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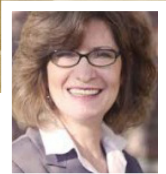
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Picture: Louisiana, MO | April 1913

A large group of women gathered in front of a columned, brick building. They belong to the Mothers Congress, which later became the Parent Teacher Association.



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Missouri PTA has over 100 years of history and past experiences. As part of our 100th anniversary celebration, our stories and rich history were commemorated into the book, "Honor, Celebrate and Imagine". In recognition of PTA's Founders Day, here are some of the stories shared in our book and celebrated at our 100th anniversary event:

Missouri PTA was founded during the 16th annual convention of the National Congress of Mothers held in St. Louis, Missouri, thanks to the efforts of Mary Harmon Weeks and Mrs. Frank DeGarmo. Missouri (then 500 members strong) was organized into a state branch on March 25, 1912, with Mrs. James Nugent as its first state president. It is important to note that the efforts of the PTA (predominantly women at the time) took place before women were granted the right to vote.

At the November 18, 1912 Executive Committee meeting there is mention of an issue with membership cards - some things never change!

In 1923 the state convention was moved from April to October due to hazardous traveling conditions caused by spring flooding. In 2016, Missouri PTA will once again host convention in April.

In 1923 the first Missouri PTA scholarship fund was established to honor of Carolyn B Ullmann, president from 1920 to 1923. Since then, thousands of students have been able to attain teaching degrees with the help of Missouri PTA.

1928, two years after the founding of its national counterpart, the Missouri Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers was organized, with Mrs. Henly Cox as its first president. A man, Mr. H.L. Drew of Bunceton, served as president of the Missouri Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers in 1937. During the term of Irma Detjen as state president and with Walter Rusan as president of the Missouri Colored Congress, Missouri became the first state PTA to invite its counterpart to join in membership. In April 1955, the two organizations became one united Missouri PTA.

During the WWII, the annual convention was replaced by shortened Wartime Conferences in 1943 and 1944. Due to mandated travel restrictions in 1945, convention was cancelled. In 2015, an annual

meeting replaced convention (due to transitioning of terms in order to host a spring convention), thus making our 2016 convention in April our 100th Annual Convention.

Legislation for which PTA worked long and hard came to fruition in 1946 with the introduction of the hot lunch program in public schools.

In the 1950's PTA partnered with the March of Dimes, The Red Cross and the American Medical Association to administer the polio vaccination.

In 1961 our state memberships soared to 255,842 members in 1,700+ local units.

The Cuban Missile Crisis took place during the 1962 state convention. Delegates to the convention sent a telegram to President Kennedy saying, "The 47th state convention of the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers expresses to the President of the United States its support for action and decisions which must be made in the interests of National Security. More than this, we know, too, that individual members will be praying for God's guidance and wisdom for you".

On December 28, 1978, Missouri PTA moved to its current building at 2101 Burlington St, Columbia, MO. A "Bucks for Bricks" campaign was launched to help finance the land and new building.

Missouri PTA participated in a statewide Education/Business Partnership Program encouraging working relationships between schools and businesses and vigorously supported the Early Childhood Development Act creating the Parents as Teachers program in 1984. Missouri was the first state to enact such landmark legislation.

Gwen Tucker was the first African American woman to serve as state president (1991-1993).

Missouri PTA was one of the first states to have students serve on our board of managers. Our students presented a resolution at the 2013 National PTA convention regarding distracted driving. Meagan Gardner, current Missouri PTA student representative board member, received the first-ever National PTA Youth Advocacy Award in 2013.

Missouri PTA Board of Managers



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I belong to several business and civic organizations both locally and nationally. None of which celebrate the organizations history and heritage like the PTA does, each and every day but in a grand style on February 17th of each year.

2016 marks the 119th year of the PTA in this country still doing what two women back in 1897 decided was important; not only to them but to millions of other women and parents. They sought to find an organization that would, "Eliminate threats that endangered children." It would be this organization that would evolve in to the PTA we know today.

How many organizations do you belong to that can easily say what year their organization was founded? For PTA members, we never forgot how it began and the values it was founded under. We honor it, we respect it, we are proud of it, we celebrate it, we are inspired by it and motivated from it.

For us in Missouri there is an extra part of pride because Phoebe Apperson Heart, a co-founder of the PTA was born in Franklin County Missouri. So as I travel this great state advocating for the children of Missouri and for this nation and when I am tired by those travels, I think back to that woman born in Franklin County that laid the foundation for what has helped me to become a better me, by being a PTA advocate, by eliminating threats to our children.

PTA Vision: Making Each Child's Potential A Reality

PTA Mission: PTA is a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for all families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

The **Purpose of PTA** is to promote the welfare of the children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship; to raise the standards of home life; to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth; to bring into close relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth; to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

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Celebrating PTA Founder's Day

Mary Oylar Missouri PTA Past President 2007-2009

PTA Founder's Day – what a great day February 17, 1897, was for children! Many caring adults came together to improve the welfare of all children – not just their children but everyone's children. This honorable tradition has continued for 119 years. In Missouri, we joined the cause in 1912 and over the years Missourians have continued this mission. I had the privilege to serve Missouri PTA as president from 2007 to 2009. For 95 years before my term and for many after, dedicated leaders have strived to continue the mission our founders started so many years ago.

I continue to think about the day I realized that I had the desire to step out of my comfort zone, at my local school and try to make a difference for more than just my children and their friends. The first time this happened was when I helped on a bond campaign for my local school district. This campaign resulted in my district making huge upgrades to technology infrastructure plus updating the buildings with energy efficient windows and ground source heating and cooling systems. This helped me realize that advocating is such a long range outreach that goes so far beyond local fundraising.

Once again, I took that leap out of my comfort zone and joined the Missouri PTA Board of Managers and through the education and training I received,

I learned the huge impact each of us has when we advocate for our children's welfare at both the National and State levels. I had the opportunity to go to Washington D.C to visit with our federal legislators. I will never forget the phone call I received, after returning home, from Representative Ike Skelton's office letting me know that he would sign on to co-sponsor a bill we talked with him about and asked him to support. Knowing that I could make a difference just by sharing information and asking for my legislators' support gave me the courage to continue to advocate for many issues that continue improving the welfare of our children.

PTA believes that we must speak for every child with one voice – that voice must continue to be strong and united – just like it was in Washington on 1897 when Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst sent out the call for the first convocation of the National Congress of Mothers. Our children need all of us to speak out TODAY as we strive to improve the welfare of all of our children.

Picture: The first Board of Managers at the first National Convention in Washington D.C., on February 17, 1897. At the center front is Alice Birney, to her left is Phoebe Hearst and on her right is Letitia Stevenson (wife of Adlai Stevenson who was then Vice-President). Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress.



Picture: The Planter's Hotel in St. Louis was the site of the 1912 National Convention of the National Congress of Mothers.

I love the Founder's Day Story

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I love the Founder's Day story!! Two thousand women converging in the District of Columbia in the middle of February, sharing a vision to create a better world for their children as well as humanity. This story astounds me – how did they get word out? Who came? What was the convention like?

I wanted to learn more about these amazing women and the first convention. I went on the Library of Congress website <http://chronicalingamerica.loc.gov> to read the newspapers from Washington and from different cities. At that time, there were numerous newspapers throughout the country serving cities, small towns and county seats. Reading eyewitness accounts of the first gathering of the Congress of Mothers was inspiring. I'll share a few things I learned.

Motherhood, at that time, was the one of the most important contributions of a woman. This symposium was planned to bring in the best people on the subject of motherhood and childhood. Our founders were interested in doing humanitarian work by raising upstanding citizens that the nation is proud of.

Alice McClellan Birney, an educator, first pitched this notion to a group of moms in New York in August of 1895 and was able to publicize her proposal nationwide. Her idea won the support of educators and civic leaders. She shared her idea with a friend, who connected her to Phoebe Apperson Hearst, a US Senator's wife. Ms. Hearst's generosity helped set the wheels in motion as did her networking of notable contacts – the Vice President's wife, the president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, US Postal inspector, educators, editors and superintendents. They worked tirelessly building relationships in spreading the word of this new seminar.

The officers lived in different states – Washington, DC; Philadelphia and Chicago. The president and vice presidents lived in DC while the secretary and treasurer lived elsewhere. They worked tirelessly to plan for the event to bring in the best and brightest experts to speak to the movers and shakers across

the nation. I'm sure that was a challenge.

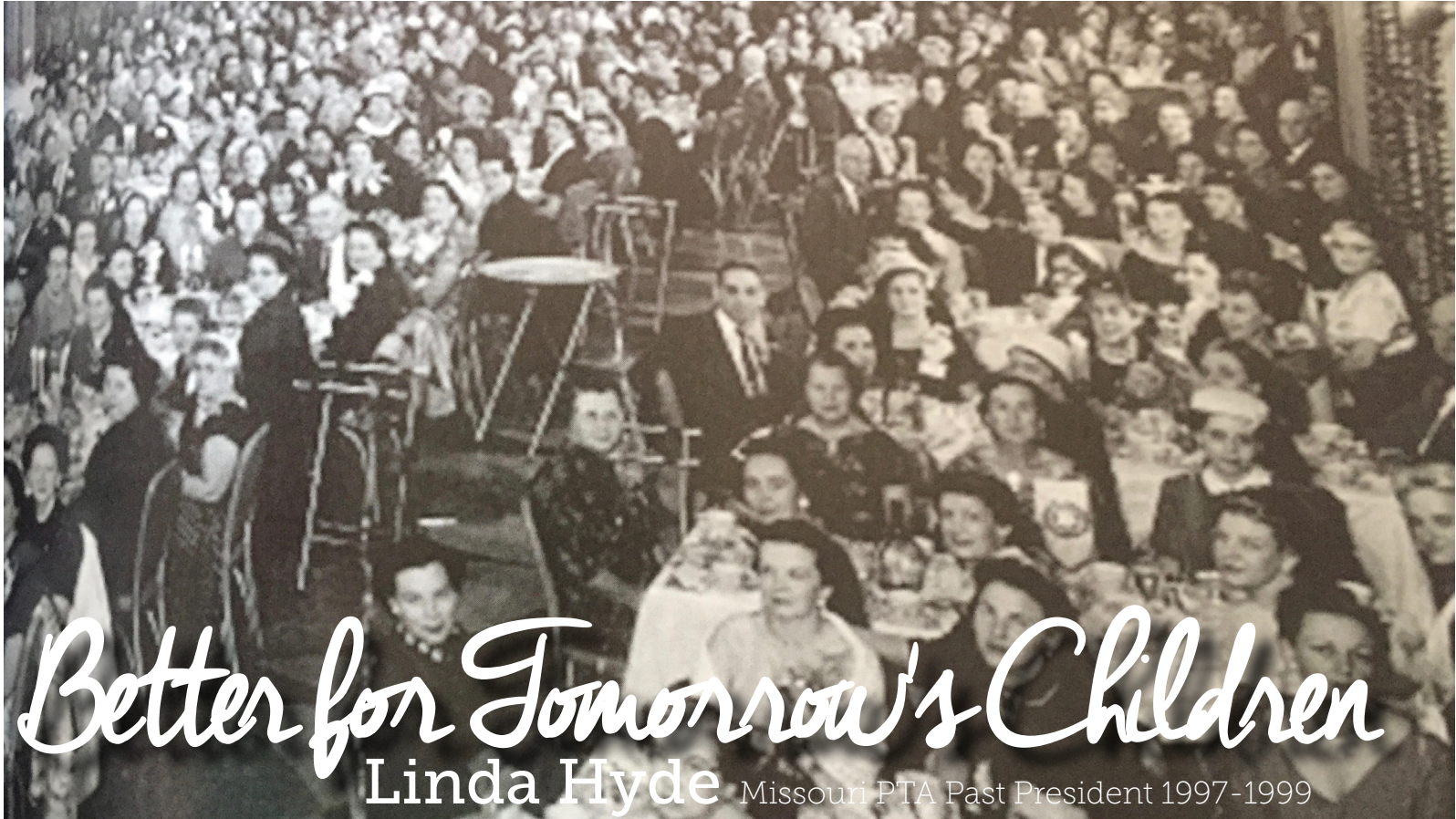
The two thousand included men and women, African American and white, educators, editors, Sunday school teachers, delegates from sister associations, coming from as far west as California, Kansas, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and to the south from Kentucky, Tennessee and to the northeast as Massachusetts. They were eager to learn the most up-to-date information on raising children. Papers were presented on current science and educational practices. Speakers included Dr. Harvey, President of New York Teachers college, presenting on reading stories and Mrs. Ellen Harper of Philadelphia, gave a moving speech of the analogy of motherhood and an artist. Presenters were moving and captivating to the point where attendees were crammed into the halls.

Attendees of that time were able to meet Mrs. Grover Cleveland after the first day. While there was a little logistical confusion, all the attendees were welcomed by Mrs. Cleveland at the White House, which is one of the reasons that the symposium was held in the nation's capital. I guess we all like to interact with dignitaries.

While running the symposium, one of Mrs. Birney's young children came onto stage, seeking her mother's attention. Mrs. Birney excused herself from the stage and the time to be with her young daughters, who hadn't seen their mother since she had been away. Our founding mothers practiced their values.

They had an exhibit hall. It wasn't filled with vendors and sponsors like ours. Instead, they established an area of the hotel and set up a nursery complete with necessary paraphernalia. This was to show the attendees the newest and latest equipment for a child.

As I read through the accounts, I am even more in awe of these interesting women and have a renewed sense of what is expected of us. Enjoy Founder's Day.



Better for Tomorrow's Children

Linda Hyde Missouri PTA Past President 1997-1999

My memories of serving Missouri PTA span quite a few years. From the beginnings, when my daughter was in 1st Grade (1979), and I was the Room Mother Chairman, through my term as President of Missouri PTA (1997-1999), what I remember most are the people I met along the way. Some have become life-long friends. Others are remembered fondly for the times we shared.

All shared a passion for children, and saw PTA as a path to making the future brighter for each and every child. We all worked to make our local, and Missouri public schools better; we worked to make public education a priority in the policies set in Washington, DC. We worked to keep children safe, no matter whether they were at home or school or somewhere in between.

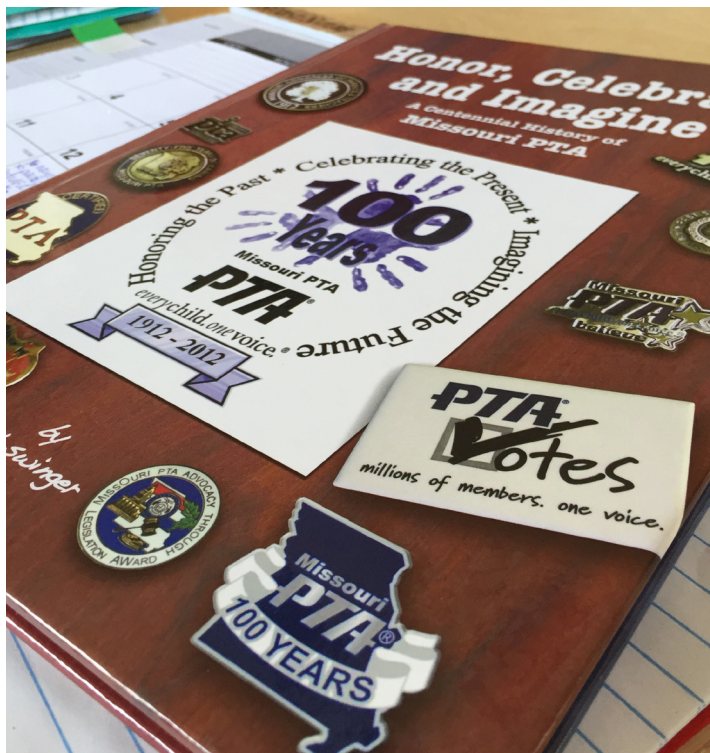
And I know that the focus of today's PTA is no different - the problems and challenges have changed, but the passion has not. It is that passion for a better tomorrow for our

children that puts us on the same path that the Founders of PTA - Alice McLellan Birney, Phoebe Apperson Hearst, and Selena Sloane Butler - were on in 1897 when National Congress of Mothers was founded.

Today, I look back on my years of total involvement, and credit Missouri PTA with nurturing and developing the seed of leadership skills in me that I didn't know were there. And I am thankful for the opportunity to serve such a valuable organization.

It makes my heart swell to attend the annual convention of Missouri PTA, and meet so many wonderful, talented people who are continuing the work of the founders of PTA. We share a commitment to making the world better for tomorrow's children.

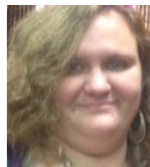
Picture: PTA dinner at the Hotel President in Kansas City on October 28, 1958.



For the complete history of Missouri PTA 1912-2012, contact our state office for your copy of our book, "Honor, Celebrate and Imagine".

As we continue to create history and develop our own stories, perhaps the path that will mark our next 100 years can be taken from the program of the 1912 convention, a favorite biblical passage of Mary Harmon Weeks: "A Little Child Shall Lead Them".

PTA Membership Awards



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Let's face it, membership campaigns can be grueling at times. This isn't your grandmother's PTA, not everyone is going to want to become a member. Many of your membership committees will have to take the time to educate the parents, teachers, and other members of your community on the benefits of PTA and what we actually do for our children. And for that your unit should be recognized!

There are several different awards for membership, so why hasn't your unit received one? Most likely because they haven't taken the time to fill out the form. Yes it's as simple as that, filling out a form and be recognized! Here is a quick overview of the membership awards available to your unit:

- **Exclusive 100 Award:** Qualifications can be either 100% increase in unit membership or 100 member increase in unit membership or unit membership equals 100% of school enrollment.
- **Silver Acorn Award:** Qualifications can be either a 75-99% increase of the unit membership over last year or units membership equals 75-99% of school enrollment.
- **100% Faculty Membership Award:** Qualifications are that 100% of all certified teaching staff who are assigned to your school on a full-time basis are PTA members. Units who receive this award will also receive a special Principal's Golden Apple Membership Award.
- **Outstanding Membership Campaign Award:** The PTA unit with the best overall membership campaign will receive this award.
- **Student Membership Award:** The PTSA unit with the highest percentage of total school enrollment student memberships will receive this award.

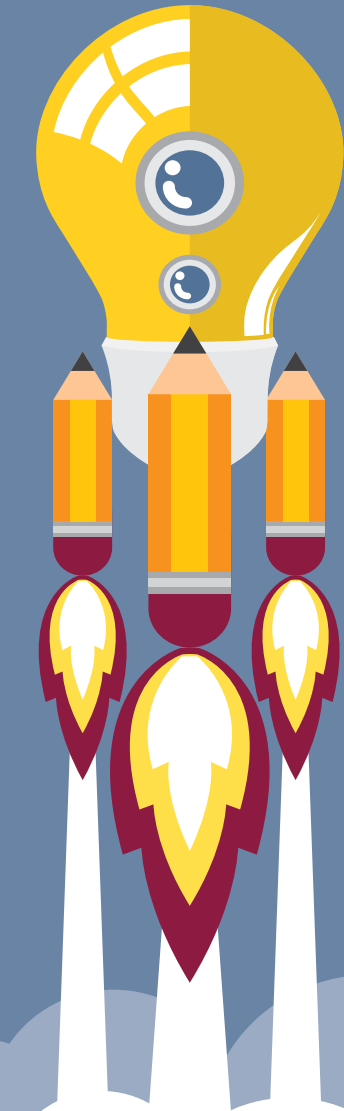
And don't worry, we didn't forget about our PTA councils! Here is a quick overview of awards available to your council:

- **Oak Leaf Certificate:** Qualify by achieving a 2% or more increase in combined total memberships for all member units over the previous year total.
- **Exclusive 100 Award:** Qualify by achieving an increase of 100 or members over the previous year in combined total membership of all units belonging to the council.
- **Council Golden Gavel Award:** The Missouri PTA Council having the highest percentage of total membership increase over the previous years total membership is presented this award.

Important things to remember: you must be a unit in good standing to be eligible for any award, all dues must be received by March 1, 2016 to count towards your membership numbers for awards, and your award application must be postmarked by April 1, 2016. Applications & further details can be found at mopta.org under the membership tab.

Membership is key to having the loudest voice to advocate for our children, let's get your unit the recognition it deserves!

Be Part of PTA's Reflections® Program



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Missouri PTA Reflections Showcase

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Reforming Life Without Parole For Children

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Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its fourth ruling in just over a decade affirming that children are “constitutionally different” from adults.

The Court ruled in *Montgomery v. Louisiana* that everyone who has been sentenced as a child to mandatory life in prison without the possibility of parole is entitled to an opportunity for review. The Court further said that authorities must look beyond the facts of the crimes—even those with the most tragic outcomes—to see the growth and potential for rehabilitation of the individuals before them. If a child can be rehabilitated, he or she cannot be sentenced to life without parole.

This most recent ruling comes as states throughout the country – including our neighbors in Kansas and Kentucky – ban life-without-parole sentences for children. Fourteen have now abolished the sentence for all children, and five others ban it in most cases. Worldwide, the United States is the only country that imposes such a sentence on its kids.

There also is a growing tide of support for reform from political leaders as diverse as former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich, conservative columnist George Will, President Obama, and Pope Francis.

Missouri has a unique opportunity this legislative session to implement sentencing reform more in line with the consensus of other states and the findings of experts who remind us that all children have the capacity to grow and change.

House Bill 1995, sponsored by Rep. Robert Cornejo, recognizes this capacity and would move the state toward more age-appropriate sentences for children convicted of serious crimes. It would ban life-without-parole sentences for children, bringing Missouri in line with states that include Texas and West Virginia. It would still hold children accountable for their actions, requiring that those convicted of murder serve at least 25 years -- and up to life -- in prison.

And as mandated by this week’s U.S. Supreme Court ruling, the bill would also foreground the hallmark characteristics of youth, such as immaturity, risk taking, and vulnerability to peer pressure, both at sentencing and during parole hearings.

This bill would not guarantee release to anyone. It would be the responsibility of parole board officials to examine the full life of the individual, look at their rehabilitation, and determine if they are ready to return to society. This would protect public safety while creating opportunities for people to demonstrate their growth and change.

Here is what we know about these extreme sentences. They disproportionately impact the most vulnerable children, including those who have often been failed by community organizations and even our schools. Most of these children have experienced severe trauma and neglect and have seen violence in their communities. African-American youth are sentenced to life without parole at a per capita rate 10 times that of White youth.

These facts do not excuse the harmful actions of children. They do, however, provide us with the information we need to consider as we hold them accountable.

The Missouri PTA, as an organization invested in the positive growth of children, can play a powerful role in advancing this bill. Both the PTA and the state have the opportunity to be national leaders in ensuring that children are held accountable using age-appropriate, trauma-informed accountability. It is what we would want for our own children.

To see what other states ban life-without-parole sentences for children, please visit:
<http://fairsentencingofyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Straight-Abolition-Map-w-2nd-Category.png>

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Missouri PTA Legislative Session

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There has been a flurry of activity in Jefferson City this past month. Many bills that had progressed a considerable way through the legislative process last session, only to be halted by the session's abrupt conclusion, have been fast tracked this session. Missouri PTA has testified in support of the following bills:

HB 1786 – Banning of powered alcohol - sponsor Rep. Pike (R-126)

HB 1995 – Ending life without parole for juveniles - sponsor Rep Cornejo (R-064)

SB 646 – Suicide awareness programs in schools – sponsor Senator Schupp (D-24)

Missouri PTA has submitted testimony in opposition of the following bill:

SB 590 – Establishes parole for juvenile offenders after a minimum of 50 years for 16-17 year olds and 35 years for under 16 – sponsor Senator Dixon (R-30)

Copies of Missouri PTA's testimony on these bills can be found on the Bill Testimony page of the website. Additionally the bill watch list, as of January 29, can be located on the Capitol Chatter page.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

In 2010, Congress designated February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month to raise awareness of an important issue that affects more than 1 in 10 teens each year. Parents and schools can make a difference by working together to bring more awareness to this issue and opening the lines of communication between teens and trusted adults.

Find out what your school is already doing to approach this topic with teens and encourage parents to continue the discussion at home. Invite speakers to address your membership on this issue. Send an email to Missouri Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal thanking her for sponsoring SB 713 which would create the Missouri Teen Dating Violence Prevention Education Act. For more in depth information on this topic, including fact sheets and hotline information, you can share with your members visit the CDC Teen Dating Violence webpage.



MoPTA Convention is the best time to train your unit & council with MoPTA officers, resources & ideas. **Join us in April!**

Bringing it Home

Why You Should Attend Missouri PTA Convention

**Friday, April 22 to
Sunday, April 24**

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**Stoney Creek Hotel and
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I have been going to Convention for 5 years IN A ROW and I will tell you this, each experience has been a completely different one. The first year I was so new I didn't know anyone or really anything. I came back from that Convention with so much to read and learn, I was going to be the best President for the next school year!

I went to convention the next year thinking, "Okay, I know what I am doing, let's just see if there is really any reason to keep investing in these Conventions." Boy was I surprised, some of the workshops covered the same basics as before but having different presenters only made it hit home even more than last time. Plus, there were even more workshops offered that weren't there last year. I came back home with an even greater understanding and appreciation of what it was to be a part of PTA.

Every year after that has just been a completely different experience not only in what is offered but what you can bring back to your unit and school. I have met many great people every year as well. From everyone wanting to share their success stories that they have had for their school to meeting with students during a "Round table" type discussion experience. Conventions are for everyone, not just the President. The more people you can get to come to a Convention, the more your unit will feel renewed and energized, eager to share the valuable information that was learned with the school and students. You will learn that PTA isn't just for fundraising and parties but Health, Safety and the Well Being of all children everywhere.

Make sure to budget for Convention as many unit members as you can. If you are a PTSA, be sure to budget for the leaders of the future, the students, to attend. Plus, what a great time you and all those that you bring will have!

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Convention includes:
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Convention Service Project



Missouri PTA is working in conjunction with Columbia Public Schools PTSA to **collect new or gently used books** to donate to the following organizations:



Rainbow House is an emergency shelter, regional children's advocacy center, and homeless youth program that strives to keep children safe and serve families in times of crisis. Annually, Rainbow House serves more than 200 children, who range in age from birth to 18 years.

University of Missouri Women and Children's Hospital is Missouri's largest and most comprehensive health care facility dedicated to caring for children. The professionals at MU Children's Hospital offer children the highest quality of medical care available in a kid-friendly environment. As the new home of Children's Hospital, Women's and Children's Hospital offers more than 30 pediatric specialties to take the best care of our Missouri kids.



Title 1 Preschools Columbia Public Schools offers a developmentally-appropriate education through which young children actively build their individual potential in a positive, nurturing, culturally diverse environment. Title I Preschool provides services to children with developmental needs, ages 3 to 5 (non-kindergarten) years of age. The Columbia Public Schools Title I Preschool program serves more than 620 children, with 26 classrooms located in elementary and high schools throughout the Columbia Public School District.



What you can do: **Collect new or gently used children's books** to distribute to these worthy organizations!

Missouri PTA Units from across the state may bring the books they collect to the annual Missouri PTA Convention, April 23 & 24 in Columbia. There will be collection bins located near the registration tables.

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ROCK OUT WITH PTA

PTA Take Your Family
to School Week!

Feb. 15-19, 2016

This year's **PTA Take Your Family to School Week** is focused on the theme: **Supporting Your Rock Star**. Help to build stronger partnerships among families, schools and communities.



To learn more, visit PTA.org/TYFTSW

Meet your Missouri PTA Officer Candidates



Susan Rupert

President-Elect - Susan Rupert has been nominated for the office of President-Elect. Susan has over 16 years of PTA experience. She has served at the local level as Vice President of Ways & Means, President, 1st Vice-President, Treasurer and several committee chairs. Susan has served Missouri PTA as a Regional Director, Membership Emphasis Chair, Vice President of Membership Services, Reflections Chair and most recently as Vice President of Programs. Her personal goal for 2016 is to learn how to use social media and be more tech savvy. "If I am going to continue to be a relevant resource for PTA and for students I need to be able to communicate information in as many forms as possible. Not everyone "learns" the same way. We have to be able and willing to modify our methods to meet their needs."



Sonia Smith

Treasurer - Sonia Smith has been nominated for the office of Treasurer. Sonia has over 14 years' experience in PTA from the local level, to the council level, to the state board. Sonia has a background in accounting and will maintain the fiduciary responsibility as directed by the entire Missouri PTA Board of Managers. Sonia lives in the St. Louis area in the Gateway Region.



Lori Prussman

Secretary - Lori Prussman has been nominated for the office of Secretary. Lori has over 23 years of PTA experience, with 7 of those on the Missouri PTA Board of Managers. Lori has served in just about every position there is. Lori will use her organizational skills to record and maintain accurate records for Missouri PTA. She lives in St. Joseph, in the Pony Express region.



Carla Weise

Vice President and Director of Legislation & Advocacy - Carla Weise has been nominated for the office of Vice President and Director of Legislation and Advocacy. Carla has been involved in PTA for 11 years and on the Missouri Board of Managers for two years where she has served as a Regional Director and currently as Bylaws and Procedures Chair. Carla lives in Wentzville, MO with her husband Rick and their 4 children. Her oldest son, is also serving on the Board of Managers as Student Representative. Carla will use her experience in the legal field to insure our children remain at the center of the minds of our legislature. The children of Missouri need a voice. She recognizes and believes whole heartedly that our children are our most important asset - they are all of our future.



Sarah Day

Vice President and Director of Membership Services - Sarah Day has been nominated for the office of Vice President and Director of Membership services. She has 15 years of PTA experience in Hazelwood in the Gateway Region. She has held most elected positions at the local level and has been Vice President and President of the Hazelwood Council. Sarah has served Missouri PTA as Regional Director and State Procedures and Bylaws Chair and most recently as the Vice President of Field Services. As VP and Director of Member services, Sarah will promote the value and benefit of PTA membership. She will work with units to increase their membership and support their Membership Chairs through training and regular communications.



Amy Blakemore

Vice President and Director of Communications - Amy Blakemore has been nominated for the office of Vice President and Director of Communications. Amy has 8 years of experience in PTA. She has served the last two years as the Information and Technology Chairman for Missouri PTA. Amy and her husband, have two boys and live in Lee's Summit in the Three Trails Region. As Vice President and Director of Communications her goal is to work with units/councils to help them create websites or to use social media to connect and communicate with their members.



Michele Reed

Vice President of Field Services - Michele Reed has been nominated for the office of Vice President of Field Service. Michele has 16 years of PTA experience. She has held most elected officer positions at the local unit as well as numerous chairmanships. She has served Missouri PTA as Regional Director, State Reflections Chair, Vice President of Programs, and most recently, as Vice President-Department of Communications. While displaying a passion and drive for parent involvement, and attending her son's baseball games, she is a Systems Administrator in the Technology Office of the Raytown School District, and resides in Blue Springs, in the Three Trails Region. As the Vice President and Director of Field Services, Michele will work to make sure all PTA units in the state of Missouri know what is required of them, and to give them the best and most up to date training possible.



Missouri PTA



Talent Bank Interest Finder

The Missouri PTA Talent Bank is a file of members who are interested in serving Missouri PTA in various ways. As opportunities arise, MOPTA makes appointments to the Board of Managers. Names entered in the Talent Bank are not guaranteed an appointment; however, this listing does afford an opportunity for consideration for appointment. Therefore, members throughout the state with interest in serving are encouraged to complete this form and submit it to MOPTA. Interested members may be asked to submit letters of recommendations.

Missouri PTA bylaws charge the executive committee with appointing all chairmen and members of the regional teams. Prospective members of the State of Board of Managers should support National and Missouri PTA positions and programs. It is helpful to have held an elected office in a council or local unit.

Date: _____ Region: _____

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Home Address City Zip

Phone: Home Cell

Email: _____

City School District Council

PTA Unit Membership: _____ Years Involved in PTA: _____

List PTA offices/positions held at local and council levels

(If you have served in PTA positions in other states, please list those also. Use a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed)

Have you completed the Missouri PTA Leaders Project No ____ Yes ____ (date) _____
Why are you interested in becoming a member of the BOM?

- Check areas of Interest (see back of form for descriptions of positions)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Info. Tech. Chair (Website) | <input type="checkbox"/> CONTACT EDITOR | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Procedures & Bylaws Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy Chairman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Legislative Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Growth & Retention Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Involvement Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity Outreach & Engagement Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflections Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program and Resource Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Director | |