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Breakout Sessions to Be Held at Fall Meeting

At the request of district and unit presidents, LRTA will hold two breakout sessions during the Fall Meeting in October. The sessions will be for district presidents and district officers and unit presidents and unit officers. LRTA encourages each district and unit president to invite their officers and other interested members to the appropriate session.

The session for district presidents and officers will include an update on the LRTA Membership Recruitment Program that is currently underway. LRTA staff will present the components of the campaign, the updated membership numbers, and how to use the information provided by the LRTA office to help in membership recruitment.

Another item that will be discussed during the breakout session is the proposed LRTA Bylaws changes. Staff will talk about how these changes could affect individual districts. These bylaw changes will be discussed at the Executive Board Meeting on Monday, October 21, but the breakout session will give district presidents and officers another opportunity to ask questions and discuss the proposed changes.

In the session for the unit presidents

and officers, information about the Membership Recruitment Program will also be provided. The LRTA staff will share with unit presidents and officers ideas on how units can work to help form a "grassroots" style of membership recruitment.

The unit presidents will also be given materials to add to the Resource Book they were supplied by LRTA at the beginning of the year. It would be beneficial for unit presidents to bring the book to the meeting so the updates and changes may be made while they are discussed.

There will be lots of information distributed in not only the breakout sessions, but also during the course of the Fall Meeting. LRTA strongly encourages members to come to the meeting in order to learn what is happening and things they can look forward to from LRTA.

Please invite your fellow retired teachers who may not be members to join us in Bossier City. This might be a way to get them acquainted with what LRTA is all about. The tentative agenda is provided to the right of this column.

We hope to see you at the Fall Meeting!

LRTA Fall Meeting Tentative Agenda

Hilton Garden Inn Bossier City, LA October 21/22/23, 2013 Monday, October 21, 2013

10:00	LRTA Foundation Board Meeting
1:00	Registration
1:30	LRTA Executive Board Meeting
4:30	President's Reception
	Entertainment: Byrd High Schoo
	Jazz Ensemble

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

8:00	Registration / Exhibits
9:00	Opening Ceremonies & Welcome
9:30	Inspirational Speaker:
	Betty McCauley
10:15	Door Prizes and Break
10:45	Entertainment: Byrd High
	School Choir
11:15	La. Secretary of State
11:45	Door Prizes
12:00	Lunch on your own
2:00	LRTA Foundation Update
2:15	Membership Recruitment Projec
	Update
2:30	Door Prizes
2:45	Break-Out Sessions: District
	Presidents and Officers; Unit
	Presidents and Officers
6:30	Convention Banquet
	Entertainment: Thomas Keys
	Name of Fame Awards

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

8:00	Registration / Exhibits / Flu Shots
9:00	TRSL Update
10:00	Break
10:30	Social Security Update
11:30	Recognitions
	Door Prizes and Adjournment
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Lonnie's Lagniappe



Lonnie E. Dunn, Ed. D.

Well, it is almost time to get your bags packed for the LRTA Fall Meeting in Bossier City, LA to be held on October 21, 22 and 23. Plans for the meeting are being finalized by District XI, and you need to be a part of the happenings. District Presi-

dent Nancy Quigley and her committees are pulling together many varied activities of interest for all attendees. There will be one free night for you to be on your own to enjoy some of the attractions Bossier City/ Shreveport have to offer and a President's Reception that will be the best we have ever had. Another activity of interest will be a breakout session designed to give local RTA units and their leaders an opportunity to meet and share ideas, improve techniques, and express concerns. Staff will be available to address questions and discuss topics of interest anyone may want to discuss. We will also hold a breakout session for LRTA districts. We want all of the district presidents and other district officers to attend.

Time during this session will be devoted to the LRTA Membership Recruitment Program, LRTA district bylaws, and other topics including ideas to strengthen LRTA and move us forward in purpose and resolve.

The LRTA Executive Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 21, at 1:30 p.m. The Executive Board will be considering recommendations from the LRTA Bylaws committee for changes to the association's bylaws. There will be reports from the LRTA Executive Committee, the LRTA Audit Committee, and the LRTA Nominating Committee will be recommending a slate of candidates for election to state-wide offices; President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President. After approval by the Executive Board, this slate of candidates will be voted on by the LRTA membership during the months of January and February, 2014. The votes will be tallied in mid-February, and the newly elected officers will be installed at the LRTA Spring Meeting in April.

The above-mentioned business to be transacted by the Executive Board means that each of you will have an opportunity to vote on two important measures between now and the Spring Meeting in Alexandria, one on accepting recommended changes to the Continued on Page 5

Executive Director's Report



Graig A. Luscombe

In the middle of the month of September I, along with my colleagues, and some of your colleagues, given the opportunity to attend the NRTA 2013 Advo-Conference. The National Retired Teachers Association invited executive directors

of state retired teacher associations and the legislative chairperson of those associations to a workshop in Washington, D.C. that was designed to bring us all up to date on issues affecting pensions, social security benefits, and health care programs on the state and federal levels. Eighty-seven representatives from most of the states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico were in attendance.

The keynote speaker was former U. S. Congressman Earl Pomeroy from North Dakota. Prior to his election to congress, Mr. Pomerov was North Dakota's Commissioner of Insurance. After his arrival in Washington, D.C., he became very interested in pensions and pension issues. He served as a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee and chaired the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security. He was one of our best champions in Washington, D.C. on protecting retired Americans.

Other invited speakers included Diane Oakley, Executive Director of the National Institute on Retirement Security, Continued on Page 3

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Jeannine Markoe Raymond, Director of Federal Regulations and Alex Brown, Research Manager with the National Association of State Retirement Administrators, Ellen E. Schultz, former investigative reporter for the Wall Street Journal, and author of Retirement Heist, and David Midland, Director of the Center for American Progress. Panel discussions were also included on the program, and presenters were staff members who are experts in the areas of pensions and social security. A lot of discussion throughout the entire conference evolved around the funded status of the Social Security Administration, the Affordable Care Act, whether or not Congress would approve a continuing resolution to fun operating expenses of federal government programs, and raising the debt ceiling limit so that the federal government could pay its bills from last year. The new federal fiscal year begins on October 1, and many of you have been reading articles in your

local newspapers about the standoff Congress seems to be experiencing with deliberations on these topics.

All of us attending the conference were provided time to visit with members of our congressional delegations. I stopped by the offices of Louisiana's members of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. I provided each member of Congress information about LRTA, LRTA's opposing position on the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision, and LRTA's opposing position on mandatory social security coverage for current and future public employees. I had an opportunity to visit personally with some congressional staff members, and was able to say hello to Congressman Cedric Richmond.

The reason I share all of this with you is to let you know that throughout the advocacy conference, one major theme emerged, and was stressed. Dr. Dunn has

already mentioned it, and last year LRTA provided training sessions to help all of you in these efforts. That theme was: It is so important that each of you become vour own best advocate. Many decisions are made that affect retired educators without their input. NRTA and LRTA will continue to work on behalf of all retired educators on the national and state and local levels. But, on the really important issues, we need your help. Consider becoming more informed and more involved. The LRTA staff is available to help you in any of your endeavors to "speak your piece." Remember, individually we struggle to be heard, but collectively, we cannot be ignored.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming LRTA Fall Meeting in Bossier City. Please consider attending. Again, many important issues regarding the association will be discussed, and a lot of important and helpful information will be shared. See you then.

LRTA Stays Connected Via Email Club

In nearly every issue of your LRTA Newsletter, the staff extends an invitation to join the LRTA Email Club. Many of you have accepted the invitation. In February 2012, 803 individuals were signed up. A year and a half later we now have 2,746 Email Club members. This is the most important communication tool utilized by LRTA to keep the membership informed. It is also the communication link to inform all of you about activities at the capitol when the legislature is in session regarding retirement legislation and other legislation that could impact your retirement or health insurance benefits.

The 2014 Regular Legislative Session begins on Monday, March 10. Already, there are discussions about consideration of a new cash balance plan for newly hired members of TRSL. There may be legislation considered regarding future permanent benefit increases. There may be proposals that could impact the payment of the state's portion of your health insurance premiums. The LRTA staff will not know for sure about these legislative initiatives until sometime in late 2013 or early 2014.

As soon as the information is avail-

able, the staff will begin communicating to you through email correspondence. Many times, we need your help contacting members of your legislative delegations to share your thoughts and the position of LRTA on legislation. At this upcoming LRTA Fall Meeting, your Executive Board will be adopting the LRTA 2014 Legislative Priorities. These priorities are then utilized by the staff to formulate the official position LRTA will be taking on legislative proposals. When the legislature is in session, the staff sends out weekly notices about actions taken on each piece of legislation being monitored on your behalf.

If you are not a member of the

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LRTA Foundation to Meet at Fall Meeting

As plans and preparations are being made for the 2013 Fall Meeting in Bossier City at the Hilton Garden Inn, it is important to make your plans now to attend this event for fun, food, fellowship and information. The Foundation Board will meet on Monday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m. to conduct business and plan strategies for the future. Reports will be made to the Executive Board and the general membership during the convention. Appreciation is extended to individuals, LRTA, and districts and local units for their donations to the Foundation in honor or memory of individuals.

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 one 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 information about items to be donated for auction, and a the value of the items.

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.

During the Fall Meeting, the Foundation will honor retired teachers who celebrate their 100th birthday in 2013. The Centennial Award will be presented to those members during the Foundation Update on Tuesday, October 22.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Meeting!

Dr. Hugh Craft Foundation President

LRTA 2013 Fall Meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bossier City, LA on October 21-23. 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 go to our website (www.lrta.net) under State Meetings to book online. Be sure to mention the group code "LRT" when booking over the phone.

TRSL Update

Baudin elected to represent retirees on the TRSL Board

The Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) Board of Trustees announced results of the retiree run-off election at its September meeting.

Former TRSL Board member Jerry J. Baudin, Ph.D., (Baton Rouge) won the election with 50.6 percent of the vote. James A. Taylor, Sr., J.D., Ph.D., (Baton Rouge) finished with 49.4 percent.

Baudin previously served on the TRSL Board from 1987 to 2010 representing active members employed in higher education. He retired from Louisiana State University in 2010 after 43 years of service—25 of those years he was the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Services.

Baudin's four-year term on the TRSL Board begins January 1, 2014. He will replace long-time board member Anne H. Baker, whose term ends at the end of this year. Mrs. Baker has been a TRSL Board trustee for the last 35 years.

The TRSL Board meets monthly to monitor investment performance, review System operations, and develop policies for the administration of the retirement plan. The board safeguards and manages the assets TRSL holds in trust to provide retirement income for System members.

For more information about TRSL, please visit www.trsl.org.

Lonnie's Lagniappe

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LRTA Bylaws, and the second to elect your officers who will guide the association for the next two years. That brings up an area of concern that I have about our organization. In the recently held election for one of our two TRSL Board of Trustees representatives during which we had an opportunity to exercise our right to vote, only about 22% of retirees cast a ballot. That means that 78% of our retirees chose not to participate in an election that could impact their future. Folks, complacency could have dire consequences on your lifestyle if you sit back and fail to exercise your right to help determine the outcome of issues that impact you. In many elections held at the local, state and national levels. outcomes have been determined by non-voters in far too many of them. I encourage you to become educated, aware of issues, proactive, and to exercise the freedom of choice in any elections that may impact your future.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Jerry Baudin on his recent election to the TRSL Board of Trustees. Dr. Baudin has many years of experience on our retirement system board, and I feel that he will represent retirees' interests to the benefit of all of us. Dr. Baudin's

term of office will begin January 2014, and I look forward to working with him on issues that affect any individual who receives a benefit from the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana.

Most district presidents have set their Fall Meeting dates. I hope all of you are making your plans to attend these important meetings. numbered districts will be selecting nominating committees which will be charged with developing a slate of candidates for submission to the district membership at your 2014 Spring District Meetings for election to district officer positions. If you are asked, or if you have an interest in serving as a district officer, please let your interest be known to either your current district officers or to a member of the district's nominating committee. For our LRTA to stay viable, we must develop leadership at all levels and have members concerned enough to step up and accept leadership positions. We must develop strong leaders at all levels who are willing and ready to take charge and guide our organization toward protecting the future of retired educators. Please become one of those willing to be a leader.

Our Membership Recruitment Program is moving along smoothly, and we are seeing very positive results in

some of the districts. Three districts have already increased membership that surpasses their 2012-13 numbers and five others are very close to getting to that point. One district is very close to reaching the 5% growth target that we have set as our goal for total growth increase for the 2013-14 recruitment year. The Executive Committee will recommend some membership growth incentives to the Executive Board at the upcoming board meeting in Bossier City. Continue to encourage your fellow retirees that are non-members to join us in our efforts to be recognized as a strong, viable, professional group with influence and clout. Remember, there is strength in numbers, and legislators listen when there are large numbers speaking. Your help is needed now for LRTA to reach the established 5% membership increase target.

On behalf of the other officers and the LRTA Executive Board, I thank each of you for your support of the mission of LRTA, and I especially thank each of you for your support of me during my presidency. I hope to see many of you in Bossier City in October.

Lonnie E. Dunn LRTA President

Email Club

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Email Club, please consider joining. The invitation is voluntary, and LRTA assures you that your email address is not shared or sold to any other person or vendor. The invitation you are used to seeing in the Newsletter is provided below. Also consider liking our Facebook page. All information sent to Email Club members is also posted on Facebook. Join us not only with your

membership dues, but also through our association communication links.

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.

In Memoriam

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

Deceased Retired Teachers - August 1, 2013 - September 15, 2013

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In Memoriam (continued)

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LRTA Around the State

Starting with this newsletter we will have a section called "LRTA Around the State". This section will feature photos LRTA members have submitted from their districts or units all around Louisiana. The photos can be from your meetings, a service project, etc. If you would like to have your photo published in the newsletter email it to Erica Rodriguez at Rodriguez@lrta. net. Please provide the following information about the picture: which unit or district, the names of the people in the photo, and when/where the photo was taken.

We are looking forward to seeing what our units and districts are doing around the state!



Left picture - (Pictured left to right) Renée Siccone, LRTA Assistant Director; Karen Jenkins; Linda Vaccaro; Lazette Watterson; Madeline Gex and Alva Martin get ready to hold their District III Fall Meeting.

Right picture - (Front Row) Nancy Quigley, District President; Jerry Paige; (Back Row) Foster Harris; Jan Webb attend District XI Fall Meeting to discuss planning the LRTA Fall Meeting to be held in Bossier City October 21, 22, and 23.



Foundation Donations

The following donations to the LRTA Foundation have been received:

Dr. & Mrs. James A. Taylor, Sr. - In memory of Dr. Ludwig Freeman, Mr. Henry S. Smith, Dr. Everett Williams.

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



Above picture - (Front Row) Clara Duhon, District VI President gathers with district officers and guest speakers at the district meeting. (Back Row) Dr. Sheryl Abshire, TRSL Board Member; Eurella Cahanin; Renée Siccone, LRTA Assistant Director; Lizzie Sayas; Julie Porter; Mary Margaret David; Neyoma Beverly. Ms. Cahannin and Ms. Sayas are former District VI presidents.

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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).

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Name:		
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Attendance only, no fee Number of tickets for Tuesday night (\$33 per person)=		\$
(Pork tenderloin medallions)		Ψ
(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