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LRTA Spring Meeting: Grow LRTA

All Louisiana retired educators are invited to join LRTA for the 2015 Spring Meeting in Alexandria on April 21 and 22. The meeting's theme will be: **Grow LRTA**.

The LRTA Executive Board meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21 followed by pre-convention dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. General sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22. The event will conclude with a luncheon.

All meetings and meal functions will be held at the Sai Convention Center and the adjacent Magnuson Hotel located at 2301 North MacArthur Dr. There is no cost to attend meeting sessions; meal function costs are \$30 for the pre-convention dinner on April 21 and \$26 for the luncheon on April 22.

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 Magnuson Hotel 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 10. 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.

Mark your calendars and make your plans! We look forward to seeing you in Alexandria on April 21 and 22.

LRTA Foundation to Meet at Spring Meeting

The LRTA Foundation Board will meet on Tuesday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m. during the LRTA Spring Meeting to conduct business and plan strategies for the future. Reports will be presented 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.

The Foundation will have a Silent Auction during the Spring 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.

Join LRTA's Email Club and Facebook Page

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

If you would like to stay informed via our Facebook page, please go to www.facebook.com/lrta1. Click on the "Like" button at the top right of the page. You will now be able to follow our updates and post on our page.

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President's Report



James T. Stewart

According to the calendar Spring is on the way. However, old man winter has not looked at it. The situation the weather presents helps us to understand that we are unable to predict the actions that will occur in the future. We must be prepared to respond to the situations and actions that are presented to us.

I am thankful and grateful that LRTA continues to have hard working and dedicated volunteers at the district and unit levels that are working to protect the interest of ALL retirees. Note: Non-members of LRTA reap the benefits of your hard work. Encourage those you know to join forces with us.

The LRTA staff operate under the motto: Striving to make retirement years great! Thank you staff for all you do.

I am requesting that you help us by:

1. Joining our Email Club. My goal is to have 50% of our membership in the Email Club. As of this month over 30% of our members have joined. Let's continue to increase that number.
2. Contacting your senators and representatives. LRTA will let you know via email about any legislation we would like you to contact your legislators about. We will provide their contact information and even a sample email or letter for you to send.
3. Attending your district and unit meetings. The more involved you are on a local level the more informed you become about things that are going on at the state level.
4. Attending the LRTA Spring Meeting. The meeting will be held on April 21 - 22 at the Sai Hotel and Convention by Magnuson in Alexandria. You will receive beneficial updates from LRTA, TRSL, OGB, and others. The registration form can be found on Page 8 of this newsletter.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Executive Director's Report



Graig A. Luscombe

The 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana legislature convenes Monday, April 13 at 12:00 noon, and the legislature must complete its work by 6:00 p.m. Thursday, June 11. In odd-numbered years, the legislature holds fiscal sessions and concentrates on mat-

ters dealing with revenues and expenditures. In addition, each member of the legislature may introduce up to five pieces of legislation outside the realm of fiscal matters, and there will be some bills that could have an impact on you as a retired educator, or on your retirement system.

A number of bills have already been pre-filed that LRTA will be monitoring on your behalf. They are listed in our featured article entitled "2015 Legislative Session Update." One very important bill

on the list is House Bill No. 42 by Representative Sam Jones from House District No. 50 located in Iberia and Vermilion Parishes. Representative Jones' bill proposes to grant eligible retirees another 1.5% Permanent Benefit Increase on July 1, 2015.

Legislative matters will be an important topic of discussion at the LRTA Spring Meeting to be held in Alexandria on April 21 and 22. You can find your registration form on the last page of this issue. I hope to see many of you there. If you cannot make it, you can keep up-to-date on important pieces of legislation throughout the session by joining LRTA's Email Club. I know we stress the importance of becoming an email club member in every newsletter issue; however, it is the best way for you to stay informed. LRTA will be providing weekly updates during the session and will also be emailing club members timely notices to contact members of the legislature when important issues are scheduled for consideration. Stay informed and stay in touch with those you have elected to represent your interests in Baton Rouge.

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2015 Legislative Session Update

The deadline to pre-file bills dealing with retirement issues was 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 27. Provided below is a list of bills that were pre-filed for consideration by the Legislature during the upcoming Regular Session which could have a potential impact on you as a retired educator and/or your retirement system.

The legislative session begins at noon on Monday, April 13, and the legislature must complete its work by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11. It is anticipated that other bills, and perhaps some resolutions, will be added to this list of legislation to be monitored by LRTA once the session begins. Future issues of LRTA's Regular Legislative Session Update will provide the LRTA Executive Board's official position on each item included on the list, and legislative actions taken on each item will be added as the session progresses. 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.

PERMANENT BENEFIT INCREASES

House Bill No. 42 by Representative Sam Jones

This bill provides for the payment of a permanent benefit increase out of the balance on deposit in the Experience Account to eligible members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana to begin on July 1, 2015. The benefit increase will be provided to those individuals receiving a benefit from TRSL who have been retired for at least 12 months, and who are at least age 60, on June 30, 2015. The benefit increase will be applied to the first \$60,000 of the annual benefit currently received from TRSL. The benefit increase will also be paid to disability retirees and to the beneficiaries of retirees and disability retirees who would have met the above stated eligibility requirements.

Similar PBIs are authorized for members of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System and the Louisiana State Police Retirement System.

RETURN-TO-WORK RETIREES

House Bill No. 43 by Representative Harvey LeBas

This bill provides for an increase in the cap a retired teacher is allowed to earn when reemployed as a substitute teacher from 25% to 50% of the annual benefit paid by TRSL to the return-to-work retiree.

Senate Bill No. 20 by Senator Gerald Long

This bill removes the grandfather provision which currently exists, and allows individuals who retired on or before June 30, 2010 to return to work without suspension of benefits. The bill will also allow school counselors to return to work without suspension of benefits.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING

House Bill No. 55 by Representative Harold Ritchie and Senator Ben Nevers

This bill is a constitutional amendment that levies a tax on usage at hydrocarbon processing facilities. The provisions of the constitutional amendment stipulate that \$250 million of the tax proceeds each year be dedicated to both the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. Each year's payment to the systems will be in proportion to the balance of the unfunded accrued liabilities of the systems.

Senate Bill No. 14 by Senator Elbert Guillory

This bill requires that projected noninvestment related administrative expenses for all state retirement systems for any given fiscal year be included as a factor in determining the retirement system's employer contribution rate.

Senate Bill No. 15 by Senator Ben Nevers and Representative Harold Ritchie

This bill is a constitutional amendment that levies a tax on usage at hydrocarbon processing facilities. The provisions of the constitutional amendment stipulate that \$250 million of the tax proceeds each year be dedicated to both the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System and to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana. Each year's payment to the systems will be in proportion to the balance of the unfunded accrued liabilities of the systems.

Senate Bill No. 16 by Senator Elbert Guillory

This bill provides for technical corrections to Act No. 399 of 2014 dealing with the mechanics of the Experience Accounts held at TRSL and the other three state retirement systems.

Senate Bill No. 18 by Senator Robert Adley

This bill allows institutions of higher education to elect to pay TRSL for their proportionate share of existing system liabilities and to incur no additional liabilities in the retirement system. Funding for the payments of the liabilities may come from any income source including proceeds from the sale of bonds.

LRTA Around the State

Here's a look at what our members are doing around the state!



CENLA RTA celebrated the 54th Founders' Day on February 12, 2015. From left to right: Morris Taft Thomas, 2015 Founders' Day speaker; Frankie Gaines Early, CENLA RTA president; Willie Belle Franklin, 2015 Founders' Day honoree; James T. Stewart, LRTA president.



LA Representative John Bel Edwards spoke to the St. Tammany RSEA on educational issues. From left to right: Representative John Bel Edwards, Marian Arrowsmith and Jean Kreiger, St. Tammany RSEA co-presidents and Graig Luscombe, LRTA executive director.



Members of the Lafourche Parish RTA enjoying fellowship and lunch at the Raceland Lions Club on February 11th. Sixty-five members and guests gathered to hear about the new Wellness Center at Thibodaux Regional Medical Center.

This section features 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.

Turning 65? Information about Medicare

**If you are turning 65, enrolling in Medicare is not as complicated as it may seem.
7 Medicare Frequently Asked Questions**

1. How do I enroll in Medicare? Is it automatic when I turn 65?

Contact Social Security directly before your 65th birthday to avoid a lapse in health coverage. Early retirees receiving Social Security and those with Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement benefits are automatically enrolled in Medicare upon eligibility. Enroll online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/medicare.htm, at your local Social Security office or by calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

2. When do I have to enroll?

The initial enrollment period is a 7-month window around your 65th birthday. After that, you can still enroll, but you may have to wait for a designated period. For more on when to join, visit <http://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/get-parts-a-and-b/when-how-to-sign-up-for-part-a-and-part-b.html>

3. What if I'm still working and have insurance? Do I need to enroll at age 65?

If you are working past age 65 and have insurance from your job, or your spouse's job, you should contact your plan and review how your coverage will change first. Visit "My Medicare Matters" at www.mymedicarematters.org/AboutMedicare/JustForYou/working-past-65.php for tips on what to consider if you have other health insurance besides Medicare.

4. What does Medicare cover?

It covers a wide range of medically necessary screenings, supplies and procedures. For more information go to www.mymedicarematters.org/StayingHealthy/Services/services.php. Covered services are found in the Medicare & You handbook; use the online search tool at Medicare.gov to see what is covered, or contact Medicare at 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227) to inquire about your personal situation.

5. I'm going on a cruise/overseas trip. Will Medicare cover me if I need emergency care when I'm away?

Medicare covers people when they are located within the 50 U.S. states, District of Columbia and U.S. territories. In rare cases, Medicare Part A may cover medically necessary services in a foreign country when a foreign hospital is closer than a U.S. facility. Visit www.medicare.gov/coverage/travel-need-health-care-outside-us.html for these exceptions. In some cases, Medicare Part B may cover medically necessary health care while on board a cruise ship within the territorial waters adjoining the U.S., but generally, not when on a ship that is more than six hours away from a U.S. port. If you have a supplemental insurance policy, check to see if it covers medical care abroad. Otherwise, it is recommended to purchase travel insurance before your overseas trip.

6. How do I pay for my Medicare?

There are several ways to pay for Medicare depending on whether you are receiving Social Security and which plan you choose. Go to <http://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/paying-parts-a-and-b/pay-parts-a-and-b-premiums.html> for more information.

7. How can I find out how much I've paid for Medicare services this year?

Go to www.mymedicare.gov to set up an account to receive access to information, benefits, services and payments. You can contact LA SHIIP at 1-800-342-5301 or Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 with any questions about enrollment, payments, claims, coverage issues, preventive services and costs.

If you would like more information about Medicare please contact LA Senior Health Insurance Information Program at 1-800-342-5301.

Furnished by: Ron Williams, Louisiana Department of Insurance

In Memoriam

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

Deceased Retired Teachers - December 11, 2014 to March 9, 2015

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Foundation Donations

The following donations to the LRTA Foundation have been received:

St. Charles Parish RTA - In Memory of Mr. Daniel R. Horn

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Anonymous - In Memory of all deceased retired educators from October 28, 2014 through April 21, 2015

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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 22. 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.

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RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP

House Bill No. 10

by Representative J. Kevin Pearson

This bill allows a current TRSL member to purchase service credit for time spent teaching in an elementary or secondary nonpublic school that was located in another state and was approved by that state's educational agency during the time the teaching service was rendered.

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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: _____

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