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## Fall Meeting Name of Fame Honorees



*Maria Sly George, District I President, and Carol J. Lynch, District XI President, second and third from left, received the prestigious LRTA Name of Fame award at the recent Fall Meeting. Mrs. George and Mrs. Lynch were guests of honor at the Fall Meeting banquet held on October 26. Also pictured are spouses of the honorees: Theo George, far left, and Raymond Lynch, far right.*

### OPERATION: MEMBERSHIP!

As 2010 draws to a close, we look back at the successes of this year and plan to extend our efforts to break all past records of membership. We are convinced that we have the collective intellect to succeed, but to succeed we must work “smart”. It will take the combined efforts of local leaders, district leaders and state leaders to make this happen.

Strategies have been set in place for all members to get involved in extending invitations for non-members to become part of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association.

As of October 20, 2010, the membership statistics indicated that the rankings of the top five districts were:

District X with 39.2%, Districts I and II tied with 38.4% each, District XI with 37.5%, District V with 36.8% and District VIII with 35.6%.

The top ten parishes in percent of membership were:

Assumption with 60.8%, St. James with 58.1%, Cameron with 56.7%,

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### E-Mail Club

Join the LRTA E-Mail Club and stay informed up to the minute. All you need to do is send an e-mail to [info@lrta.net](mailto:info@lrta.net) with E-MAIL CLUB in the subject line. Once your e-mail reaches LRTA, your e-mail address will be added as a new contact, and you will receive all e-mail communications sent from the LRTA office. Consider joining, and stay informed!

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## From the Desk of the President



**Dr. James A. Taylor**

I begin with holiday greetings to each of you. When you receive this we will be rapidly approaching Christmas and the New Year. From all of us at LRTA, may all of your holidays be filled with the blessings of family and friends. May all of us

make this a time of renewal and re-dedication.

We had a very successful Fall Meeting in October. Attendance was good, and members reported that they found the sessions meaningful and relevant. I thank all of the members in northeast Louisiana for the splendid planning and hosting. We were truly blessed by our time in Monroe. We completed our leadership training workshop in mid-November and had excellent participation, representation, and feedback relative to this biennial event. District leaders expressed their belief that they could use the ideas and skills presented during the session to more effectively organize and unify local membership groups.

We continue to face challenges to the control of our assets at the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. We now find that while we were busy trying to stop the consolidation of the retirement systems, a bill giving the legislature greater control over when we could get *any* increase in benefits "sneaked" through the House and Senate and was passed by the people as Amendment 6 at the last statewide election. We have analyzed the Amendment and checked with legal counsel in government and find that no increase which would have an actuarial impact (they all do) could be given without a 2/3 vote of both houses of the Legislature. With the recession now officially over and inflation an inherent by-product of this cycle, we retirees will be taking another economic hit.

What can we do? The executive committee and executive director will be meeting with other retirement community representatives similarly affected. We will look for ways to work around this new development, but have no ready answers at the moment. What does this mean to you? First, each of the approximately 54,000 retirees who receive checks from TRSL must become members of LRTA if we are to succeed in protecting our assets. At present, approximately 20,000 members are carrying the load of

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## Executive Director's Report



**Graig A. Luscombe**

The LRTA state officers and staff hosted an LRTA Leadership Training Workshop in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, November 16. The purpose of the workshop was to develop interest among LRTA members in considering the acceptance of

leadership positions in the association. Those invited to attend were the current LRTA District presidents, and they had the opportunity to invite their District's first vice-presidents and two other individuals who were emerging in their respective areas as potential LRTA leaders. Forty-two people attended, including the district presidents, first vice-presidents, some unit presidents, and others who expressed an interest in attending.

A full agenda was discussed. The officers had an opportunity to share with the attendees the duties and responsibilities associated with their respective state-wide elective offices. The staff reviewed LRTA's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, the *LRTA Board Policy and Employee Handbook*, the association's code of ethics, and the LRTA Strategic Plan. After lunch, the attendees were provided information on LRTA membership and member recruitment, and also received training on district operations and meeting and program planning. The day's agenda ended with a discussion on LRTA's interface with the Louisiana Legislature, and a time for questions and answers.

Future leadership training workshops will be held each Fall after the installation of the newly elected LRTA President. From comments, and other indications, those attending felt their time was well spent in Baton Rouge.

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## Update – Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana

1-877-275-8775

### What Happened to My Check Stub?

TRSL has changed the frequency at which direct deposit payment stubs are mailed, saving the retirement system approximately \$100,000 each year. Payment stubs are now mailed only when one of the following occurs:

- You set up direct deposit for the first time.
- There's a change in your net pay.
- The calendar year ends.

Keep in mind that TRSL's Member Access gives you secure online access to your retirement account. For more in-

formation on Member Access, visit our website at [www.trsl.org](http://www.trsl.org)

### Consumer Alert: Get the Facts about Your Account from TRSL

TRSL strongly encourages you to contact us for accurate answers to retirement questions, especially when they concern your TRSL benefits. If a private company provides you with information about TRSL, keep in mind that only TRSL can verify the facts about your account with us.

TRSL does not sell or endorse any financial or retirement products. We will never come to your home or call

you unsolicited to ask for your personal information. If you need information on your benefits, please call us at 225-925-6446 or toll-free (outside the Baton Rouge area) at 1-877-ASK-TRSL (1-877-275-8775).

**P.S. from LRTA:** Should you receive a call from a representative from Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) who mentions your TRSL benefit, or who indicates that they represent TRSL or LRTA, please get the name of the AMBA representative who made the call and then call the LRTA office at (225) 927-8837 or toll-free 1-888-531-1992 to report the incident.

## An Inside Look – Office of Group Benefits

1-800-272-8451

As required by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, all OGB plan members will soon receive a letter about OGB's participation in the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP).

Authorized by the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), the health care reform legislation passed by Congress earlier this year, ERRP is an incentive program for employers that provide health coverage to early retirees (ages 55 to 64) who are not yet covered by Medicare. Effective June 2010, OGB

and other qualifying employers can request federal reimbursements for 80 percent of health care claim payments on behalf of early retirees that total between \$15,000 and \$90,000 per year.

OGB expects to receive between \$64 million and \$74 million annually through 2013 (when the program expires) or the \$5 billion appropriated for the program is exhausted. Health care costs continue to rise each year, so OGB will use ERRP claim reimbursements to offset these cost increases, which will

help OGB keep your health care plan **premiums** as low as possible.

If you have questions or additional information, call OGB Customer Service in Baton Rouge at 1-800-272-8451 (toll-free), 1-800-259-6771 (TDD toll-free) or 225-925-6625 (in the Baton Rouge calling area).

Have a blessed and healthy Holiday Season.

*Dr. Merline T. Broussard  
Your Group Benefits Policy  
& Planning Board Member*

In 2011, do your part to Make Retirement Years Great! Become active in your local, district, state and national retired educator associations.

## Executive Director's Report

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On another note, the LRTA offices in Baton Rouge are sprucing up for the holidays, and for the future. On November 1, the LRTA staff initiated a major office renovation project that includes the reorganization of some office space, new paint and carpeting, and the replacement of outdated office furniture throughout. The renovation project was approved by the LRTA Budget and Executive Committees, and an update was provided to the Executive Board at the recently held Fall Meeting. While work continues as this issue of the LRTA Newsletter goes to print, the staff anticipates completion of the project within the next three weeks. Those of you in the area are certainly welcome to drop by and see the progress being made on this project.

Renee, Ann and I wish you and your family and friends a happy holiday season, and a great beginning to 2011.

## OPERATION: MEMBERSHIP! *(Continued from page 1)*

Morehouse with 56.1%, Claiborne with 46.5%, Desoto with 45.9%, Lafourche with 44.9%, Jackson with 42.9%, LaSalle with 42.9% and Winn with 42.7%.

District presidents are urged to work with their unit presidents to increase membership across the board in RTA units and LRTA. LRTA members are automatically members of their district; however, local unit membership does not automatically provide for membership in the district and state. All leaders should clarify this confusion by encouraging everyone to join their local unit and also the state LRTA!

Plans are underway to further expand LRTA associate membership of active educational personnel in the public schools of Louisiana. This is an effort to increase awareness and support of public education needs and retirement concerns. Working with local superintendents, plans are in place for payroll deductions of \$10.00 annual dues on

April 1 each year. This will continue in force until the active school employee retires and becomes a full-fledged retiree member of LRTA.

Dr. John Foster, past LRTA president, has developed a DVD presentation which will be utilized in public schools in parishes with approved payroll deductions for LRTA associate member dues. This will provide ongoing membership in LRTA for the future. Increased membership will provide a greater degree of lobbying potential in the Louisiana legislature as well as the Congress of the United States relative to Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset.

Let us continue united efforts to have every District in LRTA exceed the 50% point of membership. Your efforts to help reach this goal are commendable. Your ideas are welcomed in promoting LRTA.

In October of 2009, the LRTA Executive Board passed a resolution in support of a pipeline excise tax plan developed by J. Ron Eldridge. This could

provide necessary revenues to eliminate the unfunded accrued liability of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana as well as fund substantial cost of living raises. You should get information relative to this plan by going to the website of The Louisiana Self-Help Plan. The address is <http://laselfhelp.com>. Also visit the LRTA website for information about the association, or use it to access links to the website of the Louisiana legislature and the Louisiana Self-Help Plan.

You will find valuable information on the website that you may use when lobbying the Louisiana legislature from a local perspective. Please make your fellow retirees aware of the use of the LRTA website and the information it provides.

Your ongoing support of LRTA to develop membership is greatly appreciated. Together, we can strive to make retirement years great!

*Dr. Jesse W. Scott,  
First Vice-President  
and State Membership Chair*

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## From the Desk of the President

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protecting the assets of 54,000 retirees. We must have each of the remaining 34,000 retirees fill out the form allowing a \$25.00 deduction annually in April. The challenge to our economic security is grave and ongoing. We will not be fully successful until every retiree becomes part of the solution.

Secondly, we must become politically active. Each retiree must have the name, phone number, and e-mail address of her/his senator and representative. We need you to join the LRTA e-mail service so that we may get needed information to you quickly, especially during legislative sessions. We must ensure that each member of the legislature has at least two LRTA representatives who will monitor his/her actions relative to retirement issues. This will work best if these persons have taught the legislator, knows him/her socially, or has some other one-on-one relationship with him/her. For those members who do not use computers, we need letter and telephone trees established to protect and advance our interests.

Thirdly, we need to dedicate ourselves to mutual support in 2011. As we mature, we need to establish an active social network. This is especially true for each local unit. Break-

fast clubs, lunch clubs, tour groups, card games, "staycations" and regular conversations can strengthen support all year long, not just when we need to mobilize as a well-tuned team to address legislative matters.

I am enjoying meeting with groups throughout the state. The most gratifying aspect of my job as president is meeting with members in their home areas. My greatest challenge is to forge LRTA into a force that cannot be ignored by the legislature, treasurer, or governor. We must become one force dedicated to "making retirement years great."

Please make one of your New Year's resolutions to become more active in this organization. We need your contributions of time, talent, and membership. Without a well-tuned organization of highly intelligent members, we will be marginalized and ignored. With all TRSL retirees active, supporting one another, we will turn the tide in our favor and become a force that cannot be ignored. Let's all have a successful Happy New Year!

*Dr. James A. Taylor  
LRTA President*

## Foundation Looking Forward

The Fall Meeting of the LRTA Foundation was a wonderful event. The Foundation Board met to conduct business on Monday, October 25 and by Wednesday had given out 7 items in the traditional giveaway drawing.

All tickets were sold, bringing in \$971.00. This was the largest amount received since the drawings started. Much appreciation is extended to those individuals purchasing the tickets in support of the LRTA Foundation.

The donors and winners of the above prizes were: TV (donated by Gulf Coast Bank) won by James Broussard, pearl necklace (donated by LRTA) won by Renee Wright, cooker (donated by Mr. & Mrs. James Stewart) won by Renee Siccone, \$50 cash (donated by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Powell) won by Bobbie Corner, birdhouse (donated by Dan Verret) won by Bettye Gardner, atomic clock won by Edith Keyes, and the DVD player (donated by LRTA) won by Dolores Grace.

Thanks to those donating items for the Foundation drawing for the 2010 Fall Giveaway.

### Share Your Program Ideas

Dr. Lonnie Dunn, LRTA Second Vice-President and state Program Committee Chair, has initiated a statewide project of gathering successful local unit and district meeting program ideas. Each unit and district is asked to review past meeting programs, choose the best two or three in terms of effective/interesting meetings, and send those program ideas to Dr. Dunn at the LRTA office in Baton Rouge. These program ideas will be compiled into a program resource guide that will be duplicated and sent to all unit and district program chairs.

Please give this your immediate attention so that your program ideas may be included in the new LRTA resource guide for successful programs.

There were 19 Centennial Birthday awards presented by the Foundation during 2010. Congratulations to those recipients reaching their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday during 2010. Hopefully, this number will increase during 2011.

During the 2011 Spring Meeting in Alexandria, LA, Leadership Awards will be presented from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10. Be sure to send your nominations of worthy individuals to your respective District President.

Donations to the LRTA Foundation from individuals, businesses, RTA Units and LRTA Districts are encouraged. Thanks for your past support of the Foundation. For additional information, go to the LRTA website [www.LRTA.net](http://www.LRTA.net) and click on Foundation. On behalf of the Foundation Board, I hope your holiday season will be blessed and that 2011 will be a year of good health and happiness.

*Dr. Hugh Craft, President  
LRTA Foundation, Inc.*

## AARP/NRTA Community Service Award

Nomination forms are now being accepted for the 2011 Annual Chapter & REA Unit Community Service Award. This annual award is given on behalf of AARP/NRTA and the chapter/Retired Educators Association (REA) unit to the person providing the most outstanding service to the community through a unit- or chapter-sponsored service project in 2010. The award (a commemorative certificate and pin) will be mailed in time for presentation during National Volunteer Week in April. **Providing this information is the direct responsibility of the current-year (2010) chapter or REA/RTA unit president.**

The Board of Directors of the chapter or REA/RTA unit selects one individual (or couple) whose name(s) will appear on the award certificate. In selecting the recipient, the Board should invite recommendations from the chapter or unit membership.

An Important Note About Eligibility for this Award – The individual(s) recognized with this award must be a member of the chapter or unit, and the activity for which they are being considered must be a chapter- or unit-sponsored activity. This means the chapter or REA/RTA unit Board must have endorsed the activity as an official chapter/unit service program. **Note: Groups or Committees are not eligible for this award.**

**This award should not be confused with AARP's Andrus Award for Community Service**, which is presented annually by AARP for outstanding service *in each state*.

**If your unit wishes to make a nomination for this award, contact the LRTA office to request a nomination form. Hurry, all forms are due to the AARP office in Washington on or before January 31, 2011.**

## In Memoriam

*"...these immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence."*

### Deceased Retired Teachers September 10, 2010 through November 21, 2010

#### District I

Alvera Acklin – New Orleans  
 Thomas W. Alfortish – New Orleans  
 Melodie E. Crayton – New Orleans  
 Mercedes L. Davis – New Orleans  
 Muriel M. Davis – New Orleans  
 Wyatt V. Dejoie – New Orleans  
 Cleveland Harris – New Orleans  
 Romain R. Jones – New Orleans  
 Marie R. Price – New Orleans  
 Carl W. Smith – New Orleans

#### District II

Alberta S. Basha – Kenner  
 Beulah G. Burlaw – Houma  
 Camille B. Burns – Harvey  
 Floyd L. Chapman – Kenner  
 Edna B. Conway – Harvey  
 Edward A. Daigle, Jr. – Raceland  
 Edna Monie Donnes – Metairie  
 June T. Dufrene – Galliano  
 Althea W. Dunn – Kenner  
 Owilder Jean Dunn – Columbia  
 Ethel Strickland Dyer – Columbia  
 Robert Epps – Harvey  
 Mae Fenger – Metairie  
 Lucille B. Fortmayer – Gretna  
 Malcolm G. Hastings – Roseland  
 Harry F. Hellier, Jr. – Houma  
 Ellen R. Kay – Marrero  
 Walter Payton, Jr. – Harvey  
 Wanema S. Rhodes – Metairie  
 Gene J. Simmons – Houma  
 Iris H. Tierney – Gretna  
 Leitta O. Veron – LaPlace  
 Henry Woodland – Litcher  
 Aleeta E. Woods – Gray

#### District III

Lula M. Bucklew – Folsom  
 Carroll H. Clement – Hammond  
 Susie Mae Gordon – Independence  
 Frank I. Green – Franklinton  
 Julius A. Hoover – Ponchatoula  
 Willie Mae Johnson – Kentwood  
 Myra D. Larue – Greensburg  
 Myra B. Lee – Livingston  
 Jane P. Magee – Denham Springs  
 Jane S. Mann – Bogalusa  
 Mary Y. Neal – Maurepas  
 Marie Louise Preble – Abita Springs  
 Maxine F. Selman – Denham Springs  
 Jane Sheridan – Bogalusa

Amy L. Simmons – Covington  
 Aline K. Smith – Franklinton  
 Anthony J. Triola – Mt. Hermon

#### District IV

Elizabeth H. Bennett – St. Francisville  
 Kathryn T. Bond – Baton Rouge  
 Aimee Margaret Brady – Baton Rouge  
 Hazel Broussard – Baton Rouge  
 Eugenie C. Coco – Baton Rouge  
 Melvia B. Counce – Baton Rouge  
 Mable L. Deville – New Roads  
 Sondra S. Dooley – Baton Rouge  
 Marian Eldridge – Greenwell Springs  
 Elnora V. Etienne – Baton Rouge  
 Jewel R. Evans – Baton Rouge  
 Murphy A. Gautreaux – Baton Rouge  
 Terrell A. Goode – Baton Rouge  
 Edith Ellen Greene – Plaquemine  
 Etha R. Greene – Baton Rouge  
 Mary C. Harris – Baton Rouge  
 Celeste C. Jack – Baton Rouge  
 Anthony Jackson, Jr. – Baton Rouge  
 Eva D. Johnson – Baton Rouge  
 Medford W. Magill – Baton Rouge  
 Millissie Lea Marson – St. Amant  
 Cheryl L. McClay – Plaquemine  
 Corinne H. McLavy – Baton Rouge  
 Annie R. Millican – Zachary  
 Deborah V. Nelson – Baton Rouge  
 Robert E. Noble – Baker  
 Myrtle P. Perkins – Baton Rouge  
 Dorothy Porterie – Baton Rouge  
 David Quiett – Baker  
 Ford L. Richardson – Zachary  
 Dorothy A. Russell – Zachary  
 Mitzi G. Templet – Baton Rouge  
 Martha S. Tweedy – Baton Rouge  
 Beatrice P. Valentine – Baton Rouge  
 Ethel E. Wakeman – Baton Rouge  
 George H. Walter, Jr. – Baton Rouge  
 Mary Emily Welborn – Baton Rouge  
 Mattie Williams – Zachary

#### District V

Sylvia C. Belaire – Loureauxville  
 Glenda Boutte – Jeanerette  
 Steve A. Brackin – Lafayette  
 Shelton J. Breaux – Gueydan  
 Alice C. Broussard – Abbeville  
 Bruce Allen Broussard – Eunice  
 Henry Cary – Lafayette  
 Verlie L. Chaumont – Lafayette

Lorraine A. Duplechin – Eunice  
 Lulla Emanuel-Wiltz – Breaux Bridge  
 Walter B. Fleming – New Iberia  
 John D. Foreman – Lafayette  
 Cecilia R. Foxworth – Ville Platte  
 Laura L. Gauthier – Opelousas  
 Estelle Hauser – New Iberia  
 Joseph L. Jefferson – New Iberia  
 Robert H. Landry – Milton  
 Rodney L. Manuel – Eunice  
 Florina G. McGinn – Sunset  
 Clarence M. Paris – Morgan City  
 Sylviana M. Savoy – St. Martinville  
 Jerry W. Skipper – Duson  
 Roland Rufus Smith – Mamou  
 Mae Joyce H. Spaetgens – New Iberia  
 Beranger D. Theriot – St. Martinville  
 Sarah T. Thomas – Ville Platte  
 Zemma R. Vallot – Abbeville  
 Marjorie T. Varner – St. Martinville

#### District VI

Margaret F. Curtis – Lake Charles  
 Wilbert Fontenot – Lake Charles  
 Marjorie D. Fuselier – Lake Charles  
 Geraldine W. Harrington – Oakdale  
 Beverly Hauskins – Lake Charles  
 Mildred Faye Hines – Lake Charles  
 Laurence L. Jacques – Lake Charles  
 Austin J. Jones, Jr. – Sulphur  
 Maude M. Manuel – Lake Charles  
 Helen F. Phillips – Kinder  
 Eli Sorkow – Lake Charles  
 Audrey M. Wainwright – Lake Charles

#### District VII

Emmett Albright – Boyce  
 John W. Arrington – Ball  
 Barbara A. Benson – Alexandria  
 Costella Burks – Alexandria  
 Aubrey B. Chisum, Jr. – Jonesville  
 Thelma W. Dicks – Pineville  
 Peggy B. Dubroc – Marksville  
 Billy H. French – Alexandria  
 Vernie Lee Jarrell – Boyce  
 Lisa C. Kennedy – Evans  
 J. L. King – Clayton  
 Billie D. Miller – Alexandria  
 William E. Powell – Pineville  
 Agnes Y. Shelton – Alexandria  
 Joy Woodard Spencer – Rosepine  
 Raymond J. St. Romain – Mansura  
 Richard J. Sullivan – Alexandria

*In Memoriam (continued)*

Susie A. Toney – Leesville  
 Ruby A. Hall Wallace – Alexandria  
 Barbara B. Wright – Woodworth

**District VIII**

Bob Carpenter – Calvin  
 Alice D. Coxe – Many  
 Samuel D. Cross – Zwolle  
 Barbara Lucas – Natchitoches  
 Erlyne J. W. McClure – Logansport  
 Brenda Lenora Page – Natchitoches  
 Edna Mae Parker – Winnfield  
 Marcia S. Roberts – Winnfield

**District IX**

Marianna G. Reagan – Winnsboro  
 Billy J. Watkins - Rayville

**District X**

Hal B. Barker – Ruston  
 John W. Baldwin – Bernice  
 Barbara Bonner – Monroe  
 Laura Mae Brown – Monroe  
 James Leroy Caldwell – Monroe  
 Dorothy Davis – Ruston  
 Olivia Y. C. Gray – Ruston  
 Maureen A. Herbert – Ruston  
 Ellis M. Killgore – Ruston  
 Betty Lee – West Monroe  
 Irribean Michael – Monroe  
 Herbert M. Moreau – Monroe  
 Grace E. Oliver – Bernice  
 Mattie Bell Page – Monroe  
 Luther G. Tubbs – Monroe  
 Ruby M. Turner – Grambling  
 Virgil F. Underwood – Monroe

**District XI**

Carolyn F. Alexander – Shreveport  
 Georgia F. Barrett – Shreveport  
 Robbie M. Bergeron – Shreveport  
 Annie Bradshaw – Haynesville  
 Roberta D. Butler – Shreveport  
 Bettie K. Caplis – Elm Grove  
 Andrew A. Gerard – Shreveport  
 Maggie D. Green – Shreveport  
 James C. Haltom – Shreveport  
 Georgia A. Hicks – Shreveport  
 Darline C. Kennedy – Shreveport  
 Effie M. Lacy – Shreveport  
 Loretta G. Lampkin – Elm Grove  
 Lewis J. McCulloch – Shreveport  
 Esther L. Meadors – Homer  
 Varon E. Patterson – Shreveport  
 Varie Pettit – Shreveport  
 Betty Virginia J. Rich – Bossier City  
 Linda D. Robertson – Shreveport

Eddie M. Smith – Bossier City  
 Elizabeth D. Ware – Shreveport  
 Curtis E. White, Jr. – Shreveport  
 Betty Davis Willis – Arcadia  
 George Wright, Jr. – Shreveport  
 Ella M. Wysinger - Shreveport

**Out of State**

Howard W. Barker – Sour Lake, TX  
 Ethel D. Barnes – New York, NY  
 Laverne Bennett – Jasper, TX  
 James R. Bobo – Florence, AL  
 Gladys M. Bowman – Dallas, TX  
 Johnny E. Bridges – Hot Springs, AR  
 Elouise R. Burns – Tuskegee, AL  
 Lynne P. Carter – Indianapolis, IN  
 Nina Chasteen – Pittsboro, NC  
 Betty C. Derveloy – Spring, TX  
 Janice P. Eatmon – San Angelo, TX  
 Yvonne L. Fitzgerald – Jackson, MS  
 Cleo F. Fontenberry – San Jose, CA  
 Bonnie L. Galloway – Pasadena, TX  
 Joseph L. Germond, Jr. – Pine Bluff, AR  
 Gladys L. Gibson – Hoover, AL  
 Roger W. Grooters – Gulf Breeze, FL  
 Mary Guidry – Houston, TX  
 Carolyn S. Gulley – Spring, TX  
 Lucy T. Gutman – West Jordan, UT  
 Mabel H. Hemphill – Laguna Niguel, CA  
 Pauline Holmer – Lake Forest, CA  
 Dorothy K. Kerry – Richmond, CA  
 Lillian H. Kimball – Charleston, SC  
 Carrie G. Lewis – Tomball, TX  
 Eunice D. Lopez – Katy, TX  
 Kathleen E. Lyons – Columbia, MO  
 Jon Martin – Baytown, TX  
 John M. Mire – Picayune, MS  
 Sophronia Morris – Piscataway, NJ  
 Suzanne H. Pinkley – Conroe, TX  
 John C. Rawls, Jr. – Norphlet, AR  
 Rosanna Robinson – Missouri City, TX  
 Thorsell Rougeau – Logan, UT  
 Robbie H. Scott – San Diego, CA  
 Charles R. Sias – Columbus, GA  
 Inez G. Soileau – Austin, TX  
 Johannes Storz – Longmont, CO  
 Edith Peterson Taylor – Spring, TX  
 Janice M. Thompson – Reno, NV  
 Evelyn R. Wagnon – Denton, TX  
 Harriet Waldo – Marion, OH  
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land, retired from St. Bernard School System in 1973. Upon her retirement, Mrs. Preble became active in the St. Bernard RTA, and was eventually elected unit president. She served in many other leadership capacities during her retirement, including member/chair of several LRTA state committees, LRTA District III president, NRTA Assistant State Director, and AARP State Director.

The Executive Board, the membership and the staff extend sincere condolences to Mrs. Preble's family. Her leadership and service were assets to LRTA and the retired educator community.

**Foundation Donations**

The following donations to the LRTA Foundation have been received:

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**LRTA conducted a Leadership Training Workshop in Baton Rouge on November 16. The workshop program and resources were designed to assist current and future leaders of the Association. Every LRTA District was represented at the training session, and those who attended are pictured here.**