

## Annual State Convention September 22-23, 2014

The 2014 Annual ARTA State Convention will be held on September 22 and 23, 2014. The ARTA Board extends an invitation to every association member to attend as follows.

The general convention will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at the Benton Event Center in Benton, Arkansas. Directions to the Event Center are located on page 12. The meeting will open for registration at 9:30 a.m. A business session will convene at 10:30 a.m. In addition to items of association business, the agenda will include updates on current retirement and insurance issues as well as special recognition of local units and individual members.

The convention luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon. Participants must have a ticket or a reservation to attend the lunch-

eon, which costs \$20. Reservations can be made by mailing the form on page 3 or by calling the ARTA office at 501-375-2958 or 1-888-929-0955. The Parsons Burnett Grant recipients will be recognized at the luncheon, followed by guest speaker Jacqueline Wolven of Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

The general convention will be preceded by an ARTA Board meeting on Monday, September 22, 2014. All association officers, elected board members, area directors, board members-at-large, state committee chairmen, past state presidents and staff members are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the ATRS Building at 1400 West Third Street, Little Rock. The meeting will be followed by a leadership dinner.

## Jacqueline Wolven to Speak at State Convention



Jacqueline Wolven started her career designing packages for Ninja Turtle Toys, Star Wars Episode One Packaging, and a host of consumer goods. After a solid career in graphic design in San Francisco, she jumped feet first into corporate business development, where she

worked with clients such as Cisco Systems, Citrix and HP. Her travel and incentive marketing programs and materials are featured in the Pampered Chef corporate museum.

Wolven provides consulting for small businesses nationwide, providing hands-on marketing solutions to grow their business. Her personal motto is that "Life is short; live simply and work smarter". With that she speaks nationwide on brand development, community organization, personal and professional development, amplifying your story and tips and tools to make your way along the journey.

Wolven also serves as executive director of Main Street, which represents a partnership between The Eureka Springs Downtown Network, Main Street Arkansas and the National Trust for Historic Preservation Main Street Center. Their collective goal is to support preservation, business education, promotional programming, economic development and beautification in downtown Eureka Springs with the understanding that a vibrant downtown is in the best interest of the whole community.

A graduate of Platt College, California and a learning sponge, Wolven continues to keep ahead of all that is new in the marketing landscape. She lives with her husband in Eureka Springs on a small homestead built in 1899. She is the proud parent of a daughter at the University of Arkansas. Learn more at [jacquelinewolven.com](http://jacquelinewolven.com).

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# Message from the *President*

This is a special time of year for me, just as I know it is for many of you. It's a time of new beginnings and a time for enthusiasm about education in the state of Arkansas. As a retired teacher who taught for 26 years in the Watson Chapel School District, this is something that continues to be dear to my heart.

I am truly humbled to have been chosen to serve as the Arkansas Retired Teachers Association president. I retired from Watson Chapel High School in 2002 and joined the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association, eventually serving as its president. I never dreamed that I would one day serve as the ARTA state president.

This spring, as president-elect, I had the opportunity to travel the state and attend all of the area meetings. Without fail, at each of the meetings, I met someone with whom I had a connection in some way.

At the first area meeting in Marion, I ran into my former home economics teacher from Rison High School, Laruth Flynn of West Memphis. She was one of my favorite teachers, and I am so indebted to her for a number of reasons. For example, she taught me how to sew, which is quickly becoming a lost art, and I am still using those skills today. I have a room in my home that serves as my office and sewing room, and I wish she could see my embroidery machine, sewing machine, and serger sitting on the table beside me as I use my computer and compose this letter.

I am looking forward to attending the ARTA convention in September and hope to see many of you at the Benton Event Center.

In closing, let me encourage each of you to contact any retired educators you know who are not members of ARTA and encourage them to join. With the financial uncertainty that we read about today, we need to join together and work to protect the welfare of our retired educators.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as your president. If I can be of assistance to any of you, do not hesitate to contact me.

*Sincerely,  
Toni Bradford, ARTA President*



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between newsletters by sharing your email  
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**Thank You!**

# Message from the *Executive Director*

## An Invitation to Share

What a pleasant Arkansas summer of mild temperatures we have enjoyed!

ARTA has represented all public school retirees at meetings with the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, Employee Benefits Division and about all insurance available to our members. The ARTA Board met July 22nd and we are so excited about the ARTA State Convention celebrating 75 years as an organization. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and get your reservations turned in to the ARTA office.

We are in the process of hosting informational meetings around the state on the changes in the Public School Health Insurance plans. Please come to the meetings in your area and bring a friend who is a potential member to hear about the changes. The Medicare eligible supplemental plans have been shifted to QualChoice. There will be a representative from QualChoice at the meetings as well as Mary Alice or Matt Hughes to share their advice with you. The Pre-Medicare retiree plans have changed in names and benefits so, information is power (and perhaps sickening).

I am looking forward to meeting each of you either at the state convention or at county meetings this fall and winter.

Please call or email me with your questions, concerns and comments to improve our organization. If you don't communicate with me then I can't help make the shifts that we need to make. This is true for Tammy and Mary of the ARTA staff as well.



I believe we must all learn something new each day or we will perish. I want to recommend a book that my PHUMC Book Club is discussing – Andrew Carroll's Letters to a Nation. The book is a collection of letters from individuals who lived in this country from before the Revolutionary War till the 1970's. We are so blessed to live in the United States and have the opportunity to share in so many struggles of the human experience. With the onset of technology and our short attention spans, we have lost the art of writing letters to share as people did in our history.

I hope to see each of you at the convention. Please send me names of books that have enriched your lives.

*High Regards,*

*Donna*

## ARTA State Convention

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Benton Event Center

Hickory Square Shopping Center

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Mail your reservation before September 13, 2014 to:

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Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) for the morning refreshments & luncheon at \$20 each. I have enclosed my check with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to have my tickets sent to me in advance.

### **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON THE DAY OF THE CONVENTION**

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## 2015 Monthly Insurance Premiums for Medicare Primary Retirees Effective January 1, 2015—December 31, 2015

	Base Monthly Premium	Subsidy	Total Monthly Retiree Cost
Retiree Only	153.98	55.18	98.80
Retiree & Spouse	783.92	0	783.92
Retiree & Child(ren)	757.10	0	757.10
Retiree & Family	1521.48	0	1521.48
Retiree & Medicare Primary Spouse	285.46	27.28	257.88
Retiree & Medicare Primary Spouse & Child(ren)	888.57	0	888.57

The rates shown here were provided by AR Benefits (Employee Benefits Division).  
For more information, contact EBD directly at 501-682-9656 or 1-877-815-1017.

## 2015 Monthly Insurance Premiums for Non-Medicare Retirees Effective January 1, 2015—December 31, 2015

	Total Monthly Retiree Cost
<b>Premium</b>	
Retiree Only	641.14
Retiree & Non-Medicare Spouse	1457.18
Retiree & Child(ren)	1192.60
Retiree & Non-Medicare Spouse & Child(ren)	2008.64
Retiree & Medicare Primary Spouse	795.12
Retiree & Medicare Primary Spouse & Child(ren)	1346.58
<b>Classic</b>	
Retiree Only	267.94
Retiree & Spouse	554.68
Retiree & Child(ren)	469.82
Retiree & Family	731.56
<b>Basic</b>	
Retiree Only	148.50
Retiree & Spouse	269.72
Retiree & Child(ren)	238.52
Retiree & Family	334.74

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# Memorials and Donations May, June & July 2014

Thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of individuals and local units, \$632.00 for memorials/honorariums was mailed directly to the ARTA office during the months of May, June and July. An additional \$30 was contributed by Continuing Members (above and beyond the regular monthly dues) bringing the total to \$662.00. Your gifts to ARTA, for whatever reason, are a meaningful and substantive part of the association's budget and are greatly appreciated.

**Columbia/Lafayette RTA:** in memory of Dorothy Dunbar, Joe Joshua, Nancy Polk, Bob Terry and Jake Whitehead; **Grant County RTA:** in memory of Peggy French; **Jefferson County RTA:** in memory of Jewell Baker, Eloise Bateman, Martha Carr, James Cash, Harry Cross, Carniece Hampton, Adele Harkins, Bobbie Hodge, Cravens Housley, Lora Mae Housley, Loucette Johnson, Berna Dean Mays, Jerry Lybrand, Delores Nolen,

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We invite ARTA members to join us for trips of a lifetime!

Detailed itineraries and cost for each trip are available by calling the ARTA office at 501-375-2958 or on our website at [artanow.com](http://artanow.com). If you are interested in one of our trips, call the ARTA office to place your name on the trip list. Guests are welcome but must travel with ARTA members. Whenever possible, ARTA trips are escorted by an ARTA staff member.

Early bookings ensure trips that require a minimum number of travelers are not pulled from us. All price quotes are round trip from Little Rock to Little Rock; however, arrangements can be made for other departures and arrivals. Deposits are required and are refundable until final payment deadline with trip cancellation waiver plan.

**January 19-31, 2015 – A Taste of the South Pacific.** Highlights include: Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park, Hartley's Crocodile Farm, Sydney, Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Cruise and Fiji. Call the ARTA office for a detailed itinerary brochure, pricing and reservations.

**February 27-March 7, 2015 - South Caribbean Cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean, Jewel of the Sea.** Departing from San Juan, Puerto Rico, ports of call include: Tortola, British Virgin Islands, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Philipsburg, St. Maarten, Roseau, Dominica and Bridgetown, Barbados. Call the ARTA office for pricing and reservations.

**March 23-31, 2015 – Trains, Wineries & Treasures of Northern California.** Experience the city of San Francisco during dinner overlooking the bay and on a highlight-packed city tour. Enjoy your journey on a splendidly restored Pullman car as you travel through picturesque Napa Valley at an unhurried pace. Enjoy the incredible beauty of one of America's most beloved national parks, Yosemite. Glide along the pristine waters of Lake Tahoe and marvel at the inspiring scenery. Early booking bonus of \$100.00 if booked six months before departure date. Call the ARTA office for a detailed itinerary brochure, pricing and reservations.

**April 26-May 4, 2015 – Rhine River Cruise.** Spend six nights relaxing onboard your 4-star river cruise ship, the *MS Gérard Schmitter*. Soak up the spectacular scenery of the romantic Rhine Valley. Cruise the famous canals of Amsterdam and overnight in Strasbourg exploring the old town and city on an included tour. Ride the "little train" through the vineyards of the Rhine Valley. Other highlights include: Volendam, Zaanse Schans, Cologne, Rüdesheim, Lorelei Rock and Heidelberg Castle. **This trip fills quickly, so book early.** Early booking bonus of \$250.00 if booked six months before departure date. Call the ARTA office for a detailed itinerary brochure, pricing and reservations.

**May 15-29, 2015 – European Tapestry.** The perfect vacation for those who wish to see all major highlights of Europe. Start in Amsterdam, and enjoy a canal cruise, the only way to see the 17th-century city. In Germany, a romantic Rhine cruise to see the medieval castles, a picture stop at Heidelberg Castle, and a stop in the Black Forest, to learn all about woodcarving, have been included. Admire the Rhine Falls, the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne, and the Golden Roof in Innsbruck. In Italy, a private boat ride to St. Mark's Square in Venice, and a highlight dinner at a local restaurant; guided visits to the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square and Basilica, the Colosseum and the Roman Forum in Rome; a lunch with local specialties and wine in Florence; see also the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Stay two nights on the French Riviera and enjoy a highlight visit to the artist town of St. Paul de Vence with the opportunity to try the traditional pastis. Ride the high-speed TGV train to Paris, where during your sightseeing tour a visit to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower, followed by dinner with local specialties awaits. You'll see it all! Two additional days in Paris are available. Call the ARTA office for a detailed itinerary, pricing and reservations.

**June 15-23, 2015 – Bus trip to Mackinac Island.** Get ready for a journey through the beautiful coastal regions of upper Michigan. On the way enjoy a stop in the quaint town of Frankenmuth which is filled with unique German shops and the largest Christmas store in the world. Stay two nights on Mackinac Island, a National Historic Landmark. Climb aboard your horse-drawn carriage for an island tour with stops at Surrey Hills Museum and Arch Rock. In a guided tour of Mackinaw City, don't miss the world famous fudge. Other highlights of the trip include Green Bay, Wisconsin, home of the Green Bay Packers, Chicago, and St. Louis. Call the ARTA office for a detailed itinerary, pricing and reservations.

**July 1-12, 2015 – Scotland and Ireland, featuring Northern Ireland.** Visit a Scottish whisky distillery and sample the "Water of Life". Enjoy a scenic cruise on beautiful Loch Lomond. Experience the rugged natural beauty of County Donegal and Glenveagh National Park. Join in the revelry and fun during a night of traditional Irish entertainment. See also the spectacular Giant's Causeway formed by ancient volcanic eruptions. Other highlights include: Edinburgh, Inverness, Loch Ness, Glasgow, Belfast, Titanic Experience, Derry, Ulster American Folk Park and Dublin. Early booking bonus of \$250.00 if booked six months before departure date. Call the ARTA office for a detailed itinerary brochure, pricing and reservations.

**September 30-October 7, 2015 – Bus trip to Albuquerque Balloon Festival, Santa Fe, and Oklahoma City.** Dazzling during the day, the spectacle of hundreds of hot air balloons is even better when they light up at dawn and dusk. See these amazing displays, plus explore

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early Pueblo life and the artists of Santa Fe. Founded in 1972, the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta began with 13 balloons and has grown to more than 700 from all over the world. We will view the “mass ascension” of these specially-shaped balloons as they lift off at sunrise. Then back to Albuquerque for a thrilling ride aboard the world’s longest aerial tramway. On Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway you will be transported above the deep canyons and breathtaking terrains for an incredible view of the Rio Grande Valley. Highlights include: Indian Pueblo Cultural Center; Pecos National Park, Santa Fe tour including Governor’s Plaza, San Miguel Mission and Loreto Chapel. Call the ARTA office for a detailed itinerary, pricing and reservations.

**November 5-13, 2015 – Tropical Costa Rica.** Lush forests and stunning waterfalls, exotic wildlife and endless coastlines – Costa Rica is truly a slice of paradise. Your tour begins in the colorful capital city of San Jose. After a tour of the Doka Coffee Estates,

you will arrive in the Guanacaste region known for its breathtaking beauty and fine sandy beaches, to relax for a two-night stay. You won’t believe your eyes as you travel into the Monteverde Cloud Forest, home to the endangered quetzal and where trees grow to heights of 100 feet. Enjoy a guided, leisurely-paced “Hanging Bridges” walking tour and learn about the cloud forest’s unique ecosystem, its mammals, birds, plants and flora. Other highlights include: Lake Arenal Cruise, on the largest and most important lake in Costa Rica; cooking demonstration; Cano Negro guided river boat trip which may include crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies; and the Zarcero National Theatre. Early booking bonus of \$100.00 if booked six months before departure date. Call the ARTA office for a detailed itinerary, pricing and reservations.

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