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## October is Membership Renewal Month!

If you have not renewed your dues for the 2018 membership year, you will receive a membership renewal statement soon. Please be counted as one of the nearly 27,000 strong members of MRTA! There is strength in numbers!



***MRTA is Your Pension Watchdog!***

*Protecting public educator pensions since 1960!*

MRTA is nearly 27,000 strong. We have strength in numbers!



## WHO IS MRTA?

Missouri Retired Teachers Association and Public School Personnel (MRTA) consists of nearly 27,000 members who together make the largest education retiree organization in Missouri.

### ***THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!***

MRTA is the only retired educator association whose #1 priority is to promote and protect pensions, programs, and benefits of all retired public school personnel.

MRTA, a 501(c)(4) not-for-profit corporation, is a grassroots advocacy association. MRTA is independent and nonpartisan.





**2017 Regional Distinguished Retirees**



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 1 Distinguished Retiree Sue Schenkel of Maryville.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 2 Distinguished Retiree Mary Lee Skitek of Kansas City.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 3 Distinguished Retiree Colleen Primmer of Brashear.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 4 Distinguished Retiree Ruth Cutright of Montgomery City.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 5 Distinguished Retiree Sherry Arni of Glasgow.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 6 Distinguished Retiree Carol Wright of Clinton.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 7 Distinguished Retiree Kitty McKelvey of Waynesville.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 8 Distinguished Retiree Sandy Berry of St. Louis.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 9 Distinguished Retiree Connie Roseman of Greenfield.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 10 Distinguished Retiree Jenifer Young of Clever.



**2017 MRTA Distinguished Retiree of the Year**  
MRTA Distinguished Retiree of the Year and MRTA Region 11 Distinguished Retiree Mary Jo Tweedie of Potosi.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 12 Distinguished Retiree Sherry Cole of Malden.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 13 Distinguished Retiree Richard Lagemann of Wright City. Betty Takahashi accepted the award on his behalf.



MRTA President Sandy Applegate honors Region 14 Distinguished Retiree Nancy Feeny of Ballwin.

**Congratulations  
to the 2017 MRTA  
Distinguished  
Retiree Regional  
Winners and MRTA  
Distinguished  
Retiree of the year  
Mary Jo Tweedie!**



## 2017 MRTA Annual Meeting



above: Julia Platt of the Miller County Unit shows off her collection of MRTA Unit of Excellence medals!



above: The MRTF Silent Auction raised over \$9,200 for the MRTF Classroom Grant Program!



left: MRTA President Sandy Applegate (left) presents MRTA Past President Barbara Self with the MRTA Member Extraordinary Award in appreciation for her leadership and dedication to MRTA.



left: MRTA Executive Director Jim Kreider presents the 2017 MRTA Legislator of the Year to Representative Patricia Pike for her unwavering dedication to public education retirees. Pike was the sponsor of HB 304 (Divorce Pop-Up) and HB 305 (Kelly Service Loophole Closure).



above: Region 8 leaders helped Sandy Applegate celebrate her last MRTA President's Reception at the Annual Meeting.



above: Kitty McKelvey displays the Pulaski County Unit's 2016 MRTA Unit of Excellence Award. Pulaski County was one of 60 MRTA Units honored with the award this year.



left: MRTA Executive Director Jim Kreider presents MRTA Legislative Chair Linda Greeson with the MRTA Golden Whistle Award for her outstanding work promoting MRTA Legislative Day and Capitol Blitz Day



left: 2017-2018 MRTA President John Pohl presents 2016-2017 MRTA President Sandy Applegate with a plaque thanking her for her leadership over the past year. Sandy will stay on the MRTA Board as the MRTA Past President.



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