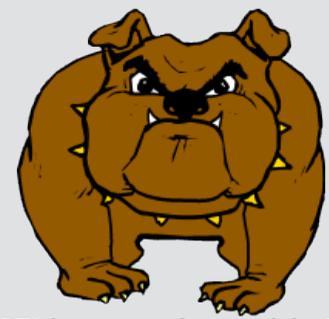




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PSRS/PEERS of MO Retirees to Expect a 5% COLA in 2023!

Eligible PSRS/PEERS of Missouri retirees should look forward to a 5% increase on their January 31, 2023 pension deposit. The PSRS/PEERS Board of Trustees is expected to approve the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) at their October meeting. In 2016, the Board adopted a COLA policy as part of the system's funding policy. This is great news, especially following the 5% COLA eligible retirees received in 2022. COLA's allow our retirees to maintain their current standard of living and provides adequate retirement to Missouri's educators and education personnel in retirement.

PSRS/PEERS Board of Trustees uses the CPI-U to help determine COLA amount. The CPI-U as of June 30th is 9.1 % but PSRS/PEERS Board policy and Missouri state law set a maximum COLA of 5%.

MRTA is working to protect the COLA for our retirees and we will not stop working for a better COLA policy for all retirees in Kansas City, St. Louis, and statewide.



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MRTA President's Message

By Nancy Craig, MRTA President



My journey crisscrossing our beautiful state as your MRTA President began on September 27, 2021 in Carthage, MO. It will end on September 9, 2022 at Margaritaville Resort Lake Ozark, MO when I will become an MRTA Past President, I will be joining an amazing group of MRTA ambassadors! After putting OVER 3,000 miles on my car, we have become quite adept at following the GPS on my phone. Actually, we are BETTER, not quite adept! That's another story for another day! We are also better at finding small communities off of the major interstates and finding out why MRTA Presidents only serve ONE year. Most probably would not survive TWO years on the road.

Please accept MY heartfelt "THANK YOU" for all the help, invitations, gifts, laughter, and meals that you have provided over the past year, It has been a PLEASURE to serve as your President and to represent our organization and public education. Please, also, remember the FOUR Reasons WHY Retirees should join MRTA. (There will be a test!)

I would like to share what I have learned with you during my year as your President and (hopefully) help Martha Schatz create her own "magic" while crisscrossing our beautiful state:

1. Try a new "fun" word for "meeting" on any correspondence to anyone who has retired or who is thinking about retirement or who is actively teaching. Meetings are the last thing our newly retired members want to attend. I know our fourteen Vice Presidents will say "amen" to that statement. Some words to use instead would be **Caper**, (fun word), **Gala** (especially around a holiday), **Event**, **Picnic** (either indoor or outdoor), **Gathering** (I use this one a lot), **Breakfast/Brunch** (before noon), **Luncheon**, **Function**, or **Happening**. A thesaurus might help with more ideas!
2. Try to always bring someone with you, even if it is in your city/community/region, especially if you happen to be the MRTA President, an officer, or a committee chair. Always travel in packs or at least have a navigator. That helps even for local events that you attend regularly. You could introduce a friend to MRTA! Trust me, it is more fun and you can discuss the event while coming and going. :)
3. Always include your newly hired Executive Director to attend regional events/picnics/gatherings, etc. Do, however, make sure that the gathering you are asking her to attend does NOT interfere with her duties as Executive Director of MRTA. She is responsible for the rebuilding/rebranding of MRTA after Covid and is extremely busy, especially from January to the end of the Legislative session in MAY. Be aware of the days that are most convenient for her. As MRTA President, my navigator and I attended unit activities when the Executive Director was not available. **That was my job and we enjoyed every minute.** In addition to the MRTA President, we have a Board of Directors that consists of volunteer leaders all over the state who would also love to attend.
4. Finally, always remember that YOU are MRTA. Our leaders represent all of us when attending a function of any kind. Please take your BEST self (and I know you will!) to any event involving members and/or non-members. When they talk to you, you are MRTA. Remember, we are a **POWERFUL** force all over this beautiful state. Teachers have touched the lives of every person in Missouri. Let's keep it that way!

Until September,

Nancy Craig, Proud MRTA President 2021-22

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Almost 100 individuals, 14 teams, and lunch attendees participated and played Eagle Knoll's challenging and beautiful course and donated to a good cause. Guests and golfers enjoyed a tasty lunch and participated in a variety of silent auctions, door prize drawings and a 50/50 raffle. A \$10,000 prize was offered to anyone able to make a hole in one on a designated hole, but that prize went unclaimed, although one golfer came within three feet!

"Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great day," said Maria Walden, MRTA Executive Director. "To all of our wonderful event sponsors from the community, all of our golfers, our Golf Ambassador Hap Hairston, the MRTA staff, and everyone who came out today to support retired teachers, school administrators and educational personnel, we are incredibly grateful. You made this event an amazing success."

A full list of sponsors and donors is below and on the next few pages. Please be sure to thank and support our sponsors!



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Nancy Craig (Region 8) Wraps Up Service as Board President, Looks Forward to Future Accomplishments

MRTA Board President Nancy Craig leaves her post in September after serving a year in the role. As we celebrate Nancy's achievements as president, we also wish to thank her for her many contributions to MRTA.

Nancy has played an important role in MRTA's success, advocating for, and serving Missouri public schools, teachers, and staff, and protecting our strong retirement systems. We look forward to working with her for many years to come, as we continue our proactive efforts on behalf of the Missouri public education community and retirement plans.

Nancy Craig's enthusiasm is contagious. Couple that with her natural gift for bringing people together, and her passion for the association, and it is no wonder that she has long been a leader for MRTA, even before her time as president.

Nancy joined MRTA in September 2001 after 34 years in the classroom. Though she started her career as an elementary school teacher, after obtaining her master's degree in elementary education and reading, she became a reading specialist, a job she held for the last 21 years of her teaching career.

"When a friend invited me to join MRTA right after I retired, I didn't know what it was," she said. "But I was a leader in the teacher's organizations at our school, so I had a reputation as someone who gets

things done."

It didn't take long for her to understand how important MRTA was to retired teachers, as well as to active teachers and to the state in general. Our teachers and education personnel are the heart of our local communities. They care about their students, their families, their schools, and their towns. MRTA members advocate for public education and retired teachers. "Our retirees understand

what our teachers deal with every day in the classroom and we have the time and knowledge to advocate for them."

During her time with MRTA, Nancy has held multiple leadership positions. At the unit level, she "held every position but secretary and treasurer." She then spent 11 years as Region 8 vice president and served as MRTA vice president, before becoming president. She even helped start a new unit in her region, which is now one of MRTA's best units!

She describes her journey to board presidency a 'progression' and traces her desire to be a part of MRTA leadership back to one of the first statewide meetings she attended.

"I was so impressed by the fact that they gave 11 teachers scholarships of \$1,000 each," she said. "This was

before Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation (MRTF) grants had started. And at that time, we only had 5,000 or 6,000 members. But here was this group of people who valued public education and public school teachers so much that they would donate so much money – I was blown away."

For Nancy, awarding grants is one of her favorite parts of her job as president. "I get lots of hugs!" she said. But for her, it is also a golden opportunity to talk about the value and importance of the association. "It's harder than ever to get into the schools and talk with working teachers about the importance of joining MRTA," she said. "The grant program allows us to meet our active teachers in all of our school districts and talk to them about the value of staying informed about public education and their retirement."

Another part of the duties of president that Nancy also loves is visiting the units and regions on a road trip throughout Missouri. "As president, you go to these events and you look out over this sea of faces," she reflected. "I've been to every part of the state, and it's always different. It's such a diverse state. But as educators, we have so much in common. I can sit with a teacher that I've never met, and in less than 10



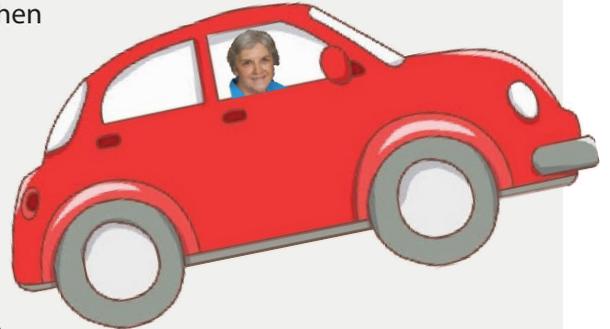
minutes, I can find common ground and exchange shared experiences.” She added, “As a leader, I think I’ve inspired people to join MRTA at the local level as well as at the state level.”

“I have traveled the state with Nancy,” said Maria Walden, MRTA Executive Director. “Nancy has so much energy. She has the ability to relate to all of our members whether they are newly retired or a member

who has been retired for years.”

Nancy lives in Valley Park, Missouri with her son and her pet cat. When asked about her plans post-presidency, Nancy leaves no doubt that she will continue to be a force within the association. “I’m hoping to continue to be active,” she said and expressed a desire to settle into another leadership role with the group. She adds with a

smile, “I still want to have my hands in the pot. I’m not retiring from MRTA.”



MRTA Proudly Welcomes Martha Schatz (Region 10) as Next MRTA Board President

MRTA welcomes a new board president in September at the Annual Meeting. But never fear! Our incoming president is a long-time member and leader, dedicated to MRTA’s ongoing work on behalf of the Missouri public education community and defined benefit plans for our teachers, school personnel, and education retirees.



Martha Schatz, who takes over the role of MRTA board president from outgoing president Nancy Craig, has what it takes to continue MRTA’s mission to serve active and retired Missouri public school educators and staff. She is passionate about protecting Missouri public school educators, the schools where they work and their retirement systems. She understands the importance of public schools, teachers, and educational personnel in our local communities.

Martha Schatz is ready and excited to get started as president.

“I have always been someone who wants to be involved,” she said. “I

have never been the one to sit back and let others handle things.”

Martha is an experienced MRTA member who joined the association upon her retirement in 2006. She has since served as her local unit president and Region 10 vice president. Her achievements while in those positions have led to the goals she now has for the organization as a whole.

When discussing these goals, the overarching theme that emerges is a focus on the importance of good communication and having customizable training information and resources available throughout the association. MRTA leaders need to have a clear vision and mission so they can better serve our communities and Missouri’s school children.

She is committed to helping improve communication and training at the local and regional levels, to help those groups be more effective. As you listen to her talk about the many tasks faced by local MRTA units,

you are reminded that, as its core, MRTA is a grassroots organization comprised of education employees who are passionate about their local communities. Public school teachers, administrators, and personnel are the heart of their local communities. And because Missouri is so geographically, economically, and culturally diverse, units across the state face a wide array of communication and economic challenges.



“Units are charged with disseminating information in local schools and communities, including information received

from the MRTA executive office,” she said. “It can be quite a challenge, especially in rural areas of the state where internet and cellular phone service can be spotty. We need to provide our units with information, training resources and guidelines they can tailor to their specific needs,” she said. “Flexibility is key.”

A Region 10 member, Martha lives in Billings, Missouri with her husband of 36 years. They have one daughter

and one granddaughter.

During her work with Region 10, Martha has been involved in successfully creating a handbook for new regional vice presidents, as well as training materials for new unit committee chairs. Her hope is that similar materials can be created, adapted, and used by the various regions to help officers and committee members better understand what is expected of them.

"We want a unit in the bootheel to have the same information and resources as one in St. Louis and members all around the state to understand what is going on in the Jefferson City office."

Her focus on improving communications among the membership of MRTA includes making sure members understand the hierarchy of the local, regional, and statewide levels of the organization so members know

how to get the information they need. "It's about keeping us informed and cohesive as a group," she said.

Martha's commitment to public education has led to her passion for MRTA and the role it plays. "When you are a teacher, you have to have a passion for what you want to teach and do as an educator – it's what gets you through the hard times and headaches." In Martha, it's clear to see her desire to help others has carried over to her work with MRTA. "When I see problems, I want to try to change things for the better."

Martha begins her yearlong presidency on September 9, 2022 and is excited to create a little magic with MRTA. We are excited to see the great things that are going to happen at MRTA in the upcoming year.

Martha is no stranger to helping with communications challenges.

Before retiring, she was a speech/language pathologist, and had a developmental speech and language classroom where she spent a half-day each day helping students with reading, writing and language skills.

"We are excited for Martha's upcoming presidency. She has the ability to look at a problem and most importantly provide a solution. We are looking forward to her presidency and making a difference for MRTA, public schools and our active teachers."

**Congratulations to
MRTA Region 10!
2022 MRTA Diamond
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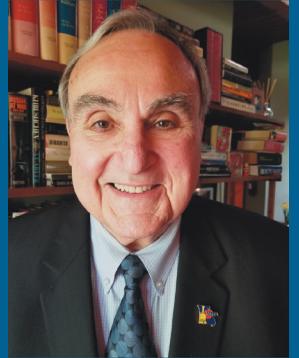


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MRTA Distinguished Retiree of the Year John Pohl

MRTA is happy to announce John Pohl has been named the 2022 State MRTA Distinguished Retiree. John was chosen from the thirteen MRTA Regional Distinguished Retirees by a committee of education and retiree group representatives. Representatives were from the Friends of the Missouri Governor’s Mansion, Missouri Community College Association, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Missouri House of Representatives, Missouri State Employees’ Retirement System, Missouri State Teachers Association, National Association of State Retired Administrators, Public School Retirement Systems of St. Louis City, and Retired Staff of PSRS/PEERS of MO.



John Pohl

John, is a highly active community member and lifelong supporter of public education, Missouri’s children, PSRS/PEERS and MRTA. He continues to epitomize the MRTA vision and mission statement and MRTA’s motto “To serve, not to be served.” John has served in many positions in MRTA leadership, including as MRTA President. He is actively involved in both MRTA Region 8 and 14 which encompasses the greater St. Louis area. John is still a member of many education organizations and has a long history of working to improve public education in Missouri. In addition to his dedication to education and teacher retirement, he also supports his community in various civic and community organizations.

John will be honored during the awards luncheon on September 9th at the MRTA Annual Meeting.

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Randall Hoffman
Region 7



Linda Surber
Region 12



Judy Allen
Region 3



John Pohl
Region 8



Vicki Zuhone
Region 13



Diana Henage
Region 4



Bernita Taylor
Region 9



Mary Riddle
Region 5



Becky Mitchem
Region 10

No applications were recieved from Region 14.

MRTA Board Elections

MRTA Assembly of Delegates - Thursday, September 8, 2022

The 2022 MRTA Delegates' Assembly will be tasked with electing and ratifying the 2023 MRTA Board Officers. Below is the slate of officers nominated for ratification and election this year. If approved, the new officers start their terms on September 9, 2022.

President

Martha Schatz

Martha Schatz of Billings, Missouri, will be ratified as MRTA President. Martha has been an MRTA member for 16 years. Her MRTA leadership includes serving as MRTA Region 10 Vice President and MRTA Unit President.



President Elect

Maureen Hacker

Maureen Hacker of Mexico, Missouri, will be ratified as MRTA President Elect. Maureen has been an MRTA member for 15 years. Her leadership experience includes serving as MRTA Region 4 Vice President and MRTA Unit President.



Vice President

Gale "Hap" Hairston

Gale "Hap" Hairston from Columbia, Missouri, has been nominated for the position of MRTA Vice President. Hap has been an MRTA member for 20 years. His leadership experience includes serving as MRTA Unit President.



Treasurer

Julia Platt of Eldon, Missouri, has been nominated for the position of MRTA Treasurer. Julia has been an MRTA member for 15 years. Her leadership experience includes serving as MRTA Treasurer and MRTA Unit President.



2021-2022 MRTA State Leadership

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Maureen Hacker
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TREASURER

Julia Platt
Eldon, MO

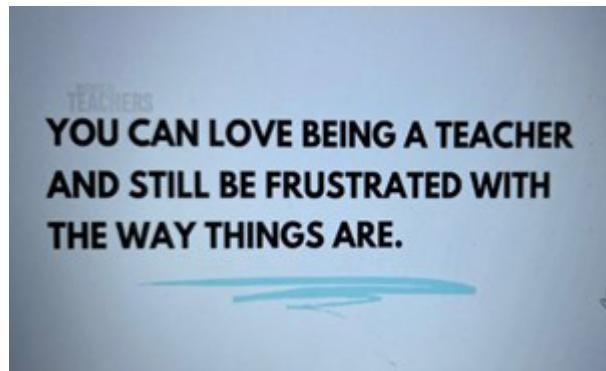
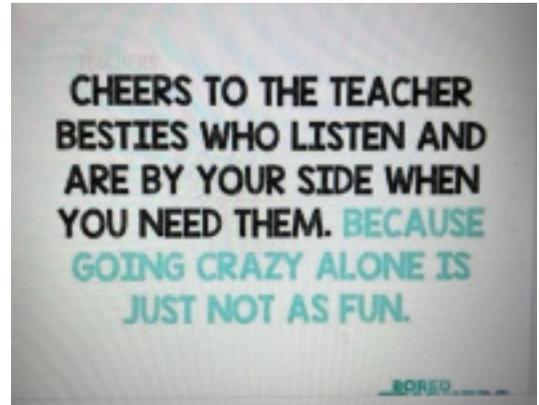
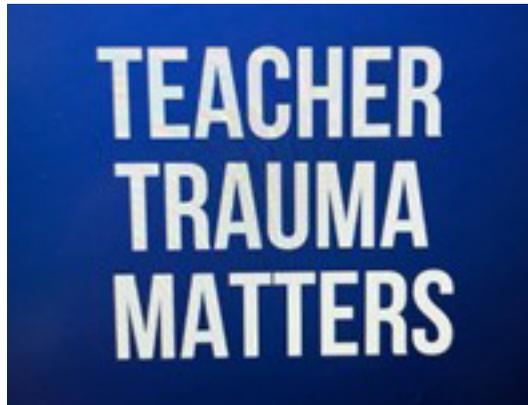
MRTF President's Message

By Karen Miller



Help Us Support Our Public School Teachers and Employees

How many Facebook posts have you seen this year about exhausted and undervalued school teachers?



Did you ever experience anything like they have been through in the last three years? I certainly didn't.

Missouri has 66,248 public school teachers according to our Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Can we help them all? No, but we can help some of them. This month, your Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation will be awarding 126 \$500 Classroom grants to Missouri Public School Teachers in need. And 20 \$500 Grants to Public School Support Staff.

Can we do more, of course we can!!! Support the MRTF Auction at the Annual MRTA meeting this September. You can donate an item or cash or you can purchase an item. January through April you can buy a MRTF Raffle ticket. When you shop on Amazon you can shop at Amazon Smile and designate MRTF as your charity and Amazon makes the donation. There are lots of ways!!

Help us support our Missouri Public School teachers and staff!!!

GUIDE TO YOUR MRTA MEMBER BENEFITS



Dental & Vision Plans

Freedom to use any dentist and no network required. Routine cleanings and exams are part of the plan and there are no referrals required for specialty care. Vision Service Plan (VSP) is the largest national eye care company. VSP offers one-stop shopping and discounts for all your eye care needs.



Home Health Care Insurance

This policy is designed as an affordable solution that helps give you the flexibility and freedom to utilize the type of care that's right for you – in your very own home.



Long Term Care Insurance

AMBA will build a policy to match your needs. You select the daily benefit amount, elimination period, and benefit period which best suits your needs for care. The policy features include no prior hospital stay and no waiting period for pre-existing conditions.



Medicare Solutions

Medicare doesn't provide all the coverage you need and can lead to high out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles, co-insurance and co-pays. That's where a Medicare coverage plan comes in.



Cancer, Heart & Stroke, Accident, and Disability Insurances

Benefits paid directly to you. Members select the benefit level that best suits their needs.



Final Expense Whole Life & Guaranteed Acceptance Life Insurance

Members can choose plans that protect their families now and at the end of life. Easy issue and Traditional plans available.



Medical Air Services Association (MASA)

MASA is dedicated to providing life-saving emergency assistance from home or while traveling. The coverage is designed to protect members against catastrophic financial loss when emergencies arise.



Annuity

Tax-deferred accumulation of interest, guaranteed, competitive interest rates, multiple payout options, and nursing home waiver.



Start Hearing, Inc.

Start Hearing, Inc. offers members a complete hearing evaluation, warranty on digital technology aids in any style, loss and damage protection, and batteries with a complete benefit package.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call us at 1-800-200-5701 or visit www.starhearing.com/partners/AMBA



Hospital Stay Coverage

A plan designed to help protect members' savings and security for the future. This insurance can help offset the cost of deductibles, co-pays, and unexpected or additional expenses incurred but not covered by other insurance plans.

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With Missouri Retired Teachers Association (MRTA), you have access to exceptional member benefits. Are you wondering if certain benefits are right for you? Contact us for a free benefits review!

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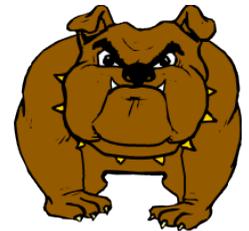
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MRTA's NEW member campaign runs September 7th - September 28th. Join us every Wednesday morning, starting on **September 7th at 9 am** on Facebook live to see who wins a \$35 visa gift card. To win, simply utilize the membership form below. **Any time between now and September 28th**, ask someone to join, add your name to their membership application, and you will be entered! Both the person who "recruited" and the person who joined will each have a chance to win a \$35 visa gift card! MRTA is the best insurance policy you can buy to protect your largest asset - your pension!



Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel Membership Form

- Annual MRTA Membership.....\$44/1 Year OR \$117/3 Years
 or join via auto renewal at MRTA.org for \$39/year
- Associate Membership.....\$25
 (Anyone who is not currently drawing a public school retirement benefit.)
- New Membership Retired Teachers/Administrators
- Renewal of Membership Retired Support Staff **I AM INTERESTED IN INFORMATION ON AUTOMATIC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL**
(Association dues are not tax deductible) Save \$5 a year

Name _____ Birth Date _____

Street, City, State, Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

School District Retired From _____ Position Retired from: _____

- Teacher **Pay by Credit/Debit Card:** Visa MasterCard Discover
- Superintendent Card Number _____ - _____ - _____
- Principal Name on Card _____ Exp. Date _____
- Support Staff

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 securely online at
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 1-877-366-6782**

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Name of Recruiter _____