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Nominees for State Office Requested

The January 2016 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 2016 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 prospective candidate. Note: Associate members of LRTA

are not eligible to hold office, or to vote in LRTA elections.

Information on suggested nominees should 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 looks forward to working with the LRTA membership to develop a slate of well-qualified candidates for LRTA's statewide elected offices. The chairperson of the Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers to the executive board at the 2015 Fall Meeting.

All prospective candidate information must be received in the LRTA office no later than 4:30 p.m. October 2, 2015, but may be submitted any time before that date. Again, prospect sheets may be obtained by calling the LRTA office at 1-888-531-1992. They should be mailed to:

LRTA
Attn: Nominating Committee
9412 Common St., #5
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Members of the LRTA Nominating Committee are:

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LRTA Executive Director Retiring

LRTA Executive Director Graig Luscombe is set to retire on June 30, 2015. Please take a moment to read his last Executive Director's Report which may be found on Page 2 of this newsletter.

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President's Report



James T. Stewart

Get ready, summer is here, and the heat is on! Remember to pace yourself because our association needs you. Our members are the life-blood that moves us forward as we band together to help each other.

Thanks to Ben Sandifer, president of District VII, and his

wife Sue, for hosting our Spring Meeting in Alexandria. Their efforts helped make our meeting a great success. To each individual who contributed to the meeting – District VII members, LRTA staff, those of you who were able to attend, and others – we say “Thank you”.

If you could not attend the meeting, you missed out on some great entertainment, informative speakers (TRSL & OGB), and visiting with old friends and making new ones. We hope that you will make plans to attend our Fall Meeting.

Our Fall Meeting will be held in Lake Charles at L'Auberge Resort on October 26 – 28. District VI President Clara Duhon and

members of her planning committee have already started working on putting together what promises to be an excellent program. We hope to see you there.

The legislative session ends 6:00 p.m. on June 11, 2015. We will learn the results of all the legislation pertaining to retirees and to TRSL. A high priority for retirees was House Bill No. 42 by Representative Sam Jones which will provide a 1.5% PBI on July 1, 2015. After the session, Email Club members will receive information on how your senator and representative voted on this bill. A huge thank you to all our members who called, emailed, wrote letters, and visited with their legislators expressing their opinions on legislation affecting retirees. Remember, each LRTA member has to do the work for two non-members who, for whatever reason, do not join in helping meet the mission of LRTA. Now is the best time to remind the non-members that there is strength in numbers, and it's time to join LRTA.

Our Email Club membership is growing by the day. This is the best way to stay informed. Accurate and timely information is provided by the LRTA office in Baton Rouge through this communication tool. If you are not a member of the LRTA Email Club, you are missing out! It's easy to join.

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Executive Director's Report



Graig A. Luscombe

Eight years ago, I wrote my first Executive Director's Report for the LRTA Newsletter. Today, I come to you with my last. The time has arrived for me to join all of you in retirement. I consider it to have been an honor and a privilege to serve as your executive director.

I want to thank all of you for your generosity of spirit and your cooperation in all of the endeavors undertaken by the executive board and the LRTA officers during my tenure. Our leadership was always sensitive to our vision—Striving to make

retirement years great!

I appreciate all the invitations I received, and the opportunities I have had, to visit with many of you at your local and district meetings. I developed many friendships along the way, not to mention I was able to visit many communities here in our beautiful state that I otherwise would not have given a thought of venturing toward. You always made me feel welcome, and I truly enjoyed bringing LRTA's message to you in your home towns.

We have had many successes, and we managed to get across many “bumps in the road” along the way. I encourage all of you to continue to stay involved. Let your voices be heard. Be a part of carrying LRTA's honorable legacy far into the future.

Best regards,

Graig

LRTA

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President's Report

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Go to the LRTA website, www.lrta.net, and look for the link in the upper right hand corner of our home page.

The Executive Committee continues its work in the search for our new Executive Director. I will keep you informed on our progress.

LRTA Bids Farewell to Executive Director Graig Luscombe

On behalf of the LRTA Executive Board, district officers, unit officers, members, associate members, and staff, we say a heartfelt "Thank you" for a job well done, Graig. We will miss you dearly. We wish you the very best as you join us in your retirement.

LRTA Foundation Update

Plans and preparations are moving forward for the upcoming LRTA Fall Meeting to be held in Lake Charles on October 26, 27 and 28, 2015. Make plans to attend this event for fun, food, fellowship and valuable information for retirees. The LRTA Foundation will meet to discuss progress and future goals. Reports will be made to the LRTA Executive Board and to the general membership during the state meeting.

This past spring's silent auction proceeds were \$1,391.50. Much appreciation is extended to those individuals and businesses providing the items that were donated for the silent auction and to those individuals bidding on those items. Individuals, local units and districts are encouraged to provide items for the upcoming October, 2015 Meeting. New items valued at \$25 or above, antique items and collector items are needed to reach this goal.

Thanks to all who donate to the LRTA Foundation in honor, or in memory, of individuals. Send checks payable to LRTA Foundation to LRTA's address on the back of this Newsletter. Send a note with the check indicating the person you are honoring or memorializing and also the address where the acknowl-

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Name of Fame Award Recipients



Name of Fame Awards were presented at the Spring Meeting luncheon. Joseph Clyde Crooks was the honoree from District VII, and Velma D. Hendrix was the honoree from District V. The LRTA Name of Fame Award was created in 2002 to honor Louisiana's retired teachers for their leadership, organizational achievements and community involvement.

Could This Be Your Last Newsletter?

Annual membership in LRTA runs from April 1 through March 31. This could be your last newsletter IF your \$25 dues for the 2015-2016 membership year (or \$10 for associate members) have not been paid. If your annual membership has not been renewed, you will receive a reminder from LRTA in the next few weeks. If you are uncertain about your membership status, contact the LRTA office.

LRTA Mourns the Loss of Three Great Leaders

LRTA lost three great leaders over the past two months.

Bonnie V. Lyons passed away on April 3, 2015. She was very active in LRTA. She was a former District VI president. She served as LRTA 1st vice-president and then was elected by the LRTA membership to serve as president. Her term spanned 2004 - 2006. She was also a member of several LRTA state level committees and the LRTA Foundation



Bonnie Lyons

Board. Mrs. Lyons received the Name of Fame award at the 2010 Spring Meeting.

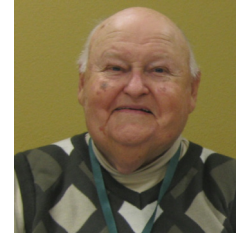


Donald Kennedy

Donald L. Kennedy, Sr. passed away on April 20, 2015. He was a lifelong educator and leader. He previously served as District XI president. He also served on many LRTA state level committees.

Rupert E. Breland passed away on May 22, 2015. Included among his many interests was a keen involvement in LRTA. Mr. Breland served

as District III president for multiple terms. He was elected to serve as the state 2nd vice-president and then as 1st vice-president. He was currently serving on the LRTA Foundation Board. Mr. Breland received the Name of Fame award at the 2006 Fall Meeting.



Rupert Breland

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of Mrs. Lyons, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Breland as we all mourn the loss of three great educators and LRTA leaders.

LRTA Around the State

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



Guest speakers at a recent local unit meeting of Bogalusa Retired Teachers Association represented city government. From left: Councilwoman Gloria Kates, Dist III President Lazette Watterson, Councilman-at-large Tim Drummond, Bogalusa Local Unit President Alva Martin, Councilwoman Melinda White.



Members of the East Feliciana RTA visited East Feliciana High School seniors on March 19 in celebration of Louisiana Retired Teachers Day. They answered the students questions about careers in education, college and exiting high school.

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.

Foundation Leadership Award Recipient



LRTA Foundation President Dr. Hugh Craft presents the Foundation Leadership Award to Donald Bascle of District II. The recipient is chosen from among nominees from the eleven LRTA districts, and must have contributed outstanding leadership within his or her district.

Foundation Donations

Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Craft - In Memory of Mrs. Katherine Thornton, Mr. Max Shaneyfelt, Mrs. Cherry Boudreaux, Mr. Jerry Boudreaux, Mrs. Elizabeth "Betty" Zimmerman, Mr. Harold Clavier, Mrs. Bonnie Lyons

Dr. N. James & Lillian Stafford, Jr. - In Memory of Henry Earl Corkern

Bossier Parish RTA - In Memory of all deceased retired teachers from Bossier Parish from April 2014 through April 2015

Acadia Parish RTA - In Memory of all deceased retired teachers from Acadia Parish from April 2014 through April 2015

Mrs. Marion C. Arrowsmith - In Honor of the LRTA Staff: Graig A. Luscombe, Renée M. Siccone, Ann S. Reed, Erica T. Rodriguez

Ms. Beth Plaisance - In Memory of Dr. Richard "Dick" Weber

LRTA District III - In Honor of Graig A. Luscombe

Mrs. Edna-Marie Campbell Sevin - In Memory of Bonnie V. Lyons

Mrs. Edna-Marie Campbell Sevin - In Honor of Lloyd Edwards

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Ladner - In Memory of Dr. Jesse Scott

Mr. & Mrs. William L. Brugmann - In Memory of Nolan Lefort

Mr. & Mrs. Merlin Duke - In Memory of Rev. Rupert Breland

LRTA - In Memory of Bonnie V. Lyons

LRTA - In memory of Rupert E. Breland

LRTA - In Memory of Donald Kennedy

Dr. & Mrs. James A. Taylor - In Memory of Dr. Alvan Duchain Cazedessus

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Membership Awards

Congratulations are in order for the LRTA districts and local units who received membership awards at the LRTA Spring Meeting in Alexandria on April 22. These awards are:

New Member Awards:

Red River Parish (greatest percentage of new members) – John Gardner, Red River RTA president

St. Tammany Parish (greatest number of new members) – Bill Brugmann and Rhonda Chambers, St. Tammany RSEA co-presidents

Total Member Awards:

Red River Parish (greatest percentage of members) – John Gardner, Red River RTA president

St. James Parish (greatest percentage of increase in members) – Doris Jacobs, St. James RTA president

Cornerstone Award:

District VIII (greatest percentage of members) – Raymond Powell, district president

Associate Member Awards:

St. Tammany Parish (greatest number of associate members) – Bill Brugmann and Rhonda Chambers, St. Tammany RSEA co-presidents

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

Congratulations to everyone in the award winning units and districts. We all extend our heartfelt thanks to the officers and leaders in each of the units for planning and conducting programs that attracted and retained members.

Membership recruitment must be an ongoing effort by everyone in order to maintain an active and effective association. Please continue your efforts to recruit and retain members in LRTA.

In Memoriam

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

Deceased Retired Teachers - March 10, 2015 - May 19, 2015

District I

Dorothy Bratsas – New Orleans
 Hermeen Brumfield – New Orleans
 Matthew B. Collins – New Orleans
 Betty Dison – New Orleans
 Josslyn M. Hamilton – New Orleans
 John W. Hammurabi II – New Orleans
 Eva M. Holmes – New Orleans
 Cynthia M. Jackson – New Orleans
 Marenthia M. Lagarde – New Orleans
 Dolores K. Lozes – New Orleans
 Sammie Oliver – New Orleans
 Mary H. Oubre – New Orleans
 Alvin J. Russell – New Orleans
 Beverly H. White – New Orleans

District II

Hazel C. Bergeron – Houma
 Margaret B. Blanchard – Thibodaux
 John D. Boughton – Vacherie
 Bonnie Jean Bourg – Thibodaux
 Polly C. Braud – Paradis
 Rebecca U. Brechtel – Metairie
 J. J. Deckelmann, Jr. – Metairie
 Carol M. Dempster – Des Allemands
 Yvonne Donelon – Kenner
 Vida V. Galliano – Raceland
 Herbert Jackson, Jr. – Lutchet
 Rosemary Jesclard – Harahan
 Elaine C. Legnon – Gretna
 Odeal Lewis – Marrero
 A. D. Martin, Jr. – Houma
 Shirley S. Messina – Metairie
 Anna Jane T. Miller – Kenner
 Elaine B. Montegut – Gretna
 Cecelia Z. Montero – Thibodaux
 Carolyn J. Moore – Thibodaux
 Adele S. Moyer – Metairie
 Patricia Oncale – Metairie
 Leola Peters – Gretna
 Lorraine Plaisance – Lockport
 Julester S. Powell – LaPlace
 Yolanda O. Rivera – Kenner
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 Angeline M. Taylor – Houma
 Janis Tilton – River Ridge
 Timothy S. Torrence – LaRose
 Loyce M. Varnado, Jr. – Kenner
 Lula B. Weary – Harvey
 Richard C. Weber – LaRose

District III

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 Fred E. Bouchard – Hammond
 Patty Sue Brignac – Hammond
 Nelda M. Burris – Hammond
 Theresa B. Carr – Independence

Harold Clavier – Covington
 Diana B. Conleay – Kentwood
 Lionel Economides – Covington
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 Anita P. Gillespie – Covington
 Morris N. Grant – Slidell
 Henrietta Vinas Guste – Lacombe
 Mary Alice Harrell – Denham Springs
 James D. Harrison – Pearl River
 Dora H. Jones – Kentwood
 Ellen Kirchhoff – Denham Springs
 Norman A. Leggette – Denham Springs
 Birdie B. Lewis – Hammond
 Roxie B. Parker – Talisheek
 Arlene C. Place – Mandeville
 Jerry D. Sessions – Slidell
 Elodia J. Sharkey – Amite
 Alfred V. Smith – Covington
 Elaine D. Sperandeo – Pearl River
 Barbara Jean Trask – Slidell
 Dan E. Wingate – Denham Springs

District IV

Gladys J. Baird – Baton Rouge
 Judy D. Banks – Baton Rouge
 Ronald E. Becker – Baton Rouge
 Maurice Berger – Baton Rouge
 Harold A. Brown – Baton Rouge
 Alvan D. Cazedessus – Baton Rouge
 Yousef Danesh – Baton Rouge
 Mabel C. Emery – Baton Rouge
 Susan C. Falcon – Prairieville
 Daniel Fontenot – Baton Rouge
 Larry E. Grantham – Prairieville
 Harry V. Hagstad – Baton Rouge
 Jonnie H. Harelson – Baton Rouge
 Dolores C. Henderson – Baton Rouge
 Carol C. Humphrey – Baton Rouge
 Sandra L. Hypolite – Zachary
 Patricia Jackson – Zachary
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 Lawrence A. Sasek – Baton Rouge
 Constance P. Scott – Baton Rouge
 Glenice C. Scott – Baton Rouge
 Marion C. Sims – St. Francisville

John H. Waite – Baton Rouge
 Lucyjane Walton – Baton Rouge
 Albert T. Westall – Baton Rouge
 Marcia B. Wilson – Baton Rouge

District V

John Warren Beaugh – Opelousas
 Deanna Bernard – Carencro
 Roy Bertrand, Sr. – Abbeville
 James C. Billeau – Lafayette
 Donald P. Broussard – Kaplan
 Joy J. W. Broussard – Abbeville
 Venola W. Carter – Lafayette
 Raymond M. Castille – Breaux Bridge
 Dorothy W. Deamer – Lafayette
 Eloi Owen Demoruelle – Ville Platte
 Laura K. Deville – Turkey Creek
 Sandra D. Edwards – Eunice
 Floretta A. Engle – New Iberia
 John P. Fontenot – Eunice
 Lola Frederick – Abbeville
 John O. Gott – Lafayette
 Dodi B. Groves – Lafayette
 Jefferson T. Hennessy – Broussard
 Bernice M. James – Lafayette
 Leorina Jones – Eunice
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 Mary L. Maraist – Parks
 Sterling Menard – Abbeville
 Frank N. Musso – Franklin
 Remy R. Ordoyne – Lafayette
 Theresa S. Reed – Ville Platte
 Dorothy J. Rose – Lafayette
 Robert J. Russett – Lafayette
 Edward J. Sam – Lafayette
 Robert J. Schambough – Eunice
 George Harry St. Pierre – Lafayette
 Anna Ruth Taylor – Patterson
 Maggie L. Traylor – Port Barre
 Hazel M. Vincent – Kaplan
 Merlin P. Walet, Jr. – New Iberia
 Robert A. Wiggs – Youngsville

District VI

Lurdy Alfred – Lake Charles
 Shevonne A. Cormier – Church Point
 Willie M. S. Dugas – Jennings
 Betty J. Easton – Lake Charles
 Glyndell W. Ebarb – Vinton
 James D. Edmonds, Jr. – Sulphur
 Henrietta Ann B. Gray – Hackberry
 Jenny Lenore LeJeune – Iota
 Bonnie V. Lyons – Bosco
 Donald L. Malone – Lake Charles
 Norma O. Meyers – Lake Charles
 Robert Monk – Iowa
 Dianne M. Nelson – Lake Charles

In Memoriam (continued)

Sandra L. Rich – DeRidder
 Helen Marie Richard – Jennings
 Pinelle S. Spain – Lake Charles
 Rupert M. Thompson – Lake Charles
 George Tuttle – Westlake
 Jane M. Vaughan – Lake Arthur
 Margaret E. Womack – Iowa

District VII

Carol A. Barrett – Pollock
 Earl K. Brooks – Jena
 James H. Creed – Jena
 Glen E. Daniels – Ferriday
 Vera June George – Deville
 Archie Hagan – Vidalia
 George C. Monroe – Pineville
 Mark Newton – Bentley
 Elizabeth Reese – Pineville
 Michael W. Ritchie – Jonesville
 Gwendolyn Robertson – Alexandria
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 Charles D. Sherwood – Alexandria
 Walter M. Walker – Dry Prong
 Sam O. Williams, Jr. - Alexandria

District VIII

Shirley S. Gilmer – Zwolle
 Frank W. Martin – Natchitoches
 Robert C. Meredith – Mansfield
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 Ted B. Rowley – Ashland

District IX

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 Doris Marie Graham – Rayville
 Harriet K. Stapp - Winnsboro

District X

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 Jessie Lee W. Beal – Monroe
 Patrick T. Bryan – Farmerville
 Geneva T. Ceasar – Jonesboro
 Carrie Elaine Harris – Monroe
 James W. Humphrey – Bastrop
 Patsy C. McDonald – Fairbanks
 Jackie D. Neal – Monroe

Ruth C. Potts – Ruston
 Rita June Price – West Monroe
 Robert R. Rainbolt – Ruston
 Vashti Tupper - Choudrant

District XI

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 Patsy Pratt Adams – Arcadia
 Eloise Cason – Springhill
 M. B. Childress – Bossier City
 Claudene M. Clawson – Vivian
 Elizabeth M. Dyson – Benton
 Kathy B. Franklin – Bossier City
 Amy H. Graham – Elm Grove
 Donald L. Kennedy – Shreveport
 James M. Nichols – Shreveport
 James E. Sabin – Bossier City
 Ronnie B. Suggs – Bossier City
 Joe N. Sweeney, Jr. – Shreveport
 Judy L. Vines – Athens
 Dan C. Waters – Shreveport
 Billy R. Wiggins - Shreveport

Out of State

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 Burrell M. Book – Arlington, TX
 Cecelia Carver – Goleta, CA
 Jesse L. Colquit – Dallas, TX
 Christopher O. Cooper – Savannah, TX
 Clarence O. Durham, Jr. – Houston, TX
 Eugene F. Eblen, Jr. – Diamondhead, MS
 Emmitt E. Follins, Jr. – Atlanta, GA
 Florence B. Folse – Caryville, FL
 Earline R. Friederich – Hopland, CA
 Dorothy N. Futch – Hardin, TX
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 Gerd Klaveness – Hillsborough, NJ
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 Minnie O. Lee – Chestnut Ridge, NY
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 Patricia Harvey Mahaffey – Troup, TX

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 John R. Williams – Gulfport, MS
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Foundation Report

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edgement should be sent. Of course, information recognizing your donation will be included in the next LRTA Newsletter. Your ongoing and generous support will help us reach \$100,000 in assets. Thanks for all your support!

*Hugh Craft, Ed. D.
 Foundation President*

Attend LRTA's 2015 Fall Meeting

Start making your plans to attend the 2015 LRTA Fall Meeting in Lake Charles, LA at the L'Auberge Resort on October 26, 27, and 28. The LRTA Executive Board will meet on Monday, October 26. General sessions and breakout sessions will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 27 and 28. More information and the meeting registration form will be provided in our next newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there!

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2015 Spring Meeting

