Mansfield
Laura B. Lavespere – Natchitoches
Gloria J. Moore – Coushatta
Dell T. Morgan – Natchitoches
Raymond Powell – Mansfield
Ellen H. Russell – Winnfield
Claire L. P. Thompson – Florian
Mack A. Wall – Natchitoches
Oscar D. Whatley – Natchitoches

District IX

Martha D. Brewer – Delhi
Sandra J. Chapman – Rayville
Samuel Dixon – Tallulah
Orville L. Evans Jr. – St. Joseph
Susan Fallin – Delhi
Hazel J. Harrison – Tallulah
Peggy Hill – Rayville
Mary L. Hillman – Pioneer
Millie R. Koppie – Pioneer
Mary M. McLemore – Gilbert
Annie C. Powell – Lake Providence
Sarah A. Thomason – Rayville
Freda E. Wallace – Winnsboro

District X

Thomas W. Antley – Choudrant
Faye A. Avard – Monroe
Sue A. Avery – Monroe
Merry Ann V. Bonin – Monroe
Billie Brooks – Monroe
Jeannie Caples – Quitman
Marjorie Graham – Monroe
Odell Jackson – Monroe
Joyce M. C. Johnson – Monroe
Robert L. Kilpatrick – Monroe
Joyce A. Lee – Bastrop
Sharon J. Moore – Ruston
Thelma Richardson – Ruston
Vickie C. Robertson – West Monroe
Billy J. Talton – Dubach
Sharon S. Thompson – Grayson
Linda W. Waalk – Monroe
Zenobia Williams – Bastrop

District XI

Jerry L. Antee – Houghton
Marie H. Ayres – Shreveport
James Barr Jr. – Shreveport
Mary T. Bethel – Shreveport
Laverne S. Camp – Keithville
Jo T. Cooper – Shreveport
Jerlene Craig – Bossier City
William L. Davis – Ringgold
Richard E. Dezendorf – Shreveport
Mary E. L. Franklin – Haynesville
James D. Fritz – Shreveport
William M. Gosdin – Shreveport
Barbara S. Hall – Bossier City

Thelma L. Harris – Shreveport
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Please use this form to pre-register for the 2025 Fall Meeting in order to expedite registration in Baton Rouge. To make a reservation for the convention banquet on Tuesday, October 21, 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). **Online payment also accepted at <https://lrta.net/state-fall-meeting/>**

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___ Number of tickets for Tuesday night banquet (\$35 per person enclosed) = \$ _____
(Baked lasagna, salad, sides and iced tea)

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 15.** Mail forms and checks to LRTA, 9412 Common St., Suite 5, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.