

MRTA Retirement Education Committee Report

Boone Co. Retirement Workshop and MARE Conference

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DEAR MRTA STAFF & MRTA LEADERS,

I recently completed 2 more MRTA Exhibit Booth activities and want to share the wonderful results with you. They helped us get closer to our BHAG.

Last Saturday I spent about 4 hours with the Boone County unit hosting their excellent annual Retirement workshop. Their workshop is exemplary and I would encourage anyone who is interested in starting a similar workshop to contact Mary Ridge and Susan Fales from Boone County which is primarily Columbia, but also includes some outlying units. They had approximately 85 present which was a record number for their event. Like usual I came away with new members for MRTA. I picked up 4 new members and 1 renewal that day. Checks are in the mail to the MRTA office or actually may already be there. This was my 4th or 5th year at this event and is always one of my favorite activities because it is so productive for MRTA.

On this past Monday and Tuesday I spent 10 hours at the Country Club Hotel in Lake Ozark manning the MRTA booth for the MARE (Missouri Association of Rural Educators) K-8 combined conference. We were one of 53 Exhibitors with approximately 200 in attendance. This exhibit is FREE since we have a reciprocal agreement with MARE. It was very interesting to me that many of these vendors were retired educators and already members of MRTA. I answered many questions and received numerous positive comments and thank yous from these members. I picked up a new membership from a district "near Hannibal" from a lady who is retiring this year. She already had some information from people in her area and was EAGER TO JOIN.

Both of these events were very successful and inspiring. Our Committee is looking forward to our annual state-wide Committee meeting on November 4 and our next big Conference which is the big counselors convention at Tan-Tar-A the second week of November. It is always a pleasure to share this GREAT news with you.

Larry Beal, Chairman