

MRTA Retirement Education Committee Report

Elementary Principals Conference

March 17, 2015

Dear MRTA Staff & Leaders,

On Sunday and Monday of this week I spent 11 hours at Tan-Tar-A manning the MRTA Exhibit Booth at the annual state Elementary Principals Conference. We were one of 80 Exhibitors and there were approximately 400 registered for the Conference. We were immediately across the aisle from the PSRS/PEERS booth and like other conferences we shared a lot of business with them. We found that several of the Exhibitors were former educators and members of MRTA. Traffic was somewhat slow on Sunday afternoon due to temperatures in the 70's and golfing and shopping, but I was swamped all day on Monday.

Elementary principals are generally very nurturing of their staff and were very anxious to pick up materials for their retiring staff. I handed out between 35-40 complete packets of MRTA materials for the principals to give to their retirees. Several principals who are retiring this year told me they would join. I was very pleased with the widespread knowledge of MRTA and about our activities. We received a lot of Thanks for our work In Jeff City. Lots of people stopped by and visited and took our materials. Like other conferences, several people said they would join soon.

Our next Exhibit event will be in just 10 days at the Lodge of 4 Seasons. It will be the annual conference of the Secondary Principals and it should be very productive for us also, because these Principals should know WHO and how many among their staff are retiring this year. Another GREAT exhibit experience for MRTA. Best wishes to all!

Larry Beal, Chairman

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