



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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UNITED HEALTHCARE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN MEMBERS

United Healthcare now has two employees housed at the Employee Benefits Division to serve you. You can reach them directly at 1-844-488-3953 with questions related to the UHC Medicare Advantage Plan.

2023 RETIREE COLA

If you are eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to your retirement benefits, the change will be reflected in your July 27 monthly payment.

For more information about the COLA, contact ATRS directly at 501-682-1517 or info@artrs.gov.

Public Schools Serve Public Functions

Modern education aims to prepare students to be productive members of society. A closer look, however, reveals various definitions of success and disparate approaches for achieving it. Some believe that the role of education is to prepare kids to join the workforce. Others believe that this is a secondary goal, and that the primary role of education is to prepare kids to be good citizens.

According to columnist Rick Salutin, kids have a different agenda altogether. They just want to make sense of the world and their place in it, and he believes that public schools are better able to meet this agenda.¹

Even before the United States had a Constitution, its founders were advocating for the creation of public education systems. They believed that in order for democracy to work, citizens would need to be informed and prepared. They would need to know their history, the science of government, and the skills needed to debate, disagree, and compromise.²

This new form of government, of, by, and for the people, could work if “the whole people...take upon themselves the education of the whole people,” said John Adams.

In addition to preparing new citizens for participation in democracy, public schools were also seen as necessary to bring together a diverse society. By bringing together all kinds of Americans, public schools would help forge a national community.³

To their advocates, public schools served public functions of citizenship and community.

While it's arguable if public education delivers on its original promise, Salutin believes that public schools can still do what no other form of education can do as well—teach kids about the society they live in. “That’s because public schools must let everyone in. What’s unique about public education isn’t the education part, it’s the “public.”¹

Public schools are not alone in teaching civics lessons. But they don’t just teach democratic habits through instruction. By their very design, American school systems are intended to model democracy and by extension, community.⁴

Salutin uses the topic of school security as an example. He believes that while school security is critical, we also need to be careful that strict security measures don’t teach paranoia at the expense of learning what community is. If parents and local people can’t come and go freely, the sense of connection to those living and working around the school is lost.

“Connection to the community...provides a different kind of security than [that] provided by fencing off an enclave and living in fear. The kids sense it. Those who gain a feel for community will become community-minded adults; those who don’t, won’t.”¹

Community-minded citizens are more likely to take part in civic life. This includes participating in democratic processes, engaging in service, and using available opportunities to pursue education and other goals. Community-minded citizens are productive members of society.⁴

Childhood is spent learning about the world around us, and schools are just one of the places in which to learn it. And preparation for the two C’s (college and career) is important, but education does not guarantee one a job. Kids are better served when they learn about the society they live in and what role they can have in it.

Public schools can be the model of democracy in providing this service, where all are welcome, opportunity is equal, civil disagreement is learned, and the social contract does not dictate that one give up their identity to work toward a common good.

The kids’ agenda is a good one—for them and for us, community and citizenship make a lot of sense.

Message from the President

The Fun Isn't Over

Now it comes to the end of my journey as your state president. I have been honored and privileged to volunteer in this capacity.

I want to thank this year's executive board for working as a team to get things done. I would also like to thank the ARTA staff for all the help they have given me. I also want to thank the areas and units that invited me to visit with them. That has been the highlight of my presidency. Our relationships will be part of my memories forever.



In this last year, I have tried to be a learner and a teacher. I have learned so much from you the members and I have tried to leave you with hints throughout the year. If I made any suggestion that helped you be better at what you do, I will feel successful. I believe that we cannot ask you to do a job if we don't give you the tools to do that job. My last group of hints concern membership. I hope the list is helpful.

Even though I will no longer be your president, I will continue to support ARTA and its mission of protecting benefits for teachers. I have enjoyed this year. God bless all teachers—past, present, and future. School teachers are the lifeblood of our society.

And the fun is not over. Join us at the ARTA State Convention on June 6th in Benton. We will have informative and inspiring speakers, vendors, a silent auction, and some other surprises for you. See you there.

Dr. Diana Glaze
ARTA President

Ten Tips for Getting and Keeping New Members

1. Write personal letters addressed to non-members by name asking them to join. Be specific about the benefits they receive from ARTA. Include a membership application.
2. Emphasize that membership is the "lifeblood" of ARTA. Members carry the financial burden and non-members get the benefits of those who are paying the bill.
3. Always make an appeal for membership during or immediately after the legislative session, emphasizing retirement benefits.
4. Too many people retire without knowing about ARTA. Make a conscious effort to address groups of teachers where they are before they retire.
5. Make personal visits to non-members when possible.
6. Never let a new member sit alone—

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Important Contact Information

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Message from the Executive Director

Be a Goldfish

Spring was a busy time for ARTA. At the Area I meeting in Dardanelle, Jeff Stubblefield reminded us that research has found that 90% of the things we worry about never happen. As I googled that thought, I found “Studies show that people who worry a lot are generally less effective than those who don’t; they get less work done and are often less happy. And worriers are slower to respond than nonworriers - presumably because worrying burns off mental energy that would be more effectively applied elsewhere.” The Google piece went on to add that, “Worry is costing all of us something.” Next the article states, “Worry negatively affects our health and elevates cortisol levels.” Mark Twain felt that the irony is if what we worry about what does happen, we suffer twice. We have doubled our pain. Wow, I really needed Jeff’s words to sink into my mind that day. Counting our blessings is a much better use of our thoughts and time.

I am so thankful that the Legislature chose to allow the continued deduction of ARTA dues from the our ATRS benefit payments. We were informed that the consideration was because ARTA is non-partisan, meaning that ARTA does not endorse any political candidates or give financial contributions to any candidates. Yes, ARTA lobbies on issues that affect public-school employees and retirees. ARTA does not endorse any candidate or give contributions to any political campaign. We will continue to represent ALL public-school retirees at the Legislature, at Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustee meetings and at the Employee Benefits Division where the State Health Insurance program is administered. Please thank your elected member of the House for approving the change in the legislation. We, meaning each ARTA member, must continue to build relationships with all elected officials because each of us is a constituent.

The ARTA State Convention will be held June 6th. I hope you are planning to attend, as there will be many informative and inspiring presentations. I always love the address from the Arkansas Teacher of the Year. Each of you touched the lives of so many young people in your careers. All of you should consider your service just as vital

for the State of Arkansas. Every classified employee is just as important to education as certified employees. Thank you for your service. When I did present testimony before the House Education Committee this year, I ended by sharing that ARTA members represent more than 400,000 years of experience in Arkansas’s public schools. That is a fact to be proud of.

The ARTA fiscal year ends June 30th. As we near the end of our 2022-2023 year, I want to thank the ARTA leadership for their service. The officers, board members, area directors, associate directors and state committee members have made thoughtful decisions

and suggestions for the good of the organization. The local unit leaders are also important in sharing information and providing community service to local areas. Thank you all.

I enjoy watching the Apple TV series, *Ted Lasso*. In the very first episode, Ted Lasso becomes the manager/head coach of a football (soccer) club in London. He knows nothing about the sport but had been a successful small-college coach

from Kansas. Ted is a very positive guy who holds no grudges against any person. One of the strikers on the team misses a goal that would have won a match. Coach Lasso approaches the player and asks him if he knows what animal has the shortest memory? Ted then tells him that it is a goldfish. Coach Lasso puts his arm on the player’s shoulder and says, “Be a goldfish.”

Great advice for all of us – Let go of past mistakes and worries. A more recent episode ended with the team on the bus, all very solemn after losing their 7th match in a row, joining the frustrated team owner in singing “Everything’s...gonna be all right”. That is the big picture in life and the lesson for us all.

Don’t-worry—Be a goldfish!

Donna



“I’ve had a lot of worries in my life, most of which never happened.”

~ Mark Twain

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.

Thank You for Your Membership

If you received this newsletter via mail or email from ARTA, you are a member. Thank you! We hope you feel your membership has been of value.

Please take a minute to review your mailing information, which includes your membership type. *If there is a “23” next to your name, your membership will expire on June 30, 2023.* You may renew by using the form on the back page.

If you wish to change your membership type, you have the following options:

Continuing Member (CM)—your dues will be deducted from your monthly retirement check. You will no longer need to renew your membership each year.

Life Member (LM)—pay your dues using one of the two options, then relax and enjoy your membership benefits.

If you are already a Life or Continuing member, you do not need to do anything at this time unless you would like to authorize an additional deduction. Additional deductions are designated for the ARTA Grant Program.

ARTA membership benefits are the same for every member, regardless of the membership type. They include supplemental insurance products, group travel at competitive prices, professional and social opportunities, and most importantly, a voice.

ARTA *is* the voice of public education retirees at meetings where your retirement and health insurance benefits are decided.

Please share the benefits of ARTA with your colleagues who have entered, or are considering entering, retirement. ARTA is their voice too, and we would love to have them join us today.

Welcome New Life/LC* Members

Arkansas County

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Benton County

Dana Jones
Suzetta Pack
Darla Tomasko

Carroll County

Mattie McClenny

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Nancy Vitale
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Sandra S. Rollans

Out of State

Candyce Phillips Cloud
Bonnie Stine Holmes

* *Additional dues directed to the ARTA Grant Program*



Iceland's Magical Northern Lights—Spring 2023



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Holland & Belgium Springtime River Cruise—Spring 2023

Ten Tips, *continued*

- assign a mentor to call them before meetings, offer rides, sit together, etc. until they make new friends.
- 7. Use name tags at meetings.
- 8. Have an active communication network. Don't forget to add new members.
- 9. Put new members on a committee but don't give them the responsibility of an officer or chairperson until they understand the organization.
- 10. Always look for potential leadership among new members. Good leaders always choose their successors and make sure they are prepared to be a good leader.

Member News

Area I



Area 1 Leadership Conference, April 18, 2023

Area III



Area 3 Leadership Conference, April 20, 2023



The Logan County RTA enjoyed an informative presentation from Autumn Hughes, Volunteer Coordinator for Arkansas Hospice in Russellville, at their March meeting.



Mary Nell Masterson (right) presented the Craighead County RTA Scholarship to Aayden Rosenberg at their April meeting. Rosenberg, a graduate of Valley View High School, plans to attend Arkansas State University.

Area II



Area 2 Leadership Conference, May 10, 2023



Organizers of the newly established Lawrence/Randolph Counties RTA

Area IV

The **Clark County RTA** met at the International Hoo-Hoo Headquarters in Gurdon in April. Guest Natalie Leamons provided some interesting history of the Hoo-Hoo organization, a fraternity founded in 1892 to promote the lumber industry. Members are pictured below with items they collected for their local Humane Society.



Area VI



The **Faulkner County RTA** awarded a scholarship to Tanner Nantz (center) at their May meeting. He is pictured below with Jennie Webb (left) and Connie Simpson (right) of the FCRTA Scholarship Committee.

The **Saline County RTA** members toured the Saline County Career Technical Center, where they learned about the programs available to students who are interested in high-demand careers.



Area VII



Area 7 Leadership Conference, May 8, 2023

Area VIII

Members of the **North Lonoke County RTA** enjoyed a visit to Squizito's Tasting Room, where they enjoyed learning about types and uses of olive oil.



Members of the **North Pulaski RTA** heard from Amanda Dawson at their April meeting. Ms. Dawson, who is board certified in gerontological nutrition, shared information and answered questions about nutrition concerns particular to older adults.



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.

London & Paris Holiday

#1092387

November 29—December 7, 2023

From cosmopolitan London to romantic Paris, see the best of the world's most captivating cities decorated for the holiday season. To help make the most of your getaway, unpack just once in each city. Enjoy a leisurely-paced journey with plenty of time for independent exploration. Highlights include Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Oxford, Blenheim Palace, Eurostar Train, Arc de Triomphe, Galeries Lafayette, Choice on Tour, Eiffel Tower Dinner, and Seine River Cruise. **Early booking date has passed—Call for more information**

- ◆ For a detailed itinerary, pricing, and online reservation form, visit www.artanow.com/travel.
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Australia & New Zealand Uncovered

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March 11—April 1, 2024

Optional Post Tour Extension—4 Days/3 Nights in Fiji

A once in a lifetime opportunity to delve into the untamed vitality and captivating culture of this South Pacific destination. Highlights include Maori Culture Center, Cook Strait, Nelson, Abel Tasman National Park, Punakaiki's Pancake Rocks, Franz Josef, New Zealand's Wild West Coast, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Sydney Opera House, Adelaide, Barossa Valley, Sounds of Silence Dinner at Uluru, and Great Barrier Reef. **Save \$250 pp—Book by August 6, 2023**

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Discover Washington D.C.

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April 18—23, 2024

Explore America's heritage and history during your stay in the capital city of the United States. Highlights include U.S. Capitol Building Tour, World War II Memorial, Washington National Cathedral, Ford's Theatre, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Old Town Alexandria, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, White House Visitor Center, and Smithsonian Institution. **Save \$100 pp—Book by November 11, 2023**

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Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park

#1170619

August 24—September 4, 2024

Get ready for a grand adventure that brings together the beautiful expanse of the prairies, the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies and the brilliance of Montana’s Glacier National Park. Highlights include Calgary, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Waterton Lakes National Park, Glacier National Park, Going-to-the-Sun Road, Banff, Athabasca Glacier, Choice on Tour: Ice Explorer Glacier Tour or Columbia Icefield Skywalk, Lake Louise. **Save \$350 pp—Book by February 22, 2024**

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Grand Hawaiian Adventure

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October 10—22, 2024

Aloha! Relax and “hang loose” on this tropical adventure that combines culture, history and plenty of time to relax. Highlights include Waikiki Beach, Pearl Harbor, Iolani Palace, Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park, Kona Highlights, Iao Valley, Lahaina, Polynesian Luau, Waimea Canyon. **Save \$100 pp—Book by April 3, 2024**

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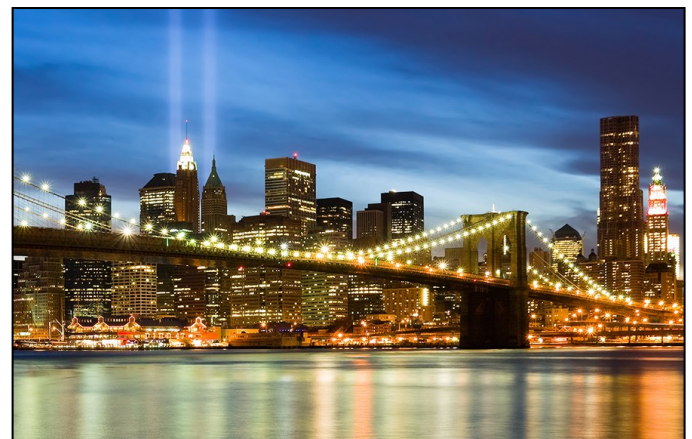
Spotlight on New York City Holiday

#1170629

November 30—December 4, 2024

"Start spreading the news," because today you arrive in 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 \$400 pp—Book by May 23, 2024**

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



In Memoriam

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

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