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It's Membership Renewal Time!

It's membership renewal time for LRTA members. Members who renew their membership on an annual basis, as well as former members with lapsed dues, and non-members will receive membership invitations/renewal letters with this issue of the newsletter. LRTA is the largest organization dedicated to the preservation of benefits and advocacy for the welfare of Louisiana's retired educators. Through the years, LRTA's members have worked together to create a strong, viable and professional organization, and the association looks forward to carrying our message to all those who make decisions on our behalf. We need your support to remain strong and to maintain a unified voice representing all retirees from Louisiana's educator community. Annual dues are \$25. Lifetime dues are \$500.

This mailing from LRTA includes several items in one package. This helps to economize on postage, to direct contents to appropriate recipients, to expedite delivery, and to help you in returning materials to the LRTA office. The table below shows the materials you received based on your membership status in LRTA.

Member Class	Newsletter	Return Envelope	LRTA Ballot	Membership Form
Lifetime Member	✓	✓	✓	
Continuing Member	✓	✓	✓	
Annual Renewal	✓	✓	✓	✓
Non-Member	✓			✓
Associate Member	✓			

Ballots are sent to voting members of LRTA: those individuals include Lifetime Members, Annual Members who renew each year and Continuous Members who have authorized payment of their annual dues by automatic deduction from their April retirement benefit. Membership renewal forms are sent to all members who renew annually. Non-members receive a complimentary copy of the *LRTA Newsletter* and an invitation to join LRTA. Ballots, membership forms and renewal checks may all be returned to LRTA in the enclosed postage paid envelope. Please return as soon as possible, but please note that ballots must be received by February 20 in order to be counted.

14 Good Reasons Why You Should Join LRTA and Your Local LRTA Unit

LRTA:

1. Represents the interests of Louisiana's retired education community on proposals considered by the TRSL board of trustees, by the Louisiana legislature, and by the U.S. Congress.
2. Supports annual permanent benefit increases (PBIs) for eligible benefit recipients.
3. Will continue to work with legislative leaders and committees to increase the level of benefits for oldest retirees and to review methods for granting future PBIs from the Experience Account.
4. Is working toward obtaining legislative appropriations to pay down the IUAL.
5. Supports appropriate levels of health insurance coverage for retirees through the Office of Group Benefits and local school boards.
6. Provides current information about LRTA on www.lrta.net.
7. Provides six newsletters mailed to all members each year.
8. Supports repeal of Social Security Administration benefit offsets known as GPO and WEP.
9. Opposes changes in the current governance, administrative, and benefit structure of TRSL.
10. Opposes mandatory Social Security coverage of Louisiana's actively employed educators.
11. Maintains a staffed state office to coordinate state activities.
12. Works with district and local units to provide programs and information.
13. Provides a member benefits package through Association Member Benefits Advisors.
14. There is no other association that works exclusively for Louisiana's retired education community.

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President's Report



James T. Stewart

New beginnings. What will the year 2015 bring to you? Hopefully, good health, maybe some travel, perhaps a change of address? No matter what our life experiences may be during 2015, we will all just have to be ready to make change and adjust.

One sure thing coming our way in April is the beginning of the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana legislature. LRTA officers and staff are already gathering information and scheduling meetings to prepare for the upcoming session. All of us need to be poised to act on legislative proposals that might affect retired educators.

I feel one of our greatest success stories is the impact LRTA, along with other retiree groups, had on creating favorable change to the health insurance plans originally pro-

posed by the Office of Group Benefits last July. LRTA was also on the forefront of getting a 1.5% permanent benefit increase provided to all eligible retirees on July 1 of last year. Your officers and staff live by LRTA's mission statement: "Striving to make retirement years great!" and we will continue to work with you and for you.

Join us! Consider giving yourself the gift of membership in LRTA. I am hoping all of you current members are having no second thoughts about rejoining. Also join the LRTA Email Club. It's free, but yet, very valuable to those who want to keep abreast of happenings in Baton Rouge. This issue of our Newsletter begins our membership recruitment campaign for 2015. Select the auto-deduct option, and you will never have to think about, or renew, your membership again. Dues will be deducted from your April TRSL check—a convenient process that happens automatically. Complete your membership application form and mail it in today! Remember, individually we may struggle to be heard, but collectively, we cannot be ignored.

Executive Director's Report



Graig A. Luscombe

Happy New Year! By taking a quick glance at your newsletter, and the materials mailed with it, you can immediately tell we are again encouraging you to join, or to renew your membership in LRTA. LRTA members have also received a ballot

for the election of their representative who will serve on the LRTA Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is responsible for selecting the slate of candidates who will be placed on the ballot for LRTA officer elections to be held in January 2016.

Active LRTA members vote for one Nominating Committee candidate from their respective geographic area. The geographic areas for Nominating Committee

membership are:

Area A: District 10 – Caldwell, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Ouachita, Union Parishes

District 11 – Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Webster Parishes

Area B: District 7 – Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon Parishes

District 8 – DeSoto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Winn Parishes

District 9 – East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas, West Carroll Parishes

Area C: District 5 – Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion Parishes

District 6 – Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis Parishes

Area D: District 3 – Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipaha

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TRSL Update

New Year's resolutions, TRSL style

Did you make any New Year's Resolutions this year? If so, you're in good company... about 45% of Americans usually do. Unfortunately, only 8% of those people are successful. Only eight percent! This year, let TRSL help you tackle some of the most common New Year's Resolutions that may be on your list:

RESOLUTION #1: SAVE MORE MONEY

HOW? Last year, eligible TRSL retirees received a modest increase in their pension from a Permanent Benefit Increase. Should you receive another PBI in the future, why not consider putting a portion of that in a savings fund? Those dollars can add up to a Christmas fund, savings for family gifts, or gas money for your next trip! You can have your bank automatically draft a portion of your benefit into a savings account monthly, so you don't have to worry about it.

RESOLUTION #2: BE MORE ORGANIZED

HOW? Sign up for MEMBER ACCESS through www.trsl.org and have all your records available online in one place. Access your account to complete many tasks without having to request paper forms, such as changing your address. Plus, when tax season arrives, you'll be able to download and print your 1099-R at your convenience!

RESOLUTION #3: LOWER STRESS LEVELS

HOW? Eligible TRSL members retire with a benefit for life. So you can breathe a sigh of relief, knowing your TRSL benefit is secure and reliable. But why not take a moment to make sure your TRSL beneficiary designations are up to date? You can check your beneficiary designations through MEMBER ACCESS and, depending on the retirement option you've chosen, if anything needs to be changed, simply complete and submit a Beneficiary Designation (Form 3a). Then you can sit back and relax, and we'll send you a confirmation letter when the change has been made.

Executive Director's Report

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District 4 – Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana Parishes

Area E: District 1 – Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard Parishes

District 2 – Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, Terrebonne Parishes

The individual from each area who receives the most votes will serve on the committee. Please take a moment to review the candidate information provided, your voting instructions, and fill out your ballot. Mail it back to the LRTA office before the deadline at the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on Friday, February 20, 2015. Late ballots will not be counted.

The new year also means that the LRTA officers and staff will begin gearing up for the next Regular Legislative Session. The 2015 ses-

sion begins on Monday, April 13 at 12:00 noon. Legislators must complete their work by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11. This year, the legislature will concentrate on revenue and expenditure issues. However, each legislator may introduce five pieces of legislation dealing with specific areas of law, and I anticipate there will be some bills dealing with retirement and health insurance issues that will be included on the docket.

I want to thank all of you in advance for continuing your membership in LRTA, and to invite all non-members to seriously consider joining LRTA. The association was established in 1956 and is the "voice" of the retired education community. LRTA represents the interests of all retired educators by monitoring, protecting and improving the benefits needed to secure dignity, independence, and overall quality of life. The association has now been watching out for you and all other retired educators for 58 years, a legacy which we all

hope to carry far into the future. Our work this past year in affecting changes to the health insurance plans offered by the Office of Group Benefits is testimony to the successes LRTA can have as your advocate here in Baton Rouge.

Retired Teachers Day Set for March 19

Louisiana Retired Teachers Day will be Thursday, March 19, 2015. 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.

Please be sure to send us pictures of your Retired Teachers Day celebrations!

Nominating Committee

Nominees

Area A

District X Nominee:

Eva Dyann Wilson

- Retired 10 years
- Retired from Louisiana Association of Educators

Education/Professional Background

- BS from Grambling State University
- Masters in Guidance and Counseling from Northeast Louisiana State University
- Masters Plus 30 in Administration and Supervision from University of Louisiana-Monroe

LRTA District/Unit Positions Held

- Ouachita Parish RTA - President
- Ouachita Parish RTA - Legislative Chair
- Ouachita Parish RTA - Nominating Committee
- Ouachita Parish RTA - Delegate to District Meetings
- LRTA Name of Fame Award

District XI Nominee:

Nancy Young

- Retired 22 Years
- Retired from Caddo Parish School Board
- Principal at Sunset Acres Elementary

Education/Professional Background

- BA from Northwestern State University
- Masters from Northwestern State University
- Principal at Arthur Circle Elementary
- Delta Kappa Gamma member of the Zeta Chapter

LRTA District/Unit Positions Held

- Caddo Parish RTA - President
- Caddo Parish RTA - Vice President
- Caddo Parish RTA - Nominating Committee Chair

Area B

District VII Nominee:

Joseph Clyde Crooks

- Retired 12 years
- Retired from LaSalle Parish School Board
- Teacher in LaSalle Parish

Education/Professional Background

- BS in Math and Business Education from Northwestern State University
- Masters in Business Education from Northwestern State University
- Ran LaSalle Alternative School

LRTA District/Unit Positions Held

- LRTA - Nominating Committee
- LaSalle RTA - President
- LaSalle RTA - Treasurer

District VIII Nominee:

Gloria Napier

- Retired 13 Years
- Retired from Sabine Parish School Board

Education/Professional Background

- BS from Grambling State University
- Masters Plus 30 from Northwestern State University
- Taught for 36 years

LRTA District/Unit Positions Held

- LRTA - Nominating Committee
- District VIII - President
- Sabine Parish RTA - President

District IX Nominee:

Allyn Jean Luckett

- Retired 2 years
- Retired from Franklin Parish School Board
- Teacher at Fort Necessity Junior High School

Education/Professional Background

- BS from Southern University
- Further Study from UL-Monroe
- Taught for 48 years

LRTA District/Unit Positions Held

- Franklin Parish ART - Membership Drive Committee

Area C

District V Nominee:

Felix Johnson, Jr.

- Retired 18 years
- Retired from Lafayette Parish School Board
- Teacher at Northside High School

Education/Professional Background

- BS from Southern University
- Masters from Southern University
- EDS from UL-Lafayette
- Masters Plus 30 Supervisor of Student Teacher, Administration and Supervision from UL-Lafayette
- 35 year teacher, junior & senior high school/head basketball coach

LRTA District/Unit Positions Held

- LRTA - Nominating Committee
- District V - 2nd Vice President/Health Reporter
- LRTA 2nd Vice President
- LRTA Executive Committee
- St. Martin Parish Educators - Chaplain
- LRTA Name of Fame Recipient

District VI Nominee:

Ivy Mouton

- Retired 12 Years
- Retired from Calcasieu Parish School Board
- Taught for 36 years

Education/Professional Background

- BS from McNeese University
- Masters in Business Education from McNeese University
- High school business education teacher
- Supervisor of student teachers
- FBLA sponsor

LRTA District/Unit Positions Held

- District VI - Nominating Committee Chair
- Calcasieu Parish RTA - President
- Calcasieu Parish RTA - Treasurer
- Calcasieu Parish RTA - Scholarship Committee Member
- Calcasieu RTA - Ad Hoc Committee

Area D

District III Nominee:

Gayle Foster

- Retired 8 years
- Retired from Tangipahoa Parish School Board
- Teacher at Loranger High School

Education/Professional Background

- BS Plus 30 from Southeastern University
- Interior Design Degree from Delgado Community College
- Served on school evaluation team

LRTA District/Unit Positions Held

- Tangipahoa RTA - President
- Tangipahoa RTA - Vice-President
- Tangipahoa RTA - Treasurer (4 years)

District IV Nominee:

Dorothy Wright Wilson

- Retired 31 years
- Retired from East Baton Rouge Parish School Board
- Teacher in East Baton Rouge Parish

Education/Professional Background

- BS from Southern University
- Masters from Southern University
- Further Study from Southern University

LRTA District/Unit Positions Held

- District IV - 2nd Vice President
- Educators of Yesteryear - President
- Educators of Yesteryear - Photographer
- LRTA - Disaster Relief Committee
- LRTA - Membership Recruitment Committee
- LRTA - Program Committee

Area E

District I Nominee:

Maria Sly George

- Retired 22 years
- Retired from Orleans Parish School Board

Education/Professional Background

- BA from Xavier University
- Masters in Elementary School Admin. from Xavier University
- Masters in Curriculum Workshop Way from Xavier University of LA
- Louisiana Certified in Supervision of Instruction and Administration
- Member, VIBE Board – International School of New Orleans
- Ranking Teacher of R. T. Danneel School of Orleans Parish Schools

LRTA District/Unit Positions Held

- LRTA - First Vice President
- LRTA - State Membership Committee Chair
- District I - President
- New Orleans RTA - President
- LRTA Life Member

District II Nominee:

Joyce Harris

- Retired 13 years
- Retired from Terrebonne Parish School Board Office
- Teacher at Ellender High School

Education/Professional Background

- BS from Southern University
- Masters from Southern University
- Certification in Elementary Education from Nicholls

LRTA District/Unit Positions Held

- LRTA - Nominating Committee
- Terrebonne EART - Treasurer
- Terrebonne EART - Day at the Capitol Chairperson

Proposed Bylaws Amendment

The following amendment to the LRTA Bylaws has been recommended by LRTA's independent auditor, Hawthorn, Waymouth, and Carroll, L.L.P., in order to improve internal accounting controls. (Please note that text that is ~~struck through~~ is to be deleted, and text that is underlined is to be added.)

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS – ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE

Section 4: The Executive Director's responsibilities shall include:

b. As Fiscal Officer, the Executive Director shall:

~~6. Sign all checks that are counter signed by the President. In the event the Executive Director is unable to sign checks because of illness or other reasons, the Assistant Director, who is covered by a surety bond fixed by the Executive Board, can be authorized by the Executive Committee to sign checks that are counter signed by the President. This authorization will be automatically revoked at the time the Executive Director becomes able to sign checks.)~~

6. Maintain signature authority for the president, the executive director and the assistant director on all LRTA bank accounts. Ensure that two authorized signatures are affixed to any check written to negotiate payment for LRTA obligations. Obtain approval from the president prior to the negotiation of payment for any item(s) costing \$1,500, or more, which were not previously approved by the LRTA Executive Aboard in the LRTA operating budget for any given fiscal year. Maintain a surety bond on all employees who possess signatory authority.

All LRTA members in good standing may vote on this proposed amendment using the official ballot enclosed in this mailing. The bylaws amendment vote item is at the bottom of the ballot.

In Memoriam

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

Deceased Retired Teachers - November 15, 2014 to December 11, 2014

District I

Wadsworth A. Davis – New Orleans
Percy Duhe – New Orleans
Grace M. Overson – New Orleans
Ossy Patterson – New Orleans
Donald K. Robinson – New Orleans
Geraldine Washington – New Orleans

District II

Sherry R. Cibulski – LaPlace
Helen J. Franklin – Harvey
Daniel R. Horn – Hahnville
Warren J. Llado, Sr. – Metairie
Belle D. Luminais – Metairie
Beulah M. Norflin – Kenner
Anita C. Prieto – Metairie
Bertha M. Vicknair – LaPlace
Guscile J. Weber - Marrero

District III

Nellie Ruth Crain – Slidell
Mary F. Digiorgio – Mandeville
Verneta Eubanks – Denham Springs
Sara L. Foulks – Amite
Gino L. Gautreaux – Slidell
Pecola Harrell – Hammond
Lacy Marcotte – Maurepas
Alice Terrell – Franklinton
Henry E. Thomasson – Livingston
Vera S. Ward – Bogalusa

District IV

Margaret R. Braud – New Roads
Edmae L. Butler – Baton Rouge
Essie R. Cooper – Baton Rouge
Veetta C. Cornelious – Baton Rouge
Charles M. Davis, Jr. – Jarreau
Louis A. Favaron – Plaquemine
Josie J. Forest – Plaquemine
Rachel S. Hall – St. Francisville
Teresa A. Hemphill – Baton Rouge
Barbara C. Jones – Baton Rouge
William O. McPherson – Baton Rouge
Bernadine H. Moore – Ventress
Pamela A. Nester – Baton Rouge
Francis P. Summers – Baton Rouge
Ruth H. Sylvest – Baton Rouge
Lesly Marie Thompson – Baton Rouge

District V

Betty Ann Aguillard – Eunice
Florence Barras – Broussard
Goldie V. Breaux – New Iberia
Grover L. Brown – Gilbert
Wyva V. Delahoussaye – New Iberia
Shirley N. Gamble – Morgan City
Robert A. Grambling – Breaux Bridge
Cheryl A. Hayes – Opelousas
Josie A. Hebert – Breaux Bridge

Richard Hulbert – Morgan City
Claude J. LeBlanc, Jr. – Morgan City
Marie T. Lee – St. Martinville
Sara P. Nassif – Palmetto
Dorothy H. Quebodeaux – Kaplan
Aaron Thomas, Jr. – Opelousas
Brenda Ann Williams – Opelousas
Earlward Young – Eunice

District VI

Shirley A. Chaumont – Oberlin
Allen Fitzgerald – Lake Arthur
Nettie G. Fontenot – Lake Charles
Betty C. Gaines – Sulphur
Rose LeBlanc – Crowley
Mary D. Simon - Crowley

District VII

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Hazel B. Bolton – Alexandria
Gertrude Cyriaque – Alexandria
Dewey G. Dousay – Elmer
Jimmy L. Elias – Alexandria
James L. Freeman – Ferriday
Ina Z. Gaspard – Cottonport
Jacqueline C. Huffman – Jena
John Moore – Hornbeck
Jimmie S. Robertson – Ferriday
Elise Shivor – Mansura
Peggy F. Taylor – Alexandria
Iona B. Washington – Alexandria
Dan N. Watson, Jr. - Pineville

District VIII

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Florine L. Van Sickle - Natchitoches

District X

Maurene B. Barron – Spearsville
Bonnie Bennett – West Monroe
Ben Campbell – Monroe
Irma Jean Degges – Bastrop
Johnny W. Hines – West Monroe
Sam Rainwater - Monroe

District XI

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Helen B. Charles – Plain Dealing
Nelda M. Dennen – Shreveport
Preston Edwards – Shreveport
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Mary Horneman – Bossier City
Florence K. Jennings – Vivian
Vernita R. Murray – Shreveport
Yvonne S. Teutsch – Bossier City

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Laura M. Wallace – Springtown, TX
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Foundation Donations

The following donations to the LRTA Foundation have been received:

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Powell - In Memory of Dr. Merline T. Broussard

Mr. & Mrs. James T. Stewart - In Memory of Dr. Merline T. Broussard and Jerry & Cherry Boudreaux

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney A. Seegers - In Memory of Dr. Merline T. Broussard and Jerry & Cherry Boudreaux

Mrs. Marian C. Arrowsmith - Foundation Donation

Faith B. Rohner - In Memory of Dr. Merline T. Broussard

LRTA 2014 Statistical Report

Membership Totals as of December 11, 2014

DISTRICT	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Parish	Members	%Mbrs	Retirees	Non-Members	Members	%Mbrs	Associate
DISTRICT I							
Orleans	1,127	36.6	3,172	2,067	1,105	34.8	18
Plaquemines	38	23.3	178	137	41	23.0	8
St. Bernard	72	48.6	162	86	76	46.9	4
TOTAL	1,237	36.4	3,512	2,290	1,222	34.8	30
DISTRICT II							
Assumption	142	56.1	265	127	138	52.1	11
Jefferson	1,125	29.9	3,858	2,745	1,113	28.8	27
Lafourche	561	41.7	1,417	854	563	39.7	59
St. Charles	207	37.8	565	355	210	37.2	2
St. James	190	56.4	352	156	196	55.7	26
St. John	137	35.1	407	268	139	34.2	2
Terrebonne	465	38.6	1,240	765	475	38.3	14
TOTAL	2,827	36.1	8,104	5,270	2,834	35.0	141
DISTRICT III							
Livingston	291	28.3	1,085	799	286	26.4	29
St. Helena	30	28.3	107	77	30	28.0	0
St. Tammany	937	37.4	2,659	1,705	954	35.9	885
Tangipahoa	453	29.4	1,581	1,138	443	28.0	27
Washington	256	41.4	649	392	257	40.0	236
TOTAL	1,967	33.9	6,081	4,111	1,970	32.4	1,177
DISTRICT IV							
Ascension	367	37.8	1,029	658	371	36.1	41
East Baton Rouge	1,824	30.8	6,056	4,323	1,733	28.6	33
East Feliciana	66	31.3	209	147	62	30.0	2
Iberville	98	28.4	346	255	91	26.3	5
Pointe Coupee	94	32.4	294	203	91	31.0	33
West Baton Rouge	52	24.8	221	171	50	22.6	4
West Feliciana	42	28.0	158	114	44	27.8	5
TOTAL	2,543	31.4	8,313	5,871	2,442	29.4	123
DISTRICT V							
Evangeline	121	25.6	481	362	119	24.7	0
Iberia	322	32.2	1,034	714	320	30.9	49
Lafayette	939	37.7	2,614	1,690	924	35.3	424
St. Landry	358	27.7	1,335	968	367	27.5	28
St. Martin	156	31.2	513	356	157	30.6	23
St. Mary	204	39.8	538	333	205	38.1	55
Vermilion	248	38.8	655	408	247	37.7	13
TOTAL	2,348	34.0	7,170	4,831	2,339	32.6	592
DISTRICT VI							
Acadia	189	30.7	622	431	191	30.7	14
Allen	66	27.3	245	184	61	24.9	2
Beauregard	160	35.2	471	305	166	35.2	5
Calcasieu	835	33.9	2,570	1,737	833	32.4	6
Cameron	11	30.6	38	28	10	26.3	0
Jeff Davis	141	37.2	388	255	133	34.3	13
TOTAL	1,402	33.4	4,334	2,940	1,394	32.2	40

DISTRICT	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
Parish	Members	%Mbrs	Retirees	Non-Members	Members	%Mbrs	Associate
DISTRICT VII							
Avoyelles	194	37.5	526	329	197	37.5	1
Catahoula	49	33.3	150	108	42	28.0	0
Concordia	76	30.3	251	170	81	32.3	7
Grant	93	31.8	307	210	97	31.3	0
LaSalle	85	42.5	200	128	72	36.0	0
Rapides	631	33.9	1,898	1,266	632	33.3	5
Vernon	136	26.3	530	390	140	26.4	0
TOTAL	1,264	33.4	3,862	2,601	1,261	32.7	13
DISTRICT VIII							
DeSoto	163	45.7	366	207	159	43.4	3
Natchitoches	241	33.3	724	486	238	32.9	7
Red River	28	30.4	94	63	31	33.0	41
Sabine	133	37.7	359	217	142	39.6	6
Winn	96	39.7	247	153	94	38.1	1
TOTAL	661	37.4	1,790	1,126	664	37.1	58
DISTRICT IX							
East Carroll	21	19.6	106	85	21	19.8	0
Franklin	109	33.4	335	227	108	32.2	0
Madison	46	29.9	158	116	42	26.6	0
Richland	96	33.0	298	204	94	31.5	1
Tensas	29	32.6	87	61	26	29.9	1
West Carroll	51	25.1	212	160	52	24.5	0
TOTAL	352	30.1	1,196	853	343	28.7	2
DISTRICT X							
Caldwell	50	35.7	136	84	52	38.2	0
Jackson	98	36.3	273	175	98	35.9	7
Lincoln	358	39.4	915	562	353	38.6	182
Morehouse	140	47.3	308	168	140	45.5	7
Ouachita	592	31.3	1,948	1,361	587	30.1	18
Union	112	37.7	302	192	110	36.4	13
TOTAL	1,350	35.5	3,882	2,542	1,340	34.5	227
DISTRICT XI							
Bienville	86	38.9	224	144	80	35.7	15
Bossier	370	29.7	1,313	946	367	28.0	8
Caddo	1,117	33.4	3,437	2,343	1,094	31.8	29
Claiborne	98	46.4	215	114	101	47.0	2
Webster	191	30.7	643	461	182	28.3	4
TOTAL	1,862	33.0	5,831	4,007	1,824	31.3	58
Out of State	2,536	35.5	7,361	4,838	2,523	34.3	47
GRAND TOTAL	20,349	34.2	61,436	41,280	20,156	32.8	2,508
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/11/14: 22,664							

LRTA Foundation Silent Auction

The LRTA Foundation Silent Auction received \$2,739.00 from the purchase of the items at the 2014 Fall Meeting. This was our largest auction yet. Thanks for the money and donated items. Thanks to those bidding on the items and to the high bidders. The Foundation board looks forward to the Silent Auction slated for the 2015 Spring Meeting in Alexandria, Louisiana. We hope to see many of you there. More information will be made available through the LRTA Email Club and Facebook page.

2015 Spring Meeting in Alexandria

Make plans to attend the LRTA Spring Meeting April 21 and 22 at the Sai Convention Center in Alexandria. Sai Convention Center and the adjacent hotel Magnuson Hotel are located at 2301 N. MacArthur Drive in Alexandria.

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 Magnuson Hotel for LRTA attendees. Cut-off date for this special rate is April 6, so make

your reservations early! To make a room reservation, call the hotel directly at (318) 619-3300. Be sure to ask for the special LRTA convention rate.

Use the form on the bottom of this page to register for attendance at the Spring Meeting. On-site registration will be available, but attendance at the pre-convention dinner on April 21 and the luncheon on April 22 are by pre-reservation only. Also, pre-registration will ensure you receive a packet with a pre-printed name tag and other meeting materials. **Register today!**

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Toll-free (outside of Baton Rouge area)	888.531.1992
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2015 SPRING MEETING PRE-REGISTRATION / MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Please use this form to pre-register for the 2015 Spring Meeting in order to expedite registration in Alexandria. To make a reservation for the pre-convention dinner on Tuesday, April 21, and/or for the convention luncheon on Wednesday, April 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 Pre-Convention Dinner (\$30 per person)= \$ _____
(beef brisket)

___ Number of tickets for Wednesday luncheon (\$26 per person)= \$ _____
(baked chicken)

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Note: Pre-registration/meal reservations must be received in the LRTA office by April 10. 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