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A History of Service

ARTA began as a group of educators who advocated for a retirement plan. Once such a plan was established, their advocacy focused on educating their colleagues about the new retirement system and encouraging them to join.

As ARTA grew, advocacy efforts included legislation to strengthen the retirement system, health insurance, affordable housing, and recognition of the contributions of older citizens.

As the retirement system stabilized and health benefits for retirees were introduced, ARTA

members turned to local units for fellowship and service opportunities.

Today, the role of local units is to offer meaningful opportunities for members to participate in state, regional and local activities. In addition to engaging in advocacy and education similar to the early years of ARTA, units and individual members are involved in a wide variety of activities in their local communities.

Following are examples of the service projects reported to ARTA for 2023-2024:

Dictionaries for Students **Boone and Newton County Retired Teachers & Support Staff**

One hundred and fifty dictionaries were provided to third-graders to support their academic instruction.

Cuddles for Comfort **Franklin County Retired School Employees Association**

Twenty eight blankets were provided to developmentally delayed students, foster children, elderly people and cancer patients.

Backpack Kids **Greene County Retired Teachers Assn**

Members donated snacks, hat and gloves, and cash to the Pre-K programs at three county schools.

Shoeboxes for Vets **Little Rock Retired Teachers**

Members donated 52 boxes for veterans. The gift-wrapped boxes were stocked with toiletries, socks and other small items.

Summer Cereal Drive **Nevada County Retired School Employees Association**

Almost 400 boxes of cereal, oatmeal, granola bars and pop-tarts were collected for local food programs.

Daisy Bates Statue Unveiled **Retired Educators and Others of Little Rock**

Members donated to the LC and Daisy Bates Museum Foundation and attended a local event in conjunction with the unveiling of the statue of Daisy Lee Gatson Bates in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall.

Christmas Family Dreams Come True **Rogers Retired Teachers Association**

Members provided Christmas gifts and three months of cash assistance to a local family following the death of the primary wage earner.



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Message from the President

I am Thankful

As we celebrate the holidays, I like to reflect on the many blessings in my life and all I have to be thankful for. I now realize that I was blessed to have a career in education.

I am thankful for all the students I had the privilege to know and work with over the years. I am grateful for many of my former students who have come to me and shared the positive impact that I had made on their lives. It is a blessing to see former students succeed in life and know the difference teachers made in their education.

I am thankful for the meaningful relationships with colleagues. I cherish the strong bonds that were built with fellow educators who understood the challenges of the profession. I am grateful that I continue to develop new relationships through ARTA as I travel around the state.

I am thankful for the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. ATRS provides payments for life at retirement to eligible members in the form of an annuity. I am grateful that ATRS provides a 3% annual cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA). I am thankful that Arkansas public education retirees can also draw Social Security payments when they become age-eligible. I am grateful for the lump sum death benefit payable to a member's beneficiaries at the time of a member's death.

I am thankful for ARTA who is our advocate and represents the interests of Arkansas public-education retirees as well as provides opportunities for members to enjoy life after retirement.

Please continue to personally invite public education retirees who are not ARTA members to join us. There is strength in numbers!

With Thanks,

Mark Gammill

ARTA President



REMINDER: AR Benefits Retiree Coverage

You must be on the Public School Employees Plan on your last day of employment AND you must be eligible to begin drawing your retirement from ATRS to enroll in the AR Benefits PSE Retiree Plan.

Eligible retirees can enroll in retiree coverage **one** time. If you decline coverage, you will have to take multiple steps to apply later. If you drop coverage, you will **not** be able to rejoin later.

Important Contact Information

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Message from the Executive Director

Something for Everyone

As we approach the end of 2024, it is good to remember why ARTA is an important membership organization for ALL public-school retirees. ARTA, as I remind members often, is a nonpartisan membership organization founded in 1939. This was just after the Arkansas Legislature passed the statute to establish the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and four years after the federal passage of the Social Security Act.

The following are the purposes of ARTA, as listed in the Constitution of the association:

- To promote a life of dignity, independence, and purpose by sponsoring various programs to help each retired public-school employee remain active in meaningful community activities;
- To maintain an active interest in Arkansas public schools;
- To foster desirable social and cultural activities among members and a close spirit of cooperation with appropriate professional and educational organizations;
- To support legislative efforts designed to improve and protect the professional, social, and economic welfare of retired public-school employees;
- To cooperate with the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS) Board of Trustees and staff members in efforts to protect, maintain, and enhance benefits for present and future retired public-school employees;
- To foster cooperation with the National Retired Teachers Association (NTRA) and AARP on local and national issues of mutual interest.

To summarize, the purpose of ARTA is to serve as a guardian of ATRS benefits and state-sponsored health insurance, to monitor legislative actions that affect Arkansas public schools, and to speak up for public education retirees, active employees and students. This while being engaged in partnership with NRTA – the educator community within AARP – and other organizations whose missions are to support public education in Arkansas or other common interests.

This leads us to the reason why ARTA is part of the Ballot Question Committee for the Arkansas Educational Rights Amendment of 2026. The amendment will strengthen educational standards for all children in schools in Arkansas. Then when a school receives tax dollars from the State of Arkansas, they will be required to have the same high standards. This is not only common sense, *but accountability for the use of our tax dollars. It will not prohibit private, charter or homeschools from receiving state tax funds.*



Studies have found that 82% of brain formation occurs before the age of 5. That is why having high quality pre-kindergarten programs is so important. Every child in Arkansas deserves that opportunity, which has such a high return on investment. Children who are not reading at grade level by the 3rd grade face a 72% probability they will never read on grade level. Think of the educational, emotional and behavioral problems that are the results of not being able to read. I ask that you help explain, educate and get every registered voter in Arkansas to sign the ballot petition and then to vote YES for the proposed amendment in November of 2026.

More immediately, the General Session of the Arkansas Legislature will begin on January 13, 2025. It is vital that each of you stay informed and be ready to take personal action when needed. ARTA would love for each of you to become a local contact with your State Senator and House Representative. If you are willing to step up, please call the ARTA office or email me at **donna_arta@att.net**. We will share your willingness with the ARTA Legislative Committee Chair, Marcia Raeber-McClain and will send talking points for you to use when texting, calling or emailing your elected officials. This is vital both

“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.”

~ Dalai Lama XIV

for continuing to receive great benefits from ATRS and for effectively speaking up for our public schools – two of the main purposes of the ARTA statewide association.

Locally, the Rogers Retired Teachers Association has a model mission statement for local retired teacher units: “Our mission is to advocate for retired public school employees by monitoring and responding to proposed legislation; to educate retirees through informative programming; to serve our schools and community; and to provide an outlet for social interaction with one another.” They sum up what all local units should attempt to provide: **ADVOCACY—EDUCATION—SERVICE—FELLOWSHIP.**

Together, ARTA, local units and individual members can promote public education and the interests of all public-school personnel.

Happy Holidays!

Donna



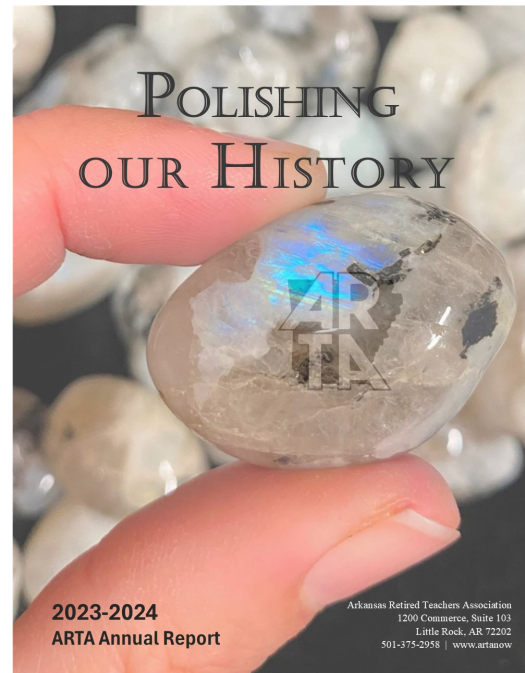
ARTA Releases Annual Report

ARTA has completed its 2023-2024 Annual Report, which summarizes and highlights the accomplishments of the association and its local units for the most recent report year.

You can view the full report on a computer device at www.artanow.com/resources or on a mobile device using the QR code below. You can also request an email copy of the report from the ARTA office at tammy_arta.att.net or 501-375-2958.



2023-2024
ARTA Annual Report



Sign Up to Receive Text Alerts During the Upcoming Legislative Session
Text #ARTALegislative to 22300 to opt-in. You'll receive text alerts if action is needed.

Service, *continued*

Appreciation Dinner and Image Awards

Phillips County Retired Teachers Association

More than 60 first responders and essential workers were honored at a community appreciation dinner. Two outstanding community members were presented with the first-ever PCRTA Image Awards.

Pillow Project

South Pulaski Retired Teachers Association

Members sewed 125 pillows for the Orthopedic Department at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Books for Kids

Washington County Retired Teachers Association

Members collected over 500 children's books for distribution through local family programs.

In addition to these detailed projects submitted to ARTA, local units carry out numerous other ongoing and one-time service projects. As reported to ARTA, these projects generated more than \$60,000 in donations.

Individual members also participate in volunteer and service projects outside of their local units. As reported to ARTA, members contributed over 160,000 hours of volunteer service in 2024-2024.

Local units and individual members were recognized for their achievements at Area Leadership Conferences and local unit meetings this fall.

For more on the ways that ARTA and ARTA members continued their history of service this past year, check out the 2023-2024 ARTA Annual Report at www.artanow.com/resources.

2025 ARTA Grant Applications

The ARTA Grant Program will open the application process in January, 2025. The program makes awards in two categories—

Parsons-Burnett Grant—for a certified educator currently working in an Arkansas public school to further their own education (advanced degree, endorsement, etc.).

Mitchell-Fair Grant—for a classified employee of an Arkansas public school who is pursuing an education degree or a teaching license.

ARTA members are encouraged to share the availability of the grants with their friends and family, active colleagues, and local school districts.

- Eligibility requirements and application guidelines will be posted on the ARTA website, www.artanow.com/grants.
- Applications must be completed online between January 15 and March 31, 2025.
- The number and amount of the awards will be determined by ARTA based on the number of applicants and available funds.

ARTA members who would like to contribute to the ARTA Grant Program can do so with a one-time donation (right) or by electing to have a monthly donation taken from their retirement check (see membership form on back page).

YES! I want to make a contribution to the ARTA Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Fund. I understand that my non-tax deductible contribution will be used to fund grants to Arkansas public-school personnel to further their own education.

Name of Individual or Group _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to ARTA Scholarship Fund. Detach and mail this form with your check to ARTA, 1200 Commerce Suite 103, Little Rock, AR 72012.

Welcome New Life Members

Benton County

Robin Wilkerson

Carroll County

Kristy Weathers

Craighead County

Cindy Wann

Crawford County

Linda Hagen

Cross County

Terry Isringhouse

Faulkner County

Julie Haynes

Garland County

Tamyra Catlett

Izard County

Sandy Daniel

Jefferson County

Alycia Wiley

Lonoke County

Kathryn Brooks

Deborah Wallace

Nevada County

Kathie Janes

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Joan Kincannon

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Linda K. Hill-Wellborn

Washington County

Doris R. Smith

Member News

Area I

The **Crawford County RTA** had a very busy fall. In addition to hosting the Area 1 Leadership Conference, they have had a full calendar of programs. Their October meeting featured a program on the Farmers Food Pantry. Members collected food and toiletries for the pantry to distribute to people in need.



Guests at the September meeting of the **Fort Smith RTA** included ARTA director Donna Morey and retired colleagues from Crawford County.



Guests of the **Yell County RTA** this fall included Shane Hughes of Hughes Insurance and State Rep Marcus Richmond (Dist. 52). Members are looking forward to equally interesting speakers and programs in the new year.

Area II

The **Independence County RTA** hosted the Area 2 Leadership Conference in Batesville in October. Ten of the 13 counties in the area were represented at this most informative meeting.



The **Woodruff County RTA** celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 19, 2024, with a proclamation signed by Woodruff County Judge Michael John Gray.

Area III

The **Crittenden County RTA** hosted the Area 3 Leadership Conference in West Memphis in October. Attendees were treated to an interesting and informative event.



The **Craighead County RTA** had good attendance at their meetings this fall. Members have been busy collecting donations for community organizations, recognizing the needs of veterans, and preparing for a busy new year.

Area IV

Steve Grappe, Executive Director of Stand Up Arkansas, was the speaker for the October meeting of the **Clark County RTA**. He shared his experience with the attempt to pass the Arkansas Educational Rights Amendment of 2024.



The **Hempstead County RTA** kicked off the 2024-25 year with a great meeting. Mark White, ATRS Executive Director was the speaker. Members collected hand sanitizer, tissue and wipes to be distributed to schools in Hope and Blevins.



Area IV

The **Ouachita County RTA** awarded their education award to Sheryl Ross, an ALE paraprofessional with the Camden Fairview School District.



Area VI

In response to a program presented by Liz Robbins of the Garland County Historical Society, the **Garland County RTA** voted to nominate and raise money to add Dr. Mamie Phipps Clark to the Arkansas Walk of Fame in Hot Springs. To learn more about Mamie Phipps Clark, the pioneering psychologist behind the famed “Dolls Test”, scan the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ysp5f7a2>.



Area V

The **Ashley County RTA** gathered to hear from Willie Kincade, ATRS Director of Operations, who spoke about the general health of the system and the resources it offers.



Area VII

The Washington County RTA enjoyed as their October speaker Abigail Freeman of the Washington County Historical Society. Ms. Freeman dressed in period clothing to present a program on the Victorian mourning period.

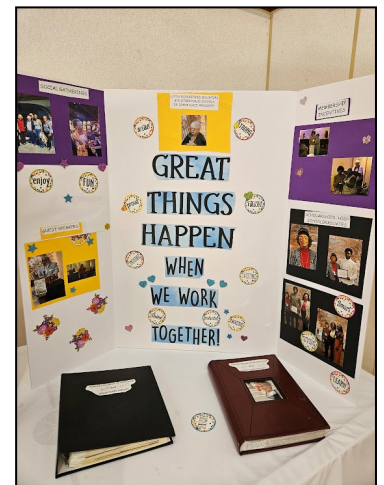


Dr. Tyrone Jackson, President of SEARK College, was the guest of the **Jefferson County RTA** at their September meeting.



Area VIII

The Area 8 Leadership Conference in September was a day of “cheer”. It was also a great opportunity for members to visit, hear from ARTA, ATRS and insurance representatives, and most importantly, to share news and ideas with each other.



Find and like us on Facebook to see more member photos and news from local units.



ARTA Travel Policy

ARTA members are invited to participate in safe, affordable group travel. Guests are welcome but must travel with an ARTA member. Whenever possible, ARTA trips are escorted by a member of the ARTA staff.

BOOK EARLY—ARTA partners with Collette Travel to offer these customized travel opportunities. Plans include a reserved block of airline seats for each trip. A deposit is required to reserve your seat and to ensure you receive any advertised price reduction. Reservations made after the seating block is filled, or after the booking date has passed, are based on availability and are subject to a price increase. Prices include round trip airfare from Little Rock National Airport. Departures from alternate gateways can be requested when booking.

BOOK ONLINE—Collette Travel utilizes an online reservation booking system. Go to www.artanow.com/travel and click on each trip for the customized web page with itinerary, pricing and online reservation form.

BOOK DIRECT—Collette Travel also offers a direct booking number for those who prefer to call. Call 1-800-581-8942 and refer to the ARTA booking number provided for each trip.

MOTORCOACH TRIPS—ARTA contracts with local companies for motor coach trips to U.S. destinations. These trips require a minimum number of travelers booked *with deposit*. Reservations are accepted on a first come-first serve basis.

For general questions about traveling with ARTA, contact Donna Morey at donna_arta@att.net or call the ARTA office at 501-375-2958.

Southern Italy & Sicily

#1244441

April 6—18, 2025

The hidden treasures of Southern Italy and Sicily are yours to explore, for it's here you'll find breathtaking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old hilltop villages and iconic cuisine. Highlights include Palermo, Monreale, Cefalù, Farm-to-Table Lunch, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Piazza Armerina, Giardini Naxos, Taormina, Winery Tour & Tasting, Matera, Sorrento, Positano, and Pompeii. **Early booking date has passed—please call for more information**

Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains

#1244391

May 22—June 1, 2025

Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Switzerland and Italy. Experience dramatic views aboard railways and lake cruises while enjoying cultural experiences in charming villages. Highlights include Zurich, Glacier Express Train, Zermatt, Lake Maggiore, Borromeo Palace, Choice on Tour: Villa Taranto or Pallanza Art Museum, Island Dinner, Bernina Express Train, St. Moritz, Lucerne, and Mount Pilatus. **Book by December 16, 2024**

Coasts & Countrysides of England

#1244417

July 23—August 5, 2025

From bustling capitals to poetic countrysides, experience the many distinctive sides of Great Britain. Encounter the history, connect with the locals, and see what life is like in the towns and cities. Experience Lake District, Liverpool, Strawberry Fields, Maritime History Walking Tour, Ferry Across the Mersey, Blenheim Palace, Cotswolds, Bath, Cornwall, Sea Shanty Performance, and Cornish Cream Tea while traveling from Edinburgh Castle to London. **Book by December 10, 2024**

America's Cowboy Country

#1244421

August 21—28, 2025

Enjoy stunning views and authentic experiences of the American West. Highlights include Badlands National Park, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, Mt. Rushmore, Deadwood, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole and Grand Teton National Park. **Save \$450 pp—Book by February 14, 2025**



Greece Island Hopper

#1283885

Optional 4 Days-3 Night Istanbul Post Tour Extension

August 31—September 10, 2025

Mediterranean sunshine and bright blue waters meet eons of creative ingenuity and everlasting legacy in this picture-perfect getaway. From the immortalized capital of Athens to the charming Greek islands, this experience is everything you can imagine. Highlights include Athens, Taverna Dinner Show, Acropolis, The Parthenon, Mykonos Old Town, Santorini Island, Oia Village, Ancient Akrotiri, Wine Tasting. **Save \$800 pp—Book by December 25, 2024**

Roaming Coastal Maine

#1244423

October 10—16, 2025

Welcome to Maine, a “Vacationland” of intricate coastlines and all-encompassing natural beauty that serves as the perfect getaway. From charming towns and scenic ocean overlooks to oyster shucking and lobster hauling, experience the best of this New England retreat. Highlights include Portland, Choice on Tour: Victoria Mansion or Secrets of Portland's Old Port Walking Tour, Oyster Farm, Bar Harbor, Acadia National Park, Lobster Trap Pull Demonstration, Camden, Freeport, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, and Boothbay. **Save \$200 pp—Book by March 3, 2025**



Irish Splendor

#1283734

October 26—November 2, 2025

Experience a true taste of Irish splendor on a trip that combines four-star accommodations, stunning scenery, and tasty local cuisine. Make a return to times past when you embark on an unforgettable tour of the Emerald Isle. Highlights include: Dublin, Blarney Castle, Dingle Peninsula, Farm Visit, Cliffs of Moher, Whiskey Distillery, Castle Stay. Optional additions include a Traditional Irish Night at The Guinness Storehouse and Medieval Banquet in a real castle. **Save \$200 pp—Book by April 20, 2025**

Discover Christmas in London

#1244419

November 29—December 5, 2025

Get ready for a festive getaway to London. “The Big Smoke” glistens during the holidays and makes for a timeless setting for your Christmas journey. Welcome to Maine, a “Vacationland” of intricate coastlines and all-encompassing natural beauty that serves as the perfect getaway. Highlights include Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Christmas Markets, Covent Garden, Greenwich, Culinary Walking Tour, Blenheim Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, and London's South Bank. **Save \$150 pp—Book by May 16, 2025**



For a detailed itinerary, pricing, and online reservations for any ARTA trip, scan the QR code or visit www.artanow.com/travel.

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In Memoriam

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

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Baxter County

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William R. Riley
Thomas S. Vondran

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Jackie L. Weeks

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Phyllis Burns
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Betty J. Ellis
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Bervine Rosbia
Samuel Stewart

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James A. Scott

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Mayetta Wilson

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Lawrence W. Dudley
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Wilbur M. Howard
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Judy C. Kendall
Janice V. McCoy
Judith A. McGrath

Thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of individuals and local units, \$855 in memorials, honorariums and donations were contributed to ARTA in the last three month period. An additional \$948 contributed by Life Continuing and Continuing Plus members brings the total to \$1,803.

Your gifts to ARTA, for whatever reason, are greatly appreciated and are a meaningful and substantive part of funding the ARTA Grants Program. This program funds grants to Arkansas public-school personnel to further their own education.

Anonymous

ARTA Grant Fund

Area III

ARTA Grant Fund

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in Memory of:

Melody West

Columbia/Lafayette

Counties RTA

In Memory of:

Dr. John Moore

Bobbie Ruth Webb

Crittenden County RTA

ARTA Grant Fund

Greene County RTA

ARTA Grant Fund

Scott County RTA

In Memory of:

Joann Dozier

Union County RTA

In Memory of:

Nancy Dumas

Morris Graham

Yell County RTA

In Memory of:

Brenda Reid

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In Memoriam, *continued*

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Norma L. Moore

Robert L. Nelson

Harold D. Parks

Patricia A. Parr

Mary J. Patton

Gloria D. Rodgers

Agnes W. Ross

Gene M. Ross

James D. Rouse

Linda J. Russell

Lynda F. Settlemoir

William A. Sexton

Larry D. Shorter

Diane B. Treece

Mary A. Watson

Janet K. Wilcox

Shirley A. Williams

Saline County

Charles H. Benbrook

Mary S. Brown

Candyce D. Covert

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