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2021 COLA

If you are eligible for an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to your retirement benefits, the new amount will be reflected beginning with your July payment.

For more information about the COLA, contact ATRS directly at 501-682-1517 or 1-800-666-2877.



Find and like us on Facebook to see travel photos, member news and upcoming event announcements.

Staying Positive in a Pandemic

COVID 19 updates no longer dominate the media. Restrictions are loosening, businesses are hiring, and the world is reopening. We're beginning to talk about the pandemic in the past, and preparing ourselves for the "new normal".

This new normal is mostly mentioned with an air of acceptance rather than anticipation. But for every aspect of the last 15 months that we are eager to leave behind, there are also aspects that we appreciate and hope to continue.

In general, people slowed down and recognized the importance of health, family and community. Among ARTA members, we observed the following:

ARTA members were advocates. You were active in the early days of the pandemic, expressing your concerns to elected officials.

You continued this advocacy as schools reopened in the fall. And despite the tedium of video conferencing, you kept it up throughout the legislative session, joining committee meetings and ARTA briefings to stay informed and prepared.

As a result of the pandemic, organizations such as the legislature and the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System are planning to stream more meetings in the future. This will enable even more ARTA members to participate in monitoring the activities of the organizations where your health and retirement benefits are determined.

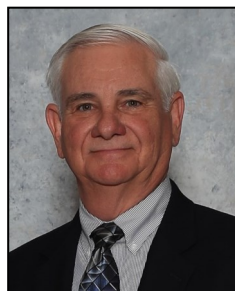
ARTA members supported educators. Many of you assumed responsibility for the virtual education of your grandchildren or the

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ARTA Leadership Advancements

The following officers will begin their terms July 1, 2021. Read their full bios on page 5.



David Cauldwell
ARTA President
2021-22



Dr. Diana Glaze
President-elect
2021-22



Jeff Stubblefield
Vice President
2021-22

Message from the President

Emilie Monk, ARTA President

Emilie Monk, originally from Hamburg, Arkansas, started her family and career in Louisiana. In 1983 she made her way back to Arkansas and began teaching in the Bryant Public School District where she remained for 23 years. She retired after 36 enjoyable years of teaching, although still holds a lifetime Arkansas Teaching Certificate. As they say, once a teacher, always a teacher.



Emilie did not stay retired for long. She quickly started a new venture and took a job at the capitol with the Arkansas Secretary of State, which allowed her to see the inner workings of Arkansas state politics. In this role, she not only garnered an expanded knowledge base but also developed strong relationships with many elected officials and their families.

With her continued heart for service, she is a proud member of various civic and social organizations. She currently serves on the boards of the Saline County Christian Care Center and the Arkansas Governor's Mansion. She is an avid gardener and member of the Garland County Master Gardeners Association. In addition, she is an active member of the Arkansas Native Plant Society, the Hosta Society, Wild Ones, and the Audubon Society. One of her favorite activities is volunteering at Garvan Woodland Gardens. Although she adores all species of plants, her heart lies with native plants and her estate is recognized by the Audubon Society as a Gold Certified Bird Friendly Garden.

Throughout her career, Emilie was a member of the AEA. Upon her retirement, she joined ARTA as a Lifetime Member. She served a four-year term as the president of the Saline County Retired Teachers Association and as an at-large member of ARTA prior to becoming the vice president. She then moved up to president-elect, and is now completing her term as ARTA President during a most unprecedented year. She will continue in a leadership role with ARTA as immediate past president.

Emilie also plans to continue serving in other civic and social organizations. She is most looking forward to her time with her two daughters and three precious granddaughters, who continue to keep her on her toes.

New Life Continuing Member

William Brecheen of Van Buren County has become the newest Life Continuing (LC) member of ARTA.

Mr. Brecheen joins other LC members who have elected to have an additional deduction taken from their retirement check to support the Parsons-Burnett Fund (see back page for details).

Important Contact Information

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Message from the Executive Director

The New Normal

I don't know about each of you, but the phrase that I have heard the most in the past 15 months is: "This is the new normal". I would smile under my face mask covering and then become frustrated. Let's face it, it is here to stay. Some of the "new normal" is positive but it is the change we could never anticipate. The good news is we are now in the bell lap of the COVID19 pandemic race and can see the finish line.

ARTA has several "new normal" ways to operate. Future meetings will likely be both face to face and virtual to allow more participation. The ARTA State Convention and Area Leadership Conferences may change the times of the year they are held. Our travel partners at Collette have become totally paperless, with all bookings now made online from the ARTA website, www.artanow.com. It is a very secure connection with the Collette server. The ARTA bus trips will still be handled through the ARTA office. Good news is the bus trip information is also listed on the ARTA website under the travel link. Many local units have changed how they have been meeting. They have also found that the old telephone tree works well to stay in contact with their members, especially those who do not use technology.

The General Assembly is in recess until September 27. The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System was not harmed during the session. The retirement system bills were mostly technical corrections. Yes, you will receive your 3% simple COLA in your July benefit payment. The system's returns have been very good this year. We are so proud to have four ARTA members on the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees.

The Employee Benefits Division (EBD) of the Department of Finance and Administration experienced a big change before the legislative recess when the State Life and Health Insurance Board was

abolished by Act 1004 of 2021. Responsibility for the Public School Employees (PSE) Health Plan and the Arkansas State Employees (ASE) Health Plan was moved to the State Board of Finance, which also has oversight of the Arkansas Treasury. The Board of Finance is meeting weekly to discuss future funding of the PSE Plan as well as studying the ASE Plan. This Board will make recommendations to the Legislature when they return in September. I expect that insurance rates will be increased January of 2022. As we receive more information on the proposed rates, or feel the need for plan members to contact your state elected officials, we will let you know by email and "ARTA Whispers".

I would like to thank the ARTA officers of 2020-2021 for their service during this "new normal" time. President Emilie Monk led the organization with her thoughtful advice, especially during the legislative session and EBD drama. President-elect David Cauldwell, Secretary Cindy Cole, Past President Lura Campbell and designated Vice President Melanee Yielding were on countless zoom calls to help guide decisions for the organization. Thank you also, to ARTA staff members Tammy Gray, Linda Powell and Mary Huie, until her retirement, for hanging in with us to support ARTA and me. I feel so blessed to work with so many wonderful public-school retirees. I look so forward to seeing members at local meetings in the fall. We will be stronger for making this journey to the new normal.

Fully vaccinated,

Donna



"My hope is that our new normal, today, exposes what was wrong with our old normal, yesterday, and sets us up for a better tomorrow."

~ Dwayne Reed, Educator

Welcome New Life Members

Benton County

Teresa L. Wood

Cleveland County

Deborah Ann Cearley

Craighead County

Judy Carmack

Melanie L. Leonard

Karleen Sheets

Cross County

Stephanie E. Emerson

Faulkner County

Esther Eve Schultz

Franklin County

Elizabeth Keeton

Garland County

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Jefferson County

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Sebastian County

Nancy Robbins

Debra Stewart-Cole

Saline County

Paula Abernathy

Richard Abernathy

Nancy Diane Robertson

Bettie Rogers

Washington County

Leslie S. Mackin

Martha Ray

Member News

Area I

The **Franklin County RSE** made fleece throws for cancer patients this winter. The throws were distributed to Greenhurst Nursing Home, Ozark Nursing Home, Baptist Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Arkansas Children's Hospital and Arkansas Children's Northwest. Pictured below are FCRSE members with some of the 30 throws that were made.



Area VI

The **Garland County RTA** reports that they were able to meet six times in the past year, thanks to the use of a local church fellowship hall. They were able to host scheduled speakers and carry out unit business, such as member outreach, member recruitment and the development of a local scholarship program. You can see photos from their meetings on their recently updated Facebook page.



Area VI

The **Faulkner County RTA** each year awards a scholarship to a student enrolled in a teacher education program in Faulkner County. Pictured below is the 2020 recipient, Olivia Farris. Also pictured are Carol Powers, FCRTA Co-President (L) and Connie Simpson, FCRTA Scholarship Committee Chairperson (R).



Area VIII

The **North Little Rock School District Retired Employees Association** met this year in a most unusual way...over the telephone! Alexander Bell would have been very proud. Not being able to meet in person didn't stop us from using the old-fashioned way to talk with one another! Our officers called members regularly to stay in touch in between emails that were sent out.

There weren't any party lines of which we were aware, but plenty of laughs, stories, fears, and hopes were shared. We wanted to make sure that if any of our members did have needs, we were there to help, support, and transport if necessary. There were a few missions of getting medications and a few items at grocery stores that were scarce during the year. All in all, we heard heartwarming stories of how family members had stepped up to the plate. We heard about neighbors reaching out to neighbors to help one another. We heard about

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2021-2022 ARTA Officers

David Cauldwell is a graduate of Rogers High School and the University of Arkansas. He had a long career in public service prior to becoming the business manager for Rogers Public Schools. He retired in 2013.

While actively employed, David represented support staff personnel as a trustee of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. Since retiring, he has represented Area VII on the ARTA board. He has also been instrumental in forming the Rogers Retired Teachers unit in Benton County.

David has been recognized for his work to reform school finance at both the district and state levels. He has been inducted into the Mountaineer Athletic Hall of Fame and is a Rogers Public Education Foundation Wall of Distinction honoree.

David and his wife Betty live in Rogers where they enjoy their retirement fishing, boating, traveling and babysitting 11 grandchildren.

Dr. Diana Glaze received her B.S. from the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. She first taught in California, where she received her master's in Educational Administration from Cal State—LA. She then went to Korea where she served as a school principal through the Department of Defense.

Diana met and married her husband Johnny in Korea before moving to Arkansas. She served 33 years as a teacher and principal, and got her doctorate from the University of Arkansas, before retiring in 1993.

She began her service with ARTA as a volunteer, where she developed the criteria and application process for the first Parsons-Burnett scholarship grants. She then joined ARTA as an employee, serving as the activities director for 12 years. She retired from ARTA in 2006, but has continued to serve on the board in numerous capacities, stating "I feel strongly about ARTA and it's mission and will do my best to follow the examples of those who have gone before me."

Diana has also served as the president of the Little Rock Retired Teachers and is currently serving as the president-elect of the Retired Educators of Little Rock. She is also very involved in her church. Two rescue dachshunds complete the family.

Jeff Stubblefield is a graduate of Charleston High School and the University of Arkansas. He worked as a teacher, coach and principal before becoming the superintendent of Charleston Public Schools.

He has served on numerous educational and professional boards and associations, including as chairman of the Arkansas Teachers Retirement System Board of Trustees.

He has also served on the Franklin County Fair Board, as a member of the Charleston Volunteer Fire Department, as president of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, and as a trustee of the Charleston Methodist Church.

Jeff was nominated by Area I to serve as ARTA Vice President.

ATRS Benefit Payment Schedule	
Checks Mailed/Direct Deposit Dates	
June 28, 2021	
July 28, 2021	
August 27, 2021	
September 27, 2021	
October 27, 2021	
November 27, 2021	
December 27, 2021	

Annual Member Renewal

If you are an Annual Member as described on the Membership Key (back page), your membership will expire June 30 of the year indicated. Please send your renewal payment promptly to avoid discontinuation of your ARTA membership.

Tear and Share

ARTA Member: The poster on the next page was created for you to share.

Once you have read your copy of the INTERLINK, please remove the poster and place it in a location where new retirees or other potential members might see it, such as a library, community center, restaurant or other place of business.

Feel free to customize the poster with your local contact information. You are also welcome to duplicate or download additional posters at www.artanow.com/resources.

NOW ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS



ARE YOU:

- ♦ Retired from an Arkansas public school or educational institution?
- ♦ Invested in a safe, stable retirement system for public school retirees?
- ♦ Looking for opportunities to lead, serve and connect with other retired colleagues?
- ♦ Interested in giving voice to the interests of retired school employees?
- ♦ Ready to enjoy the benefits available to you as a member of ARTA?

Find a local meeting:

**CONTACT ARTA TODAY
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ARTANOW Group Travel to Resume

We are thrilled that ARTANOW group travel will be picking back up soon. You could find less expensive trips traveling on your own but as the saying goes, “you get what you pay for”. With ARTANOW, you get group travel that is safe, worry-free and fun.

Most of our trips are booked through Collette Travel. These trips include all transfers from airports to hotels, as well as a tour manager to take care of any problems that might occur during the trip.

COLLETTE TRAVEL NOW USES AN ONLINE RESERVATION SYSTEM. Please go to the ARTANOW website, www.artanow.com, and click on “travel”. You can scroll through the trips that are currently available for booking and click on a specific trip to get more information. On the top left of each Collette trip, you can click on either “Request more information” or “Sign up now”. The booking form that you fill out online for the specific trip is inside the online brochure.

Bus trips are booked directly with ARTANOW. You can review the trip information on the website, or contact the ARTANOW office to make your reservation.

The ARTANOW staff is still available to help you with questions, so call or email during business hours if you do not find what you are looking for on the website.

With ARTANOW group travel, there is safety in numbers any place you travel. Most important is the opportunity to meet other retired educators and develop friendships. Many of our members who have met on an ARTANOW trip now book trips to travel together or meet occasionally to fellowship and share a meal while home in Arkansas.

We are looking forward to resuming group travel and to developing more friendships and memories of traveling with ARTANOW.



Staying Positive, *continued*

children of others. Others offered tutoring or support services when volunteering in a school was not possible. And thanks to the generosity of our members, ARTANOW awarded nine scholarships to practicing educators in 2020. We hope to offer as many again this year.

ARTANOW members served others. Even when in-person meetings and planned programs were canceled, ARTANOW members continued to serve their friends and neighbors. In some areas, existing projects were modified and continued, while in others, new needs were identified and met. Masks were made, meals were delivered, and cards were sent.

ARTANOW members stayed connected. In a time when information and communication were vital, we all sought ways to stay informed and in touch. Members learned to use new technology to host meetings, participate in events, and “visit” with others. Some of you relied on a traditional phone tree. In short,

you used whatever means necessary to connect with others so that nobody felt isolated or forgotten.

As a result of the pandemic, ARTANOW added new video conferencing, email and messaging capabilities. As we return to in-person meetings and events, we will continue to use some of the technology that we have adopted. This will allow us to include those who might not be able to drive or attend in person, because every member is an important part of our organization.

The pandemic isn’t over, and we may never return to “normal”. But we can strive to remember some positive aspects of the last 15 months—adopting healthier habits, respecting science and nature, prioritizing what is most important to us, showing appreciation for what we have, maintaining connections with others, knowing we can learn new things, giving grace and practicing flexibility, and acknowledging that the greater good is sometimes more important than our personal comfort.

Just Added—Book Now



Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta by Motorcoach

October 5—10, 2021

This roundtrip motorcoach trip offers admission to two festival sessions, with VIP treatment, admission to the Balloon Museum and a day trip to nearby Santa Fe. Also included are five nights of lodging and additional meals. **Deposit due by June 30, 2021 to reserve your seat.**

- ◆ For a detailed itinerary and pricing, visit www.artanow.com/travel. For questions or to request a booking form, contact Donna Morey at 501-375-2958 or donna_arta@att.net.

Motor Coach Policy: ARTA contracts with Little Rock Tours for motor coach trips to U.S. destinations. **BOOK EARLY**—Reservations are accepted on a first come, first serve basis but require a minimum number of travelers booked, **with deposit**. Deposits are refundable until **60** days before the final payment due date.

Book Now for 2022



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travel updates and photos from
other scheduled trips:

**Canadian Rockies &
Glacier National Park**
August 7—13, 2021

Autumn in Vermont
October 1—7, 2021

**Classic Danube
River Cruise**
October 3—13, 2021

Heritage of America
October 24—November 1, 2021

**Nashville & the Smoky
Mountains Holiday**
December 1—8, 2021

Spotlight on Tuscany

March 22—30, 2022

Extend your vacation with an optional 5-day, 3-night pre tour to Rome

Rolling landscapes, savory wines, delicious food and stunning architecture – find all of this and more in Tuscany. Highlights on this journey among Italy's most charming towns include Montecatini Terme, Lucca, Gothic Line, Winery Tour, Florence, Choice on Tour, Pisa, Cooking Class, Cheese Farm, and San Gimignano. **Book by September 16, 2022**

- ◆ For a detailed itinerary, pricing, and online reservation form, visit www.artanow.com/travel. For other questions contact Donna Morey at 501-375-2958 or donna_arta@att.net.

California Dreamin': Monterey, Yosemite and Napa

May 9—16, 2022

From the rugged coastline of the Pacific Ocean to Yosemite National Park, Lake Tahoe to Napa Valley, the scenery, history, and culture of northern California is unparalleled. Highlights include: Monterey, Scenic 17-Mile Drive, Yosemite National Park, Sacramento, Choice on Tour, Lake Tahoe Scenic Cruise, Napa Valley Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting, San Francisco. **Save \$150 pp—Book by November 2, 2022**

- ◆ For a detailed itinerary, pricing, and online reservation form, visit www.artanow.com/travel. For other questions contact Donna Morey at 501-375-2958 or donna_arta@att.net.

Discover the Highlights of Norway

July 15—23, 2022

Extend your vacation with an optional 5-day, 3-night pre tour to Stockholm or 4-day, 3-night post tour to Iceland

Journey to a land of mountains, glacial fjords, legends, and charming people. Dive into the culture of the region, connecting with layers of Viking history, attention-grabbing nature, and a sense of refined traditions. Highlights include Oslo, Fram Museum, Stave Church, Flåm Railway, Sognefjord, Briksdal Glacier, Geirangerfjord Cruise, and Bergen **Save \$200 pp—Book by January 9, 2022**

- ◆ For a detailed itinerary, pricing, and online reservation form, visit www.artanow.com/travel. For other questions contact Donna Morey at 501-375-2958 or donna_arta@att.net.

Croatia & Its Islands: Small Ship Cruising on the Adriatic Coast

October 4—15, 2022

Wander along medieval walls, marvel at enchanting waterfalls, and relax on sunny islands. From Zagreb to Dubrovnik, set out to experience the best of Croatia and the Adriatic Coast. Other highlights include Stone Gate, Šibenik, Cathedral of St. James, Krka National Park, Split, Diocletian's Palace, Choice on Tour, 7-Night Adriatic Cruise, Trogir, Bol, Hvar, Biševo Blue Cave, Vis, Korcula, Mljet National Park, and Slano. **Save \$200 pp—Book by August 29, 2021**

- ◆ For a detailed itinerary, pricing, and online reservation form, visit www.artanow.com/travel. For other questions contact Donna Morey at 501-375-2958 or donna_arta@att.net.

America's Cowboy Country

September 3—11, 2022

This tour of the American west features Salt Lake City, Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Deadwood, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, and Mt. Rushmore. **Save \$100 pp—Book by February 24, 2022**

- ◆ For a detailed itinerary, pricing, and online reservation form, visit www.artanow.com/travel. For other questions contact Donna Morey at 501-375-2958 or donna_arta@att.net.

Spotlight on New York City Holiday

December 5—9, 2022

"Start spreading the news," you'll be visiting America's most exciting metropolis as it shines during the holiday season. Your New York City getaway is filled with shopping, sightseeing, endless entertainment and holiday cheer. Highlights include Greenwich Village, Wall Street, Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, 9/11 Memorial, 9/11 Museum, and a Broadway Show. **Save \$50 pp—Book by June 28, 2022**

- ◆ For a detailed itinerary, pricing, and online reservation form, visit www.artanow.com/travel. For other questions contact Donna Morey at 501-375-2958 or donna_arta@att.net.

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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. For information about departures from alternate gateways and please contact ARTA..

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.

COVID 19—All scheduled trips are subject to change prior to the departure date. Travelers with confirmed reservations will be notified if the status of a trip changes in any way.

To suggest a future trip or for general questions about traveling with ARTA, please contact Donna Morey at 501-375-2958 or donna_arta@att.net.

In Memoriam

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

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The telephone gave us much more time to **listen** in a one-on-one situation than our regular meetings do. So...we have decided to keep this in mind and maybe continue this practice of sharing the love with one another by picking up and reaching out...just like The Four Tops did in their song from 1966...

*Now if you feel that you can't go on
Because all of your hope is gone
And your life is filled with much confusion
Until happiness is just an illusion
And your world around is crumblin' down
Darling, reach out, come on girl, reach on out for me
Reach out, reach out for me
I'll be there, with a love that will shelter you
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Reach Out and I'll be There,
Valerie McClean
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