MRTA Mission Statement

The Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel organized in 1960 is the only educational organization in Missouri working exclusively for retired school personnel. MRTA will work actively with government and its entities for beneficial legislation. We shall strive to increase membership until all retirees become members, and always foster good fellowship. We will encourage members to be involved in community affairs and work for worthy educational causes. Our mission is to serve and not to be served.

MRTA Vision

The Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel is a caring, active, and knowledgeable community. Members give their talents and time to support retired and active public school employees. Members strive to uphold and improve the integrity, value, and mission of our public schools, so that all school personnel may live healthy, vital lives and be secure economically, socially and professionally in retirement.

MRTA has strength in numbers

- Organized — 1960
- NRTA/AARP Affiliate
- Members — 19,000
- Local Units — 128
- State Regions — 14
- Regional and local unit meetings
- Informative Newsletters
- State Leadership Workshop (Spring)
- State Annual Meeting
- Sponsors Retired Teachers Day (2nd Wednesday in June)
- Branson Fun Day (Alternating October & December)
- MRTA Distinguished Retiree of the Year

MRTA Member discounts (see www.morta.org for full listing)

- $1,000,000 Classroom Liability coverage for only $17.25/year
- Drury Hotels Discount
- Essex Dental Insurance
- Long Term Care, Medicare Supplement and Vision Insurance
- Prepaid Legal Service & Identity Theft Protection
- Sprint Phone Discounts
- Travel Discounts

- **MRTA is the “Watchdog” for Your Retirement Benefits**
- **MRTA Protects and Improves Your Retirement Benefits**
- **MRTA is a Small Investment for a Strong Voice in the State Capitol**

Protect your retirement benefits by joining MRTA

MRTA Members at the State Capitol for Legislative Days (Pictured are MRTA members with Senator Robin Wright-Jones and Representative and retired educator Joe Aull)

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Membership Application

www.morta.org
MRTA is the Association of Retired Education Professionals

- MRTA’s #1 Priority Is the Education Retiree
- MRTA Is an Independent Association Representing All Missouri Education Retirees
- MRTA Is Non-Partisan and Does Not Endorse Political Candidates

A Few of MRTA’s Accomplishments

PSRS — Retired Educators (Certified)

- MRTA was “the point of the spear” in killing legislation detrimental to education retirees, including the conversion of our defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan, and a proposed state takeover of our retirement funds through a state investment board. (2010)
- Thanks to MRTA all retired educators are now exempt from Missouri State income taxes up to $32,500 per year — HB 444 (2007). Six year phase in, 2007: 20%; 2008: 35%; 2009: 50%; 2010: 65%; 2011: 80%; 2012: 100%. Also all out of pocket healthcare premiums are 100% deductible for all education retirees including long term care insurance.
- MRTA sponsored legislation, which is now law, to stop the abusive practice of “Spiking” FAS SB 406 (2007)
- MRTA introduced legislation to increase COLA cap from 80% to 90% (2007)
- MRTA is working for the repeal of the GPO/WEP offset in Social Security (2007-2011)
- MRTA advocated a monthly increase of $3 times the number of creditable years of service (2001)
- MRTA advocated 3.5% across-the-board increase for retirees and beneficiaries (2000)
- MRTA advocated $5000 death benefit (1999)
- MRTA advocated a monthly increase of $5 times the number of creditable years of service (1999)

PEERS — Retired Support Personnel (Classified)

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- MRTA advocated name change of NTRS to PEERS (Public Education Employees Retirement System) HB 443 (2005)
- MRTA advocated lifetime COLA increase to 80% (2000)
- MRTA worked for the 7.1% across-the-board increase for PEERS retirees (2001)
- MRTA advocated the increased multiplier to 1.51% (2000)
- MRTA advocated the across-the-board 3.4% increase for PEERS retirees (2000)
- MRTA advocated the 7.4% across-the-board increase (1999)

MRTA supports improvements to the Kansas City and St. Louis City Retirement Systems

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