



# Montana Retired Educators Assoc.

MREA seeks to strengthen retirement by advocating for public pensions, providing benefits, and creating connections.

Who may join? You! If you are retired or close to retirement . . .

- Teachers
- Administrators
- Classified Employees
- School Volunteers
- and anyone interested in educational issues

Montana Retired Educators Association has several goals:

1. Protect public retirements
2. Stop the greed of pharmaceutical companies and make prescriptions more affordable.
3. Caregiving and home and community-based services. (HCBS)

Montana Retired Educators Association (MREA) started in October 1958 and became part of the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA). NRTA is the Educator Community of AARP. There are ten units throughout the state. Membership fluctuates from year to year and has around 540 members at the present time.

Our members volunteer in many capacities. Last year our members donated over \$1,000,000 in volunteer hours.

- Each unit donates to local schools in their own way. Many donate food, school supplies and hygiene items.
  - One unit gives shoes and socks for needy students.
  - All units have a scholarship which is given each year.

MREA supports active teachers. MREA gives four \$1,000.00 scholarships to active teachers who are pursuing a master's degree or an endorsement. This has been extremely popular with active teachers. MREA has received 45-85 applications each year for these scholarships.

Montana TRS serves 18,332 active employees and 15,164 retired members and survivor beneficiaries. It is a defined benefit pension for teachers. The spending from the pension checks helps support:

- \$882.9 million in economic output in Montana
- 6,589 jobs paying those workers in Montana \$276.2 million in income.
- \$178.4 million in federal, state, and local tax revenues based on benefits and spending in Montana.

Each dollar "invested" by Montana taxpayers (employers) in these plans supported \$6.49 in total activity in the state. (NIRS)

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## WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

- **INFORMATIVE UNIT MEETINGS** • **STATEWIDE BI-ANNUAL CONVENTION WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND CUTTING EDGE TOPICS** • **INTERACTION AND FRIENDSHIPS WITH OTHER RETIRED PEOPLE** • **NUMEROUS IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES** • **INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENT LEGISLATION, HEALTH TOPICS, AND EDUCATION ISSUES** • **ACCESS TO AMBA BENEFIT PLANS**

As a member of MREA, you can . . .

- **network with other retirees** • **support and encourage schools, staff, and students** • **learn about technology** • **benefit from AMBA discounts in travel and personal services** • **discover the potential of the mature mind**

YES, I WANT TO JOIN MREA.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES: \$25 FOR STATE DUES; LOCAL UNIT DUES WILL VARY. TO JOIN, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL UNIT OR VISIT MREA WEBSITE. MREA IS THE STATE AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (NRTA), AARP'S EDUCATOR COMMUNITY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT:  
[WWW.MREA.INFO](http://WWW.MREA.INFO)

## WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN MREA?

**MREA IS FUN. MEET OTHERS WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS.**

**MREA IS INVIGORATING. GET INVOLVED AND FIND WAYS TO EXERCISE YOUR EXPERTISE AND PASSION FOR LEARNING AND EDUCATION.**

**MREA PROVIDES CURRENT HEALTH INFORMATION AND THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY**

**MREA IS UP TO DATE. KEEP CURRENT THROUGH UNIT MEETINGS; PROGRAMS INCLUDE ELDER LAW, TRAVEL REPORTS, LEGISLATIVE TOPICS, SCHOOL VISITS, AND ENTERTAINMENT.**

**MREA IS A SERVICE ORGANIZATION AND OUR MEMBERS DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO HELPING OTHERS.**



# AMBA

ASSOCIATION MEMBER BENEFITS ADVISORS

## Lost Your Insurance Benefits? We Got Them Back For You!

Our association works hard to protect your pension AND your insurance benefits. This is one of the main advantages of being a member and one of the main reasons we are here for you!

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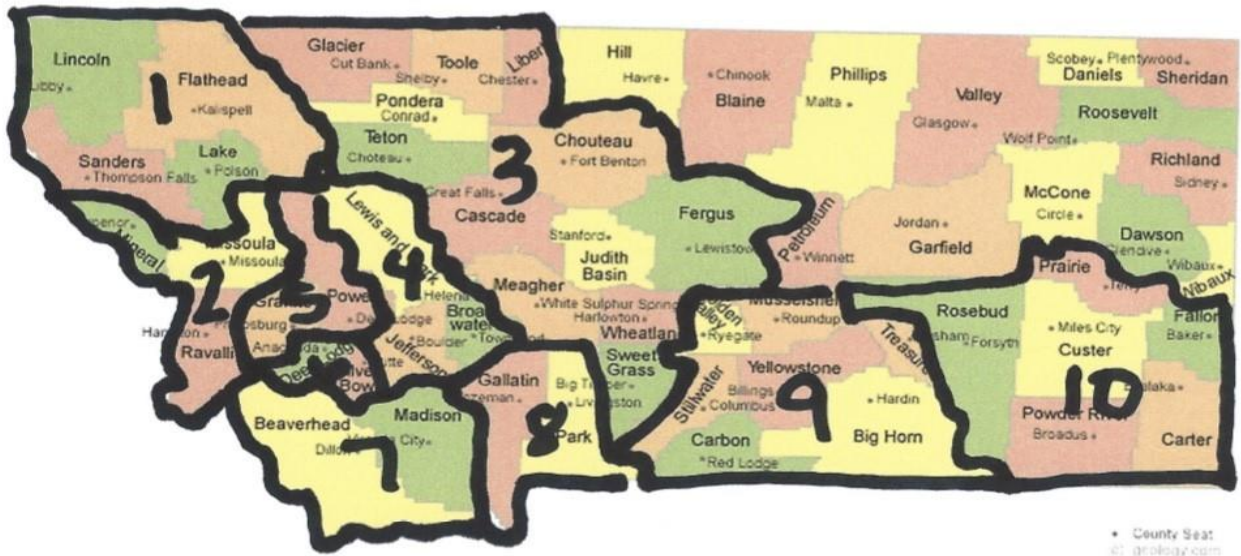


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My name is Tyler Smith and I am your new Benefits Advisor for AMBA (Association Member Benefits Advisors) for the State of Montana and specifically for the Montana Retired Educators Association (MREA), I am a Montana Licensed Life/Health Agent and I am a State Certified Medicare Specialist with over 7 years of experience working with Seniors here in Montana. I am also Certified in Long Term Care and a Senior Financial Advisor and look forward to educating the members of MREA in all these areas along with the many others benefits they are entitled to through AMBA.

AMBA updated a new website for MREA and I would invite you to please take a look [www.mrea.info](http://www.mrea.info) , it has many resources and we will be adding more content soon.

# LOCAL UNIT MAP



- 1: ANACONDA UNIT- **CLAUDIA JOHNSON**- 406-563-5009
- 2: BIG SKY UNIT- **MIKE ANDERSON**- 406-587-8865
- 3: BUTTE/SILVER BOW UNIT- **LINDA DOUGLAS**- 406-494-2100
- 4: LEWIS AND CLARK UNIT- **MARJORIE REILLY**- 406-933-5548
- 5: NORTH CENTRAL UNIT- **MARILYN HAMER**- 406-452-2396
- 6: NORTH EAST UNIT- **MORE INFO CONTACT MARILYN HAMER**- 406-452-2396
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- 8: SOUTH EASTERN UNIT- **DELORIS CAMERON**- 406-234-4830
- 9: SOUTH WESTERN UNIT- **OTIS ANDERSON**- 406-683-6435
- 10: WESTERN MONTANA UNIT- **BONNIE GOETTLICH**- 406-240-5351
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