

MRTA Membership Matters

"Not Back to School" MRTA Member Recruitment Drive

August and September are MRTA's Membership Matters Recruitment Drive months. ***Please ask a colleague, a neighbor, or a friend to join MRTA! Membership is so important to MRTA's success.*** Our grassroots lobbying success is the result of our strength in numbers. We need your help, we cannot do it without you! Reach out and ask someone to join MRTA using the letter below.

Dear Public School Education Retiree:

The day you retired your priorities changed. Concerns about salaries and class size, etc. became worries of the past. Your concerns shifted to your monthly pension checks, COLAs, health insurance, etc. This is the reason I want to personally invite you to join the Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel (MRTA) where the retiree and retiree issues are the #1 priority. We have over 25,000 members at MRTA and we mean business. We invite you to join us. Attendance at meetings is not required!

An example of the importance of MRTA membership and "strength in numbers" happened in 2013, when Senator John Lamping, R-Saint Louis County (2013 Chairman of the Senate Pensions Committee) proposed a State takeover of your PSRS/PEERS system putting your future pension income at risk. MRTA rallied to oppose this legislation by presenting a petition of nearly 30,000 signatures that were collected in just 12 days! This was a true show of MRTA's strength! Bob Buckley of The Examiner wrote, in June of 2013, the following:

"The Missouri Retired Teachers Association (MRTA) took aggressive action to stop the legislation. More than 29,000 people signed a petition and delivered it to Governor Nixon and to members of the Senate Pension Committee, asking them not to pass this legislation. Their efforts were successful. The Retired Teachers' Association is obviously a powerful group with more than 22,000 members."

We are successful at MRTA because our member/retirees continue to care about the future. Only at MRTA do you have Republicans, Democrats, Administrators, Support Staff, MSTAs, and MNEA retirees working together. At MRTA you will get timely, relevant, and pertinent information important to your pension incomes and retirement system.

Thirty-five dollars (\$35) a year is a small amount to pay to insure a secure life during retirement. You may join on-line and you can learn more about MRTA at www.mrta.org. You may also call toll-free 1-877-366-6782 to join by credit card or fill out the enclosed membership application and mail your check. Please feel free to call if you have any questions. As a small gift for your lifetime dedication to public education, join today and your membership will be paid through 2017. THANK YOU!!

Sincerely,



Jim Kreider

MRTA Executive Director