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Nominees for State Officers Requested

The January 2014 ballot will feature the election of LRTA president, first vice-president, and second vice-president. The two-year terms of your newly-elected officers will begin when the successful candidates are installed at the 2014 Spring Meeting in April.

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

Prospective 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 hold office, or to vote in LRTA elections.

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LRTA 2013 Fall Meeting

LRTA District XI President Nancy Quigley and her host committee team are already busy making plans for the 2013 Fall Meeting to be held in Bossier City. LRTA President Lonnie Dunn and State Program Chair Bertha Breland invite you to come and enjoy fun and fellowship at the gathering to be held October 21, 22 and 23. The location will be the Hilton Garden Inn, 2015 Old Mindin Rd., Bossier City, LA.

A special hotel room rate of \$89 (plus tax) per night has been negotiated with the hotel for LRTA attendees. Cut-off date for this special rate is October 7. To reserve a hotel room, call the Hilton Garden Inn directly at 1-318-759-1950 or visit LRTA's event page through Hilton Garden Inn. You can find the link on our website (www.lrta.net) under LRTA State Meetings. Be sure to mention the group code "LRT" when booking over the phone.

The Fall Meeting promises a lineup of speakers and presenters who will entertain, inform and inspire participants who attend. Already booked are Betty McCauley, inspirational speaker, and an invitation has been extended to representatives of the

La. State Exhibit Museum. An update from the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana is also on the agenda. Tuesday night's convention banquet will be followed by a ceremony honoring Name of Fame Award recipients from LRTA Districts II, X, and XI.

Because of the amenities provided by the Hilton Garden Inn, we will be extending the President's Reception until 6:30 p.m. on Monday night. There will be no LRTA sponsored dinner that evening. To accommodate your personal schedules we are providing time for dinner on your own. A shuttle is available at the hotel for transportation to restaurants, shopping, and entertainment venues located within a 4 miles radius.

Use the form on page 8 of this newsletter to register for attendance at the Fall Meeting. On-site registration will be available, but attendance at the evening banquet function Tuesday, October 22 is by pre-reservation only. Also, pre-registration will ensure you receive a packet upon arrival containing your name tag and other meeting materials. Register today!

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Lonnie's Lagniappe



Lonnie E. Dunn, Ed. D.

I hope that each of you has had a great summer and got to take a trip somewhere exciting during this time. Or, if that option was not available, that you enjoyed doing something special which regenerated you in some wholesome way. We added another great granddaughter to our family that made for an exciting June, and another is due to arrive in September. My prayer is that each of you was blessed with good health and that you and your families were able to make some sweet memories. I do know that time seems to fly by at a faster clip than ever before, and I get less and less done than in times past.

Nancy Quigley, District XI president, and her committees have been busy over the summer making plans for a great Fall Meeting. We will be meeting in Bossier City in October, so look for more information

pertaining to this conference in this issue. Bossier City-Shreveport is a great region of the state for you to visit, and you will find a variety of neat things to educate and entertain you. District XI is looking forward to hosting this year's Fall Meeting.

By the time you get this newsletter, ballots for the run-off election for one of our two retiree representatives on the TRSL Board of Trustees will already be in your possession. There is information in this newsletter reminding you to vote no later than August 30, 2013 in order for your vote to be counted. This representative on the TRSL board is so very important in looking after the interests of retired educators in the state of Louisiana. Only about 20% of all retirees voted in the primary election, so I encourage you to be sure to vote in this run-off election. Vote as soon as you get your ballot so you do not misplace it or forget to vote.

The Nominating Committee is busy seeking candidates for the LRTA state office elections. This committee of five LRTA members was elected by the LRTA membership from designated regional areas and is

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Executive Director's Report



Graig A. Luscombe

The 2013 Regular Legislative Session ended June 6. At the beginning of the session, LRTA identified eleven pieces of legislation that would be monitored on your behalf. LRTA supported five, opposed five, and took no position on one. As the session came to a close, only two pieces of legislation passed. They are:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

This resolution suspends for one year until July 1, 2014 the provisions of Act No.

483 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session. This act provided for the new cash balance retirement plan for certain members of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and for certain members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana who joined one of these retirement systems on or after July 1, 2013. LRTA supported the passage of this resolution, and opposed the passage of the cash balance plan back in 2012.

The suspension provision of the resolution is now moot, in that, the Louisiana Supreme Court, on Friday, June 28, 2013, struck down the passage of Act No. 483, and all of its provisions, on grounds that the passage of the legislation by the Louisiana legislature did not meet constitutional provisions which require this legislation

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LRTA Foundation to Hold Second Silent Auction

Due to the overwhelming success of the first silent auction held by the LRTA Foundation at the Spring Meeting, the foundation board has decided to have another at the Fall Meeting.

LRTA leaders and foundation members are requested to contact local businesses and individuals for donations of items to be auctioned. Please call the LRTA office and provide staff members information about items to be auctioned, and a suggested price at which to begin the bidding.

Suggested value of auction items:

- \$10 to \$25 items
- \$25 to \$50 items
- \$50 to \$100 items
- Above \$100 items

The donor's name (business or individual) will accompany all items on the auction listing.

A minimum bid will be posted for each item, and incremental bids of \$1, \$5, \$10, etc. above the minimum will be provided.

The highest bidders will pay for the items at the end of the state meeting on Wednesday, October 23. Cash and checks will be accepted. Credit cards will not be accepted.

If you have questions regarding the auction, please contact Dr. Hugh Craft, LRTA Foundation president at (504) 451- 4248.

TRSL Update

TRSL retiree primary elections results announced: Run-off to be held

A run-off election for a retiree representative on the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) Board of Trustees will be necessary as no candidate received more than 50 percent of the vote.

Jerry J. Baudin, Ph.D. and James A. Taylor, Sr., J.D., Ph.D., both of Baton Rouge, were the two candidates who received the most votes in the primary election, and will be on the run-off election ballot. Baudin received 20.32 percent of the vote and Taylor received 19.79 percent.

Retirees should expect to receive run-off election information and ballots in the mail by the end of July. The voting deadline is 4:30 p.m., Friday, August 30.

Disability retirees: Due for a re-exam?

Most disability retirees are required to undergo periodic medical re-examinations to maintain their benefit payments. Re-exams are required according to the following guidelines:

- Once per year for the first five years of disability retirement
- Once every three years thereafter until age 60
- Not required if eligible for a service retirement

If you are due for a re-exam, your notice and the Physician's Annual Report of Disabling Condition (Form 12D) were sent to you on July 1. You will need to have a physician of your choice complete Form 12D and return it to TRSL by August 31.

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

REMINDER: State law prohibits a TRSL disability retiree from being employed in the field of education, whether public or private. Such employment will result in the termination of benefits.

Foundation Donations

The following donations to the LRTA Foundation have been received:

Dr. & Mrs. Sidney A. Seegers - In honor of: Dr. Lonnie E. Dunn, Mrs. Maria Sly George, and Mrs. Bertha Breland.

Dr. & Mrs. James A. Taylor, Sr. - In memory of Homer Dyess, Veda

Tohline, and Bert J. Heckel.

If you would like to make a donation please fill out the form available at www.lrta.net under the LRTA Foundation link.

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to be passed by two-thirds vote of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The required two-thirds vote was not achieved in the House of Representatives.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 40.

This resolution memorializes the U. S. Congress to consider reducing or eliminating the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision which both affect the payment of social security benefit to retired public employees. LRTA supported the passage of this resolution and continues to remind members of the Louisiana congressional delegation of the importance of reviewing these offsets and the consequences of the social security benefit reductions to our retired educators receiving benefits from TRSL.

LRTA, along with other groups and individuals became very involved in the discussion, early on, regarding Governor Jindal's proposal to eliminate state and corporate income taxes and corporate franchise taxes, and to replace those revenues with a state sales tax increase. Your LRTA staff reminded everyone who would listen that retired educators do not currently pay Louisiana income taxes on benefit payments received from the Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana. I would like to think that your association, through its elected officers, legislative contacts and staff, played a very important role in having the governor abandon his tax swap proposal on the first day of the legislative

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Treasury's Unclaimed Property Program Has Record-Breaking Year

The Treasury just closed the books on another fiscal year on June 30. This is always an extremely hectic time for us as we review figures, make payments and reconcile the state's financial books. One of our departments had an extremely productive fiscal year and has broken records once again for its year-end performance.

The Unclaimed Property Division collected a record \$88.2 million in unclaimed property this fiscal year. This is the largest amount of unclaimed money collected in a single year in the program's 41-year history, beating our previous record by \$14.5 million.

In addition to collecting a record amount of unclaimed property, the Division returned an all-time record of \$31.3 million in refunds to 25,674 people. This is the largest amount of money ever refunded in one year to Louisiana residents, beating our previous record by \$4.3 million.

Unclaimed property is missing money that becomes abandoned after a certain period of time. It includes items such as payroll checks, checking and savings accounts, royalties, utility deposits, interest, dividends, stock certificates and life insurance proceeds. No matter how long it's been since the unclaimed property was abandoned, Louisiana residents can come forward at any time and claim it.

Since the unclaimed property program began in 1972, the state has collected roughly \$876.5 million in

unclaimed money and returned approximately \$301.4 million to the public. Approximately 84 percent of total collections (\$740 million) and 90 percent of total refunds (\$273.5 million) have occurred just in the past 17 years.

Even though we've processed thousands of unclaimed property refunds worth millions of dollars, \$575 million still needs to be claimed by Louisiana residents. The more word spreads about the program, the more money we bring in as businesses learn about their responsibility to report unclaimed money to the state.

If you've never checked our unclaimed property database before, now is the time to do so. We update our unclaimed property database every day, so be sure to check for your friends and neighbors as well. Louisiana residents can search for unclaimed money online at www.latreasury.com or by calling 1-888-925-4127 weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To search for unclaimed money in another state, visit www.missingmoney.com. We will also be performing database searches at the LRTA Fall Meeting in Bossier City, LA. Visit with us there if you would like us to check the database for you.

*John Kennedy
State Treasurer*

Lonnie's Lagniappe*Continued from page 2*

charged with the responsibility of securing a slate of individuals willing to serve in the positions of state president, first vice-president, and second vice-president. Interested individuals wanting to be considered by the Nominating Committee for the slate of candidates must complete an LRTA candidate Prospect Sheet which may be obtained from your district or unit president, or from the LRTA office. I encourage any of you to apply if you think you would be interested in holding a state leadership position. The slate of candidates will be announced during the proceedings of the Executive Board meeting to be held in conjunction with the Fall Meeting in Bossier City. Officer elections will then be held in January and February of 2014, and the newly elected officers will be installed in April at

the LRTA 2014 Spring Meeting.

There will be meetings held by the Bylaws Committee and the Executive Committee in early September, so if you have any items you would like to have considered by either of these two committees, please submit your item(s) to Graig for them to be placed on the agenda. The Bylaws Committee will be reviewing both the LRTA bylaws and discussing the official establishment of minimum bylaws for the governance of LRTA's eleven districts. The Executive Committee will meet after the Bylaws Committee to receive their report and to consider any other business that affects LRTA. Official reports of the Executive Committee and the By-Laws Committee will be presented to the Executive Board at its meeting in October.

By the time the Fall Meeting arrives,

there will only be six months left to my term as your president. I really do not know how we managed to travel to so many places in this state and to visit with so many wonderful retirees, but I want you to know that I have been blessed. My desire is to leave our organization equipped with leadership to move forward in a positive direction and with a more pro-active membership prepared to meet the issues that impact our future. Please begin planning for your district and local unit meetings early enough to determine when you would like to invite any of the officers or staff to attend or to join other speakers on your agendas. The calendar fills up quickly, and we would like to visit with you at as many meetings as possible. Thanks to each of you for the work you do to further the cause of retired educators, and to fulfill our vision of "Striving to Make Retirement Years Great!"

Nominees*Continued from Page 1*

Information on suggested nominees should 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 on candidates will be published. Suggested nominees should also furnish a recent color photo that may be published with their candidate information.

The Nominating Committee looks forward to working with the LRTA membership to develop a slate of well-qualified candidates for LRTA's statewide elected offices that will be presented to the LRTA Executive

Board at the Fall Meeting.

All prospective candidate information must be received in the LRTA office no later than October 1, 2013, but may be submitted any time before that date. 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:

Gail Foster, Chair

Joseph Clyde Crooks

William Gullatt

Joyce Harris

Felix Johnson, Jr.

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session.

For a complete summary of the legislation that was monitored by LRTA during the last session of the legislature, please go to our website www.lrta.net, and view the summary located under the link entitled "LRTA & The Legislature."

During the months of June and July, I was the invited guest speaker at 29 Retirement Planning Workshops organized by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana's public information staff. I, along with three TRSL staff members, traveled the state speaking to educators who are planning to retire or enter the Deferred Retirement Option Plan within the

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In Memoriam

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

Deceased Retired Teachers - May 11, 2013 - July 31, 2013

District I

James T. Adams, Jr. – New Orleans
Deborah D. Anderson – New Orleans
Malcolm Augusta – New Orleans
Lydia R. Bourgeois – New Orleans
Samuel H. Boyd – New Orleans
Clara P. Carey – New Orleans
Henry J. Colvon – New Orleans
Frances R. Crow – New Orleans
Althea C. Duchan – New Orleans
Ruth M. Fernandez – New Orleans
Evelyn F. Garrison – New Orleans
Lucine Z. Johnson – New Orleans
Mignon W. Jumel – New Orleans
Gladys B. Piper – New Orleans
Anna K. Pleasonton – New Orleans
Miriam C. Radlauer – New Orleans
Jacqueline H. Riley – Port Sulphur
Joyce Russ – New Orleans
Peter G. Saunders – New Orleans
Clarence J. Simms – New Orleans
Wayne E. Summers – New Orleans
Sigismund C. Walker, Jr. – New Orleans

District II

George R. Bischoff, Jr. – Metairie
Robert Bocage – Gretna
Rosia L. Butler – LaPlace
Donald O. Carpenter, Jr. – Metairie
Verna S. Chauvin – Houma
Iris B. Dodd – Metairie
Grace Ellis – Thibodaux
Mary V. Graffagnini – Thibodaux
Mary Lou R. Gros – Westwego
Brenda B. Hebert – Marrero
Agnes D. Kennedy – Houma
Frank W. Kidd – Houma
Loretta F. Lee – Galliano
Frances C. Modisette – Gray
Harry J. Morel, Sr. – Boutte
Betty Jean Naquin – Des Allemands
Betsy T. Payton – Gretna
Rose K. Pitfield – Harahan
Gene T. Pontiff – Houma
Clarence Ringold – Houma
Donald L. Rose, Sr. – LaPlace
Robert J. Schoener – Gretna
Cleburne A. Seay – Kenner
Mildred B. Trosclair – Houma
Kathleen B. Turner – LaPlace
Jane L. Wilderotter – Metairie
Laurelle L. Wolf – Bourg

District III

Mary S. Allen – Hammond
Elmire F. Becker – Covington
Gretchen B. Bordelon – Slidell
Ann Boudreaux – Mandeville

Carolyn B. Burton – Denham Springs
Barbara F. Chatelain – Denham Springs
Kenneth Crawford – Kentwood
Earleen Icard Federico – Covington
Gloria Graves – Bogalusa
Alice W. Harding – Ponchatoula
Carol D. Heard – Hammond
Verl J. Hite – Hammond
Gwendoline D. Jordan – Angie
John J. Kane – Hammond
Lillie A. Maurin – Hammond
Roy L. Pierce – Ponchatoula
Kathye L. Ryan – Bogalusa
Christine Thomas – Franklinton
Dennis L. Wagner – Albany
Wanda J. Watson – Bogalusa
Elsie F. Wilson – Ponchatoula

District IV

Edgar B. Aucoin – Baton Rouge
John B. Austin – Baton Rouge
Johnetta T. Baham – Baton Rouge
Joseph Broussard, Jr. – Baton Rouge
Johnny James Brown – Baton Rouge
Loretta D. Chauvin – Baton Rouge
David Clark – Baton Rouge
Doris J. Coats – Baton Rouge
Hazel C. Cutno – Baton Rouge
May Grace Dauzat – Batchelor
Paul L. Duell – Baton Rouge
Homer Dyess – Baton Rouge
Lester Gauthier – Baton Rouge
Gladys Wilson Harris – Baker
Eugenia E. Hart – Baton Rouge
Vernell Haynes – Baton Rouge
Steven A. Henning – Baton Rouge
Ophelia K. Hobbs – Zachary
Cosby D. Joiner, Jr. – Baton Rouge
Mary F. Kahao – Baton Rouge
Catherine Kavanagh – Baton Rouge
Ralph A. Kinney – Baton Rouge
Geneva W. Knighten – Ethel
Margaret S. Lange – Baton Rouge
Billie C. Leteff – Baton Rouge
Beverly Moore Lewis – Baton Rouge
Sheryl Lewis – Zachary
Mildred K. Marcelle – Baton Rouge
Alice Mae McClain – Baton Rouge
William J. Primas – Baton Rouge
Louella R. Reed – Baton Rouge
Sarah S. Rogers – Baton Rouge
Sandra T. Sanders – Zachary
Dan R. Scholz – Baton Rouge
Inez S. Shaw – Baton Rouge
Elizabeth B. Smith – Baton Rouge
Michael P. Sotile – Baton Rouge
Janice Thonssen – Baton Rouge
Veda D. Tohline – Baton Rouge

District V

Shirley M. Arsement – Carencro
Carl W. Bauer – Lafayette
Marion B. Bell – Lafayette
Lottie Bessard – Abbeville
Hilton R. Brown – Opelousas
Robert Charles Calvin – Opelousas
Mary Lou Champagne – Breaux Bridge
Ronald Charles – St. Martinville
Marie E. L. Demay – Eunice
Loretta G. Doguet – Lafayette
Cathryn L. Dugas – Lafayette
Edwina B. Eisenstein – St. Martinville
Mary C. Ewton – Lafayette
Debia F. Fontenot – Washington
Jeanette Foreman – New Iberia
Nita Hill Gradney – Opelousas
Eugene C. Griffith – Pine Prairie
Gloria Harris – Opelousas
Laura R. Hunt – Lafayette
Shirley R. Jeansonne – Lafayette
Margaret P. Johnson – Youngsville
Edward Landry, Jr. – Basile
Glenn R. LeBlanc – Youngsville
James Rachal – Opelousas
Barbara B. Ryckman – Lafayette
Barbara S. Scallan – New Iberia
Sarah S. Scurria – New Iberia
Wilford P. Stokes – New Iberia
Margaret S. Vitatoe – New Iberia
Carolyn W. Ward – Eunice
Shawn R. West – Lafayette
Barbara Elaine Zeigler – New Iberia

District VI

Kirby K. Awagain – Lake Charles
Jimmy R. Carpenter – DeRidder
Dorothy C. Eldred – Oakdale
Jimmy R. Granger – Jennings
Kirt L. Guidry – Mermentau
Ellen Courts Hargett – Lake Charles
Sybil T. Howard – Welsh
Louis E. Jeans – Elton
Lenora W. Madison – Lake Charles
Francis E. Meaux – Lake Charles
Barbara Jean Savant – Lake Charles
Charles R. Sheumaker – Lake Charles
Lucille S. Shoptaugh – Lake Charles

District VII

David R. Aucoin – Ville Platte
Mary Bass – Leesville
Nedra Fern Boothe – Harrisonburg
Donna W. Bordelon – Bunkie
Carolyn C. Boydston – Ferriday
Donald R. Campbell – Jonesville
Mildred E. Eilerts – Alexandria

In Memoriam (continued)

Arthur G. Emberly – Alexandria
 Michael W. Frank – Ville Platte
 Gayle M. Gunter – Glenmora
 Joy O. Pearce – Bunkie
 Vergie Peterson – Boyce
 Elaine F. Saucier – Bordelonville
 Josie Fay Shorter – Alexandria
 Jerry L. Thompson – Ville Platte
 Helen D. Tibbs – Bunkie
 Carol D. Wiley – Pollock
 Geraldine C. Zills – Leesville

District VIII

Donna D. Dyson – Winnfield
 Edgar Fortson – Coushatta
 Mattie H. Jinks – Pelican
 Mary Wortley Scheller – Keatchie
 Sara J. Shell – Winnfield
 Ruthie Thomas – Frierson
 Vestor H. Wilkerson – Natchitoches

District IX

Dorothy Adams – Start
 Estelle P. Allen – Oak Grove
 David W. Smith – Winnsboro

District X

Alberta F. Ausberry – Monroe
 Ernestine B. Booth – Farmerville
 Joe A. Brantley – Farmerville
 Clarice Brown – Hodge
 Mildred M. Cantrell – Sterlington
 Annie R. Canty – Grambling
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 Glen Fleming – Monroe
 Van E. Leigh – Monroe
 Jimmy McJamerson – Ruston
 Alva B. Odom, Jr. – Simsboro
 James C. Ramsey – West Monroe
 Dorothy Riser – Monroe
 Samuel P. Riser – Choudrant
 Jo Ann S. Rogers – Jonesboro
 Joe Robert Wilson – Ruston

District XI

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 Theodore E. Armes – Shreveport
 Edward H. Ayres, Jr. – Elm Grove
 Dudley H. Boddie – Shreveport
 Lou Anne W. Casey – Shreveport
 Joseph Cassiere – Shreveport
 Sharon D. Davis – Shreveport
 Dorothy P. Faulk – Shreveport
 Gloria Frantom – Shreveport
 Annette Grafton – Homer
 Bert J. Heckel – Homer
 Birdie W. Jones – Plain Dealing
 Arthur M. Lee – Plain Dealing
 Leatrice Miller – Minden
 R. P. Misra – Shreveport
 Lee Girtha Murphy – Benton
 Ralph C. Norton – Benton
 Diana R. Pittman – Shreveport

Mary H. Reed – Shreveport
 Dorothy M. Renter – Shreveport
 Dennis D. Shaw – Princeton
 Mary L. Stacy – Shreveport
 Anne C. Tabarlet – Shreveport
 Carolyn C. Tabler – Shreveport
 Linda O. Thigpen – Shreveport
 Gary Joe Thomas – Houghton
 Nancy B. Turnage – Shreveport
 James F. Williams – Bossier City
 Lois Wilson – Shreveport
 William P. Zeigler, Jr. – Shreveport

Out of State

Norma L. Adam – Schertz, TX
 Alvin J. Adams – Phoenix, AZ
 Annie M. Andrews – Ft. Worth, TX
 Evelyn M. Anthony – Atlanta, GA
 Alzina H. Bailey – Tracy, CA
 Minnie T. Bailey – Arlington, VA
 Beverly Marie Barbo – Circleville, OH
 Margaret R. Bell – Smithville, TX
 William L. Blackwell – Mannford, OK
 Joseph Bonfiglio, Sr. – Nashville, TN
 Doris L. Bracey – Kokomo, MS
 Clara B. Bray – Houston, TX
 Geraldine Brennan – Exton, PA
 Opal J. Bufford – Alpharetta, GA
 Bernadine B. Charles – Lake Dallas, TX
 Leta G. Coburn – Las Cruces, NM
 Dorothy Coleman – Carson, CA
 Roberta S. Cummings – Port Orchard, WA
 Lorraine L. Danos – Gulf Breeze, FL
 Perry B. Dennis, Jr. – Starkville, MS
 Barbara Domingue – Beaumont, TX
 Addine W. Dow – Cookeville, TN
 Mildred S. Egan – Pass Christian, MS
 Mildred Guichard – Biloxi, MS
 Norma H. Hebert – Houston, TX
 Anna Holley – La Crescenta, CA
 Darlene Howard – Grandview, MO
 Pearl A. Huckaby – Fresno, TX
 Bobby Jackson – Plano, TX
 Willie V. Jackson – Allen, TX
 Annie Dickerson James – Lewisville, TX
 Louise James – Star City, AR
 Barbara G. Jones-Dupeire – Hollywood Park, TX
 James S. Jordan – Flower Mound, TX
 Maxine D. Kennedy – Whitehouse, TX
 Cecile LaSalle – Garland, TX
 Herbert S. Madaus – Tallahassee, FL
 Novem M. Mason – Greensboro, NC
 Allen L. Mears, Jr. – Taylor, AR
 George T. Miller – Hattiesburg, MS
 Alvin J. Olivier, Jr. – Ft. Worth, TX

Warren N. Otterson – Spring Branch, TX
 Marion R. Parrish – Rowlett, TX
 Howard G. Perkins – Perrish, FL
 Mildred B. Pugh – Chino Hills, CA
 Evelyn N. Raser – Sugarland, TX
 Burlon Reid – Poplarville, MS
 Cathryn Winters Robinson – Sommerset, NJ
 Brian Lee Smart – Highlands, NC
 Mercedes T. Stamps – Statesville, NC
 Lillie Rose Stewart – Houston, TX
 James C. Swanner – Junction City, AR
 Charlene W. Temples – Garland, TX
 Herbie J. P. Turner – APO, AP
 Nellie D. Varnado – Houston, TX
 Bertha Walley – Picayune, MS
 Robbie T. Wiltz – Houston, TX
 Robert S. Wynn, Jr. – Smithville, TX

Executive Director's Report

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next 36 months. Maureen Westgard, TRSL's director, allowed me time on the program at each of the workshops to speak to those in attendance about the advantage of becoming a member of LRTA.

This effort is an integral part of LRTA's new and ambitious program to increase LRTA's membership. Over nine hundred individuals attended the workshops. More information regarding my visits with them, and the overall LRTA Membership Development Operational Plan, will be provided at the upcoming Fall Meeting to be held in Bossier City.

This issue of the newsletter contains a lot of important information about the LRTA 2013 Fall Meeting, and I hope to see many of you there. An update on LRTA membership will be presented on Tuesday afternoon, October 22.

Join LRTA's Email Club and Facebook Page

If you would like to join LRTA's Email Club please visit our website at www.lrta.net. Type your email address in the space provided under the heading "Join Our Email Club" and click on "Join". You will receive email updates regarding current events taking place with LRTA.

If you would like to stay informed via our Facebook page, please go to www.facebook.com/Lrta1. Click on the "Like" button at the top right of the page. You will now be able to follow our updates and post on our page.

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2013 FALL MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION / MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Please use this form to pre-register for the 2013 Fall Meeting in order to expedite registration in Bossier City. To make a reservation for the convention banquet on Tuesday, October 22, 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).

Name: _____ Social Security No.: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ Email: _____

____ Attendance only, no fee

____ Number of tickets for Tuesday night (\$33 per person)= \$ _____
 (Pork tenderloin medallions)

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Note: Pre-registration/meal reservations must be received in the LRTA office by October 11. 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 17. Mail forms and checks to LRTA, 9412 Common St., Suite 5, Baton Rouge, LA 70809