



MRTA

Missouri Retired Teachers' Association & Public School Personnel

TOP TEN REASONS FOR STARTING A NEW MRTA UNIT

1. **MRTA** is the “Watchdog” of pension system. MRTA organizes through local units to allow for “**STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.**” Units allow for a strong voice at the PSRS/PEERS Retirement system, in the State Legislature, and on the federal level in Washington D.C.
2. Do you know where your money is? **The MRTA Unit** allows informative discussions on where your retirement contributions are and the health of your retirement system.
3. **The MRTA Unit** allows a shared common interest in protecting and enhancing educator retirement benefits.
4. **The MRTA Unit** is a vehicle to disseminate information. We need informed education retirees.
5. **The MRTA Unit** allows the chance to see former colleagues and friends. The Unit promotes a social sense of belonging and commonality. **The MRTA Unit** allows a convenient, consistent, and local meeting place for meetings to conduct business and to gather socially.
6. **The MRTA Unit** allows a way to include all retirees and a way to “reach out” to all Education Retirees.
7. **The MRTA Unit** allows for informational programs so to enhance quality of life through education and MRTA member benefits.
8. **The MRTA Unit** organizes a local political issue driven education group. **THE WORLD IS RUN BY THOSE WHO SHOW UP! MRTA is independent, not affiliated with any other education association, non-partisan and does not endorse candidates. MRTA works for all education retirees statewide without prejudice.**
9. **The MRTA Unit** allows for continued public service through organized community service projects including Scholarships and Classroom Grants.
10. **The MRTA Unit** allows the unit to have a tax exempt status through MRTA to help reduce costs of unit activities.

MRTA was organized in 1960. MRTA, for 51 years and counting, has served and worked to enhance the quality of life for every education retiree in the state of Missouri. Whether through PSRS/PEERS benefit increases or Missouri income tax exemptions for retirees, MRTA has served all Missouri educators without prejudice. To serve and not to be served is the MRTA motto.

MRTA is the largest association in Missouri representing the Education Retiree with over 19,000 members and is the association where the Education Retiree is the #1 priority.