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Annual Membership Renewals & Changes

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2026 COLA

If you are eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to your retirement benefits, you will see the changes beginning with your July payment.

For more information, contact the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System directly at 501-682-1517



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ARTA Members to be Trained

WANTED: ARTA members who are tech-comfortable and interested in serving others

Each fall, Medicare recipients with prescription drug plans must review and select or keep a plan for the upcoming year. ARTA has recently learned that third-party insurance providers, including those with whom we have an agreement for services, will no longer be able to provide that review for clients. Plan users will need to perform this review for themselves.

ARTA is seeking members who are interested in learning to assist others with their Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Review. You do not need to be on a Medicare plan to assist another person.

Over the next few months, in advance of the Medicare open enrollment period, ARTA and our insurance partners will be inviting members to attend short training sessions in your areas. The purpose of the training will be to teach you how the review and selection process works on the Medicare website.

Volunteers will not be enrolling others in plans. Instead, you will become familiar enough with the technical aspects of the process that you can help others navigate it as they compare and select plans.

Linda Powell, ARTA Interim Executive Director, sees a lot of possibilities for the service - "It isn't complicated once you learn how. Local units could even offer it as a program during a monthly meeting or provide it as a service to the community."

Training dates and locations will be shared later this summer. We hope to see many of you who are willing to learn more and to help others.

Medicare Part D

Medicare Part D is a federal program designed to help cover the cost of prescription drugs for seniors. Typically, if you qualify for Medicare, you qualify for Part D prescription drug coverage. It may be added as a standalone plan if you have Medicare Part A and Part B (Original Medicare), or a Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C) plan that does not include prescription drug coverage.



Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Review

There are many Medicare Part D plans from which to choose. It's important to find the one that works best initially, and to compare available plans each year. This includes making sure that current medications are covered and that preferred providers are in-network, as well as assessing costs for premiums, deductibles and coinsurance.

President's Message

I am at the end of my year as ARTA President. It has been a challenging year with the loss of our Executive Director, Donna Morey.

I am happy to report that the interview team recently interviewed applicants for the position of Executive Director. The committee recommended Mike Mertens to the Board of Directors for the position. The board approved the recommendation. Mike has accepted and will begin work for ARTA on July 1, 2026. Welcome aboard Mike!



The Annual ARTA State Convention was held on May 5th at the Benton Event Center. Area III was in charge of registration, table decorations, and the paper bag raffle. The attendance was the largest that we have had in recent years with 267 attendees representing 47 county units. The oldest person attending was Etoyle Mouser, 100 year-old from Area V. The theme was "ARTA Rocks" and the table decorations used a "Rock and Roll" theme. The paper bag raffle brought in \$1,950 for the grant fund. Many attendees made donations to the grant fund in Donna Morey's name as well as donations to the Arkansas Imagination Library.

Convention speakers started with Jeanie Wilcoxson, the 2025 Arkansas Teacher of the Year. She spoke on "The Quiet Miracle of Teaching" and shared highlights of her year. Hauken Smith, representing Collette Travel, talked about travel opportunities available for ARTA members. Bill Kopsky and April Reisma, representing For AR Kids, spoke on the Educational Rights Amendment and the Ballot Rights Measure. They stressed that 91,000 signatures are needed by July to get each measure on the ballot. Volunteers are needed to help collect signatures for both amendments. Dr. Tammy Benson shared information on the Arkansas Imagination Library program. Mark White, Executive Director of ATRS, gave an update on the system. He stressed that ATRS is fully funded for current retirees. He believes that ATRS's strength lies in three areas: 1) it maintains a strong investment portfolio, 2) it thinks in terms of decades, not months or years, 3) it has a strong board of trustees. Mary Alice and Matt Hughes spoke on Medicare Drug Plans, stating that they will be working with education co-ops and/or local units to train members how to do their own drug plan review.

The luncheon speakers were from the Alzheimer's Association. Jill Thompson and Amanda Lejia gave personal and professional insight on Alzheimer's Disease.

Business meeting items included the election of Diana Kolman, Area VII, as Vice-President and Evelyn Cash as Board Secretary. The Constitution Committee presented changes in the Constitution to clarify language. The changes, which do not change any policy, were adopted.

As a keepsake of the convention, my granddaughter painted rocks. They were given on a first come basis. Maybe next year I can bring more so that everyone gets one! Our theme was "ARTA Rocks", and we did! Everyone seemed to have fun and learned a lot. Make plans now to attend next year's convention on May 4, 2027!

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visit www.artanow.com

Director's Desk

The ARTA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Mike Mertens has been named the next Executive Director of ARTA, effective July 1, 2026.

Mike Mertens is a life-long Arkansas educator, having worked as a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent in Arkansas public schools. After retiring from public schools, he was Assistant Executive Director for the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators (AAEA). Since leaving that position in 2024, he has continued consulting for AAEA. Mike and his wife Margie live in Faulkner County and enjoy an extended family of five children, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



President, *continued*

As always, I must stress the need to grow ARTA membership. One of the vendors, who was a newly retired teacher, joined ARTA at the convention! Continue asking retired school employees you know to join ARTA. Remember- "Numbers count!"

This has been a challenging year, but we have persevered! It has been a pleasure to work with the board, staff, and members to do what was needed to move ARTA forward. A great big "Thank You"

goes out to Tammy and Linda for the guidance and direction they have given me to get through the year. You, ARTA members, are a great bunch of people to work with!

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president!

Paulette Parker
ARTA President

In Memoriam, *continued*

Pulaski County

Donna I. Morey
Karl D. Morris
Joyce R. Oliver
John W. Petty
Thomas J. Poole, Jr.
Carolyn D. Reynolds
Clovita P. Rice
Frances A. Ross
Lillie M. Scull
Elizabeth C. Sharp
Shirley M. Simerley
Donald. Stewart
Kathryn F. Varady
Lois N. Voyles
Colleen S. Walls
Edith L. Watson
Erma J. Williams
Jacqueline Yelverton

Randolph County

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Vera J. Breeding
Rae B. Burris

Saline County

Steve B. Collie
Shirley L. Holloway
Sarah M. Hunt
Virginia M. Kennedy
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Scott County

Charlie D. Riddle

Searcy County

Benny G. Taylor

Sebastian County

Betty S. Collett
David A. Fortner
Rita D. Harris
Rita G. Ratcliff
Kathryn J. Robinson
Jo N. Thomas

Sevier County

Phyllis L. Hughes
Dee A. Toye

Sharp County

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Juanita F. Skaggs

St. Francis County

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Rebecca B. Lewis
John R. Manning
Chaney J. Murray
Charlene K. Oswalt

Stone County

Virginia L. Breeding

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Samuel M. Hoover
Julia S. Murray
Mary Taylor
Billy White

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Randall W. Anderson
Anneta H. Bryant
Thomas G. Buchanan, Jr.
Donna M. Darling
Eloise M. Faur
Doris J. Gibson
Richard D. Kuehl
L.M. Martin
Jerry L. Moody
Linda L. Newton
Patsy A. Oxford
Nancy G. Puckett
Anita L. Sampley
Patricia A. Selph
William H. Stringer
Marilyn K. Wilson
Patrick J. Wing
Routh A. Yarbrough

White County

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Maxine H. Morton
Brenda. Needham
Helen D. Steward

Woodruff County

Jackie B. Carter
Kitty A. Hopkins

Yell County

Patsy M. Benefield
Judy E. Strickland

Out of State

Carolyn Allen
Mary S. Beall
Linda A. Beirne
Ina P. Bolton
Hazel S. Bullock
Marsha H. Buras
Sheila A. Burger
Mary A. Burns
Charles Butler
Freddie J. Carr
Virginia M. Carter
Ruth M. Crowder
Dorothy J. Davis
Harley L. Dobbins
Donald N. Evans
Silbia Galan

Out of State

Samuel J. Goodwin
Sonya F. Hamilton
Franklin D. Hayes
Ross W. Hyatt, Jr.
Kristin A. Jaques
William E. Liles
Mary L. Martin-Smith
Barbara A. Miner
Tammara D. Mitchell
Martha Moses
Mary D. Myer
Ryan C. Oswalt
Paul E. Pierce
Vicki L. Ragan
Debra K. Rogers
Terry L. Shockey
Kathryn M. Slaubaugh
Shirley A. Stillwell
Roberta L. Talbert
Philip D. Van Hoose
Elizabeth J. Vernon
James C. Williams

ARTA Leadership Advancements

Effective July 1, 2026, the officers of the ARTA Board of Directors are as follows:



Rita Byers is a resident of Washington, Arkansas. She has been a member of ARTA since 2015. Prior to her nomination for board leadership, she served as an Associate Director for Area IV. She is also active in her local unit, having served multiple terms as president of the Nevada County Retired School Employees Association.



Paulette Parker, whose term as president ends on June 30, will serve one more year on the ARTA board as Immediate Past President.

Evelyn Cash will serve her final term as the ARTA board Secretary.

The full ARTA Directory will be published in the next issue of the newsletter, and is available at www.artanow.com/resources.



Susan Ridings spent 35 years in education, working in various positions that included Preschool teacher, Special Education teacher, Federal Programs Director, Assistant Elementary Principal and Elementary Principal.

Since retiring in 2019, Susan has served as the president of the Cleveland/Dallas County Retired Teachers Association and as Vice President of the Fordyce School Board.

In her spare time, she enjoys traveling with her husband Karl and spending time with her four grandchildren.



Diana Kolman was born and reared in Grand Prairie, Texas. She attended Southern Methodist University and Arlington State College before moving to Oklahoma City where she met and married her husband, Maurice Kolman.

In 1972, the family moved to Rogers, Arkansas. After working part time for 10 years as a pre-school teacher/director, Kolman returned to the University of Arkansas to complete her work on a bachelor's degree and earn her teaching certificate. In 1989, she was hired by Rogers High School as the student publication adviser and English/journalism teacher. She continued in this position until her retirement in 2011.

After retirement, she worked for seven years as the Special Events Coordinator for the Rogers Public Education Foundation, retiring in 2019. She is currently active in the Rogers Retired Teachers Association, the Friends of the Rogers Historical Museum, and in her church, Rogers First United Methodist.

ARTA Membership 2026-2027

If you received this newsletter via mail or email from ARTA, you are already a member. Thank you! We hope you consider your membership to be a good investment.

Please take a minute to review your mailing information, which includes your membership type. If there is a "26" next to your name, your membership will expire on June 30, 2026. You may renew by using the form on the back page or by requesting an online payment link from ARTA.

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

Continuing Member (CM) - your dues will be deducted from your monthly retirement check. Continuing members do not need to renew membership each year.

Life Member (LM) - you may pay your dues using the form on the back page or online at www.artanow.com/membership.

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 Grants Program.

Membership benefits are the same for each member regardless of 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 benefits are decided.

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

To update your contact information, return the form on the back page or contact us at the ARTA office.

ARTA Awards Grants for 2026

ARTA has concluded the ARTA Grants Program for 2026. Eleven Parsons-Burnett Grants for licensed educators and three Mitchell-Fair Grants for classified personnel were awarded.

The grant checks for \$2,000 were presented to recipients at district meetings in May and June by committee members, board members, and other volunteers.

The presentations were featured on Facebook. Photos of the presentations will also be shared in the next issue of this newsletter.

Barbara Wood, Area V, chaired the Grants & Scholarship Committee, which reviewed and scored the applications.

Committee members were Cindy Wofford, Area I, Alice Simmons, Area II, Jessica Foster, Area III, Elizabeth Tye, Area IV, Susan Ridings, Area V, Sandra Bradberry, Area VI, Jane Webb, Area VII, and Linda Thurston, Area VIII.

Thanks to the time, expertise, and financial support of our members, ARTA has awarded more than \$291,000 to Arkansas public-education personnel to advance their own education.

Welcome New Life & Life Continuing Members

Benton County
Sandy Baumhover
Dallas L. Lund

Boone County
Mitzi Cantrell

Garland County
Bruce Bryant

Lincoln County
Lee Steed Boren
Jill Davis
Cristy Dunnahoe
Cathy L. Edmonds
Angela Moore
Karen Moore
Linda Kay Thompson

Lonoke County
Kathy R. Fuell

Pulaski County
W. Andranette
Anderson-Gragg
Andrea Elaine Harris
George Hopkins

Saline County
Kimberly Boody
Kim Jobe

Searcy County
Rebecca Sullivan

Sebastian County
Sherry Escalante

Stone County
Linda Gay Pabst

Washington County
Timothy S. Byrd

White County
Lisa Sloan

Member News

AREA I



Area I members gathered for a group photo at the Annual ARTA State Convention in May.

AREA II



The **Izard County RTA** joined the White River Regional Library Board in welcoming a new library director. Members in Calico Rock organized a bookmark competition for grades K-4 at the Calico Rock School. The ICRTA selected the winners and presented them with prizes. The bookmarks were given to all attendees at the welcome reception.

Local units can submit photos, news items and story ideas to ARTA via text or email:

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tammy_arta@att.net

AREA III



The **Lee County RTA** donated and read books to students at Whitten Preschool, Anna Strong Learning Academy, and Lee Senior High School in Marianna this spring. The unit was later recognized for their extensive service to the community.

AREA IV



The **Clark County RTA** held a memorial service in May. Names were read, a bell was rung and a flower was placed in a vase while those who knew the deceased members shared memories.



The **Miller County RTA** also held their annual memorial service in May. Obituaries were read and a candle lit in memory of each member who had passed.

AREA V



Members of the **Bradley County RTA** enjoyed a variety of fun and informative programs this spring. Organizational speakers included a representative of the YMCA, who led the group in a work out.

AREA VI



The **Saline County RTA** took a field trip to Mt. View Elementary, Benton Public Schools' newest elementary school. While on tour, they met Stephanie Williams, 2026 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, and enjoyed a special song by the 2nd grade class she was instructing at that time.

AREA VII



The **Rogers RTA** hosted a fish fry at the Prairie Creek Pavilion on Beaver Lake to honor 2026 district retirees.

We look forward to welcoming these new retirees as ARTA members!

The **Washington County RTA** continues to collect donations of paper goods, cleaning supplies and toiletries for displaced families, as well as shelf stable foods for distribution through a local community outreach organization. This is in addition to their signature book donation program, which has distributed over 1,000 books this year.

AREA VIII



The **North Pulaski RTA** took a tour of Jacksonville North Pulaski Schools. Members of the NPRTA are pictured here with the Bayou Meto Elementary 5th Grade Anchored4Life team leaders who led the tours.



Find more photos and news from local members on our Facebook page.

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 include a member of the ARTA staff.

BOOK EARLY - ARTA partners with Collette Travel to offer 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 that you receive any advertised savings. Reservations made after the block is filled, or after the early booking date has passed, are based on availability and are subject to current pricing. Prices include round trip airfare from Little Rock National Airport. Departures from alternate gateways should be requested when booking.

BOOK ONLINE - www.artanow.com/travel includes links to the itinerary, pricing and online reservation form for each Collette trip.

BOOK DIRECT - Collette Travel also offers a direct booking method. Call 1-800-581-8942 and refer to the booking number provided for each trip.

MOTOR COACH TRIPS - ARTA contracts with local companies for motor coach trips to U.S. destinations. Bus trips require a minimum number of travelers booked with deposit. Reservations are made on a first come-first serve basis.

For general questions about traveling with ARTA or to suggest a trip, contact the ARTA office at **501-375-2958**.

Book now for 2027

Treasures of Egypt

#1430088

Dec 31, 2026 - Jan 12, 2027

Follow the allure of the Nile, uncover complex legends, and retrace the steps of the pharaohs in ancient Egypt. Highlights include Grand Egyptian Museum, Pyramids of Giza, Great Sphinx, 7-Night Nile River Cruise, Luxor, Temple of Karnak, Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatshepsut Temple, Kom Ombo, Aswan, and Philae Temple. **Ask about optional pre- and post-tour extensions to Cairo, Alexandria and Jordan.**



Discover Hawaiian Adventure

#1430163

Feb 23 - Mar 4, 2027

Embrace the spirit of "Aloha" on a leisurely 3-island tour of Hawaii featuring 3-night stays each in O'ahu, Big Island (Hawaii) and Maui. Highlights along the way include Pearl Harbor, Polynesian Luau, Iolani Palace, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Iao Valley, Kailua Kona, and Lei Making Class. **Save \$200 pp - book by August 11, 2026.**

Tuscany & the Italian Riviera

#1430078

Mar 19 - 27, 2027

From the shores of Lake Maggiore to the sun-soaked coast of the Italian Riviera and the rolling hills of Tuscany, a romantic rendezvous with Italia awaits. Highlights include Isola Bella Palace & Garden, Stresa, Parma, Cinque Terre, Lucca, Tuscan Villa Stay, Florence, and the Chianti Countryside. **Save \$250 pp - book by September 6, 2026.**

Discover British Landscapes

#1430168

April 18 - 27, 2027

An adventure fit for a Shakespearean tale takes you from verdant hillsides to bustling British cities rich with culture. Sleepy villages, grassy slopes, mountainside lakes, and cities built upon layers of history - these are the landscapes of Britain. Highlights include Edinburgh Castle, York Minster, Chester, Conwy Castle, Stratford-upon-Avon, and a Traditional Afternoon Tea. **Save \$100 pp - book by October 5, 2026.**

Cultural Treasures of Japan

May 6 - 19, 2027

#1430076

Immerse yourself in the ancient and modern cultures of Japan. Discover everything from peaceful temples to technological marvels, all set against the unimaginable natural beauty. Highlights of this once in a lifetime trip are too numerous to mention. **Save \$200 pp - book by September 23, 2026.**

Discover the Islands of New England

June 25 - July 2, 2027

#1430162

Explore New England's majestic seaboards, from Rhode Island to Cape Cod. Explore the local charms, walk along historic cobblestone streets, and feel like a true New Englander. Highlights include Newport, Plymouth Rock and Plymouth Harbor Cruise, Cape Cod, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and a Lobster Dinner. **Save \$200 pp - book by December 11, 2026.**



Discover Canadian Rockies

August 8 - 15, 2027

#1430176

From scenic mountains and valleys to the stunning Lake Louise, explore the best of Western Canada via the famous Rocky Mountaineer train. Set off on a mesmerizing voyage from Vancouver, British Columbia to Calgary, Alberta. Highlights along the way include Grouse Mountain, Stanley Park, Lake Louise, Banff, Icefields Parkway, Athabasca Glacier, and Peyto Lake. **Save \$200 pp - book by November 16, 2026.**

Spotlight on the French Riviera

Sept 30 - Oct 8, 2027

#1430113

Uncover the chic resorts, sun-soaked beaches, and elegant allure that attract the rich and famous to the exquisite French Riviera. Unpack for a leisurely multi-night stay, embracing the luxury and breathtaking beauty of the Côte d'Azur. Highlights include Nice Flower Market and Food Tour, Monaco, Monte Carlo, Hilltop Village of Eze, a Perfumery Workshop, Menton, Cannes, St. Paul de Vence and a Wine Tasting on Saint-Honorat Island. **Save \$100 pp - book by March 25, 2027.**



Northern Lights of Finland

November 2 - 9, 2027

#1430112

Embark on a winter adventure to the magical landscapes of Finnish Lapland. Explore Helsinki, "Daughter of the Baltic", then search for the breathtaking northern lights, lead your very own dog sled team, meet the reindeer on an evening sled ride, and spend a night in a glass igloo. **Save \$150 pp - book by May 3, 2027.**

Christmas on the Danube

December 13 - 21, 2027

#1336122

Welcome to winter by relaxing on a timeless trip down the Danube River. Be transported to beloved cities, where age-old culture is interwoven into seasonal specialties. Peruse handcrafted trinkets, traditional sweets, and infectious holiday cheer as you make your way through some of Europe's most renowned Christmas markets. Highlights include Vienna, Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Wachau Valley, Melk Abbey and Durnstein. **Save \$50 pp - book by November 31, 2026.**

In Memoriam

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

Ashley County

Phyllis A. Frazer
Linda K. Land

Baxter County

Daryl L. Maroney

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Leora F. Brown
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Pansy R. Henry
Gary L. Holliman
Shirley Z. Lane
Carol A. Little
Carolyn S. Misenheimer
Brenda D. Patton
Helen K. Roark
Sherman R. Robinson
Sean R. Seligman
Thomas G. Shemwell
Mary J. Styron

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Patricia K. Turney

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Terri L. Fleming
Elizabeth E. Trigleth

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Nina S. Fallin
Paul E. Shaver

Clay County

Leland E. Blackshare

Cleburne County

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Larry. Grace
Edna R. Hopson

Conway County

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Craighead County

Ruth A. Jefferies
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Lloyd R. Lamb
Judy A. Osborn
Cheryl L. Riley
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Stacy A. Williams

Crawford County

Idus N. Benham, Jr.
Janice M. Gray
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Dan L. Rogers
Debra A. Wintory

Crittenden County

Earnestine. Lawson
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Cross County

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Dallas County

Linda R. Gilbert

Desha County

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Willie M. Washington

Drew County

Terri L. Carter
Mignon Causey
Laverne S. Crook
Joe L. Jones

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Billy J. Leach
Kim A. Pruett
Sherry A. Ratliff
Edna J. Simpson
Ibrie S. Thompson
Cornelia L. Westbrook

Franklin County

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Cora A. Weir

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Debra K. Carlile
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Hempstead County

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Linda K. Carlton
Mary K. Mitchell
Jerry D. Rose

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Donald West

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Elizabeth S. Grimm
Carolyn L. Kittrell
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Pamela J. Brown
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Mississippi County

Emma Y. Gathen
Joy A. Shempert

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Diane L. Whisenhunt

Ouachita County

Sharon A. Hughes
Ruby S. Williams
Earnestine Fears

Perry County

Cecil L. Alexander
Ione M. Johnson
Tina McDonald

Phillips County

Benita Allen
Survirtia Banks

Pike County

Nancy R. Baker
Billy C. Barnes
Marjorie N. Smith

Poinsett County

Barbara A. Lewallen
Arbie M. Martin
Elizabeth Vredingburgh
Cornelia L. Walker

Polk County

Dianna M. Lockhart

Pope County

Homer L. Elliott
Saad N. Faddoul
Lonnie M. Landers
Mary J. Taylor
Jerry L. Thompson

Prairie County

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Dinecia T. Zeps

Pulaski County

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Stephen T. Boles
Howard N. Chapman
Alma Cherry
Wanda R. Collins
Annie L. Elmore
Linda B. Estes
Betty J. Everett
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Elizabeth J. Farrar
James C. Gast
Opal J. Goldsby
Betty Graddy
Mable R. Hardin
Doris S. Hibblen
Shirley B. Hodges
Hazel W. Honey-McKee
Carole D. Hoofman
Russell W. Horton
Martha F. James
Leland W. Johnson
Jackie F. Jordan
Bob G. Keenzel
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Mable H. Moore

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Memorials & Donations

February, March, April

Thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of members and friends, \$4,154.36 in memorials, honorariums and donations were contributed to ARTA in the last three-month period. An additional \$908.50 contributed by Life Continuing and Continuing Plus members brings the total to \$5,062.86.

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