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LRTA Foundation Silent Auction a Huge Success

The first silent auction hosted by the LRTA Foundation board members at the recently-held LRTA Spring Meeting in Alexandria was a huge success. The proceeds from the silent auction reached \$1,570.00. The result was much better than revenue raised by foundation drawings during past state meetings. Foundation board members will prepare for a second silent auction to be held during the LRTA Fall Meeting in Bossier City on October 21, 22, and 23. Special thanks to all the donors who provided such an array of 42 great items. Our goal is to have at least 100 items donated for the October silent auction.

Foundation board members also thank the businesses that donated to this worthwhile endeavor, and LRTA Executive Director, Graig Luscombe, and his staff for their support. I personally would like to thank board members for their efforts in such an efficient operation for this first experience in such a project.

We will keep you updated on the next silent auction by sending information via the LRTA Email Club and the LRTA Newsletter. The goal of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation is to reach assets of \$100,000 by the end of 2014. Your ongoing efforts to help are kindly appreciated.

Hugh Craft, Ed. D.
Foundation President

2012 LRTA Membership Award Winners

Congratulations to the LRTA districts and local units which received membership awards at the LRTA Spring Meeting in Alexandria on April 24. These awards are:

New Member Awards:

St. Tammany Parish RSEA (greatest percentage of new members) – Marian Arrow-smith, President

St. Tammany Parish RSEA (greatest number of new members) – Marian Arrow-smith, President

Total Member Awards:

Assumption RTA (greatest percentage of members) – Jerilyn Williams, President

Red River RTA (greatest percentage of increase in members) – Laurine Adcock, President

East Carroll RTA (greatest percentage of increase in members) – Prince Robinson, President

Cornerstone Award:

District VIII (greatest percentage of members) – Genevieve Gordon, President

Associate Member Awards:

St. Tammany Parish RSEA (greatest number of associate members) – Marian Arrow-smith, President

District III RTA (greatest number of associate members) – Lazette Watterson, President

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the officers and leaders in each of the units and districts for planning and conducting programs that attract and retain members.

Membership recruitment must be an ongoing effort by everyone in order to maintain an active and effective LRTA. Please continue your efforts to grow the LRTA membership.

Maria Sly George
LRTA First Vice-President

Name of Fame Award Recipients



Frankie G. Curlee Early (left) and Charles Nero and wife Mary (right).

Name of Fame Awards were presented at the Spring Meeting Luncheon. Mrs. Frankie G. Curlee Early was the honoree from District VII, and Mr. Charles Nero was the honoree from District I. The LRTA Name of Fame Award was created in 2002 to honor Louisiana's retired teachers for their leadership, organizational achievements and community involvement.

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Lonnie's Lagniappe



Lonnie E. Dunn, Ed. D. If you missed the LRTA Spring conference in Alexandria hosted by District VII, you truly missed a good time as well as a very informative and entertaining meeting. District VII president, James Stewart and his wife, Pat, along with their committees planned, organized, and hosted a great conference. Our thanks to them for their hard work and dedication to LRTA and to the members who attended. We certainly owe the Stewarts a debt of gratitude for another very successful conference.

The Board of Directors met on the first day of the conference to conduct the business session for LRTA where we reviewed items of concern and received reports from various committees, from Graig Luscombe, executive director, and of course, the president's report. I will not review all these reports but will discuss some of the items relevant to the future success and development of LRTA. In my report as your president, I reviewed the progress we have made as an organization in the three area goals identified during the Fall Meeting last year in Kenner. The first, membership development, placed a lot of the responsibility for improvement on the local

RTAs. We will not know how successful our membership campaign has been until we compile figures in December. Even if you cannot attend LRTA meetings, your dues will support increased awareness at the legislature and other necessary expenses to represent your interests in retaining benefits you can sorely not afford to lose. Sometimes it is not about what you don't get, such as a COLA, but about what you don't lose, such as the portion of your insurance premium that you do not pay, which we have been successful in protecting. In the current times of economic shortfall, the Louisiana legislature is turning over every rock they can find looking for revenue sources for the state budget. We are there representing retired educators. You need LRTA as much as we need you. Please help by joining us in the fight for our future financial security. By the time you read this newsletter the LRTA Executive Board, the LRTA Membership Committee, and LRTA staff will have met in Baton Rouge to review a membership growth plan developed by the LRTA staff designed with the goal of raising membership by five percent this membership year. It is critical that we reverse the trend of losing more members by death than we are gaining in new members. We lost almost 1500 members this past year. The district presidents will disseminate the membership plan to the local RTAs after they have had a chance to review the plan in Baton Rouge.

My second concern for last year, and again for this second year of my presidency, is to work with local RTAs to assist them in any way possible to become

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Executive Director's Report



Graig A. Luscombe

As I write this issue's Executive Director's Report, the 2013 Regular Legislative Session has reached the half-way point. When you actually receive your issue and read my report, the session will be winding down. The legislators must complete their work by 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 6. In order to keep you informed,

the staff issues the LRTA Legislative Update each Friday that the legislature is in session. These reports are provided to members of the LRTA Email Club, and are posted on the LRTA Facebook page. If you are not a member of the Email Club, or have not become a friend of LRTA on Facebook, you can do so by visiting the LRTA website at www.lrta.net.

The LRTA Executive Board has taken an official position on eleven pieces of legislation that could have a potential impact on you as a retired educator, or, in some way, impact the Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana. The legislature has been concentrating much effort in dealing with the state budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Because of the status of the budget, and the lack of revenue collections needed to fund that budget, the only opportunity to consider providing future benefit increases for retirees next year has been deferred. The proposal was provided in Senate Bill No. 11 by Senator Elbert Guillory from Opelousas. Senator Guillory serves as chairman of the Senate Retirement Committee. Unfortunately there is not enough revenue to meet current obligations and COLAs create additional obligations for the state and your retirement system.

As Dr. Dunn pointed out in his message, retired educators have been fortunate up to this point during the session in that there have been no proposals to reduce benefits currently being received. The list of bills and resolutions LRTA is

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Nominees for State Office 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.

It is requested that information on suggested 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 suggested nominee should be prioritized due to space limitations in the LRTA Newsletter where the information furnished on eventual nominees will be published. Suggested nominees should also furnish a recent color photo that may be published with their candidate information.

The Nominating Committee will meet in early July and again in early October to review prospect sheets. The committee looks forward to working with the LRTA membership to develop a slate of well-qualified

candidates for LRTA's statewide elected offices. The slate of candidates will be presented to the 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
William Gullatt
Joseph Clyde Crooks
Felix Johnson, Jr.
Joyce Harris

Lonnie's Lagniappe

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stronger by having effective leadership, meaningful programs, proactive membership development, and enhanced visibility in the area in which they serve retirees. Grassroots organization is the most important activity in LRTA and is the level at which most of the effective strengthening of our association takes place. Individual members working collectively as a group to promote and support programs and issues important to retirees is where our strength as an organization emanates. I encourage each of you, particularly new retirees, to get involved in your local RTA to inject new blood and energy into this organization to assist in growth and continued strength. Please call the LRTA office, 225-927-8837, or toll free at 888-531-1992, for the name of a contact for the RTA nearest you. The local unit is the hot-bed for new ideas to be born and better mousetraps to be built. Please consider my appeal and choose to get involved. Our legislators respond to strength of numbers as much as anything else.

Our third area of concern was to develop the grassroots support needed to "become our own best advocates" when it became necessary to lobby for the protection of the interests of retirees as issues were introduced by legislators or others that were contrary to the best interest of retirees. We developed an initiative to secure contacts through the district presidents for each legislator in the

state. We asked for contacts who were acquainted with each legislator and had some proficiency in the use of email and internet technology. The LRTA staff then developed and conducted Advocacy Training Workshops in each of the eleven districts to educate and equip these contacts in areas necessary to communicate effectively with legislators. They are on stand-by to move when needed. This does not relieve others of us from contacting legislators as the need arises. So, it is important that each of you visit the LRTA website regularly. When the legislature is in session, Mr. Luscombe posts a weekly LRTA Legislative Update. On important bills, he communicates the need to contact legislators and provides the contact information for each legislator sitting on the particular committee hearing the bill. Contacts do have an impact, because we have heard various legislators comment in open committee meetings referring to the numerous phone calls and e-mails they have received from constituents on various issues retirees were supporting or opposing. Stay informed, stay alert, and communicate as needed. We are all in this together, and we must be proactive to be successful in having our positions be heard.

Another area that LRTA's Executive Committee will be addressing in the near future, with Mr. Luscombe's direction, is to review and update the LRTA Strategic Plan. It is my belief that you need to know where we are going, how we plan to get there, and

what we are going to do when we get there. It appears that we will be "treading water" for now as far as any positive legislative action in our favor regarding benefit increases, so we need to develop a long range strategic plan on where we would like for LRTA's direction to move in the next few years. We are frustrated that no action has been taken to relieve the financial crunch that many of our retirees face daily. On the other hand, we are fortunate that we have lost very little in the past two legislative sessions, in light of the financial condition our state is experiencing. We need a long range plan designed to do just what I have outlined in this message. We will review our current plan that is in place, revise and update it, present it to the Executive Board in October in Bossier City for approval, and pass it on to our retirees after that meeting.

Just please remember that you, as a single member, play a huge part in the future and success of this organization. I cannot over-emphasize how important membership and proactive involvement by each single member contributes to the future success of LRTA. Please actively recruit your retired friends who are not members, and get involved in your local RTA to help us to continue striving toward MAKING OUR RETIREMENT YEARS GREAT!

Executive Director's Report

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monitoring on your behalf and the actions taken by the legislature on each is provided below. The LRTA Executive Board's official LRTA positions on the bills and resolutions are provided with bullet points under the description of the bills and resolutions, and actions taken by the legislature through May 15 are provided in red.

House Bills

House Bill No. 35

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 layoff plan approved by the Civil Service Commission or by the director of the Department of Civil Service, to retire with 25 years of service at any age without any actuarial reduction in the benefit resulting from early retirement. The effective date of the legislation is June 7, 2013, or on the day following approval by the legislature, whichever is later. The bill sunsets after three years.

- LRTA opposes this bill because of the actuarial cost impact it could have on the operations of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

This bill was deferred by the House Retirement Committee on April 25, 2013. This bill was reconsidered and again deferred by the House Retirement Committee on May 8, 2013.

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, Louisiana State Police Retirement System

Beginning July 1, 2015, all active members of each of the retirement systems shall pay an additional 1.0% of salary to their respective system.

Beginning July 1, 2017, all active 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 effective date of the legislation is January 1, 2014.

- LRTA opposes this bill because of the

constitutional questions it presents for those members who are already contributing to the retirement system and especially to those members who are vested. *This bill was voluntarily deferred by the House Retirement Committee on May 2, 2013.*

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. The effective date of the legislation is July 1, 2013.

- LRTA opposes this bill because of the limits it places on retirees who return to work in public employment.

This bill was changed by amendments adopted by the House Retirement Committee on April 25, 2013 to create a substitute bill. The provisions regarding returning to work have been removed from the legislation. The bill now applies to the removal of membership options for non-public entities from the four state wide retirement systems.

- LRTA has no position on the new legislation contained in the substitute bill.

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 of service on or after the 30.0% increase occurs times final average compensation at the appropriate accrual rate. The effective date of the legislation is upon signature by the governor or upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor.

- LRTA opposes this bill because it reduces the benefit that would ordinarily be received under the current method of benefit computation utilized by the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

This bill was deferred by the House Retirement Committee on April 25, 2013. Again deferred by the House Retirement Committee on May 15, 2013.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2

by Representative Joseph A. Harrison

This resolution suspends for one year the provisions of law regarding the implementation of the cash balance plan.

- LRTA supports the resolution.

This resolution was passed by the House Retirement Committee on April 25, 2013. Passed the House of Representatives on May 6, 2013. Passed by the Senate Retirement Committee on May 13, 2013.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 40

by Representative Joseph Harrison and Senator Barrow Peacock

This resolution memorializes the U. S. Congress to consider reducing or repealing the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision affecting the payment of Social Security benefits.

- LRTA supports the resolution.

This resolution was passed by the House of Representatives on April 9, 2013, and passed by the Senate on April 10, 2013.

Senate Bills

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

- LRTA supports this bill to address uniform reporting requirements for public pension plans being put forward by the Government Accounting Standards Board.

This bill was passed by the Senate Retirement Committee with amendments on April 15, 2013. The amendments recommend actions to be taken by LASERS and TRSL in implementing this change in the actuarial methodology for the two retirement systems. The amendments also set the actuarial rate of return for computing deposits into the systems' Employee Experience Accounts at 8.25%. This bill was passed by the Senate Finance Committee on April 29, 2013.

Senate Bill No. 7

by Senator Barrow Peacock

This bill provides that all state and statewide retirement systems use a 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. The effective date of the legislation is July 1, 2013.

- LRTA opposes this bill because of the constitutional questions it presents for those members who are already contributing to the retirement system and espe-

cially to those members who are vested. This bill was considered by the Senate Retirement Committee on April 22, 2013. On April 29, 2013 the Senate Retirement Committee reconsidered this legislation, adopted amendments, and the bill now will become a substitute bill dealing only with the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana. The substitute bill is Senate Bill No. 259.

- LRTA has no position on Senate Bill No. 259 since it no longer applies to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

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. The effective date

of the legislation is June 30, 2013.

- LRTA supports every effort to provide benefit increases to retired educators, but opposes the method by which this bill funds those increases. LRTA also opposes the change in final average compensation because of the constitutional questions it presents for those members who are already contributing to the retirement system, and especially to those members who are vested.

This bill was voluntarily deferred at the meeting of the Senate Retirement Committee held April 29, 2013.

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. The remaining 20.0% shall be credited to the Employee Experience Account. The effective date of the legislation is June 30, 2013.

- LRTA supports this bill. It creates a continuing source of funding to address the unfunded accrued liabilities of the retirement systems and a funding source for future benefit increases.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1

by Senator Patrick "Page" Cortez

This resolution suspends for one year the provisions of law regarding the implementation of the cash balance plan.

- LRTA supports the resolution.

This resolution was passed by the Senate Retirement Committee on April 22, 2013. Passed the Senate on May 6, 2013. Passed by the House Retirement Committee on May 15, 2013.

Peggy Aime Receives Foundation Leadership Award



Peggy Aime with Graig Luscombe, LRTA Executive Director

Peggy Aime, a retired Ascension Parish educator, was recently named the 2013 recipient of the Foundation Leadership Award by the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association Foundation. Mrs. Aime was honored at LRTA's statewide Spring Meeting held in Alexandria on April 24.

Each year one Louisiana retired educator is selected to receive this prestigious award. The recipient is chosen from among nominees from the eleven geographic districts of LRTA, and must have contributed outstanding leadership within his or her district.

Mrs. Aime has been involved in local, district and state retired teacher activities since her retirement from Ascension Parish School System in 1996. She has served as unit president, district president and as a member of many state level committees. She chaired LRTA's Disaster Assistance Committee which distributed \$100,000 in stipends to hurricane-affected retired teachers in Louisiana after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. She also donated two quilts for LRTA Foundation fundraisers. Peggy is an inspiration to all retired educators.

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In Memoriam

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

Deceased Retired Teachers - February 7, 2013 - May 10, 2013

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Dolores D. Francis – New Orleans
Rosemary Z. Friedman – Buras
Amaryllis H. Furr – New Orleans
Joseph Gibson – New Orleans
Gary W. Green – New Orleans
Roosevelt Johnson – New Orleans
Dorothy J. Ladner – Belle Chasse
Lucille Lloyd – New Orleans
Cirilo R. Manego – New Orleans
Vera F. Melton – New Orleans
Milton J. Phillips – New Orleans
Andrew G. Pierce – New Orleans
Irene O. Reed – New Orleans
Vera B. Rouse – New Orleans

District II

Tom E. Arceneaux – Metairie
Mary W. Arnold – Metairie
Barbara G. Bowers – Harvey
John A. Brooks – Marrero
Carolyn H. Butler – Metairie
Toni M. Callen – Metairie
Vera G. Cassagne – Westwego
Elaine L. Centanni – Gretna
Kathy Ellis Diggs – Harvey
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Essie M. Williams – Thibodaux

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Tammy T. Gautier – Ponchatoula
Melton Harry – Bogalusa
Ella C. Henry – Mandeville
William E. Johnson – Ponchatoula
Trione Anne J. Marnett – Denham Springs
Mary K. Parent – Denham Springs
Ruth Peltier – Ponchatoula
Deborah M. Perkins – Slidell
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Vivian J. Richardson – Franklinton
Marjorie Riley – Franklinton
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Alyce S. Shelton – Hammond

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Ellen M. Turner – Covington
Alfred W. Waller – Slidell
Sudie A. Weaver – Covington
Barbara Ann Welch – Mandeville
Wayne E. Wenner – Pearl River
Claude B. Wolcott – Slidell
Dorothy Young – Angie
Ruth H. Young – Hammond

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Lillian Booth-Mayes – Baker
Gladys M. Brown – Baton Rouge
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Joyce L. Butler – Baton Rouge
Khashruzzaman Choudhury – Baton Rouge
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Marie Meno – Baton Rouge
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Effie M. Porche – Baton Rouge
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Audrey C. Robertson – Donaldsonville
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Iris Sandau – Baton Rouge
Mary Nellie Steadman – Greenwell Springs
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James O. Thomas – Baker
James E. Thompson – Baton Rouge
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Hattie M. Bourque – Morgan City
George S. Bradley – Lafayette
Jules D. Broussard – New Iberia
Nellie Broussard – Lafayette
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Robert M. Crisler – Lafayette
Nadine David – Broussard
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Mary S. Edwards – Lafayette
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Betty K. Watts – Winnfield
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District IX

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Milford Huff – Oak Grove
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2013 LRTA Fall Meeting

Start making your plans to attend the 2013 LRTA Fall Meeting in Bossier City, LA on October 21, 22, and 23. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Mrs. Linda B. Day - In memory of Dr. Jesse Scott, Dr. Faye Brun, and Edwin L. Brun

LRTA Mourns Fred Hill and Irene Olivia Thomas Reed

Fred Hill, former LRTA District XI President, passed away on March 18, 2013. Mr. Hill taught for 27 years at schools in Lake Charles and Bossier City.

Irene Olivia Thomas Reed passed way on March 22, 2013. Mrs. Reed was 105 years old. Her educational career spanned over 50 years with the last 30 years being spent in Jefferson Parish.

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