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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RTAC

For fourteen months, our HB 1269 languished in committee because the Board of Education refused to support it. Then the Chairman of the RTAC *Committee on HB 1269* brokered a deal with the Board of Ed and he got their approval. We received our August 1 check with the new 70% rebate. Two days later he died. The 70% rebate will last a minimum of three years. His lasted but one check. I shall always remember and miss him. Thank you, **Thomas J. Corcoran**.

Further developments on our health plans may include gradual increases on some out-of-pocket expenses, co-pays, and deductibles. Such adjustments will likely permit extending the 70% rebate into a fourth or fifth year and bring our plans more in line with industry averages. Such changes put more of the necessary health cost decisions in the hands of patients, not bureaucracies. Further savings may be possible by varying the size of the rebate based on years of service. Initial research shows that savings would be minimal as most Chicago retirees have long service careers. This could not occur until January of 2006, and even then it would likely be applied only to future retirees so as to protect current pensioners from abrupt financial crises.

The Governor's Commission on State Pensions outlined the State's pension funding problems. The Commission study says the state is afflicted by the recent national recession and that Illinois usually lags the nation during recovery phases. It goes on to suggest that a \$500 million dollar shortfall in state funding of pension plans might be remedied in various ways. One way is to change the 90% funding requirements so as to raise or lower the funding depending on the business cycle. Put more plainly, the State could lower

contributions during hard times with the promise to compensate during boom times. The scary part is: Will they ever compensate, or is this just a device to move the pension obligations into the future, as is so common in Illinois history? We should anticipate similar efforts on the local level as the Board of Education seeks ways to circumvent its statutory pension funding requirements.



James F. Ward

A recent example of funding bias from the Board of Ed is the granting of the Pension Enhancement Program for 2004 retirees. It allows sick days to be paid off as pensionable salary, raising pensions by 5%, a lovely going-away present. The problem is, it costs the pension fund \$123.5 million in actuarial liabilities, and it was done without a single law being passed. Meanwhile retirees had to send thousands of letters, phone calls and emails to squeeze out \$25 million for HB 1269 health insurance. Another interesting example is the "Ad Hoc Lite" bill introduced years ago. It would grant staggered increases to the oldest pensioners (retiring before 1980) with the highest (32%) for those retiring in 1973 or before. Originally it cost about \$80 million. Now, years later, there are so few left of retirees who would be covered that the current cost calculation is only \$25 million. How low must it go before the powers that be give the nod to our lowest paid pensioners?

It should be mentioned that the health insurance rebate is paid from the pension fund, and would be paid regardless of whether the state continues to appropriate the \$65 million per year. The 1995 funding laws simply say the state "may" pay us, and "intends" to continue. If they reduce the money paid to the state funds, could we be far behind? Point is, we legally can pay the rebate

*(See **President**, page 3)*

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THOMAS J. CORCORAN

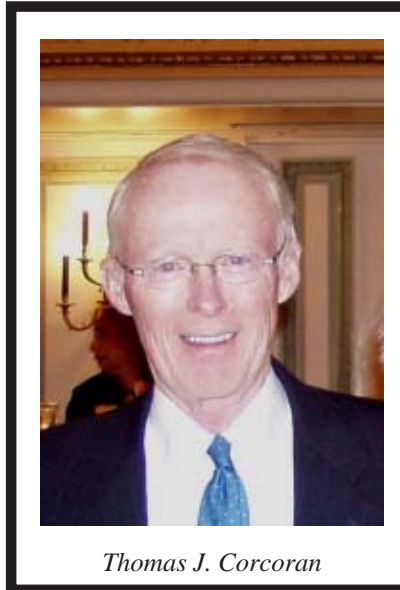
May 13, 1940 - August 3, 2004

RTAC's Second Vice President, **Tom Corcoran**, died very suddenly on Tuesday morning, August 3, 2004, at the age of 64.

Tom was formerly Secretary of the **Chicago Board of Education**. He joined RTAC soon after his retirement, and was elected to the Board of Directors within a few months.

This spring, with RTAC struggling to obtain state legislative approval for restoring the Health Insurance rebate program for retirees, and with legislators unwilling to attempt balancing competing CPS affiliate positions, Tom envisioned the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, RTAC, the Chicago Board of Education and the Chicago Teachers Union all agreeing on a unified position, which they would jointly present to the legislature. This unprecedented approach succeeded brilliantly. With legislators not needing to worry about which of the organizations might object, HB 1269, which provided the partial rebate restoration, passed the legislature in record time and was promptly signed into law by the Governor.

It is generally agreed that Tom's unique



vision, energy, contacts and foresight led to the successful formation of the unheard-of alliance. But Tom's subsequent wise and firm guidance of the resulting delicate negotiations formed another vital component of his contributions. Many a compromise was crafted during the alliance's numerous meetings, often inspired or guided by Tom's keen understanding and appreciation of what was at stake for each organization.

When the time came to nominate officers for 2005-2006, there was no contest as to who should become the next RTAC President. He had the experience, the skills, the contacts and the drive to lead us all to still greater accomplishments, particularly while wearing the mantle of RTAC President. He was slated for that office by the Nominations Committee, but he died just eight days before the RTAC Board meeting that would unquestionably have ratified the choice.

In addition to his family and many friends, nineteen thousand CPS retirees have suffered a major loss - and we can only guess at what might have been. Tom - we'll sure miss you.

(President, continued)

from the Pension Fund, whether the state makes appropriations or not.

My social security is cut in half simply because I was schoolteacher. Others, who paid the same federal taxes I did, receive their full social security. Also, if I die married to a school teacher, her entire social security survivor benefit is offset to zero when she receives her teacher pension. This federal forfeiture law was passed in the mid eighties

and is called the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, or WEP & GPO. After years of injustice we have repeal bills in the Congress that are making real headway, HR 594 and S 349. Another bill, HR 523, has been introduced. It would require that HR 594 be removed from the Subcommittee on Social Security and sent to the House floor. We have 300 cosponsors for HR 594 in the house and 30 cosponsors for S 349 in the Senate. Who might help us go over
(See President, next page)

ABOUT THE VOTING RECORDS

Following this page are tables showing the votes of each Illinois Congressperson, State Senator and State Representative on issues of importance to RTAC members. Each listing is alphabetical, by surname.

The GPO (Government Pension Offset) and WEP (Windfall Elimination Provision) sections of the Social Security act deny full earned Social Security benefits to those who also have state or local government pensions, in Illinois and several other states. This is because we paid no Social Security tax on our CPS earnings. The penalty applies to police and firefighters as well as teachers.

In the US House of Representatives, HR 594 (introduced on February 5, 2003) calls for unconditional repeal of both the GPO and WEP penalties. Of the House's 435 members, 300 have now signed on as co-sponsors of the bill. Half of the House's Republicans (114) are co-sponsors of the bill.

Since March 14, 2003, the bill has been held in the House Subcommittee on Social Security. On March 10, 2004, a year later, a petition was filed to remove the bill from the Subcommittee and bring it to the House floor for a vote. As noted below, 93% of the House Democrats signed the petition, while only one Republican (of 229) did so. While 192 have signed the petition, the motion requires a majority (218) to succeed.

On May 10, 2004, HR 4391 was introduced.

This new bill calls for a modification, but not the complete removal, of the penalties on public employees. **Senator Dick Durbin** (along with 29 others) co-sponsors S 349 (the Senate version of HR 594); **Senator Peter Fitzgerald** does not. The Senate version of HR 4391 (S 2455) has no Senatorial co-sponsors. (Senatorial candidate **Barack Obama** has promised to introduce a new bill for full repeal.) The following tables report the actions of all the rest of Illinois' legislators, both state and federal, on the matters discussed above.

In the Illinois State Legislature, **HB 1269**, providing for restoration of the subsidy of our health care insurance subsidy, appeared to be headed toward a similar fate of death by obscurity until the late **Tom Corcoran**, RTAC's 2nd Vice President, conceived of and stitched together the amazing coalition of RTAC, the CTU, the CPS and the Pension Fund to support it. Introduced on February 5, 2003, it was released from the Rules Committee on March 25, 2004, when coalition support was made known. The bill passed the House eight days later. In the Senate, it was amended to limit rebates to 75% (to match the maximum paid by the downstate Teacher Retirement System) and passed. The bill then was sent back to the House for concurrence with the Senate amendment, which it narrowly received on May 26, 2004. The Governor approved the bill on June 28, 2004, whereupon it became law.

(See *US House of Representatives*, next page)

US HOUSE (All):		HR594		HR 4391		Discharge Petition: HR 594	
Party	Reps	CoSpons	% of party	CoSpons	% of party	Signators	% of party
D	205	180	90.0	21	10.2	190	93.0
R	229	114	50.0	29	12.7	1	0.4
I	1	1	100.0	0	0.0	1	100.0

(President, continued)

the top? Maybe AARP could? Not a chance. They have been adamant for years on an allegedly neutral stance. Maybe the old adage applies here: "If you ain't for us, you're agin' us." I paid my AARP dues faithfully since I turned fifty. It is estimated that a million AARP members cancelled when AARP

backed the latest prescription drug law with a "hole" in it. I wonder how many more retired public employees they might lose if we simply told them, "We quit because you won't help us in a just campaign that wouldn't cost you a dime." Is there a germ of an idea here? I shall not send in my AARP/NRTA renewal form. *JFW. urokward@yahoo.com*

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dist	Pty	Congressperson	DP	594	4391		
13	R	Biggert, Judy		S		S	
12	D	Costello, Jerry F.	P	S			
8	R	Crane, Philip M.					
7	D	Davis, Danny K.	P	S			
5	D	Emanuel, Rahm	P	S			
17	D	Evans, Lane	P	S			
4	D	Gutierrez, Luis V.	P	S			
14	R	Hastert, J. Dennis					
6	R	Hyde, Henry J.		S			
2	D	Jackson, Jesse L. Jr.	P	S			
15	R	Johnson, Timothy V.		S			
10	R	Kirk, Mark Steven		S			
18	R	LaHood, Ray		S			
3	D	Lipinski, William O.	P	S			
16	R	Manzullo, Donald A.		S			
1	D	Rush, Bobby L.	P	S			
9	D	Schakowsky, Janice D.	P	S			
19	R	Shimkus, John		S			
11	R	Weller, Jerry		S			

P = Signed Discharge Petition for HR 594.

S = coSponsor of House Bill.

ILLINOIS STATE SENATE VOTING RECORDS

Dist	Pty	Illinois State Senator:	H 1269
32	R	Pamela J. Althoff	Y
50	R	Larry K. Bomke	N
44	R	Bill Brady	Y
35	R	J. Bradley Burzynski	N
57	D	James F. Clayborne, Jr.	Y
16	D	Jacqueline Y. Collins	Y
21	R	Dan Cronin	Y
19	D	M. Maggie Crotty	Y
6	D	John J. Cullerton	Y
2	D	Miguel del Valle	Y
10	D	James A. DeLeo	Y
49	D	Deanna Demuzio	N
24	R	Kirk W. Dillard	Y
59	D	Gary Forby	Y
29	D	Susan Garrett	Y
31	R	Adeline Jay Geo-Karis	Y
56	D	William R. Haine	Y
40	D	Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson	Y
39	D	Don Harmon	Y
5	D	Rickey R. Hendon	Y
3	D	Mattie Hunter	Y
36	D	Denny Jacobs	Y
14	D	Emil Jones, Jr. (President)	Y
54	R	John O. Jones	N
27	R	Wendell E. Jones	Y
25	R	Chris Lauzen	N
4	D	Kimberly A. Lightford	Y

30	D	Terry Link	Y
58	R	David Luechtefeld	Y
18	D	Edward D. Maloney	Y
20	D	Iris Y. Martinez	Y
15	I	James T. Meeks	Y
1	D	Antonio Munoz	Y
13	D	Barack Obama	Y
26	R	William E. Peterson	Y
42	R	Edward Petka	N
41	R	Christine Radogno	Y
22	R	Steven J. Rauschenberger	P
55	R	Dale A. Righter	Y
37	R	Dale E. Risinger	Y
7	D	Carol Ronen	Y
48	R	Peter J. Roskam	Y
53	R	Dan Rutherford	N
12	D	Martin A. Sandoval	Y
9	D	Jeffrey M. Schoenberg	Y
46	D	George P. Shadid	NV
45	R	Todd Sieben	Y
8	D	Ira I. Silverstein	Y
23	R	Ray Soden	N
33	R	Dave Sullivan	Y
47	D	John M. Sullivan	N
34	R	Dave Syverson	N
17	D	Donne E. Trotter	Y
11	D	Louis S. Viverito	Y
43	D	Lawrence M. Walsh	Y
51	R	Frank C. Watson	Y
38	D	Patrick Welch	N
52	R	Richard J. Winkel, Jr.	N
28	R	Kathleen L. Wojcik	Y

(Y=Yea; N=Nay; E=Excused; P=Present, not voting; NV=not voting)

ILLINOIS HOUSE VOTING RECORDS

Dist	Pty	Representative:	1269	Con-cur
2	D	Edward J. Acevedo	Y	Y
24	R	Frank Aguilar	Y	Y
6	D	Patricia Bailey	Y	Y
54	R	Suzanne Bassi	Y	N
52	R	Mark H. Beaubien, Jr.	Y	N
47	R	Patricia R. Bellock	Y	N
39	D	Maria Antonia Berrios	Y	Y
41	R	Bob Biggins	Y	N
104	R	William B. Black	N	N
71	D	Mike Boland	Y	Y
115	R	Mike Bost	N	N
117	D	John E. Bradley	N	N
40	D	Richard T. Bradley	NV	Y
88	R	Dan Brady	N	N
100	R	Rich Brauer	N	N
36	D	James D. Brosnahan	Y	Y

(See Voting, next page)

(Records, continued)

23	D	Daniel J. Burke	Y	Y	76	D	Frank J. Mautino	Y	Y
15	D	Ralph C. Capparelli	Y	Y	58	D	Karen May	Y	Y
83	D	Linda Chapa LaVia	N	N	20	R	Michael P. McAuliffe	Y	Y
62	R	Robert W. Churchill	N	N	37	D	Kevin A. McCarthy	Y	Y
10	D	Annazette Collins	Y	Y	86	D	Jack McGuire	Y	Y
33	D	Marlow H. Colvin	Y	Y	13	D	Larry McKeon	Y	Y
17	R	Elizabeth Coulson	Y	N	1	D	Susana Mendoza	Y	Y
84	R	Tom Cross	N	N	48	R	James H. Meyer	Y	Y
105	R	Shane Cultra	N	E	29	D	David E. Miller	Y	Y
25	D	Barbara Flynn Currie	Y	Y	55	R	John J. Millner	N	N
46	R	Lee A. Daniels	N	N	87	R	Bill Mitchell	N	N
27	D	Monique D. Davis	Y	Y	90	R	Jerry L. Mitchell	Y	Y
111	D	Steve Davis	Y	Y	74	R	Donald L. Moffitt	Y	N
30	D	William Davis	Y	Y	21	D	Robert S. Molaro	Y	Y
3	D	William Delgado	Y	Y	32	D	Charles G. Morrow, III	Y	Y
79	D	Lisa M. Dugan	N	N	65	R	Rosemary Mulligan	Y	Y
5	D	Kenneth Dunkin	Y	Y	43	R	Ruth Munson	N	N
96	R	Joe Dunn	Y	N	94	R	Richard P. Myers	N	N
109	R	Roger L. Eddy	Y	Y	57	D	Elaine Nekritz	Y	Y
12	D	Sara Feigenholtz	Y	Y	61	R	JoAnn D. Osmond	N	N
101	D	Robert F. Flider	N	N	14	D	Harry Osterman	Y	Y
31	D	Mary E. Flowers	Y	Y	45	R	Carole Pankau	N	N
63	D	Jack D. Franks	Y	N	44	R	Terry R. Parke	N	N
11	D	John A. Fritchey	Y	Y	118	D	Brandon W. Phelps	Y	Y
56	R	Paul D. Froehlich	Y	N	42	R	Sandra M. Pihos	E	Y
8	D	Calvin L. Giles	Y	Y	99	R	Raymond Poe	N	N
75	D	Careen Gordon	N	N	70	R	Robert W. Pritchard	N	N
78	D	Deborah L. Graham	Y	Y	116	D	Dan Reitz	Y	Y
107	D	Kurt M. Granberg	Y	Y	28	D	Robert Rita	Y	Y
108	D	William J. Grunloh	N	N	110	R	Chapin Rose	N	N
18	D	Julie Hamos	Y	Y	59	D	Kathleen A. Ryg	Y	Y
98	D	Gary Hannig	Y	Y	89	R	Jim Sacia	N	N
85	R	Brent Hassert	N	N	77	R	Angelo Saviano	Y	N
112	D	Jay C. Hoffman	Y	NV	49	R	Timothy L. Schmitz	N	N
113	D	Thomas Holbrook	Y	N	80	D	George Scully, Jr.	Y	Y
34	D	Constance A. Howard	Y	E	92	D	Ricca Slone	N	Y
95	R	Randall M. Hultgren	N	N	91	D	Michael K. Smith	Y	N
103	D	Naomi D. Jakobsson	N	N	106	R	Keith P. Sommer	N	N
67	D	Charles E. Jefferson	N	N	4	D	Cynthia Soto	Y	Y
26	D	Lovana Jones	Y	Y	102	R	Ron Stephens	N	N
35	D	Kevin Joyce	Y	Y	51	R	Ed Sullivan, Jr.	N	N
38	D	Robin Kelly	Y	Y	93	R	Art Tenhouse	Y	N
81	R	Renee Kosel	Y	N	9	D	Arthur L. Turner	Y	Y
66	R	Carolyn H. Krause	Y	Y	72	D	Patrick Verschoore	Y	Y
64	R	Rosemary Kurtz	Y	P	69	R	Ronald A. Wait	N	N
16	D	Lou Lang	Y	Y	60	D	Eddie Washington	Y	Y
73	R	David R. Leitch	N	NV	97	R	Jim Watson	N	N
50	R	Patricia Reid Lindner	N	N	68	R	Dave Winters	N	N
82	R	Eileen Lyons	Y	Y	7	D	Karen A. Yarbrough	Y	Y
19	D	Joseph M. Lyons	Y	Y	114	D	Wyvetter H. Younge	Y	Y
22	D	Michael J. Madigan	Y	Y					
53	R	Sidney H. Mathias	Y	N					

(Y=Yea; N=Nay; E=Excused; P=Present, not voting;
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NOW, GET OUT AND VOTE!!

THEY GOT YOUR MESSAGE. . .



Left to right: Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, Steve Preckwinkle, Henry Anselmo (CTPF Lobbyist), Sen. Jackie Collins, Sen. John Cullerton, Rep. John Fritchey, Rep. Kevin McCarthy, Rep. Robert Molaro, and former Sen. Richard Guidice (CPS Lobbyist) watch as Governor Rod Blagojevich, seated, signs HB 1269 into law on June 29, 2004.

AARP COMMUNITY MEETING

On September 1, 2004, the AARP held what was billed as a Community Forum on Social Security. We did not take attendance, but a number of RTAC members were there.

Among those who addressed the AARP officers present (**Evelyn Gooden**, Illinois State President, **Erik Olsen**, President-Elect, AARP Board of Directors, and **Mary Beavis**, AARP National Legislative Council) were RTAC President **Jim Ward** and Editor **V. K. (Ken) Brown**. Correcting a lower figure quoted by the AARP officials, Jim pointed out that 300, more than half, of the US House of Representatives now co-sponsor full repeal of the onerous WEP and GPO penalties now paid by thousands of teachers, police and firefighters, and noted that AARP refuses to consider supporting us. Ken referred to the Social Security credits he earned before spending 33 years in teaching. "If I had done nothing at all during those 33 years – or if

I had been on welfare for that time – I would receive a much larger Social Security pension. Even now - three years after 9/11 - we are *still* penalizing public servants just because they chose public service; I think there's something wrong with that," he said.

Their remarks were very warmly received by those present at the meeting. The AARP officials present had no ready answers, but seemed impressed by the arguments.

One wonders what – if anything – will happen.



ERRATA

The name of Cope Fund donor **Melvyn T. Cornelius** was misspelled in our July issue.

The *News Bulletin* regrets the error.



A REPORT FROM THE AID FUND

By Mae McDonald Hunter, President

Greetings! Greetings to all members and friends of RTAC!

Your Aid Fund, a part of RTAC, extends its thanks to all who contributed to and supported us through the time of the healthcare insurance crisis, and of course to all those who have supported us over the years before that time. During this emergency, our client numbers grew by about 50%, in large part because many were economically forced either to reduce their already lean budgets still further or to drop their healthcare insurance entirely. Fortunately that crisis is mostly behind us now – at least, for a substantial time.



Mae M. Hunter

The directors and officers of the Aid Fund are honored to play a part in assisting those of our colleagues who are in need. It is a privilege to be able to bring a little bit more comfort into the lives of those not as lucky as we. We encounter people who have been and are being sorely tried on a daily basis, and thanks to your concern and continuing generosity we are able to help all of those who really need it.

Do you know of a colleague who needs our help? Urge that person to contact us! You, too, will share that special feeling of being helpful to someone who really needs a friend. Remind that colleague that the resources available to us were contributed for the express purpose of helping retired teachers who may need it. Applicants are NOT begging; our contributors want to share their good fortune! Help us to help someone else who needs a hand.

Written on behalf of the Aid Fund Functionaries:

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Computer users are familiar with the scroll bars at the right-hand side of the screen. When dealing with large files, movement of the slider on the scroll bar moves pages much too rapidly to be very useful. Acrobat Reader has another feature that solves this problem. When you click anywhere on a page, the cursor icon turns into a hand. When you click and then drag the mouse button, the hand "grabs" the page and moves it anywhere you like. You can thus "push" page 26 (for example) up and off the top of the screen, and page 27 then slides up from the bottom. This control is far more sensitive to your wishes than is the scroll bar.

We hope you enjoy the new features!



A GLIMPSE OF OLD CTC

By Robert C. Konen

The scene was the Hilton Hotel in Oak Lawn. The occasion was the third festive get-together of the recently organized **Chicago Teachers College Association**. Classes from as early as 1933 were represented among the nearly 400 guests celebrating and reminiscing about their days at the college. Several former faculty members who had themselves been students at the college were also present.

Some of the older guests were graduates of Chicago Normal College, a three year school which in about 1938 became a four year college and changed its name to Chicago Teachers College. A unique institution, CTC, just as had its forerunner, provided generations of teachers for the Chicago Public Schools. Governed by the Board of Education, it was an integral part of the Chicago Public School system. It is not surprising that many of the celebrants gathered at the Hilton on the memorable afternoon of August 4, 2004, are now also members of RTAC, and eligible for membership in AARP.

Classes of 1934, 1944 and 1954 were honored during the proceedings. **Jewel Koch**, Secretary of RTAC, was one of the 1954 honorees. RTAC President **Jim Ward** and RTAC Board mem-

bers **Helen Johnson**, **Art Keegan**, **Walter Pilditch** and **Bob Konen** also witnessed the festivities.

With its buildings gone and its campus only a memory, the need for a CTC Association was plain, as has been evidenced by its rapid growth. Like many great ideas, it came out of a luncheon meeting. The idea generated action and the groundwork was laid for an organization which has grown to several hundred members. **Dorothy Kozeluh**, Class of 1948, **Mary S. Dunn**, Class of 1940, and **Tom Tufo**, Class of 1954, in laying the groundwork for the Association, set out not only to provide CTC graduates opportunities to celebrate together but also to preserve the legacy in education which the college represented. To that end, it is the intention of the organization to provide scholarships for students planning to become teachers.

One of the final events of an impressive afternoon came when Tom Tufo invited married couples who had met their spouses at the college to come to the dance floor. They came from all parts of the room and soon the dance floor was filled with couples who may have had their first dance at one of the college socials.

If anyone regretted attending the function, this observer was not aware of it.



Robert C. Konen

HAVE YOU BEEN WIDOWED?

If you lost your spouse to a military-service-related cause, you were eligible for compensation, unless you remarried. A law passed in 2003 now allows you to continue receiving the compensation if you remarry after age 57.

If you remarried after age 57 but before the new law took effect, you lost the compensation. Now, however, you can get it back IF YOU APPLY BEFORE DEC. 15th, 2004.

For further information, call 1-800-827-1000. If hearing impaired, call 1-800-829-4833. You may also log onto www.va.gov for more help on the topic.



A fundraising event on June 21st brought together (from left) **Vera Paul**, **Bob Bures**, **Ethel Philpott**, Congressman **Bobby Rush** and **Jim Ward**. (Staff photo)

2005-2006 CANDIDATES

At the October 15th RTAC Luncheon and Business Meeting, members will elect Officers and Directors for the next two years. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Director **Nancy Makowski**, has presented the following recommendations:


For President: **Walter Pilditch**. Formerly principal of Morgan Park, Walter served six years as the first Principal Trustee on the Pension Fund Board. Upon his retirement in 2001, he joined RTAC and was promptly elected to the Board of the RTAC Aid Fund, and then as a Retiree Trustee of the Pension Fund. He currently serves as Vice President and Legislative Chair of the Pension Fund.

For First Vice President: **Audrey U. Mivelaz**. No stranger to the office, Audrey has served with distinction as an RTAC officer for many years. She also co-chairs the Social Committee with **Marion Hoffing**, organizing those great Luncheons.

For Second Vice President: **Ethel Philpott**, who has served as RTAC's Legislative Chair since 2000. Formerly a librarian, she became an RTAC director in 2000.

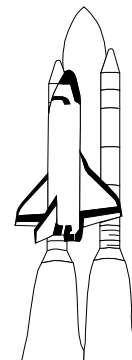
For Secretary: **Jewel Koch**, who has served as secretary since January of 2001. She is highly respected for her efficiency and meticulousness in that office.

For Treasurer: Soft-spoken attorney **Vaughn Barber** (yes, there is such a thing). Vaughn is highly qualified for the task, in this day of close scrutiny of the accounts of corporations, and particularly those of non-profits.

Recommended for re-election as directors for 2005-2006 are incumbents **Veronica Chemers**, **Marion Hoffing**, **Esta Kallen**, **Marshall Knox**, **Nancy Makowski** and **Vera Paul**. In addition to these, the Nominating Committee recommends adding **Leroy Hansen**, formerly principal of Woodson North, and former Director of the Department of Insurance, and **Marcella Morrison**, a former Assistant Principal and Counselor. 

SATELLITE DOINGS SAN DIEGO

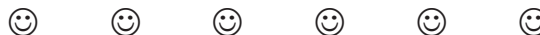
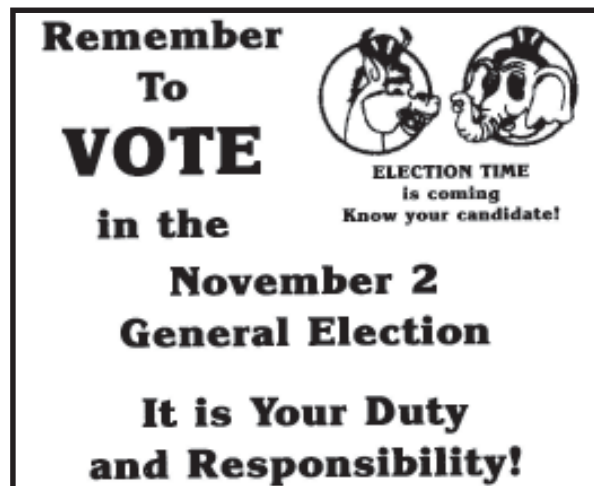
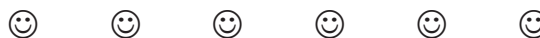
The next luncheon/business meeting of the RTAC-San Diego Satellite will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004, 12 noon sharp, at the LaCosta Glenn Restaurant, 1950 Silverleaf Circle, Carlsbad, CA. Retired teachers living in the San Diego County or Southern Orange County areas who have not received mailings from the San Diego satellite should call **Sam Dolnick**, Treasurer, at 619-697-4854, or write him at 5706 Baltimore Dr. Unit 348, La Mesa CA 91942-1654.



At this time there is nothing new to report except that we are all happy to see the healthcare reimbursement increase again, due to all the hard work that RTAC, the Pension Fund, the CTU and the CPS did in cooperation with each other.

Hope to see you on Oct. 12. Regards to all.

Sam



To fill the one year unexpired Director terms of the new officer nominees Ethel Philpott and Walter Pilditch, the Nominating Committee recommends **Nathaniel Blackman**, former principal of Metro and of Cook County Jail school, and **Mary Sharon Reilly**, well known and respected for her nine years as President of the Board of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Ethel Philpott, Legislative Chair

I hope each and every one of you continues well and active.

By now you have heard or read the news of the tragic death of **Tom Corcoran**, our invaluable Second Vice President – see obituary on Page 3 of this issue.

An update on Social Security: The current act includes two provisions which now penalize retired public employees for work not covered by Social Security. These are the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). For those who have internet access, AARP has research papers explaining each of these. For an analysis of how the Government Pension Offset (GPO) works, go to <http://research.aarp.org/econ/govpen1.html>. For an analysis of how the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) works, go to http://research.aarp.org/econ/fs64_windfall.html.

Bills calling for outright repeal of these provisions (HB 594 and S 349) are currently before the Congress; for their latest status, see pp 4-6.

On May 20, 2004, a new bill was presented to Congress (the Public Servant Retirement Protection Act, HR 4391/S 2455). The new bill would modify the Social Security Act by providing a new formula for calculating Social Security benefits, taking account of any work performed in the public sector and not subject to Social Security tax. The specifics of the new formula are much too complex to present here, but interested readers can find sample calculations at <http://www.nea.org/lac/socsec/newwep.html>, on the NEA's web site. (Also on NEA's web site is a four page form you can download to calculate what your own new benefits would be, but in our opinion this form makes the long form 1040 look like it was written by Dr. Seuss.) The new bill contains a "hold harmless" provision that prohibits reducing anyone's present benefits. It would lessen, but not eliminate, the penalties on public servants. The current status of the new bill in each house is covered in the article on pp 4-6.



Ethel Philpott

Although the new bill does not fully address the problems with the WEP, nor does it deal with the GPO, the National Education Association (NEA) supports the new bill as "a first step." They ask that co-sponsors and supporters of the full repeal bill (HB 594/S 349) support the new bill as well. The full-repeal bill's chief sponsors, Representatives McKeon and Berman, strongly recommend moving ahead toward that end. They believe that they can win a hearing (which indeed has already been held) and a vote. Additionally, the NEA reports that they "will be on point" to watchdog how Congress will pay the bill's estimated \$7.7 billion cost over 10 years. All Committee advisories and news releases of the US House Ways and Means Committee, Subcommittee on Social Security are available on the internet at <http://waysandmeans.house.gov>. RTAC will continue to move ahead, along with the NEA and the other impacted states, toward full repeal of these two outdated provisions.

Before you vote this November, be sure to check the voting records of your legislators in the voting records in this issue, pp. 4-6. Note also that **Project Vote Smart** [<http://www.vote-smart.org/> on the internet, or call 1-888-VOTE-SMART (1-888-868-3762) toll free] can tell you about all the candidates for office in your area. If you're not happy with the incumbents, by all means check out their opponents!

We will keep you up to date on legislation regarding our Ad Hoc Lite pension increase bill as soon as our Illinois legislators resume sessions. Stay healthy, active, and informed, and if you have not done so, join our Letter A Month group. Our web site at www.rtac.org continues to provide a wide range of information, suggestions, fun items, education events and even job opportunities. Continue to share your ideas and suggestions with us. We need and appreciate your input. We do have a voice!



PENSION NEWS

by James F. Ward, Pension Fund Trustee

The second quarter 2004 portfolio performance numbers were reviewed by the trustees at their last meetings on August 18, 19, 20, and 21 (yes, four days in a row). The market value of assets on June 30, 2004, stood at \$10.2 billion. The return since 1990 is 10.03%, for five years 4.6%, and for one year, a hefty 15%, in most cases above the median return for large public funds. Major new asset management placements went to women and minority managers, bringing the percentage of assets with this category close to 25% of the actively managed portfolio. Three manager-of-managers firms (Attucks Asset Management, Progress Management, and Northern Trust) were given \$100 million each for placement with women and minority managers.



A report from the actuary concluded that no current pensioner receives a benefit in excess of IRS Section 415 limits. However, he did find one current contributor who could reach those limits at age 55. Other pension plans have met this possible conflict between state and federal law by installing "excess payment" schemes to meet the letter of the law. Our Fund may have to do the same.

The trustees approved health insurance rates for the year starting January 1, 2005. Instead of the anticipated 15% increase, the average increase was 8.8%, and will come in even lower with some plan adjustments to take effect next year.

The insurance consultant, Segal Company, reviewed a second draft of domestic partner medical coverage benefits that will eventually be available to pensioners and office staff. An interesting snag developed when BC/BS could not easily just add same sex benefits, which was the original plan. Opposite sex partners would add more possible beneficiaries and is a standard "non-discriminatory" rider to health policies. Same sex only riders require a new contract to be written and approved by the state insurance authorities, a lengthy process. Interestingly, 70% of non-married cohabiting

couples happen to be opposite sex partners.

For years now, public pension funds in the U.S. have seen unfavorable press reports, mostly due to inadequate funding. Lowered funding problems can be attributed to two things: dramatic reductions in portfolio market values during the downturn in 2000, and various benefit enhancement laws enacted during boom times. Investment account losses are still being reflected in pension fund balance sheets due to three or four year smoothing of declines as we saw in the last few years. Public employers like the Board of Education and taxpayers are not happy with the future increases in contributions that the new funding laws require.

Concern over lower funding of some plans carries over to the whole panoply of public funds, so that the well-funded plans such as ours receive the same attention and subsequent scrutiny, with resultant ideas like merging plans together and cutting social security benefits for retired school teachers. The newspapers amplify the large benefits received by small groups of employees rather than pointing to low average public employee wages (compared to the private sector), with resultant lower pensions. We are not double-dippers just because some reporter says so. RTAC and the pension trustees are concerned about unfair publicity aimed at public plans like ours and now have a Committee on Media to work for improved relations with the press, teachers, and retirees.

The trustees passed a resolution maximizing the benefit granted by HB 2157 for the 1993 5&5 retirees. I made, and Carole Nolan seconded, a motion to refund 5&5 contributions for service over the number required for maximum formula after HB 2157 becomes law. A year ago 22% of our pensioners were still receiving less than \$12,000 a year, with the median pension at \$24,000. With HB 2157 and the 2.2 upgrades retiring, we may see the median rise but the bottom quarter will likely stay about the same.



REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Robert F. Bures

October! Fall is in the air. No burning leaves these days, but many other sights and sounds remind us... and as retirees we have the time to pause and take a whiff! This year, the most distinctive aroma is that of POLITICS!

We have the time and we have every reason to choose and support candidates, and then to vote!

The entire Illinois House of Representatives and half of the Illinois Senate will be elected on November 2nd. Every United States Representative in Congress, and a U.S. Senator from Illinois, will also be elected.

First, be sure YOU are REGISTERED to vote! Check with your family members, friends and neighbors along with your former colleagues - make sure all are registered. Check the report in this issue for the voting records of incumbents on issues important to us. Work to retain those who helped us, and replace the ones who didn't. Urge others to do the same! If you don't know your candidates, call Project Vote Smart toll free at 1-888-VOTE-SMART (1-888-868-3762). Just give them your nine-digit zip code and they will tell you everything you need to know! Project Vote Smart is also available from RTAC's internet web site - www.rtac.org. It's easy to access - try it! If you don't have an internet-connected computer, use a friend's, or visit your library.

Next, after checking the voting records in this issue, decide whom you are going to support. Call their campaign office; identify yourself as a retired teacher and member of RTAC. Ask how you can help in the election. Donate as much time, effort and money to your candidate as you can. As the late Mayor **Richard J. Daley** said: "The three most important words in an election are: WORK! WORK! WORK!"

RTAC members have tapped the power of the grassroots effort. They won the health care rebate issue because YOU called, faxed, emailed and

visited your members of the Illinois General Assembly in Springfield. YOU challenged Governor Blagojevich and Mayor Daley to do their parts. YOU helped RTAC, along with the CTU, the Principal's Association, the Pension Fund and the CPS leadership, to win the HB 1269 battle. Yes, of course everyone would have liked more, but more was not possible at this time. Let's be ready for more battles - not lament the impossible.



Robert F. Bures

Using the lessons taught us by our departed leader, **Thomas J. Corcoran** (obituary on p. 3), let's continue organizing.

RTAC as an organization will do its part this November, but YOU MUST HELP! We urgently need friends in high political places to advance our political agenda! To win our long-sought Ad Hoc increment for our lowest paid pensioners (more than 22% of CPS annuitants still receive pensions of less than \$1000.00 per month), if we are to get a four rather than three percent annual increase, if we are to eliminate the mean-spirited Social Security WEP-GPO penalties that rob us of our rightful Social Security dollars and leave CPS retiree survivors with virtually nothing — WE MUST VOTE, AND VOTE WISELY!

Getting involved at the level you can afford is essential! Legislators and political leaders listen carefully to those who support them! After working for and contributing to your candidate, be sure to let them know your agenda! Convey your concern as a member of RTAC and one of almost 19,000 retired CPS teachers. Convey your desire to help them win! Since politics is a 24/7/365 job - stay involved!

A successful legislative program starts with winning in November, and your legislators knowing that you helped them!

Be sure to attend RTAC's Fall Luncheon – particulars are inside the back cover of this issue.





Marion Hoffing

THE RTAC NEWS-BULLETIN ONCE AGAIN PROUDLY PRESENTS

The spectacular MARIÓN HOFFING'S unbelievable

THE CHICAGO SCENE

to enjoy during October, November and December

COMPUTER USERS PLEASE NOTE:

The Events page on RTAC's web site (<http://www.rtac.org/events.htm>) now carries **DIRECT LINKS to the venues listed! **Just click on the name!****

ADLER PLANETARIUM & ASTRONOMY MUSEUM 1300 South Shore Drive 312-922-STAR
<http://www.adlerplanetarium.org>

Includes more than 2,000 historical artifacts, sundials, astrolabes, telescopes, books, maps, charts from the 12th through the 20th centuries and from cultures around the world. The new Star Rider Theatre, Stories of Stars of Pharaohs, are exhibits to see and marvel at — and they reveal some of the mysteries of space and history.

ART INSTITUTE of CHICAGO Michigan at Adams 312-433-3600
<http://www.artic.edu>

The Museum houses more than 300,000 works of art within its ten curatorial departments. Among its great treasures are the legendary masterpieces by George Seurat, Grant Wood, Edward Hopper, Claude Monet, Toulouse-Lautrec, Van Gogh, Richter, Cornell, etc. Some children find the artifacts fascinating; subject, color, rhythm etc., but all children tend to enjoy MAGIC on the first floor at the George F. Harding collection of Arms and Armor. But be prepared to stay awhile in this area; it has proven to be highly popular. The Museum hosts many traveling exhibits throughout the year. These are always published to keep interested patrons abreast of new shows.

AUDITORIUM THEATRE 50 E. Congress Parkway 312-559-2110
<http://www.auditoriumtheatre.org/>

Ensemble Español — Spanish Dance Theatre 11/5, 6

Flamenco Español — Spanish Dances, singers and musicians present their extravagant theatrical productions. Bolero is danced to Ravel's exciting music with projections of Picasso's paintings.

Bolshoi Ballet And Orchestra 11/10-14

Don Quixote and **Raymonda** are two tales of enchantment and passion that have set the standard for classical ballet with a blend of story telling, physical excellence and precise execution. The complete company with the Bolshoi orchestra returns to the magnificent backdrop of the historic Auditorium Theatre, presenting performances that are certain to sell out!

Joffrey Ballet The Nutcracker A Holiday tradition Robert Joffrey's glorious production of an age-old tradition that children of all ages cherish forever. The Joffrey's Nutcracker is imbued with the quality of *magic!* 12/15-26

PEGGY NOTEBAERT NATURE MUSEUM Chicago Academy of Sciences 773-549-0606
2430 N. Cannon Dr. (Lake Shore at Fullerton) *<http://www.chias.org/>*
The now just-opened **River Works Exhibit**. Discover how rivers support plants, animals and humans. Mysteries of the Marsh: Find out about the incredible array of creatures that live here. Find out why wetlands are so important to our everyday lives. Open 10/2

One of the new exhibits is outside: a huge building greening project, eco-friendly as it is beautiful. The Nature Museum will be the World Premiere site for Animal Grosslogy - presented by Midwest Generation. Find out why cats spew hair-balls, why skunks smell and other disgusting wonders of the animal world. The Museum is loaded with Opens 10/8

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family-friendly amenities and great new exhibits. A day at the Museum is easy and fun!

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN 1000 Lake-Cook Rd., Glencoe 847-835-5440
Recorded announcements 24 hours a day. <http://www.chicago-botanic.org>
The Age of Botanical Discovery Rare Books Exhibit. Thru 11/27
The Harvest Market. 10/2, 3
Bulb Bazaar 10/8, 9, 10
The Great Chefs Series More than 40 renowned chefs preparing recipes with garden-fresh ingredients. Thru 10/10
A Festival of Lights, flowers and music. Acres of glistening lights, the region's most spectacular indoor garden displays. Dine, shop and enjoy holiday performances, decorated trees, wreaths, ice carvings, story-telling and a variety of special events from Teddy Bear Luncheons to Reindog parades. 11/26-1/2

CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER 78 E. Washington St. 312-744-1424
"The People's Palace." <http://www.cityofchicago.org/tourism/CulturalCenter/>
ROOM CODES: CR=Chicago Rooms; EH=Exhibit Hall; MAG=Michigan Avenue Galleries; PBH=Preston Bradley Hall; RG=Renaissance Court Gallery; YG=Sidney R. Yates Gallery.
Zhou Brothers 10 years of artistic collaboration consisting of paintings, prints, drawings and sculptures. The Zhous came to Chicago from China in 1986 and since then have garnered international acclaim for their synthesis of Eastern traditions and Western abstraction. EH 10/16-12/10
Arthur Tress, California-based photographer. The Fish Tank Sonata exhibition features approximately 50 Cibachrome photographs. MAG 12/11-2/13/05
Sue Sommers Chicago Races in Public Places. Artist, teacher and author, she is fascinated by ordinary people in public places. Her exhibit includes drawings on the EI, in coffee houses, hospital waiting rooms, jazz clubs, etc. Later, in her studio, she paints her sketches with watercolors in preparation for her exhibits. RG 10/22-12/5
Senior Artists Network presents **Later Impressions 2004**. This juried art exhibition features the work of Chicago area older artists, including paintings, prints, fabric art, sculpture and photography. The enduring theme of this annual exhibition is that "art is ageless." Sponsored by the Senior Artists Network, a Chicago-based non-profit art organization. RG Thru 10/17
Shaw Chicago (annual). Staged readings of plays by George Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries, with their timeless social commentary and sharp wit, draw standing room only audiences to the Chicago Cultural Center. Presentation: **Pygmalion**. Directed by Shaw Chicago's Artistic Director Robert Scogin, the casts include both Equity and non Equity performers under a special arrangement with Actors' Equity. Admission is FREE but reservations are required (312-409-5695). 11/6-11/29
COMING EVENTS, FALL 2004:
Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15-10/15
Chicago Artists Month October
The Halloween Ball (\$!) Fourth annual costume or black tie and mask benefit, presented by the CCC Foundation. Cocktails, dinner and dancing. 10/29 (Friday)
Arab Heritage Month November
Holiday World Bazaar Arts and crafts, gifts from Chicago museums, not-for-profits and local artisans. Family activities and a visit from Santa. 12/3 & 4, 11 am-6 pm
Holiday Cabaret Performance 12/4, 3 pm

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY North & Clark Sts. 312-642-4600
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<http://www.chicagohistory.org>

FREE Mondays

Chicago, the most American of all cities! Explore its colorful past and vibrant present through exhibits that bring Chicago alive. Climb aboard the Pioneer, Chicago's first locomotive; touch the timbers of historic Fort Dearborn; listen to the stories of the Great Chicago Fire; meet Abraham Lincoln every Monday. The 20 million items in CHS research center cover Chicago and United States History.

Documents of Freedom An exhibition containing a rare copy of the Declaration of Independence, a first printing copy of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and a prized second copy of the final Emancipation Proclamation.

Thru 11/7

Ravinia 100 photographs and artifacts of the Ravinia Festival, North America's oldest outdoor music festival, which began as an amusement park in 1904.

Thru 1/2/05

Teen Chicago. A look at how teens in Chicago have changed and yet always remain the same.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Symphony Center

312-294-3000

Michigan and Adams

<http://www.cso.org/>

The Symphony Orchestra and its many interesting and talented guests have a thrilling variety musical program planned for Chicago during October, November and December. The schedule will include the Ravel Piano Concerto October 1, and includes such greats as Nielsen's Fifth Symphony, Mozart's Jupiter Symphony, Charlie Chaplin's City Lights, Barenboim and Pappano, Schubert's Great Symphony, the CSO and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and Beethoven's Egmont narrated by John Mahoney. Classics from the Golden Age, Tchaikovsky and Schubert, the genius of Hayden, Jazz — Regina Carter Quartet etc., Russian classics and international orchestras, chamber music with the Best Baroque, family music with Halloween haunts, holiday concerts and the Vienna Boys Choir, Chanticleer Christmas, Sara Lee Welcome Yule, and a Happy New Year's Eve with the Count Basie Orchestra.

DU SABLE MUSEUM of AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

740 E. 56th Pl.

773-947-0600

<http://www.dusablemuseum.org>

The Du Sable Museum tells the stories of the past, from the close-knit community of tribal life in Africa to the brave explorer and settler **Jean Baptiste Point Du Sable**.

An exhibition of fifty collages, watercolors and sculptures spanning the full career of Chicago artist **Allen Stringfellow** explores themes of religion, gospel and jazz music. The exhibit offers a lively historical and personal perspective on African-American life in Chicago and Champaign, Illinois.

To 3/6/05

PENNY CINEMA - Films for children. Admission is one penny. Children also receive a FREE BOOK.

10:30 am every
Wed & Thur
thru Dec. '04

The Civil Rights Movement is shared through the memories of **Cirilo A. McSween**, a successful Chicago entrepreneur who earned the trust and respect of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Thru 10/17

HAROLD WASHINGTON LIBRARY CENTER

400 S. State Street

312-747-4050

FREE!

<http://cpl.lib.uic.edu/001hwlc/001hwlc.html>

A FREE EXHIBIT celebrating the history of Chicago theatre entitled "**Theatre That Works: A Chicago Story**," described as the largest ever assembled in Chicago, will display the colorful history of Chicago's actors, directors and productions. Chicago theatre critic Richard Christiansen presents an historical narrative through seven segments of photographs, posters, props, playbills and drawings from a variety of sources including such local theatres as Steppenwolf and the Goodman Theatre. For more information call 312-747-4875.

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INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF SURGICAL SCIENCE

1524 N Lake Shore Drive

The Museum's commitment to exhibiting important contributions of contemporary art to medicine has led to many significant shows. The tradition continues with up-and-coming photographs by artist **Sarah Faust's** "Beneath the Surface." A series of dye bleach photographs, many of them shown under water, and **Lindsay Obermeyer's** "Chiragi" series of embroidered textiles that explore links between needlecraft and surgery.

312-642-0502

<http://www.imss.org/>

Thru 10/11

LINCOLN PARK ZOO

2200 N. Cannon Drive

312-742-2000

FREE!

http://www.lpzoo.com/index_2.html

Even after 135 years of delighting and educating local residents and guests from around the globe the Lincoln Park Zoo continues to improve for visitors and inhabitants alike. As you venture on your journey in the Regenstein African Site you'll enter through an authentic ranger station, where your passport will be stamped to begin your adventure. You will explore natural wonders of Africa, and state-of-the-art animal exhibits.

Grounds open: 9 am

Close 6 pm (7 pm

on weekends).

Buildings and Farm:

10 am–5 pm

The oldest Zoo in America, the only FREE major cultural attraction left in Chicago, should make us proud of the Lincoln Park Zoo, with its exotic and beautiful birds, cats, elephants, giraffes, monkeys, wild dogs, Zoo shops, the Park Place Cafe and the Big Cats Cafe - just to mention a few of the important features of this well-kept recreational facility.

Winter: (11/1-3/31)

Close: Grounds 5 pm

LYRIC OPERA

20 North Wacker Dr.

312-332-2244

GOLDEN JUBILEE OPERA SEASON

<http://www.lyricopera.com/home.asp>

Don Giovanni by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. An evening worthy of the history books! 10/1,4,7,9,12,15,19,22.

Das Rheingold by Richard Wagner. A spellbinding tale of greed, love and treachery. 10/2,5,8,13,17,21,25; 11/3,5.

Aida by Giuseppe Verdi. Battle, passion and politics in the land of the Pharaohs. 10/23,26,29;

11/1,4,7,10,13,19,24,27;

12/1,4.

The Cunning Little Vixen by Leoš Janáček. With America's favorite singing actors! 11/17,20,23,26,29;

12/3,10,13,15,18.

MAYOR'S OFFICE of SPECIAL EVENTS

312-744-3370

FESTS:

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Daley Plaza

November 26, 2004

New Years Eve Fireworks

Buckingham Fountain

December 31, 2004

PARADES:

Double Ten Parade

Wentworth & Cermak to 24th

1 pm, October 9, 2004

Columbus Day

Columbus Drive, Balbo to Monroe

12:30 pm, October 11, 2004

N. Halsted Halloween Parade

Halsted between Belmont & Cornelia

3 - 10 pm, October 31, 2004

State St. Thanksgiving Day Parade

State, Congress to Randolph

8:30 am, November 25, 2004

Toys for Tots Motorcycle Parade

Western @ 85th to Foster @ Troy

9:30 am, December 5, 2004

MEXICAN FINE ARTS CENTER & MUSEUM

1852 W. 19th St.

312-738-1503

<http://www.mfacmchicago.org/>

Juana Festival, honoring one of Mexico's greatest writers via a show case of the rich talent and cultural contribution of Mexican women in the arts. **Day of the Dead** exhi-

Thru 11/12

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bition: A display paying tribute to those who have died.

Meditated Meditations on capital punishment, works by Malaquias Montoya, a leading figure in the W. coast political Chicago Graphic Arts movement.

Thru 11/14

MUSEUM of CONTEMPORARY ART 220 E. Chicago Avenue. 312-280-2660

<http://www.mcachicago.org/welcome/>

Exhibitions of creative art since 1945. This also includes the performing arts. This fall creative programs will include a Family Day Series, free family tours, hands-on workshop programs and an interactive class in animation techniques and more.

Ongoing

Continuing a favorite: Culture, cocktails and music on first Fridays, with special viewing of new artists' new works.

Just steps away from Michigan Avenue and Chicago's historic Water Tower, the MCA is Highly accessible. Fine restaurants, private group rates, tours and versatile special events provide the Museum of Contemporary Art with fresh and provocative fun!

MUSEUM of CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY 600 S Michigan Ave. 312-344-7104

<http://www.mocp.org/>

Mary Ellen Mark's black and white photos of portraits of pairs of identical twins include children, some old, and two double pairs, twins married to twins. It makes one wonder where the uniqueness of the individual stops and starts, and whether you would mind giving up that uniqueness if being a twin means you're not all alone in the world. It makes us wonder whether Narcissism is the greatest form of love or whether there is some spiritual link formed *in utero* that elevates the closeness twins feel for each other to such heights of devotion. Most remarkable is the tenderness that Mark captures in her photographs that suggest a kind of intimacy most of us will never experience.

Thru 10/5

MUSEUM of SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY 57th & Lake Shore Dr. 773-684-1414

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NAVY PIER IMAX THEATRE 600 East Grand Ave. 312-595-7437

Call 312-595-PIER for daily schedule.

<http://www.navy pier.com/>

The IMAX production of **Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure** gives the epic the magnitude it deserves. At the Navy Pier IMAX theatre, the film is projected onto a screen eight stories high and 120 feet wide. This visual framework allows viewers to see and almost feel the intense cold of the Antarctic and to experience the grandeur of the open sea along with Shackleton and his men. (The film needs a better introduction to help viewers understand Shackleton's experience — who he was and the purpose of the journey.) This film will definitely capture the attention of children aged 9 and older who will see and be able to absorb the travels and trials of Shackleton's dramatic adventure.

Thru 12/24

NORTHLIGHT THEATRE 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie 847-673-6300

30th ANNIVERSARY SEASON

<http://www.northlight.org>

Cat Feet World Premiere! by Monte Merrick. An eccentric family as they look forward to the future with renewed strength and hope.

10/6-11/14

The Immigrant New musical! by Mark Harelik. A tale of parents and children, newcomers and relatives, Christians and Jews, and the realization of the dream that binds us all together.

12/8-1/9/05

(See **Scene**, next page)

(**Scene**, continued)

THE ORIENTAL Institute Museum 1155 East 50th Street 773-702-9520
http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/OI_Museum.html

The Institute's Collection is rich in artifacts showing the development of the written word On-going
in the first city of Uruk. Traders needed to keep track of transactions and did so at first by
devising systems of tokens and, later, graphic symbols pressed into wet clay. The symbols
were drawn to denote sheep, cattle, grain and other goods. Eventually these evolved
into more abstract symbols much like individual letters, called cuneiform writing, developed for
commercial record keeping. The exhibit brims with other artifacts both prosaic and profound.
There are the earliest wheels ever found, excavated by the Field Museum in the ruins of Kish,
as well as toys, potters' wheels, weapons, jewelry, cooking utensils and other accoutrements of
developing urban life from Uruk, Ninevah and Babylon.

TERRA MUSEUM of AMERICAN ART 664 N. Michigan 312-664-3939
<http://www.terramuseum.org>

Chicago Modern - 1893 -1945. Pursuit of the new: The first-ever survey at a
major art museum of paintings by Chicago artists during this period, demon-
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forged a regional consciousness through their experimentation. The exhibit
focuses on modern art by Chicago artists. It is a last chance for the public to
view one of the best museums this side of Giverny, France, specializing
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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO Mandel Hall 773-702-8060
1131 E. 57th St <http://music.uchicago.edu/events.shtml>
Mandel Hall: Pianist Andras Schiff and Friends 10/15; 3:00 pm
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TRUISMS THAT DESERVE MUCH WIDER CIRCULATION

Upon returning from a trip to Mexico, Past President **Ed O'Farrell** observed:

"I found out that '*mañana*' doesn't mean '*tomorrow*' at all. It means '*not today*.'"

From the timeless **Mark Twain** another nugget of wisdom:

"Be good and you will be lonesome."

MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL DONATIONS

AN APOLOGY: In our April 2004 issue, the Great Gremlin in Charge of Creating Misprints (whose name, we are told, is **Etaoin Shrdlu**) appears to have had a field day. We won't even try to tell you how to correct what actually appeared; instead, we promise you that the first eight donors below made a generous joint donation in memory of the first six friends who have passed on.

We are deeply sorry for the errors, and deeply grateful for the patience of donor **Harriet Embrey**, who has twice attempted to clear the matter up.

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Marion Farnsworth Van	General Purposes I am 96 years old and praising the Lord as I walk on 'til He calls me.
Loraine Ellison	In honor of retirement Irene Carnes (34 years) Ellie Nero (47 years) <i>(See Donors, next page)</i>

VERONICA CHEMERS NAMED 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

At the August 11th RTAC Board meeting, Board member **Veronica Chemers** was named 2nd Vice President of RTAC, to fill the unexpired term of the late **Tom Corcoran**. That term of office will end December 31st, 2004.



Veronica Chemers

Veronica continues to chair the Special Events Committee, which has organized several popular lake and river cruises, the latest of which is the **Spirit of Chicago** cruise which took place on September 17th.

Veronica's remaining term as Director, which also ends on December 31st, 2004, will be filled at a Board meeting later this year.



(Donors, continued)

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BACKUP! BACKUP! BACKUP!

by V. K. Brown

That exhortation is all too familiar to those who have had any experience with computers. Nearly all of us have now amended that old list of inevitabilities to include three: Death, taxes and hard disk failure. Nothing lasts forever, so be sure you have a backup for anything that REALLY matters.

As we move along in years, we all see our friends passing out of the picture. Almost all of us carefully examine the *Friends Gone Ahead* column first when it arrives, and then we look at the rest of the News Bulletin. That's one Friend that won't Go Ahead; right? After all, RTAC's been around for 78 years. It's permanent, of course.

But is it? Just a few years ago, RTAC had six satellite organizations of members who lived in other cities, who enjoyed getting together to "schmooze;" to swap stories of the Chicago system, its personnel, its students, the problems of retirement and how to meet and hopefully solve them. There were two in Arizona, two in Florida, and two in California. Folks back in the Windy loved to hear about what their self-exiled colleagues were doing, who was active and how they survived living in really pleasant weather. Now there's just one satellite still making its presence known.

There was one thing in common in each satellite group. It was led by a small, devoted group of a very few people who did all the work. They mailed out invitations, made group reservations, arranged for speakers, researched topics for discussion, etc., etc. And without exception, their very efficiency at these tasks led everyone else to rely on those few stalwarts. No one new moved in to help, because the job was already being done so well.

No backup.

So when the few strong leaders could no longer continue, the group fell apart. Goodbye, Phoenix; goodbye, Miami; goodbye Los Angeles.

The lesson is simple: RTAC is ONLY what YOU make it. Every Committee Chair at RTAC will at some time no longer be able to serve, and

probably sooner rather than later. What will happen when **Audrey Mivelaz** and **Marion Hoffing** can no longer arrange those wonderful Fall and Spring Luncheons? Who's going to be able to take up where **Tom Corcoran** left off? The Service Committee and **Betsy Clayton** are close friends to many who have virtually no others. Will our most senior members still hear from people who really care about them? Who will compose the News Bulletin, operate the Letter-A-Month Club, maintain RTAC's web site, etc., when the Editor no longer can? Who will keep watch over our legislative priorities and needs when **Ethel Philpott** can't do so? Who will spend those many hours gathering, condensing and typing the numerous entries for each *Chicago Scene* when **Marion Hoffing** gives it up? And above all, who will guarantee the continuity of the crucially important Aid Fund that matters so vitally to so many stricken RTAC members?

Members may join the committees that perform these essential services without serving on the Board of Directors. Your ideas and energies are desperately needed, IMMEDIATELY, to make certain that RTAC continues to serve retirees in the future just as capably as it does today. Step up now; learn how these tasks are presently being done, and contribute your ideas for improving the work to meet future needs. Volunteer to be an understudy to a busy Committee Chair so that the committee's work can continue uninterrupted when time catches up to him or her, as it must to all of us.

RTAC will continue to serve retired teachers only if retired teachers continue to serve RTAC. Call the Office to learn about existing committees and the work they do. Choose one (or more!) that interests you, and write to the chair of that committee offering your services. Be sure to mention any useful skills or training you may have (for example computer expertise, which is in very short supply). You will be enthusiastically welcomed!

Help RTAC to continue serving you and your colleagues!

FROM THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

By Betsy Clayton

One of the heaviest burdens of aging is loneliness, as friends and family pass on. To help ease this isolation, the Service Committee sends personal, individually written birthday and holiday cards to members 85 and over. That this thoughtfulness is welcomed is shown by these excerpts from the replies received. Their courage and spirit inspire us all.

Ollie Evans (Chi) went all out praising the Service Committee! She wrote “you are a God-sent committee, a lovable committee, a concerned committee, a compassionate committee, an all-around committee, a beautiful committee!” We’re blushing from all that praise. (**Ed. Note: EVERY SYLLABLE of which is richly deserved!!**) She also wrote her mind is 100% and her hair has just begun to gray. She feels she could take on 37 students in a classroom if it weren’t for unsuccessful surgery on one foot, keeping her in constant pain.

Patricia Patterson (IL) wrote “It was so nice to receive a greeting and message from a teacher organization!”

Mary Brown (FL) said she is well and happy, still bowling twice a week, and having fun.

Winnifred Blonsky (Chi) has trouble seeing, but she managed to send a card. We appreciate the effort, Winnie.

Cleopatra Collins (NC) was treated to a birthday feast with a wonderful home-cooked meal! She also received many cards and gifts. She’s enjoying her 24 years of leisure with family and friends.

Ida Luse’s (Chi) niece rounded up relatives from near and far and gave her a surprise birthday party. She was shocked when she saw that crowd. They had a lovely time.

Lucille Vander Veen (FL) is now 96 years old and has fond memories of her Chicago days and her friends there. She’s been in Tampa since 1955 and taught here for 45-1/2 years!

Fuller O’Malley (FL) wrote “God has truly blessed me. No glasses, no hearing aid – good heart – just a bad disposition at 92. I call that a blessing.” We doubt the bad disposition claim. Sounds like you have a good sense of humor, Fuller.

Janette Korecki (IL) always salutes the day she passes the driver’s test since it enables her to get about. It’s a really good feeling to know you’ve passed, Janette.

Betty Williams (Chi) and her husband George have driven coast to coast and border to border of the United States. They have also flown across several oceans. They enjoy reminiscing about their travels and their friends.

Margaret Smith (Chi) had a delightful 85th birthday with a dinner party and friends.

Also sending their thanks:

Gloria Wren (Chi)
Catherine and Roy Buchanan (IL)
Elizabeth Ormsby (IL)
Jerry Clarizio (Chi)

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

(May 22, 2004 To August 20, 2004)

Yvonne Alderson
Ann Andino
Ernestine S Andrews
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Katherine T Hayes
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Lillian Holmes *
(See **New Life**, next page)

DONOR FORM

Retired Teachers Association of Chicago
220 South State Street, Room 2100
Chicago IL 60604-2180

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My enclosed **check** for \$_____ is to cover (please check below as appropriate):

- Political Education Fund (**not** tax deductible; make check payable to **RTAC COPE**)
- Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund (tax deductible; make check payable to **C.R.T.A.F.**)
- Retired Teachers Association of Chicago (**not** tax deductible; make check payable to **R.T.A.C.**)

Donor's name: _____

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All donations are gratefully accepted, but the following choices require a \$10 minimum donation, either to the Aid Fund or to RTAC, for each name listed.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago
or Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund in your will.**

(New Life, continued)

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**Check the records of your candidates on Pages 4-6.
Then THINK!! And VOTE on NOVEMBER 2nd!!
IT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT!!**

Give yourself a Great Thanksgiving...

...a Happy Holiday Season...

...and a Happy New Four Years!!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Many retired teachers find that working for a worthy cause as a volunteer is extremely satisfying. The following organizations have asked us for help in recruiting. The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago **does not endorse any organization**; potential volunteers must make their own judgments.

Organization:	Where:	Contact Who:	Tele/ Internet URL:
A. C. E. S.	Chicago - All	Eric Werge	773-535-6922
AARP Illinois Center	Chicago - Loop	Carole Aston	312-458-3604
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Brookfield Zoo	Suburbs - W	Regi Mezydlo	708-485-0263x366
Catholic Charities (Tutor)	Chicago	Albert Curtis Jr	312-655-7412
Chicago Architectural Found	Chicago - All	Barbara Hrbek	312-922-3432x225
Chicago Youth Centers	Chicago - West	Michelle Gauthier	312-762-5655
Child Services	Cook/Lake/DuPg	Greta Nielsen	773-693-0300
Child Services	Chicago - RogPk	Michelle Genarro	773-973-3662
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Council for Jewish Elderly	Chicago - All	Anne L. Simon	773-508-1064
Court's Special Advocate	Cook	Imogene Harris	312-433-6997
CPS Student Science Fair	Chicago	Rita Nelson	773 553-6318
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Friends of the Parks	Chicago - All	Laura Ronneberg	312-922-3307
George Armstrong School	Chicago - Nr W	Kim Bendig	773-534-2150
Ginkgo Organic Gardens	Chicago - North		773-404-7114
Grandma, Please	Chicago - All	Kathy Slover	773-561-3500
Heartland Alliance Vista	Chicago - Loop	Carol McNeill	312-696-4500x4085
Ill. Action for Children	Chicago - Loop	Rebecca Klipfel	312-986-9591
Ill. Parents Anonymous	Chicago - All	Melinda Crosby	312-649-7301
Ill. Volunteers of America	Chicago - All	Peggy Schweiger	312-707-8707
Jesse White Tumblers (tutors)	Chicago – S & W	Yvonne C. Jones	312 943-4846.
Little Bros Friends of Elderly	Chicago	Geri Mead	312-455-1000
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls	Chicago - All	Jennifer Brown	312-738-7554
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls	Chicago - Nr W	Eileen Dordek	312-738-7554
Metro Family Services	Mt Greenwood	Dee Speich	773-298-5065X345
Museum Science & Industry	Chicago - South	Penny Aulston	773-684-9844x2422
N Shore Senior Center	Suburbs – N	Paul J. Luzwick	847-784-6000
Naperville Settlement	Suburbs – W	Diane Ernst	630-420-6010
Oakton Comm College	Subrb – NW	Rita Stewart	847-635-1434
Peace Corps	International	J Ostermeier	312-353-7716
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum	Chicago – North	Steve Bunyak	773-755-5142
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TWO FAMILIAR FACES

Fred Lehman (left) and **Sam Dolnick** met 52 years ago, when Fred did his practice teaching under Sam's able tutelage.

In the intervening years, both served long careers in the Chicago Public Schools, and both have now retired.

Well, sort of.

Behind Fred is a wall filled with evidence of the athletic trophies he continues to win in swimming. Counting only the first, second and third place medals, there are 520 of them. (Do NOT antagonize this guy!)

Sam continues as the driving force behind RTAC's last satellite group, located in San Diego. In his own way, he's as tireless as Fred.

Neither seems to find his laurels very restful.

FRIENDS GONE AHEAD

Requiescant in pace

ANDERSON, DARWIN V.

After a career that spanned 23 years in Chicago and 11 more outside, Darwin retired from Washburne Trade School in 1973. He expired on June 1, 2004, at the age of 92.

AQUINO, LEOCADIA V.

Leocadia retired in 1995 while at G. W. Collins High, and passed away on March 25, 2004, at the age of 60.

ARNOLD, MILDRED E.

Née Kinsman. Mildred died on July 11, 2004, at the age of 96 years. She retired as a substitute in 1973 after a career of 6 years.

BEAVER, JOSEPH C.

Joseph was a college teacher when he retired in 1982. His career spanned 6 years in Chicago and 4 more outside, and he succumbed at the age of 83 on May 22, 2004.

BELL, ROBERT M.

When he left District #4 as Superintendent in 1971, Robert put a 34 year career in Chicago and 9 more outside to an end. His life ended on June 18, 2004, at the age of 92.

BERMAN, ESTHER I.

Née Gosenpud. When she left Goethe in 1988, Esther put a 22 year career in Chicago and 2 more outside to an end. Her life ended on May 3, 2004, at the age of 82.

BIRDETTE, DORA

Née Frazier. Dora resigned from the Wacker school in 1995 after 38 years. She was 71 when she expired on May 4, 2004.

BISHOP, ADELA C.

Adela's career of 38 years came to an end as she left Kelly High in 1989. When she passed away on May 26, 2004, she had reached the age of 79.

BIVENS JR., COURTLAND C.

Courtland resigned from the Central Office as a Director in 1989 after 12 years. He was 84 when he expired on July 6, 2004.

BLANCO, CESAR

Cesar's career of 16 years came to an end as he left Arai Middle School in 1988. When he passed away on April 28, 2004, he had reached the age of 82.

BOLEY, RICHARD D.

Richard expired on May 11, 2004, at the age of 84. His career of 23 years ended when he retired from Lane Tech High School in 1982.

BROOKS, JEROME

After 8 years in the Chicago school system, Jerome retired as a college teacher in 1993. When he died on May 28, 2004, he was 72 years old.

BROWN, ROBERT M.

At the close of his life on May 11, 2004, Robert was 78 years old. A teacher for 38 years, he retired from the Washington Irving school in 1993.

CARROLL, MARIE A.

Marie died on June 7, 2004, at the age of 98. Her career of 40 years ended when she retired from the Darwin school in 1965.

CHICOINE, GENEVIEVE H.

Née Howard. After 40 years in the Chicago school system, Genevieve retired from the Nansen school in 1971. When death took her on March 8, 2004, she was 99 years old.

CONNOR, LOIS J.

At the close of her life on July 11, 2004, Lois was 71 years old. A teacher for 29 years, she retired from the Cardenas school in 1990.

CORCORAN, THOMAS J.

When Tom's life ended abruptly on August 3, 2004, he was 64 years old. When he retired in 1993 after a 38 year career, he was Secretary of the Board of Education.

CRIZ, SALLY

Née Schenberg. Sally resigned as an FTB in 1971, ending a 7 year time span. She was 94 at the time of her death on June 2, 2004.

DAVIDSEN, ARTHUR

Arthur resigned in 1980 from Von Steuben, after 27 years. He was 80 when he died on May 6, 2004.

DAY, WILMA JEAN

Née Keith. A teacher for 25 years, Wilma was at Wentworth when she retired in 1993. She passed on at the age of 71 on June 8, 2004.

DREW, MARY K.

Née Kinsey. Mary was 83 years old at her death on April 5, 2004. She resigned from Warren school in 1987 after 34 years in Chicago.

DUFFICY, CONSUELO P.

Consuelo was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 48 years when she retired from the Edwards school in 1995. At the time of her death on June 2, 2004, she was 78 years of age.

DUNN, JOSEPHINE

Her 29 year teaching career in Chicago and 3 more outside ended when Josephine retired from Grimes in 1973. She was 90 when her life ended on June 1, 2004.

EDWARDS, ELIZABETH J.

After a career that spanned 44 years, Elizabeth retired from Farragut High in 1969. She expired on March 4, 2004, at the age of 100.

EGAN, JAMES G.

A teacher for 32 years in Chicago and 1 more outside, James was at Spencer when he retired in 1988. He passed on at the age of 78 on June 29, 2004.

ERICKSEN, HARRY R.

Harry was 78 years old at his death on April 27, 2004. He resigned from Chicago Vocational High School in 1984 after 30 years in Chicago.

FIORETTI, FRANCES F.

Née Greene. After 27 years in Chicago and 12 more outside, Frances resigned from Orr High in 1974. Death took her on July 1, 2004; she was 95 at the time.

FORD, FELICIA B.

Felicia was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools when she retired in 1980. At the time of her death on April 17, 2004, she was 85 years of age.

FREDERICK, ERDIS

Née Smith. When Erdis retired in 1986 as a college teacher, her career had lasted 4 years. Her life ended at the age of 83 on January 4, 2004.

GARY, SUETTA B.

Née Tucker. Suetta succumbed at age 75 on June 8, 2004. She taught for 31 years before retiring from Robinson in 1989.

GENTHER, ROBERT A.

His 22 year teaching career ended when Robert retired from Las Casas High in 1988. He was 71 when his life ended on June 14, 2004.

GIBBONS, HELEN M.

Née Moore. Helen retired from the Kilmer school in 1971 after a career that lasted for 34 years. She expired on June 3, 2004, at the age of 94 years.

GONZALEZ, JORGE

After 6 years, Jorge resigned from Burns in 1997. Death took him on March 26, 2004; he was 71 at the time.

HAHN, JOAN R.

Joan was at Norwood Park when she resigned in 1991 after 33 years in the Chicago Public Schools. She was 70 on May 20, 2004, when she passed on.

HART, DELORES J.

Née Shofner. When she retired from Flower Vocational High School in 1989, Delores ended a career that included 27 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed her on March 24, 2004, at the age of 84 years.

HATTENBACH, MIGNON

Née Buckley. In 1970, Mignon retired from Bennett after 41 years of teaching. On May 6, 2004, she passed on at the age of 99 years.

HAWKINS, MARIAN A.

Née Smith. When she retired in 1974 from the Newton school, Marian had taught for 27 years in Chicago and 10 more outside. She was 94 years of age at her death on May 21, 2004.

HENDERSON, FRANCES B.

Frances retired from the Yale School in 2003 after teaching for 37 years. On June 6, 2004, she died at age 59.

HIRSCHHORN, HARRY J.

When Harry retired as a college teacher in 1985, his career had lasted 2 years. His life ended at the age of 81 on May 29, 2004.

HODOR, ROBERT J.

Robert succumbed at age 78 on June 5, 2004. He taught for 28 years before retiring from Englewood High in 1981.

HOTCHKISS, ALICE MAY

Née Sharp, Brown. In 1990, when she retired from the Central Office, Alice ended her 31 year career as a Psychologist with the Chicago school system. On April 24, 2004, her life ended after 75 years.

JACOBY, JEANETTE

Née Moseson. A 27 year career in Chicago schools came to an end for Jeanette when she left the Waters school in 1979. She died on June 16, 2004, at the age of 85 years.

JAROCH, RONALD W.

Ronald retired from the Shakespeare school in 1998 after a career that lasted for 22 years. He expired on April 25, 2004, at the age of 60 years.

JENKINS, BEATRICE M.

Née Riffle. A teacher at Ogden when she resigned in 1973, Beatrice had served for 23 years. She was 96 on the date of her passing, December 25, 2003.

JENKINS, MILDRED R.

Née Davis. Ending a 29 year career in Chicago and 5 more outside, Mildred left as Acting Principal of Shoemith in 1975. When she died on March 1, 2003, she was 93 years of age.

JOHNSON, EDITH G.

Née Harland. Edith had taught for 19 years before she retired in 1999 from Taft High School. She was 76 when her life ended on November 23, 2003.

JONES, RENEE R.

Née Adams. Renee resigned in 2002 after 1 year. On June 14, 2004, she died at the age of 68.

JONES, WILLIE MAE

Life ended for Willie Mae at the age of 70 on June 3, 2004. She retired from King High School in 1997, at the end of a 32 year career.

KAMRADT, GEORGE P.

George was at Lane Tech High when he resigned in 1989 after 23 years in the Chicago Public Schools. He was 87 on May 4, 2004, when he passed on.

KEENAN, CHARLES

When he retired as Principal of Neil school in 1991, Charles ended a career that included 34 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed him on June 9, 2004, at the age of 69 years.

KIESTER, JOANNE M.

Née Pustek. After a career that lasted 4 years, Joanne retired in 2001. She was 72 when she died on May 4, 2004.

KIRKSEY, FANNIE M.

Née Griswold. Fannie resigned from Richards Vocational High School in 1979 after an 18 year career in Chicago and 6 more outside. She was 86 years old when she died on June 21, 2004.

KOTT, JUDITH G.

Judith succumbed on March 17, 2004, at the age of 57. She served 31 years, resigning from the Piccolo school in 2001.

KRAMER, MINNIE

On April 27, 2004, Minnie passed away at the age of 84 years. She retired from Von Steuben in 1977 after 20 years of teaching.

KRAUSZOWSKI, MITCHELL

In 1991, Mitchell retired as Principal of Washington after a career of 38 years. On June 14, 2004, he passed on at the age of 72 years.

LABROI, MARGARET P.

Née Diggs. Margaret left the Kershaw in 1981 after a career that spanned 22 years in Chicago and 10 more outside. She expired at the age of 89, on May 24, 2004.

LARKIN, MARY M.

In 1986, Mary left the Alcott school after a career that lasted 30 years. When her life ended on April 29, 2004, she was 79 years of age.

LAUD, RICHARD W.

When he retired in 1993 from the Austin High School, Richard had taught for 38 years. He was 69 years of age at his death on May 9, 2004.

LEE, CLARA B.

Née Deane. After a career of 33 years, Clara retired as Assistant Principal of Corliss High School in 1993. She died on February 21, 2004, at the age of 70.

LEE, RUTH

Née Traeger. Amy was associated with the Chicago schools for 14 years, the last at South Shore High School, where she was when she retired in 1990. She was 79 years old when death took her on January 23, 2004.

LEVICKAS, GERALDINE

On June 4, 2004, Geraldine passed on, at the age of 63 years. She had spent 34 years in the schools when she resigned from Schurz High in 1999.

LEVIN, SELMA L.

Née Lichtenstein. When she retired from Nobel in 1973, Selma ended a career of 43 years in Chicago and 3 more outside. She was 96 when her life came to a close on April 14, 2004.

MALONEY, THOMAS A.

Thomas retired from the Central Office as a Director in 1983 after a career of 27 years. On January 29, 2004, he died at age 80.

MARTIN, WILLIE MAE

Née Beverly. After 11 years in Chicago schools, Willie retired from the Lindblom High School in 1980. She was 73 when she expired on April 18, 2004.

MASO, MARIA B.

Maria ended a 27 year career when she resigned from the Disney Magnet school in 1998. At her death on May 21, 2004, she was 72 years old.

MAY, NAOMI B.

Née Baxter. Her career of 35 years ended when she left Phillips High School in 1993, and Naomi died on July 11, 2004, at the age of 68.

MCELDOWNEY, DOROTHY J.

Last assigned to Donoghue, Dorothy retired in 2000 after 16 years of service. She passed away on June 11, 2004, at 72 years of age.

MCNICHOLAS, JEAN M.

When she resigned from Stevenson in 1982, Jean capped a 39 year career. She was 84 when she died on May 14, 2004.

MERON, SAM

In 1982, when he retired from Clemente High School, Sam ended his 29 year career with the Chicago school system. On May 7, 2004, his life ended after 85 years.

MILLER, EDWARD

A 30 year career in Chicago schools ended for Edward when he left District #13 in 1988. He died on April 24, 2004, at the age of 84 years.

MILLS, IRENE P.

Née Schmidt. Irene was at Shepard when she retired in 1963 after a 16 year career in Chicago and 3 more outside. She was 95 when she died on March 6, 2004.

MORONEY, FRANCIS J.

A teacher at Jefferson when he resigned in 2003, Francis had served for 11 years. He was 73 on the date of his passing, March 10, 2004.

MUENCH, MARIE E.

Née Ehrenwerth. Marie ended a 41 year term in the Chicago system upon her retirement in 1962 from Bogan High. At her death on April 23, 2004, she was 101 years old.

MURRAY, BERTHA

Bertha retired in 1987 after 3 years in the Chicago system. She was 78 when she went to her reward on June 30, 2004.

MURRAY, WALTER E.

Walter ended a 21 year career when he left Bennett in 1981. When he died on May 8, 2004, he was 80 years of age.

MUS, ANGELA

After teaching 31 years, Angela resigned from Westinghouse Vocational School in 1986. She was 88 when death claimed her on July 4, 2004.

O'BRIEN, SR., WILLIAM P.

William had taught for 17 years before he retired in 1972 from the Audy Home. He was 87 when his life ended on June 10, 2004.

ODELL, SYLVESTER

When he resigned after 24 years in 1985, Sylvester was at the Cook County Jail school. On May 19, 2004, he died at the age of 84.

PACKER, NANETTE B.

Nanette's 30 year career in the Chicago schools ended when she retired from Belding in 1983. On May 24, 2004, at the time she succumbed, she was 87 years old.

PETERSON, MILDRED J.

Née Johnson. Death came for Mildred on July 11, 2004, when she was 84 years old. She ended her career at Kosciuszko in 1983, after 27 years.

PULASKI, HELEN J.

Helen was a teacher at Hubbard High when she resigned in 1978 after a 33 year teaching career. Her life ended at the age of 90 on July 14, 2004.

REAMS, SAVANAH G.

Savanah was at the Carter school when she retired in 1987 after a 34 year teaching career. She was 83 at the time of her death on June 27, 2004.

RICE, VIRGINIA M.

Née McCloud. At the age of 98, Virginia passed away on July 7, 2004. She was at Bryant in 1971 when she ended a 36 year career in the Chicago system.

RIDDLE, WILLIE MAE

In 1998, Willie Mae resigned from the Central Office after a 38 year career. When she expired on June 1, 2004, she was 71 years old.

RITCHIE, CLARICE E.

Née Ryden. On February 7, 2003, life came to a close for Clarice at the age of 84. She retired in 1987 at the end of a 12 year career in the schools.

ROBBINS, FRANCES G.

Née Green. A teacher at Mather High when she retired in 1982 after 37 years, Frances passed away on June 16, 2004, at the age of 87 years.

RODMAN, DAVIDA Z.

Née Rubin. Davida retired in 1986 from the Gray ending a 27 year career. At the end of her life on April 16, 2004, she was 74 years old.

ROMANISZAK, THERESA

Née Plecki. At her death on June 27, 2004, Theresa was 75 years old. Her 26 year career ended when she resigned from Wacker in 1990.

RUZICKA, HELEN R.

Née Rapp. Helen resigned from Spencer in 1971 after 31 years in Chicago and 1 more outside. On April 12, 2004, she passed on at the age of 95 years.

SAIDEL, EVALYN

Née Bushnick. In 1986, when Evalyn was at the Trumbull school, she retired after 25 years. She was 83 years old when she expired on May 29, 2004.

SAMUELS, HANNAH

Hannah was at LaSalle Academy when she retired in 1986 after 33 years. She was 86 when she succumbed on May 29, 2004.

SCHMIDT, JEAN M.

Jean retired in 1998 from the Newberry school, after teaching 41 years. Her life ended on July 6, 2004, at the age of 69 years.

SHAGG, JOSEPH R.

Née Shagzdas. At the age of 73, Joseph passed away on April 26, 2004. After 33 years in the system, he resigned from Eli Whitney in 1993.

SHERIDAN, DOROTHY L.

Née Bishop. Dorothy retired from Perez in 1997 after a 12 year career. Death came for her at age 74 on July 19, 2004.

SIMPSON, LEROY

Life ended for Leroy at the age of 88 on May 9, 2004. He retired from South Shore High in 1984, at the end of a 25 year career.

SMALL, DELORIS O.

Deloris was 62 at her death on July 2, 2004. She ended her 35 year career when she retired from Senn High in 2000.

SMITH, ELIZABETH W.

After teaching 22 years, Elizabeth resigned in 1993 from Gresham. She succumbed at the age of 76 on June 16, 2004.

STELLAR, LILLIE M.

Née Matsiselts. Lillie passed on at age 97 on June 6, 2004. She resigned in 1970 after a 43 year career that ended at McLaren Occupational Center.

STONE, FRANCES E.

Her 44 year career ended at the May school in 1969 when Frances retired. Death came for her on April 13, 2004, at the age of 100.

SUMLIN, MARIAM B.

Née Brooks. After a 19 year career, Mariam retired from the Central Office in 2001. She died on April 3, 2004, at age 70.

TABAKA, AVELLINA

Avellina resigned from the Lincoln school in 1950 after a 25 year career, and died on April 22, 2004, at the age of 101 years.

TAHENY, JOSEPHINE C.

Josephine retired as Assistant Principal of the Gunsaulus Branch of Kelly High School in 1974, ending a 44 year career. On May 24, 2004, when she passed on, she was 94 years old.

TIERNEY, MARGARET F.

Née Fanning. Margaret served the Chicago Public Schools for 29 years, retiring from the Hoyne school in 1968. She was 96 when death took her on May 29, 2004.

TORAN, WILMA

Née Norris. When Wilma retired from the Stagg Elementary School in 1993, she ended a 33 year career. She expired on May 24, 2004, having achieved the age of 77 years.

TORTORELLI, ANNA P.

Née Pavese. Anna's 31 year career ended in 1968 when she resigned from Schubert. Death claimed her on June 7, 2004, at the age of 95.

WALKER, EDDYE W.

Née Whited. Life ended for Eddy on June 25, 2004, at the age of 84 years. She ended her 39 year career at the Faraday school in 1994.

WALKER, LUCILE G.

Lucile was 96 years old when she died on May 13, 2004. She was at Volta when she resigned in 1970 after a 42 year career.

WALLACE, VIOLET B.

Née Brown. When her life ended on April 5, 2004, Violet was 80 years old. Her retirement in 1989 from Spry marked the end of a 38 year career.

WASHINGTON, VERLENA L.

When she retired as Assistant Principal of Brenan in 1988, Verlena's career spanned 32 years. At the end of her life on May 30, 2004, she was 79 years of age.

WEISBERG, CHESNA C.

A 40 year career in the Chicago Public Schools ended when Chesna, who expired at the age of 90 on June 13, 2004, retired as Principal of Aldridge in 1981.

WILSON, WOODROW

After a career that lasted 30 years, Woodrow retired from Gresham in 1984. He was 86 when he died on April 28, 2004.

WINCH, CHARLOTTE P.

Charlotte had reached 100 years of age when her life came to a close on May 3, 2004. Her 36 year career ended when she resigned from the Monroe school in 1959.

WOJTAN, LEONORA L.

Leonora retired as a Government Funded Programs Coordinator in 1980, after a 39 year career. She succumbed on June 25, 2004, at the age of 83.

ZULAS, HELEN M.

In 1993, when she resigned, Helen completed a 1 year career. She was 80 when she died on June 1, 2004.

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When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told that the keys had been accidentally locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger's side, I

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"I know," answered the young man. "I already got that side."



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By Vera M. Paul, Chair
Publicity Committee

Although it has been said that nothing is as far away as one minute ago, it seems as though our Spring Luncheon was only yesterday. But it is already time for our Fall Luncheon and Business Meeting, to be held on Friday, October 15th, in the luxurious Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House. Details are given in the ticket form inside the back cover of this issue of the *News Bulletin*.



ence. Increasing attendance for the October meeting will not be easy, since the Spring luncheon attendance of 920 set an all-time record.

So we need your help. Encourage your friends and family to come; pass the word to your local publications and any radio personalities you may know – but do it now; there are only 2 weeks left!!

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