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CONNECTING ARKANSAS'S RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

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ARTA Dues

Effective January 1, 2019, the dues for an **annual** ARTA membership are \$36.

Life and continuing membership dues have not changed.

NOW AVAILABLE

Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Applications
www.artanow.com/resources

TAX STATEMENTS

Income statements for tax purposes (1099s) are provided by the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. If you have questions or have not received your 1099, contact ATRS directly at 800-666-2877.

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

ARTA Areas Preparing for Spring Leadership Meetings

The Arkansas Retired Teachers Association is divided into eight membership areas. The ARTA constitution requires that each area hold a leadership conference in the spring of each year.

These Spring Leadership Conferences include local speakers and elections, reports from the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and other agencies, and uniform messaging or training from the ARTA staff and leadership.

The best part of the meetings is often the wonderful refreshments, door prizes and entertainment arranged by the organizers.

All ARTA members are invited to attend their area meeting. Outgoing and incoming unit officers are especially encouraged to attend.

For more information about your area meeting, contact your Area Director:

Area I May 16, 2019
Fort Smith, AR

Contact: Jim Reynolds
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Area V May 9, 2019
Stuttgart, AR

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Area II May 14, 2019
Searcy, AR

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Area VI May 2, 2019
Conway, AR

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Area III May 8, 2019
Paragould, AR

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Area VII April 30, 2019
Harrison, AR

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Area IV May 7, 2019
Magnolia, AR

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Area VIII April 29, 2019
Jacksonville, AR

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For more area news, see pages 6 and 7.

Message from the President

Building the Team

Team ARTA has been busy. Your officers, executive director, committee members, and other members of ARTA have been attending ATRS board meetings and legislative committee meetings, consulting with state legislators who have filed bills relevant to our retirement and heard actuaries discuss the financial health of our retirement system. At the time of writing this, there is no active legislation that poses a threat to our retirement system. There are, however, several shell bills that have been filed but have not been filled out. We are watching these to keep track of their development.

I want to express my appreciation to our ARTA members for their effort in distributing ARTA posters in all our schools. These materials explain ARTA's mission, who it represents and how it can impact retirement. The posters are intended to introduce active employees to ARTA and encourage their later membership.

ARTA's strength lies in its numbers. Without new membership, over time our association, by attrition, will fade away. I am therefore respectfully asking for all area directors, associate directors and unit presidents to emphasize the importance of securing monies to fund scholarships for current classroom teachers in Arkansas. Reaching out to active teachers will show recipients and their peers firsthand what ARTA is doing for education in Arkansas. Hopefully this action will also encourage more new retirees to join as ARTA members.

I would also like to compliment the work of our committees. In August the committees met and selected goals and strategies to implement throughout the year. The committees made their reports at the January ARTA board meeting. I am very encouraged by the goals that were set, and most importantly, those that have already been completed.

Team ARTA is a team. Any team is only as strong as its players. I challenge each of you as members of ARTA to step up. Get involved in your local unit. Become a player for ARTA. Become a leader in ARTA. You showed leadership as a member of the education community. If you do not believe that you still have that ability, remember that a 66-year-old coach and a 41-year-old quarterback just won the Superbowl. Find and rekindle that enthusiasm now for Team ARTA.

Go Team!



Bob Thompson
ARTA President

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Inside Pulaski County: 501-682-1517
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Message from the Executive Director

The Sky is Not Falling!

Do you remember the children's story about The Little Boy Who Cried Wolf? The boy Peter alarmed his community so often that a wolf was going to attack that when he *was* attacked, no one came to his rescue. How about the story of Chicken Little, who shouted "The sky is falling, the sky is falling!"?

Now there are groups on Facebook and elsewhere that continue to stir the pot about the futures of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System. After one group posted the misleading line last summer that the state was ending all public retirement systems, I received calls from family members and many retirees, in tears and at the point of heart failure, because they could not survive without their ATRS pension benefits. More recently, a group has been asking for people to send them money to take the fight to the state legislature and the governor. This sounds like a dubious scam to me. Likewise with signing their online petition, which allows them to capture your personal information. This is not the way to treat people, nor is it the way to effectively influence legislation.

Please do not let the rumor mill control your lives. This only leads to fear, anxiety, wringing of hands and sleepless nights among retired as well as active public-school employees. Please don't spread hearsay about our retirement system, members of the Arkansas Legislature or the Governor. If you do have concerns, do some fact-checking. Call, email or visit with your elected representatives and the governor's office. Call, email or visit with your representatives at ARTA and ATRS (remember that four of the 11 ATRS trustees are also members of ARTA). As Will Rogers put it, "Rumor travels faster, but it don't stay put as long as truth". Let's work together in positive ways to maintain the promise of great pension and insurance benefits for everyone who has been or is currently a public servant in Arkansas's public schools.

ARTA needs every member to stay engaged in the process of citizen involvement at the local, state and federal levels. We need to ALL be on the same page, sharing the same talking points and factual information. Information is not only knowledge, it is power.

Here are your talking points to share with the governor's office and elected state representatives:

- State your name and address, that you live in their district and are a retired public-school employee with (your) years of service.
- Tell them you are a member of the Arkansas Retired Teachers Association and that you vote.
- Thank them for serving in the legislature.
- The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System is working efficiently, with a member-elected board and four trustees appointed according to their position (Commissioner of Education, State Treasurer, State Auditor and State Banking Commissioner). Do not change the composition of the ATRS Board. Allow the ATRS Board to do the job they were selected to do.
- Share your concern in a positive manner.
- Try to get them to voice a commitment to support the position you stated.
- Thank them either way and leave on a positive note.

It does take the whole village of ARTA to reach the 135 members of the House and Senate. The important point is that you live in their district and are a voting constituent. Every vote counts! Can ARTA count on you? All public-school retirees and active employees are counting on you to really step up your game instead of crying wolf. The sky falls on all of us if we do nothing.

As the Irish statesman Edmund Burke stated, "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little".

Team ARTA is counting on EVERY team member.

GO,
MAKE THOSE CONTACTS,
WIN!

Coach Morey



ARTA travelers gather for a group photo while exploring Ellis Island (Spotlight on New York Holiday, December 2018)

Bobby Lester to Continue as ATRS Trustee



I have been blessed not to have to face an opponent in the ATRS Trustee election scheduled for this spring. I hope this signals the confidence the membership has in my leadership thus far.

I strongly adhere to the Three R's of ATRS in my decision making—RECRUITING quality young people into the field of teaching, RETAINING these

same teachers for a long tenure and REWARDING them with a very good income when they retire. I know for many of us the

education field has been a very fulfilling career and we appreciate having one of the best retirement systems in the nation.

I have chaired the ATRS Operations Committee for the past few years, and promise that I will continue to represent you to the best of my ability. We have recently made many changes in laws and rules of the ATRS designed to help the sustainability of the system for us and our future generation of educators.

I thank you for your support, and the hard work that many of you give to ARTA which is the backbone of our success.

Bobby G. Lester

ATRIS Board of Trustees
and ARTA Member

ARTA Board Announces Changes to Awards Program

The ARTA Board of Directors has approved the recommendations of an ad hoc committee that was established to review and revise the ARTA awards program. The transition to the new program criteria and dates will begin in 2019 and become fully effective by 2020.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- The award criteria does not change.
- This award will become an area-level award.
- The next Individual Achievement Awards will be given at the 2020 Spring Leadership Conferences.
- Recipient photos and nomination information may be submitted to ARTA for inclusion in the INTERLINK.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

- Awards will be given based on the membership growth reported by local units during the ARTA membership campaign (Fall-Spring).
- In 2019, the Membership Committee and the ARTA staff will coordinate to determine awards to be given at the Annual State Convention.
- In 2020, membership awards will be presented at the Spring Leadership Conferences and subsequently reported in the INTERLINK.

UNIT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- The revised criteria for this award will be shared with incoming local presidents at the 2019 Spring Leadership Conferences.
- Select awards may be given at the 2019 Annual State Convention as units become familiar with the new criteria.
- The first awards using the new criteria will be given at the 2020 Annual State Convention.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Community Service and Public Relations Committee is working separately to review and revise the criteria and forms for the Community Service Awards.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Volunteer hours will still be reported in the annual reports to ARTA. Cumulative hours and individual hours over 1,000 will be published in the INTERLINK.

ANNUAL REPORT FORMS

The annual report forms have been revised to incorporate the changes made to the ARTA awards program. These forms will replace the existing forms in the spring of 2019.

ARTA Now Accepting Scholarship Applications

ARTA is now accepting applications for the 2019 Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Grants. These scholarships are awarded to practicing educators to further their education.

Applicants must be currently teaching in an Arkansas public school and have at least one year of experience. Awards are based on successful teaching performance; demonstrated use of innovative teaching techniques or methods; proven academic record; a compelling application statement; and financial need.

Application forms are available on the ARTA web site at www.artanow.com/resources. The application deadline is **June 15, 2019**.

Scholarships are funded by memorials and donations from ARTA members. Contributions may be made to the Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Fund at any time.

Parsons-Burnett Scholarship Fund

1200 Commerce Suite 103

Little Rock, AR 72202

ATRS Benefit Payment Schedule Checks Mailed/Direct Deposit Dates

March 27, 2019

April 26, 2019

May 28, 2019

June 26, 2019

July 29, 2019

August 28, 2019

September 26, 2019

October 28, 2019

November 27, 2019

December 23, 2019

Join ARTA and Collette in 2020 for a once-in-a-decade opportunity

Preparations are already underway for the next **Passion Play** in the tiny Bavarian hamlet of Oberammergau. The Passion Play has been performed for over four centuries. The shows in 2020 may seem distant but the excitement is already building for the next production.

ARTA has contracted for two trips that will include the Passion Play. There is limited availability on these trips due to the demand; in 2010 over 500,000 people attended. All space is on a first come first serve basis. Call the ARTA Travel Manager for deposit information.

Classic Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play

June 7—16, 2020

The Danube River is the second largest river in Europe. At 1770 miles in length, this mighty waterway carves its way through a total of ten European countries. Join us as we take you on a lovely cruise along the Wachau Valley region. Beginning in the charming medieval town of Durnstein, you'll see a dramatic shoreline complete with lofty hills, hilltop castles and charming villages nestled between flourishing vineyards. Schonbuhel Castle, built to protect the entrance to the Wachau Valley, is as impressive today as it was when it was constructed several hundred years ago. Experience the Wachau region from the water and see some of Austria's most breathtaking landscapes.

Imperial Cities with Oberammergau Passion Play

September 23—October 3, 2020

Set out on an exciting cultural experience in the Imperial Cities of Central Europe featuring traditional entertainment and the epic Oberammergau Passion Play. Highlights include: Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one of the world's most beautiful cities; a journey to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire; Schoenbrunn Palace; fairytale town of Cesky Krumlov; Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire; and the magnificent tour of the "Golden City" of Prague, including the Hradcany Castle. In Prague discover the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge, shop for Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's museums, such as the Lapidarium, home of stone sculptures dating from the 11th century to the present.

For a "sneak peek" at more 2020 travel opportunities see page 9.

Area News

Area I

Area I Director Jim Reynolds traveled to Philadelphia for a meeting of the National Retired Teachers Association. Jim is pictured below with Al Campos, the executive director of NRTA. Not pictured is Donna Morey, ARTA Executive Director, who presented at the conference.



The Franklin County RTA has several ongoing projects to serve their community. In December, members donated items for a local nursing home. Several members are pictured below with just a few of the donations they were able to collect.



Area II

Area II Board Member Anna Floyd reports that the Marion County RTA is working hard to increase interest and participation in the local unit. Other Area II units are offering encouragement and we hope to see them at the Area Spring Leadership Meeting in May.

Area III

Retired school employees from Monroe County have been invited to attend meetings with the Phillips County RTA.

Monroe County was moved from Area VI to Area III in an effort to give members in Monroe County, which does not currently have an active local unit, the chance to attend meetings that were geographically closer.

For information about meetings and other local opportunities, contact Phillips County RTA President and Area III Board Member Leroy Williams at 870-338-8526.

Area IV

The Miller County RTA adopted two senior angels from their local Salvation Army Angel Tree. Members enjoyed shopping for useful and special items for their chosen recipients.



Area News

Area V

Ashley County RTA presented a check for \$750 to Shanea Govan, girls' basketball coach at Crossett High School, to help her in her pursuit of a Master of Arts in Teaching degree.



Pictured L to R: Gay Jaggers, Connie Smith, Govan, and Jo Ann Streetman.

The Ashley County RTA presented a \$750 grant to Kristen Morris, an English teacher in the Crossett Public Schools. She is pursuing a degree in library science.



Pictured L to R: Gay Jaggers, Connie Smith, Morris, and Jo Ann Streetman.

Area VI

Area VI, which consists of the counties that remained after the new Area VIII was formed, is looking forward to planning and hosting its first Spring Leadership conference.

Contact Area VI Director Sandra Bradberry at 501-581-3712 for more information about the planned event.

Area VII

Boone and Newton County Retired Teachers and Support Staff enjoyed "surround sound" carols sung by Harrison High School Chamber Singers at their December luncheon. Members were blessed to hear from these talented, dedicated students who practice daily at 7:00 a.m. under the direction of Michael Crouch, Harrison High School Choral Director.



Area VIII

Area VIII, which was formed by moving Pulaski, Prairie and Lonoke Counties to their own area, is also looking forward to planning and hosting its Spring Leadership Conference.

Contact area Director Thomas Ford at 501-425-3216 for more information about the event.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

ARTA welcomes your news, photos and story ideas at any time. Submissions may be sent to the Communications Coordinator via email or mail. Include a SASE to have photos and materials returned to you.

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Submissions may also be shared via social media unless specified otherwise. They will be included in the INTERLINK as space allows.

ARTA members and their families are invited to join us for fun and exciting trips of a lifetime!

ARTA trips are customized for our members. Guests are welcome but must travel with an ARTA member. Whenever possible, ARTA trips are escorted by the ARTA Travel Manager or the ARTA Executive Director.

BOOK EARLY—Due to limited airline space, early booking with deposit will help ensure your airline seat and a price reduction. Reservations made after ARTA's reserve of seats are booked, or the seat reduction date has passed, are based upon availability and the price reduction no longer applies.

Alternate airline gateways, other than Little Rock, such as Northwest AR, Fort Smith and Memphis are available if you prefer to depart from there (usually at no additional cost). Travelers would join the group at the trip destination.

ARTA contracts with Cline Tours for motor coach trips taken twice a year. A minimum of 40 passengers booked with a deposit is required for these trips. Again, book early! Your deposit is refundable until 30 days before final payment is required.

For pricing and additional information, availability or to have a trip brochure mailed to you, call Mary Huie, ARTA Travel Manager, at 501-993-3767 or 501-843-6190.

Links to detailed trip information are also available on our web site, www.artanow.com/travel.

Suggestions for future ARTA trips are always welcome so let us hear from you regarding your dream destination.

Some of the world's best people travel with ARTA!!

Happy Travels,

Mary Huie, ARTA Travel Manager

Closed Trips

Motor Coach Trip to St. Augustine, Florida and the Kennedy Space Center

April 14—21, 2019

Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise

May 11—23, 2019

Canadian Rockies featuring Rocky Mountaineer Train

June 12—18, 2019

Discover Scotland

July 21—30, 2019

Hawaiian Adventure

August 8—17, 2019

2019 Travel Opportunities

The Best of Eastern Canada

September 3—10, 2019

An unforgettable cultural and historical experience awaits you in the heart of Eastern Canada. Your tour begins in Montreal with your choice of a panoramic coach tour highlighting Jacques Cartier Square, McGill University and St. Joseph's Oratory **or** a walking tour with a local guide. Next stop is Quebec City to enjoy the beauty and history of both Old and New Quebec; see the stately Chateau Frontenac, the provincial Parliament and the St. Louis Arch. In Ottawa you will see the Rideau Canal (which becomes the world's largest skating rink in wintertime). After a memorable cruise through the spectacular 1000 Islands in Rockport, you will travel to thundering awe-inspiring Niagara Falls where no visit would be complete without experiencing the incredible cruise at the base of the falls. In addition, discover Niagara-on-the-Lake with its quaint local shops and charming atmosphere. **Early booking date has passed—Call for more information**

Motor Coach Trip—To be Announced

October, 2019

Reflections of Italy

October 9—18, 2019

Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Revel in the magic of Italy on this tour that explores the cities of Rome, Florence, Siena, Venice, Assisi, Perugia and Milan. Your tour begins in Rome with a locally guided tour featuring the Piazza Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine and a visit to the Colosseum. An optional tour is available to Vati-

ARTA Travel

can City, Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. Delight in the city of Siena with its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. In Florence visit the word-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's incredible statue of *David*. Travel through the Chianti wine region and arrive in Venice with 117 tiny islands and its lattice work of 150 canals and 400 bridges. On Murano Island, view an up-close glass-blowing. View the Opera House La Scala and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery, the Duomo (this Gothic cathedral is the third largest church in Europe). **Save \$150 pp—Book before April 3, 2019**

NEW RIVER CRUISE

La Belle Seine

October 30 – November 7, 2019

The culture, art, history, and romance of France sweeps you away on board a river cruise you'll remember always. Start the journey to the Normandy region in Paris, where you'll board your incredible ship for a rejuvenating 7-night river cruise. Sail to Conflans and visit Auvers-sur-Oise, once home to several 19th-century painters including Cézanne and Van Gogh. Cruise past the idyllic French countryside and dock in Rouen, Normandy's historic capital where you'll see the Gros Horloge astronomical clock. On to Le Havre on the English Channel and to explore Honfleur, the remarkable maritime city. Sail on to Les Andelys and Château Gaillard, constructed by Richard the Lionheart in the 12th century. Continue to the gardens of Giverny, muse to Impressionist painters such as Claude Monet. After an evening of dinner and dancing, journey on to Paris, the "City of Lights." This is *La Belle Seine* – a journey as elegant as France itself. **Early booking date has passed—Call for more information**

Costa Rica: A World of Nature

November 7—14, 2019

Welcome to the "emerald" of Central America. This is an immersive small group touring with just 12-24 passengers. Smaller groups lead to bigger experiences giving travelers access to the work in a new way, venturing off the beaten path for more adventure and immersive cultural connections. Learn about Costa Rica's ecosystem and local culture and visit the world's first green turtle research station in Tortuguero Na-

tional Park. Other highlights include: Sarapiquí Rainforest, chocolate-making demonstration and tasting, pineapple plantation, river rafting, hanging bridges, choice of zip lining or volcano lava field hike and jungle crocodile safari & bird watching. **Save \$100 pp—Book before March 27, 2019**



Choctaw Hall, Natchez, MS
(Christmas in the South,
October 2019)

Classic Christmas Markets

December 7—15, 2019

Welcome Experience the 600-year-old holiday spirit of "Christkindlesmarkts" in Germany, France and Austria. The holiday spirit abounds on this classic European tour filled with delightful Christmas markets, medieval towns and spectacular mountain views. Visit the Nuremberg Christmas Market, one of the oldest and most famous markets in Germany dating back to 1628. Learn about the Imperial Castle and the Justice Palace, where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. Enjoy a stop in lovely Rothenburg, one of the most well-preserved medieval walled towns in all of Germany. Spend two days in Oberammergau (location of the 2020 Passion Play), a perfect example of a Bavarian Alpine Village. It's the ideal place to shop for cuckoo clocks, nutcrackers and Hummel figurines. **Save \$300 pp— Book before June 1, 2019**

Coming in 2020

- February – Exploring New Zealand
- March – Classical Greece (New Tour)
- April – Southern Charm
- May – Tuscany & The Italian Riviera
- June – Islands of New England
- July – British Landscapes
- August – Spectacular South Africa
- September – Treasures of Europe (New Tour)
- October – Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
- November – Heritage of America
- December – Spotlight on New York Holiday

In Memoriam

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

Arkansas County

Marie P. Ferguson
James M. Hobbs
Barbara A. Jackson
Norma D. Williams

Baxter County

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Carol N. Nusch

Benton County

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Morris G. Brown
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Myrtle D. Coxsey
Belva M. Holman

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