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Fall Meeting in Kenner: Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler!

Plans are under way for the 2011 Fall Meeting, with the theme "Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler!". The meeting is being hosted by LRTA District I. Maria George, District President, and Lonnie Dunn, LRTA State Program Chair, invite you to come enjoy the hospitality of the New Orleans metropolitan area. Meeting dates are October 24, 25 and 26. All meeting sessions will be held at the Airport Hilton, 901 Airline Drive in Kenner (directly across from the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport). A special room rate of \$79 (plus tax) per night for single or double, and \$99 (plus tax) per night for triple or quad, has been negotiated with the Airport Hilton for LRTA attendees. Cut-off date for this special rate is October 9. To reserve a hotel room, call the Airport Hilton directly at 1-800-872-5914. Be sure to ask for the special LRTA convention rate.

The Fall Meeting promises a lineup of speakers and presenters who will entertain, inform and inspire participants who attend. Displays featuring Name of Fame Honorees from Districts III and IX will be set up in the exhibit area during the meeting. These two honorees will be presented their awards at the convention banquet on Tuesday evening. See page 3 for a full schedule of events.

To expedite meeting registration, use the pre-registration form on page 8 of this newsletter. On-site registration will be available, but attendance at the evening banquet functions on Monday, October 24 and Tuesday, October 25 are by pre-reservation only. Also, pre-registration will ensure you receive a packet with pre-printed name tag and other meeting materials. Register today!

LRTA Hosts ASRTE

The Louisiana Retired Teachers Association was honored to host the 2011 annual meeting of the Association of State Retired Teacher Executives (ASRTE) in New Orleans on August 1-4. The executive directors of thirty state retired teachers associations, and their guests, attended. In addition, Ms. Bonnie Carpenter attended as a guest and honoree. Ms. Carpenter retired from the position of executive director of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel on July 1, 2011 after 28 years of dedicated service. The conference hotel was the Hotel Monteleone, and the ASRTE meetings were held at the St. Louis Hotel.

During the proceedings, those attending heard presentations from Greg Melia, CAE, Chief Membership and Volunteer Relations Officer of the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE and the Center for Association Leadership), Ms. Dara Dann, NRTA's Senior Legislative Representative, and Diane Oakley, Executive Direc-

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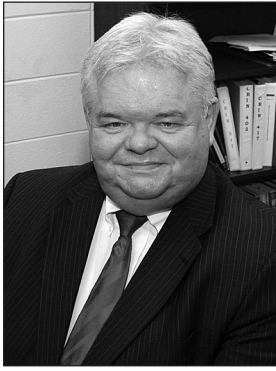
Email Club

The LRTA Email Club is our best method to keep you informed up to the minute. To join, all you need to do is send an e-mail to info@lirta.net with EMAIL 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

Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler. Let the good times roll! We want to “pass a good time” together at our Fall Meeting in Kenner. We will gather at the Airport Hilton in Kenner across Airline Highway from the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. Mark your calendar for **October 24 – 26, 2011**. Please note

the details in this newsletter. **We need you there!** Mrs. George, Dr. Dunn, the LRTA staff and lots of area volunteers have worked diligently to make this an event supporting our goal of “making retirement years great!”

Our convention theme focuses on our habit of playing hard, our *joie de vivre*. We play hard because Louisianans have always had to work very hard to meet the challenges we have faced for several centuries. We must work no less diligently to protect what we have now than our parents did during earlier periods of short-sighted decision making. The “struggle” has always been a part of the legacy of our forefathers who lived in this glorious state since its founding. We must

turn out in full force on **Election Day, October 22!** There is evidence of major concerted efforts to use “foreign” funding to elect candidates who are not in favor of our agendas or that of your public education profession. Indeed, privatization of *everything* for the purpose of ensuring profits for out-of-state interests threatens control of our assets and our interests.

LRTA local units’ effectiveness is the backbone of our support system. We at the state and district levels may not back specific political candidates due to our corporate status. Choosing whom retired teachers will support is solely the function of our local units. We cannot over emphasize the need for the local unit presidents to organize their units to back candidates who are supportive of public retirees’ benefits and autonomy. LRTA has mailed a survey to all candidates for seats in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Survey responses were to be returned to the LRTA office by September 30. A recap of survey responses will be available on the LRTA website, www.lrta.net, under the link entitled “LRTA and the Legislature.” Be sure to review and study this information. It may be used as a guide in selecting appropriate candidates for these offices.

Attacks on public retirement systems are focused from a national perspective and organized structure. We must not be “a house divided.” Our political par-

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Executive Director’s Report



Graig A. Luscombe

Your LRTA Committees are busy preparing for the Executive Board meeting to be held in conjunction with the LRTA Fall Meeting. The Executive Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011, at which time the Board will receive the reports of the committees, will act on committee recommendations and will conduct the general business of the association.

The LRTA Membership Committee met on Friday, September 9, 2011 to consider the continuation/renewal of the Association Endorsement Agreement with Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA). The recommendation coming from the committee to the Executive Board is to renew the AMBA agreement for five years through October 24, 2016.

The LRTA Audit, Executive, and Legislative Committees will meet sometime in October in order to develop recommendations on acceptance of the independent audit report, to develop LRTA Legislative Priorities for 2012, and to consider other matters.

In addition, the LRTA Nominating Committee will be meeting on October 14, 2011 to develop the list of candidates that will be presented to the Executive Board. These candidates will appear on the ballot for the election of state-wide LRTA officers. The election will be held during the months of January and February, 2012. Results of the election will be announced at the LRTA Spring Meeting during which the new officers will be installed.

The agenda for the upcoming Fall Meeting, being hosted by District I, promises to provide many topics of interest to LRTA members. Ms. Dara Dann, Senior Legislative Representative of the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) has agreed to spend

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2011 Fall Meeting – Tentative Schedule

New Orleans Airport Hilton – October 24/25/26, 2011

Monday, October 24, 2011

- 10:00 LRTA Foundation Board Meeting
- 1:00 Registration
- 1:30 LRTA Executive Board Meeting
- 6:30 Pre-Convention Dinner
Speaker: Senator Cynthia Willard-Lewis

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

- 8:00 Registration / Exhibits / Flu Shots
- 9:00 Opening Ceremonies
- 9:30 Welcome from Local School Dignitaries
- 10:15 Door Prizes and Break
- 10:30 Presentation by the Office of State Museums
- 11:15 Recognitions
- 11:30 LRTA Foundation Report
- 11:45 Door Prizes
- 12:00 Lunch On Your Own
- 2:00 NRTA National Legislative Update
- 2:45 Door Prizes
- 3:00 State Legislative Update
- 6:30 Convention Banquet
Entertainment
Name of Fame Awards: Districts III & IX

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

- 8:00 Registration / Exhibits
- 9:00 TRSL Update
- 9:45 Break
- 10:15 Leaving Your Legacy: Wills/Estates/Trusts
- 11:15 OGB Update
- 12:00 Recognitions/Acknowledgements/Announcements
Door Prizes and Adjournment

Free Services Offered by Office of Financial Institutions Could Reduce Investment Fraud

In a 2007 Investment Fraud Risk Survey conducted by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, 70 percent of fraud victims had never checked the investment broker's registration with their states. Many investment scams could be avoided if investors would start verifying the salesperson's credentials before investing.

The Securities Division of the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions (OFI) offers FREE background checks, called *CRD Reports*, on investment professionals upon receiving written requests from investors. The report includes valuable information, such as: the person's background, certifications, pending arbitration, criminal history, and employment history (including terminations, disciplinary actions and customer complaints filed).

When requesting a *CRD Report*, include either the investment professional's CRD Number, or the person's legal name, for OFI to search a nationwide data base called the Central Registration Depository (CRD). A CRD Number is an exclusive identifying number, much like a personal Social Security number, used for investment professionals. Investors should always feel free to ask for any investment professional's CRD Number, although there are exemptions to needing one. OFI can be contacted at **(225) 925-4512** to verify details when an investment professional claims an exemption from needing a CRD Number.

For fastest response, email requests to complaints@ofi.la.gov or fax them to (225) 925-4511. Requests for CRD Reports can also be mailed to the Securities Division of the Office of Financial Institutions (OFI) at 8660 United Plaza Boulevard in Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

OFI's web site now offers a new *Investor Education* section at www.ofi.la.gov/SecuritiesInvestorEd.htm. Readers can access more details about requesting *CRD Reports*, read about new fraud schemes and tips on avoiding them, or use the *Investor Checklist* form to evaluate new investments. As new scams are uncovered, the web site will be updated with relevant articles every quarter.

Investor education is a powerful tool in the fight against investment fraud. That's why OFI now offers a FREE professional speaker with the hottest topics on avoiding investment fraud to groups, associations and conferences. Contact OFI's new Investor Education Trainer, Nancy Boudreaux, at (225) 925-4677 or nboudreaux@ofi.la.gov to check her availability to speak to your group about protecting investments from today's con artists.

Nancy Boudreaux
Investor Education Trainer
La. Office of Financial Institutions

FOUNDATION NEWS

Come and enjoy fellowship with your fellow professionals at the LRTA Fall Meeting in Kenner. Fun, food and fellowship will be enjoyed by attendees. The LRTA Foundation board meeting will be held Monday morning, October 24, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss and take care of the business of the Foundation.

The Foundation board will sell tickets for the giveaway to be held on Wednesday, October 26. Winners do not need to be present. Some of the prizes pledged by donors are as follows:

A color television with the latest technology has been donated by Gulf Coast Bank, an MP4 digital player has been donated by the LRTA office, a handmade quilt has been donated by Mrs. Peggy Aime, a Homedics foot massager has been donated anonymously, a cash prize has been donated by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Powell, a microwave oven has been donated by Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Craft, two toaster ovens have been donated by Mr. & Mrs. James Stewart. Other prizes will be listed on the tickets as they are donated.

Memorial donations will be accepted during the LRTA Fall Meeting from individuals, local units of retired teachers, districts, businesses and other groups. Memorials will be recognized during the convention and in the LRTA Newsletter.

On behalf of the Foundation board members, we look forward to visiting with many of you during the upcoming Fall Meeting in the metro-New Orleans area. Your ongoing support of the Foundation is appreciated by the entire Board.

*Dr. Hugh Craft, President
LRTA Foundation*

Crisis Looms Ahead For Our Membership

If we are going to continue to enjoy the retirement benefits we now receive, then it is of **utmost importance** that we become actively involved as individuals in the upcoming elections now, not later!

The Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has eight members to be elected during this election season, beginning October 22, 2011. BESE members can take steps to support public education or use negative policies to destroy public education and turn it over to large corporations that will be in the education business for the primary reason of earning profits. Find out who the BESE candidates are, and determine who will represent your best interests. Also, take a careful look at the candidates for the state Senate and the House of Representatives.

There is a nationwide movement to take over public education and give it to 'for-profit' corporations. If the 'for-profit' corporations take control of public education, eventually the students will lose. Big losers would also be current and future retired education personnel. What will happen if there is a drastic re-

duction in the number of public school educators paying into the retirement system? Our retirement benefits could be in danger if public education is destroyed. We know that the USA was made strong by free public education available to students. We must maintain a strong public education system in Louisiana to assure a continuing flow of contributions into our retirement system.

Local RTA units in the parishes may interview candidates and make recommendations based on candidates that will represent their best interests. LRTA and LRTA Districts are prohibited from making endorsements or monetarily supporting candidates. Leaders in the local units hold a great responsibility in this election. Please use your leadership skills to create active involvement of the members in your local units in order to impact the future for us all. It will take a lot of dedication commitment and communication, but I know we can successfully address this challenge.

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

UPDATE – Office of Group Benefits**1-800-272-8451**

In an effort to keep your health plan premiums low, the Office of Group Benefits will transition to an OGB-sponsored Medicare Part D prescription drug plan on January 1, 2012, for retirees with both Medicare Part A and Part B who are enrolled in the PPO and HMO health plans.

If you are a part of this transition, you will see little, if any, change in your prescription drug benefits. However, each

plan member for whom Medicare provides primary health coverage will receive a new card for prescription drugs. This new card is only for your prescription drug benefits and can only be used for the person named on the card. You will continue to use your current plan member PPO or HMO ID card for medical benefits.

I understand that you may have many questions about this change. OGB will

be mailing more information to retirees with Medicare Part A and Part B to whom this change applies. It is important to carefully read the materials you receive from OGB about your health plan and take appropriate action.

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

UPDATE – Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana**1-877-275-8775****Security Reminder: Emails and Social Security numbers**

To ensure the security of your personal information, TRSL encourages you to never send your Social Security number in any emails or attachments sent to TRSL staff. Simply provide your full name and contact information for our reference.

This is rule-of-thumb for the protection of your Social Security number is advisable for all correspondence you may conduct through email.

Register for TRSL's Member Access today!

If you haven't done so already, register for TRSL's online Member Access today. It only takes a few minutes.

You'll have secure, online access to your TRSL retirement account information, including the ability to view and print your 1099-R forms.

To register, visit the TRSL website, www.trsl.org, and click on the Member Access link in the upper right hand corner of the screen.

If you have any questions, please contact 225-925-6446 in Baton Rouge or toll free outside the Baton Rouge calling area, 1-877-ASK-TRSL (1-877-275-8775).

Check stubs — a reminder

Just a reminder — direct deposit payment stubs are 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
- At the end of the calendar year

Keep in mind that TRSL's Member Access gives you secure, online access to your retirement account! For more information, visit our website at www.trsl.org.

Executive Director's Report (continued)

some time with us on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 25 to bring us all up to date on national trends of public pension plans. Ms. Dann has also agreed to discuss the ongoing conversations in Congress regarding Social Security and Medicare, and how these programs may be impacted by the federal deficit and the federal budget.

Ms. Linda Melancon will be speaking on the morning of Wednesday, October 26.

The title of her presentation is "Leaving Your Legacy: Wills/Estates/Trusts," and is designed to provide you with helpful information regarding preparations you can make that will benefit your heirs. And, we will again be inviting representatives of the Office of Group Benefits and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to provide the latest information on health insurance plans and the status of your retirement system.

Other important information regarding the Fall Meeting is contained in this issue. Please

Check your calendars, mark the dates, and make every effort to attend. The LRTA Officers, Executive Board and staff look forward to seeing you there.

In Memoriam

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

Deceased Retired Teachers July 13, 2011 through September 13, 2011

District I

Shirley T. Boykin – New Orleans
Alexander A. Bucher – Belle Chasse
June K. Curry – New Orleans
Henry W. Fontenette – New Orleans
Marshall B. Gautreau – New Orleans
Rita R. Gleason – New Orleans
E. Lonest Graves – New Orleans
James M. Hawkins – New Orleans
Clarence Lewis, Jr. – New Orleans
Arnold M. Radel – New Orleans
Dominic J. Traina, Jr. – New Orleans

District II

Anne Bocskov – Metairie
Ruth M. Calzada – Gretna
Page Collier – Thibodaux
Alicee K. Demmer – Houma
Jacqueline T. Dennison – Harvey
Albertine Etienne – LaPlace
Deanna J. Falcon – Thibodaux
William A. Gibson – Metairie
Lionel J. Gras – Kenner
Keith J. Landry – Paincourtville
William W. Mancuso – Metairie
Mercedes Manieri – Gretna
Charles H. Perret – Gretna
Gwenn D. Robinson – Harvey
Amy Roux – Luling
Marie O. Schouest – Marrero
Frances C. South – Houma
Robert Sykes – Thibodaux
Antoinette M. Theriot – Houma
Joan R. Thomas – Gretna
Claudette B. Vicks – Edgard
Marion C. Waguespack – Lockport
Martha T. Waldrop – Metairie

District III

Louis E. Carlisle – Denham Springs
Laura May W. Guy – Franklinton
Johanna M. Hess – Hammond
Wayne Howes – Ponchatoula
Linda S. Link – Natalbany
Charles W. Martin – Mandeville
Gerald Miller – Ponchatoula
Shirley B. Mills – Mandeville
Lois M. Russell – Denham Springs
R. R. Schlumbrecht, III – Angie
Milton L. Schoettle – Denham Springs
Verdie C. St. Julien – Mandeville
W. O. Tate, Jr. – Hammond
Brenda D. Wascom – Covington
Pamela F. Williford – Montpelier

District IV

Narcille V. Asmussen – Baton Rouge
Kathrylyn B. Berry – Plaquemine
Francis N. Bickham – Baton Rouge
Geneva M. Carson – Baton Rouge
Pauline H. Colvin – Baton Rouge
Jannie M. Cox – Baton Rouge

Dorothy W. Durio – Baton Rouge
Cecelia Gardner – Zachary
Herman Harris – Plaquemine
Rose S. Hawkins – Baton Rouge
Hilda L. Heath – St. Amant
Betty H. Henry – Baton Rouge
Donald Ray Kennard – Baton Rouge
Beverly A. Marionneaux – Plaquemine
Herman G. Matherne – Livonia
Camilla T. Rachal – Baton Rouge
Cynthia Sigue – Plaquemine
Nell M. Wall – Baton Rouge
Betty Jane Westerhaus – Baton Rouge
Julian T. White – Baton Rouge

District V

Joyce B. Army – Lafayette
Doris K. Bacala – Lafayette
Elsie C. Behrhorst – Lafayette
Geni M. Bienvenu – Lafayette
Beatrice F. Bourdier – Opelousas
Marvin Broussard – Opelousas
Jane E. Carstens – Lafayette
Gloria A. Chapman – Port Barre
Kelso T. Cunningham – Opelousas
W. Magruder Drake – Lafayette
Cecile J. Elliott – New Iberia
Emma R. Fontenot – Ville Platte
Evelyn P. Foote – Lafayette
Jessie M. Fournier – Franklin
Margaret C. Glass – Lafayette
Shirley J. Guillory – Basile
Lee E. Harrison – Ville Platte
Marilyn Kleban – Lafayette
Ann Meaux – Kaplan
Marian C. Melancon – Franklin
Maragarette G. Miller – Lafayette
Mary R. Monceaux – Kaplan
James L. Moore, Jr. – Eunice
Theresa J. Newton – Lafayette
Harold Porter – New Iberia
Anne H. Rapp – New Iberia
Mary G. Serie – Ville Platte
Ann B. Simmons – Lafayette
John Allan Speyrer – Opelousas
Virgie L. T aylor – Port Barre

District VI

Erma L. Bogard – Dry Creek
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Lillian L. Carr – Lake Charles
Remie J. Henry – Rayne
Richard J. January – Lake Charles
Mondora L. Kurten – Sugartown
Richard H. Lee, Jr. – Lake Charles
Joseph Moffett – Lake Charles
Ruben L. Ransom, Jr. – Lake Arthur
Ethel V. J. Richardson – DeRidder
Lelia Irene P. Stewart – Lake Charles
Estelle B. Theriot – Lake Charles
Oneddia G. Trahan – Rayne

District VII

Daniel Bales – Ball
James F. Bennett – Woodworth
Robert H. Benton – Bunkie
Mary Lou Faircloth – Dry Prong
Muriel K. Glenn – Bunkie
Eleanor H. McBride – Ball
Velma Nabors – Leesville
Wade E. Nolan – Deville
Jane M. Ortego – Alexandria
Anita L. Sanders – Alexandria
Patricia A. Strain – Pineville

District VIII

Carolyn B. Carver – Many
Adele R. Clarry – Natchitoches
Patty J. R. Coffey – Winnfield
Vernice M. McFerren – Marthaville
Kenneth L. Shaw – Natchitoches

District IX

Launa F. Canoy – Oak Grove
Charley Hill, Jr. – Oak Grove
Christine H. Strong – St. Joseph

District X

William S. Carter – Ruston
Gladys M. Clark – Monroe
William M. Crowe – Ruston
Evalynn E. Durand – Jonesboro
Sadie M. Eggin – Grayson
Frank J. Ensley – Grambling
Mosie L. Ford – Bastrop
Neller Jean Guice – Monroe
Violet C. Hobgood – West Monroe
Cynthia M. Jackson – Monroe
James McKay – West Monroe
Sarah F. Miller – Monroe
Caesar A. Nelson – Columbia
Lucille Puckett – Bastrop
Robert S. Robertson – Ruston
Susanna S. Rose – Bastrop
Verna F. Skinner – West Monroe
Patricia Strickland – West Monroe
Maida H. Thompson – West Monroe
Margie M. Zeigler – West Monroe

District XI

Lillian N. Belk – Shreveport
Wanda Brooks – Shreveport
Barbara P. Hiers – Shreveport
Albertha B. Lewing – Shreveport
Beulah M. Lewis – Minden
Trudy C. McCartney – Shreveport
Gracie E. Patterson – Shreveport
Cora B. Shyne – Minden
James M. Simmons, Jr. – Shreveport
Moselle B. Thomas – Bossier City
Louise Wallace Tinsley – Homer
Bess L. Tompkins – Shreveport
Yvonne J. Webster – Lisbon
James D. White – Keithville

Out of State

Sylvia Aharon – Tuscaloosa, AL
Gwendolyn R. Aubry – Houston, TX
Margaret W. Baker – Conroe, TX
Elizabeth L. Barnes – Dallas, TX
Isaac T. Bradford – Tomball, TX
Perla C. Castor – Beaumont, TX
Paulette Christopher – Highland, CA
Rose M. Clinton – Flint, TX
Thomas A. Clinton – Flint, TX
Marjorie Connor – Columbia, MO
John I. Crumby – Greenville, MS
Gretchen Cruthirds – Greenville, SC
Carrie Diaz – Ft. Worth, TX
Dallas M. Draper – Gulf Breeze, FL
John I. Feazel – Boerne, TX
Herbert Gathright – Branson West, MO
Mary Evelyn Gill – Tyler, TX
Sara Helen Hair – Houston, TX
Sam B. Hilliard – Bowersville, GA
Douglas G. Holt – Little Rock, AR
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Josette M. Melancon – Orange, TX
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Orastine W. Monk – Mansfield, TX
Dorothy W. Myers – Tallahassee, FL
Melba W. Parker – Vicksburg, MS
Wilbert H. Parkison – Frontenac, KS
Essie D. Patterson – Daly City, CA
Elza W. Ramirez – Troy, VA
Shirley M. Reid – Trophy Club, TX
Evelyn Rousseve – Houston, TX
Clare M. Schadowsky – Mount Holly, NC
Linda B. Schneider – Orinda, CA
Jeffrey Neil Simon – Nashville, TN
Thomas L. Smith – Sernandina Beach, FL
Alveta E. Spears – Orange, CA
Jessie P. Welch – Christiana, TN
Wilma F. Young – Wichita, KS

Nominees for State Offices Requested

The January 2012 ballot will feature the election of LRTA President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President. The two-year terms will begin when the successful candidates are installed at the 2012 Spring Meeting in April.

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

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

It is requested that information on nominees be furnished to the committee on an LRTA Prospect Sheet, which may be obtained from any Nominating Committee member or by contacting the LRTA office. Qualifications of each nominee should be

prioritized due to space limitations in the LRTA Newsletter where the information furnished by nominees will be published. Nominees should also furnish a recent color photo that will be published with their candidate information.

The Nominating Committee met in early July and will meet again on October 14 to review prospect sheets and to develop a proposed slate of candidates to present to the LRTA Executive Board at the Fall Meeting. All nominee information must be received no later than October 7, 2011. Prospect sheets should be mailed to:

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

Members of the LRTA Nominating Committee are:

- William Gullatt, Chair
- Gloria Napier
- Roland Simon
- Gail Foster
- Joyce Harris

From the Desk of the President (continued)

ties and ideologies are using their labels to hide their actions. Remember the old political adage, "We have neither permanent friends nor permanent enemies, only permanent interests." It is not yet time to panic; it is time to sound the alarm. We must all become informed about the political issues and get our informed members **to the polls**.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Kenner so we can "party hearty" after what we hope is a series of wins on the Saturday before our Fall Meeting. Let's work hard so we can play hard. Our future and the future of Louisiana depend on our effectiveness **now**.

ASRTE (continued)

tor of the National Institute on Retirement Security. Megan Hookey, Vice President of NRTA brought the attendees up-to-date on NRTA activities, and Jane Elmer, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Retired Educators Association, shared her perspective, and the actions taken by the association, on recent developments in the State of Wisconsin during the debate on the budget held between Governor Walker and the Wisconsin legislature.

Janice Charlesworth, executive director of the Alabama Education Retirees Association presided over the annual business meeting of the association held on Tuesday, August 2, and Dr. James Taylor, LRTA president, addressed the group during a luncheon on Wednesday, August 3. On Wednesday evening, LRTA treated attendees and their guests to "An Evening at the Beauregard-Keyes House," a noted French Quarter landmark.

ASRTE was organized in 1984 to strengthen state and local retired teacher associations across the country, and serves as the forum for state executive directors to exchange ideas on the development of their respective associations. LRTA has been a member of the association since its organization.

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2011 FALL MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION / MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Please use this form to pre-register for the 2011 Fall Meeting in order to expedite registration in Kenner. To make a reservation for the pre-convention dinner on Monday, October 24, and/or for the convention banquet on Tuesday, October 25, 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 use the form in order to have a registration packet. (Photocopies accepted.)

Name: _____ Social Security No. _____

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____ Number of tickets for Monday night Pre-Convention Dinner (\$32 per person) = \$ _____

Choose One: _____ Bone-In Pork Chop w/apple chutney
 _____ Chicken Breast w/spinach, artichoke & spicy creole sauce

____ Number of tickets for Tuesday night Convention Banquet (\$29 per person) = \$ _____
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Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Note: Pre-registration/dinner reservations must be received in the LRTA office by **October 17, 2011**. 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 WILL BE GIVEN for cancellations after October 20**. Mail forms and checks to LRTA, 9412 Common St., Suite 5, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.