

# **MRTA Retirement Education Committee Report**

## **MO School Counselor Association**

November 17, 2015

Dear MRTA Staff & Leaders, Last Sunday and Monday (8th & 9th) the state wide counselors convention was held at TAN TAR A. Sandy White, Region 1 Membership Chair and MRTA Ambassador, and I were scheduled to work the entire event. HOWEVER, Sandy ended up with family obligations and I ended up in the hospital briefly with a severe bladder infection and was out of service. The MRTA show had to go on. My hero, Betty Beal, spent approximately 12 hours those two days setting our exhibit booth up, manning the both and then tearing it down. What a Trooper running the whole show by herself while caring for me at the same time.

There were 114 exhibitors and over 1,100 participants present. It was another very productive event for MRTA. She secured 1 new member and that check should already be in the office. She handed out many packets including 2 to people who said their mothers were retiring this year. Some counselors took packets and said they would post them in their office and/or teacher lounges for all teachers to see. One teacher had just retired and took the materials and she said she would mail hers in. Betty said she had some great conversations and she felt good about what she accomplished.

Next up in the largest one we do. It is the music educators one at TAN TAR A in late January. Since I will be in Puerto Vallarta celebrating BD #70, Marilyn Skipper, with the help of several volunteers, will be running it. Happy Holidays to all and YES I am on the mend.

Larry Beal, Chairman

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