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Retired Teachers Day Set for March 15

Louisiana Retired Teachers Day will be Friday, March 15, 2013. This is a time for the state and your local communities to show appreciation for the many years of dedication and service provided by Louisiana retired educators.

LRTA has made a request to the Governor's office for an official proclamation, and should receive the document soon. If you need help planning an event, or if you would like to have a copy of the Governor's official proclamation or a customized Retired Teachers Day proclamation, call the LRTA office.

Many LRTA districts and local units will be holding special meetings or events to celebrate Retired Teachers Day. We have even heard of local establishments offering special discounts in conjunction with this day. We hope you let your friends and neighbors know about this special day.

Please send pictures of your celebration to info@lrta.net. They may be printed in the next issue of the newsletter.

LRTA Spring Meeting: LRTA Roundup

All Louisiana retired educators are invited to join LRTA for the 2013 Spring Meeting in Alexandria on April 23 and 24. The meeting's theme will be LRTA Roundup, and guests are encouraged to wear their best western wear at the Tuesday night banquet.

The LRTA Executive Board meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23. A pre-convention dinner will be held on the evening of April 23. Meeting general sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, and will conclude with a luncheon.

All meetings and meal functions will be held at the Sai Convention Center and Baymont Inn & Suites, located at 2301 North MacArthur Dr. There is no cost to attend meeting sessions; meal function costs are \$26 for the pre-convention dinner on April 23 and \$22 for the luncheon on April 24.

A special hotel room convention group rate of \$79 per night for single and \$89 per night for double, triple or quad, plus tax, has been negotiated with the Baymont Inn & Suites for LRTA attendees. Cut-off date for

this special rate is April 8, so make your reservations early! To make a room reservation, call the Baymont Inn & Suites directly at (318) 619-3300. Be sure to ask for the special LRTA convention rate.

In order to eliminate long lines at registration, please pre-register by completing the Meeting Pre-Registration Form on page 8. Convention packets containing printed programs, name tags and other important meeting materials will be prepared for participants who pre-register before April 18. On-site registration will be available, but attendance at the pre-convention dinner on April 23 and the luncheon on April 24 are by pre-reservation only.

Mark your calendars and make your plans! We look forward to seeing you in Alexandria on April 23 and 24.



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Lonnie's Lagniappe



Dr. Lonnie E. Dunn

We have gotten 2013 off to a great start! During the months of January and February, I, along with some of your other officers and members of your staff, conducted advocacy training workshops in every LRTA district throughout the state. These workshops were entitled "Become Your Own Best Advocate," and were designed to provide those attending with the necessary tools to utilize during the upcoming legislative session in order to communicate our ideas with members of the legislature. Examples of press releases and letters to the editor were provided. Training was offered on how to compose emails, and how to incorporate information provided by our staff in messages to members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Remember, communication is the key to making our positions known to those we have elected to serve our best interests.

The staff also offered training on locating and utilizing information provided by the

Louisiana legislature on its web site: www.legis.la.gov. Instructions on locating information on committee membership, bills and other legislative instruments, committee meeting schedules and agendas, and other important information were provided.

Those invited to attend the workshops included district and unit presidents, district legislative coordinators, and local legislative contacts from your individual units. We are now hopefully prepared to represent your interests during the upcoming legislative session. My hope is that all of you will take the time to let your representatives and senators know how you feel on issues that impact your retirement.

As always, the staff will be providing updates throughout the session on all pieces of legislation being monitored on your behalf. Our communications will be provided through email messages delivered to members of the LRTA Email Club. If you have not already joined the club, you can do so by going to our web site: www.lrta.net. In the upper right hand corner of our home page you will see the link to the LRTA Email Club. It is a simple process, and a very important one for you to complete in order to stay informed.

The LRTA Executive Board will be taking
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Executive Director's Report



Graig A. Luscombe

day, February 22.

There are three bills dealing with Permanent Benefit Increases (COLAs). They are House Bill No. 68, Senate Bill No. 11 and Senate Bill No. 17.

One bill deals with retirees who return to

The 2013 Regular Legislative Session begins at 12 noon on Monday, April 8. As a result of an amendment to the Louisiana Constitution passed by the voters last November, all legislation affecting public employee retirement plans had to be pre-filed by 5:00 p.m. Fri-

work in public employment. That bill is House Bill No. 60.

There is also one bill dealing with the new cash balance retirement plan that was created by Act No. 483 of 2012. That bill is House Bill No. 68, and it provides for clarifications and technical corrections to the legislation that established the new retirement plan for employees in public post-secondary education institutions.

A summary of these and other bills to be considered is provided in this issue. Please feel free to contact me regarding any questions you may have about the summary.

At the time I prepared these comments for publication, no legislation was pre-filed regarding Governor Jindal's plan to adjust Louisiana's tax structure. Information on that legislation will be provided after the proposals are available for review. That
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2013 Legislative Session Update

Provided below is a list of bills that were pre-filed for consideration during the 2013 Regular Legislative Session dealing with retirement issues. These bills will be monitored by LRTA during the upcoming legislative session. The session begins at 12 noon on Monday, April 8. The LRTA Executive Board will review this list and take a position on the legislation at its meeting to be held in conjunction with the LRTA Spring Meeting.

House Bill No. 33 by Representative J. Kevin Pearson

This bill provides that if any employing agency is authorized by law to terminate its participation in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, the employing agency shall remit to the retirement system its share of any unfunded accrued liability resulting from participation of its employees in the pension plan existing on June 30 immediately prior to the date of the employing agency's termination of plan participation.

House Bill No. 34 by Representative Regina A. Barrow

This bill allows members of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana who are employed by a state hospital, and whose jobs are affected by a lay-off plan approved by the Civil Service Commission or by the director of the Department of Civil Service, to transfer, regardless of age, an amount equal to accrued benefits in the system to another qualified plan or retirement account.

House Bill No. 53 by Representative Alan Seabaugh

This bill repeals the provision requiring that employees of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association be members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. The bill further stipulates that any current or deferred vested member shall have membership terminated on the effective date of the legislation (upon signature of the governor or the lapse of time for gubernatorial action), and that terminated members shall be eligible for a refund of

employee contributions attributable to service credited with the system at the time of termination.

House Bill No. 57 by Representative J. Kevin Pearson

This bill provides for funding and benefit computation for the four state retirement systems: Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, and the Louisiana State Police Retirement System. Beginning July 1, 2015, all members of each of the retirement systems shall pay an additional 1.0% of salary to their respective system. Beginning July 1, 2017, all members of each of the retirement systems shall pay an additional 1.0% of salary to their respective system.

The bill also provides for a five-year (60-month) final average compensation period for the computation of benefits, and a minimum employer contribution rate of 15.0% until the system is at least 90.0% funded. The bill becomes effective January 1, 2014.

House Bill No. 60 by Representative M. "Kirk" Talbot

This bill requires retirees of all public employee retirement systems, who retire on or after July 1, 2013, to suspend benefits if they return to work in a position covered by a public employee retirement plan.

House Bill No. 61 by Representative Austin J. Badon, Jr.

This bill provides for a divided benefit for an employee of a state or statewide retirement system whose salary increases by more than 30.0%

when comparing one month's earnings to the previous 12 months. The divided benefit shall be the sum of: Total years of service prior to the 30.0% or greater increase in monthly earnings, times final average compensation at the appropriate accrual rate, and total years if service on or after the 30.0% increase occurs times final average compensation at the appropriate accrual rate.

House Bill No. 63 by Representative Joel C. Robideaux

This bill authorizes a 1.0% permanent benefit increase to be paid all benefit recipients of the four state retirement systems who meet system eligibility requirements for the increase. The cost of providing the increase must be paid from state funds statutorily dedicated for such purpose. The increase will be paid on the first \$20,000 of benefits currently being received.

House Bill No. 68 by Representative J. Kevin Pearson

This bill provides for clarification of and technical corrections to Act No. 483 of 2012, the cash balance plan.

Senate Bill No. 4 by Senator Elbert L. Guillory

This bill provides for the use of the entry age normal valuation method by the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana rather than the projected unit credit method currently used by both retirement systems.

Senate Bill No. 7 by Senator Barrow Peacock

This bill provides that all state and statewide retirement systems use a

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Newsletter Correction: OGB Prescription Drug Program

In your November-December 2012 issue of the LRTA Newsletter, the Executive Director's Report indicated that the prescription drug program offered by the Office of Group Benefits would continue to be managed by Coventry after January 1, 2013. The name of the company at that time was Catalyst Rx. The company formerly known as Catalyst Rx has changed its name, and is now Catamaran. LRTA regrets the error.

Retired Washington Parish Teacher Is Southeastern's Oldest Alum

With the Southeastern Louisiana University Alumni Association celebrating its 85th anniversary late last year, officials with the organization thought it was appropriate to seek and find the institution's oldest living grad.

The call went out via various communications and in the news media. That's when 102-year-old Vivian Richardson, from the small town of Enon in Washington Parish, came to the association's attention.

When Vivian Richardson graduated from Southeastern and began her teaching career, FDR was in his first term as president. The Green Hornet radio show had just debuted and construction had been recently completed on Hoover Dam. It was 1936, and America was in the midst of the Great Depression.

"From all the responses we received, Vivian Richardson apparently is the oldest living graduate of Southeastern," said Kathy Pittman, Alumni Association Director. "We proudly made that announcement during our Homecoming celebration."

For Richardson, it was a big change to leave home to attend what was then Southeastern Louisiana College, which had only opened its doors 11 years earlier. The campus was far different than today, with just a few buildings and no residence halls. Richardson and her cousin Iris, from outside Bogalusa, shared a room in a boarding house downtown.

"Papa went with us to Hammond and found a house for us to live in near the train depot," recalls Rich-

ardson. "It was about three blocks from school, and we walked back and forth each day to classes."

Those classes were with some of Southeastern's faculty legends, who



Vivian Richardson, a 102-year-old native of Enon, La., looks through one of the year books of her college years at Southeastern Louisiana University, where she graduated in 1936. Richardson is considered the university's oldest living graduate.

now have buildings on campus named in their memory: D. Vickers, R. Thomas Pursley, Ralph Pottle and Leon Clark, who directed the teacher education program.

After completing a two-year degree, Richardson taught for 33 years, helping to educate several generations of second graders in Enon and Franklinton. In 1956, she returned to Southeastern to complete her bachelor's degree, when that became required for teachers.

Richardson credits her education at Southeastern for helping to prepare her for such a long and successful career. "I reckon I was well prepared to teach," she said. "I wasn't scared of teaching. I always loved it, and I loved the children."

Southeastern and teaching are both traditions in Richardson's family. Three of her four siblings also attended Southeastern, including her younger sister Maxine, as well as Maxine's daughter, Pam Penny, who taught English and Spanish at Franklinton High School for many years. Penny notes that one of her outstanding English students was a teenager named John Crain, another alumnus of Southeastern and now its president.

"Southeastern is responsible for

educating most of Washington Parish," said Penny. "I don't know where people would go to school if we didn't have Southeastern."

When she wasn't teaching, Richardson's home was always filled with family, even though she and her husband did not have children. In her retirement, Penny and the other nieces and nephews visit her regularly, as they did as children.

She was always busy, Penny said of her aunt, serving as an active member of Enon Baptist Church, sewing, cooking and tending her huge vegetable and flower gardens. "Aunt Vivian was an amazing cook," said Penny. "Over the years, she's cooked hundreds and hundreds of meals for the family."

The Alumni Association is currently reaching out to all living Southeastern graduates in an effort to update its records and to publish a new directory. Graduates can update their information for the directory by calling the association at 1-800-SLU-ALUM.

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legislation may not be introduced by the author until after the session begins, but we will keep you informed as the proposals develop through the legislative process.

As Dr. Dunn mentioned, your executive board will be taking official positions on all these bills at the LRTA Spring Meeting. By that time, the board will also have had an opportunity to review any bills dealing with the elimination of the state personal income tax or increases in sales tax.

I hope to see you at the LRTA Spring Meeting!

2013 Legislative Session Update

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60-month final average compensation period for the calculation of benefits. The bill also sets 15.0% as the maximum anti-spiking threshold for all members. The calculation for final average compensation shall not exceed 115% of compensation used for the preceding 12 months in the calculation of benefits. The provisions of the bill become effective January 1, 2014.

Senate Bill No. 11 by Senator Elbert L. Guillory

This bill provides for permanent post-retirement benefit increases for members of the four state retirement systems. The bill implements a 3.0% increase in employee contributions for all active, contributing members of the systems. In order to receive the increases, retirees must have been receiving a benefit for at least five years, and must have reached age 65 on or before June 30, 2013. The increase will be paid on the first \$50,000 of benefits received in any given year. This limit will be adjusted after July 1, 2019 by an increased amount equal to increases, if any, provided to persons receiving old age, survivors or disability insurance benefits from the Social Security Administration for the 24 month period ending on the September 30 immediately preceding the permanent benefit increase.

Benefit increases will be paid on July 1 of each odd-numbered calendar year beginning on July 1, 2013. The benefit increase proposed by the bill is 1.0%, or the lesser of 2.0% or the percent increase necessary to preserve 80.0% of the purchasing power of the benefit as of June 30, 2013 or the retirement date, if later. Determination of the diminution of purchasing power shall be computed using the increase, if any, provided to persons receiving old age, survivors and disability insurance benefits from the Social Security Administration for the period beginning on September 30 of the year of retirement and ending on September 30 immediately preceding the payment of the permanent

benefit increase.

The bill provides for "employer funded" increases for those with service credit on or before July 1, 2013, for "employee funded" increases for those with service credit on or after July 1, 2013, and for "additive" increases for those who have service accrued prior to July 1, 2013 and service that will accrue on or after July 1, 2013. The bill also provides for a 60-month final average compensation computation period for all members. The increase in this time frame from 36 months shall be transitioned beginning July 1, 2014 and continued in one-month increments through June 30, 2016.

Senate Bill No. 17 by Elbert L. Guillory

This bill dedicates 2.0% of state revenue collections that are in excess of revenue collected during FY 2011-2012 to the liquidation of unfunded accrued liabilities of the four state retirement systems, and to the funding of benefit increases for retirees of these systems. The dedicated excess revenue shall be deposited into a newly created State Retirement Fund. State Retirement Fund deposits shall be allocated as follows: Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System 37.0%, Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana 56.7%, Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System 4.5%, Louisiana State Police Retirement System 1.8%.

First, 80.0% of the monies allocated to the retirement systems from the fund shall be applied to addressing the Initial Unfunded Accrued Liability amortization base. Second, to the Employee Experience Account amortization base, if any, and Third, to the balance of the oldest outstanding amortization base. Then, the remaining 20.0% shall be credited to the Employee Experience Account.

The effective date of the legislation is June 30, 2013.

LRTA Foundation to Host First Silent Auction

The LRTA Foundation will hold its first silent auction at the LRTA Spring Meeting in Alexandria, LA on April 23 and 24.

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 staff and provide them 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, April 24. Cash and checks will be accepted. Credit cards will not be accepted.

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

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a formal position on all pertinent retirement bills that have been pre-filed for consideration during the 2013 Regular Legislative Session at its meeting to be held in conjunction with the LRTA Spring Meeting. Information regarding the Spring Meeting is contained in this issue, and I extend a personal invitation to each of you to join us in Alexandria on April 23 and 24. Your officers and staff pledge to continue "Striving to make retirement years great!"

In Memoriam

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

Deceased Retired Teachers - December 13, 2012 - February 6, 2013

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Daisy Baker – New Orleans
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2013 SPRING MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION / MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Please use this form to pre-register for the 2013 Spring Meeting in order to expedite registration in Alexandria. To make a reservation for the pre-convention dinner on Tuesday, April 23, and/or for the convention luncheon on Wednesday, April 24, 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 Pre-Convention Dinner (\$26 per person)= \$ _____
 (Garlic roasted pork)

___ Number of tickets for Wednesday luncheon (\$22 per person)= \$ _____
 (Baked chicken)

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

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