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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RTAC

Every best wish for a new year, and may all of your hopes and dreams be realized during 2007!

Recently the officers from 2006 met with the officers-elect for 2007 and worked out a cooperative program to plan for a smooth transition as well as carrying on effective programs for this new year. My role as the immediate past president is to assist Ethel Philpott, the president-elect, in any way she wishes. As immediate past president, I remain on the executive committee with the newly elected officers.

We cited past accomplishments as well as a few of our disappointments. When we passed the ten thousandth member last year, a new milestone was reached, and progress with the new retirees will make even 10,000 a relatively small number. This summer alone, 1,205 persons retired from an active school position to our pension system. This includes all types of retirements: service, disability, reciprocal and survivor. It represents just about five percent of the entire active teaching force. In addition we took steps to offer new retirees a special gift membership and we are positive a large number will follow up by paying dues after the trial period. When we speak with our organization of over 10,000 members, we are "heard loud and clear." Several legislators have recognized how important the voice of RTAC is in passing legislation and have told us so.

Board meetings are much shorter, mainly due to the fact the chair of each committee submits

monthly reports prior to the monthly meeting, so that members are well aware of facts and issues

without a great deal of time taken at each meeting. We are often done by 11:30 A.M. each month. There has been a full array of activities for members. Elsewhere in this issue are dozens of opportunities for serving people in need of any age. My choice was to participate in the Chicago Public Schools Science Fair held at the Museum of Science and In-

dustry. It is very satisfying to see excellent progress by the younger generation in the scientific and mathematical fields. Our social committee chairs planned two outstanding luncheons, and other ac-

tivities included a trip to the new Illinois Lincoln Museum in Springfield and just recently a scheduled day long trip to the Field Museum to see the Tutankhamun Exhibit, commonly known as the King Tut Exhibit. Each event was filled to capacity and we had to turn people away.



*Dr. Walter Pilditch*



of regulars **Bob Abson** and **Virginia Wood**. (Meeting for the first time, no doubt.)

JUST TWO photos were submitted for the Photo Contest, making the odds pretty good for entrants. **Helen P Johnson** once again snapped the winning photo,

In closing let me charge you with three duties for RTAC:

1. Please respond promptly when we ask you for aid in lobbying to help pass (or defeat) important legislation.

2. Let the new officers (listed on page two) know what you would like see RTAC do, and then give them your full support.

3. Enjoy 2007 as a year of great opportunity to fulfill your goals.

Happy New Year!

*Walter Pilditch*

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## RTAC CARES ABOUT YOU!

The 1740 teachers on the COBRA health insurance extension plan whose Social Security numbers and personal information were accidentally published were thereby put at immediate and severe risk of identity theft.

Recognizing this, within one day of the announcement RTAC had the following posted prominently on its web page ([www.RTAC.org](http://www.RTAC.org)):

### IDENTITY THEFT/FRAUD ALERT

It is suggested that you take the following steps if you suspect that your identity has, in any way, been compromised.

1. Notify the three major credit bureaus listed below and have them place a 'Fraud Alert' on your account. Note that the fraud alert may expire after 90 days and you may need to renew it.

#### Credit Rating Bureaus

**Equifax**, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241 1-800-525-6285 [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian**, P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742) [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

**Trans-Union**, Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790  
1-800-680-7289 [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

Less than a week after the notice went up, we received an email (written in the somewhat disconcerting no-upper-case style of text messages) reading:

"whoever you are:

"thanks for the info on the mess created by the chicago public stupids. as you suggested, i

checked my credit reports this morning and found 2 new credit cards in the last week along with one request for an address change. i froze everything. how come no body else has any suggestions?"

We can't answer for the others, writer, but RTAC really does care about you.



### WANT \$30?

Every computer owner with internet service has seen those warnings that tell you in detail about how your roof will fall in if you open an email with "Hello" in the subject line. The savvy investigate these with a rumor-checking site like *Snopes.com* or *Truthorfiction.com* before getting upset.

So when good news comes along in one of those general distributions, one is skeptical. But below is a direct quote from *Truthorfiction.com*:

"...it is true that on your tax forms for the 2006 tax year in the U.S. you can claim a tax credit because of a change in the collection of Federal excise taxes on telephone calls. This is because of federal court decisions ruling that the tax no longer applies to long distance calls the way they are billed today. It applies to land-line, cellular, and even Internet calls."

You get to claim \$30 to \$60, depending on your filing status, on line 71 of your 1040. Look for it! It's a cash credit; NOT just a deduction!

## ...BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...

When reader **Janice Gehrman** saw the name of **Mignone Hattenbach**, a favorite teacher, on the list of 100 year olds in October's *News Bulletin*, Janice wrote the following letter to Mignone:

"What a wonderful surprise it was to open my latest issue of the *News Bulletin* from the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago and to find your name listed among those members who have lived to reach the age of 100! Congratulations on a long and successful life of service to others. I hope life has been good to you, and I send my best wishes for good health and happiness always.

"Sixty years ago I was a little ten-year-old girl in your fifth grade class at West Pullman School. My name was Janice Garvie. I had dark hair, blue eyes, and I loved to learn. You were a wonderful teacher, and I have thought of you often through the years and remembered many of the lessons I learned in the first classroom at the top of the stairs on the third floor in the year 1946. I especially remember the geography class and the game of 20 questions that we presented at the school assembly. No one was able to guess my selection which was Rio de Oro. I have many happy memories of those days and of my teachers, principal, and classmates...

"I graduated from Fenger High School in 1954, Chicago Teachers College in 1957, and received my Masters Degree in Education (majoring in Guidance and Counseling) from DePaul University. During this time I married **Joseph Gehrman**, who is now a retired principal after 35 years in the Chicago Public Schools. We have two sons and four grandchildren. I am 70 years old now and loved my work as a third grade teacher for 20 years. Among the highlights of my career were being awarded the Milken National Educator Award and Illinois Distinguished Educator Award in 1990 and the Most Dedicated Teacher Award by the Chicago PTA. You and the other outstanding teachers at West Pullman Elementary School were the role models who inspired and motivated me to follow my love for education as a teacher. I am so glad that I have this opportunity to say 'Thank you' for the gift that you gave me as a student in your

## MARITA HOGAN

RTAC was saddened to learn of the passing on November 19, 2006, of **Marita Hogan**, a former Latin teacher who served in the RTAC office. Marita's school career lasted 45 years, and she served in RTAC's office for 17 years. She successfully combined her diminutive stature with a forceful personality.

Marita served for many of those 17 years as Executive Secretary, in full and highly capable charge of the RTAC office. She retired from that position in August of 2000.

fifth grade class.

"If it is at all possible, I would love to visit you. I remember that you had a son about my age. There is so much to share, and I would love to hear more about your experiences and thoughts. I will never forget you. My sister, Doris, was in your class two years after me and has asked me to send her best wishes to you also.

Please call me at (\*\*\*) \*\*\*-\*\*\*\*, or write me at my home address, \*\*\*\*\*. It would be so amazing to be able to see you and to talk to you.

"With love from your former student,

"Janice Gehrman."

Unfortunately, Janice's letter arrived too late. She has very kindly permitted us to print it, hoping to inspire others to write beloved teachers while it's still possible. The RTAC office can tell you if a member is still living, and it will gladly forward your letter to your former teacher.

Upon second thought, Janice wanted our opinion about dropping the references to her awards because it might seem too much like bragging. Our response was a resounding "No!" Every teacher takes great pride in the achievements of former students, and that can't happen if you don't reveal what those achievements are. This is definitely not a time for modesty!

Write your letter now — avoid the disappointment Janice suffered.

## NOTES FROM THE LAW LINE ...

I love helping RTAC members solve problems. Every month, I get calls about a large variety of issues. Sometimes I can assist the caller myself, sometimes a bit of research is needed, and sometimes I must refer members to governmental agencies or other non-legal professionals, or to attorneys experienced in areas outside my expertise.

One issue affecting some RTAC members or their family members is divorce. Illinois divorce law has been changing in recent years (and more changes are on the horizon), and this is good news for families and children. Some are in the new Supreme Court Rules; i. e.:

- Child custody cases are now combined with other cases involving the children, so that all court decisions are coordinated by one single judge. This seems simple and its merit obvious, but it was not always done this way.

- In child custody cases, an initial case management conference is held within the first 90 days of filing a petition for dissolution (Illinois' legal term for divorce). This is to move the case along faster, so that cases involving children are not dragging on and on with children in the middle of a battleground. In addition, at this conference, the judge shall address the appointment of a lawyer or guardian *ad litem* for the child or children.

- Custody cases are to be resolved within 18 months, again moving the process along more quickly.

- Each court shall have a mediation program to assist the parents in negotiating an agreement regarding the children.

- Judges who hear child custody cases will now be required to have experience or training in all aspects of custody decisions.

- All parents of minor children must attend parenting classes in order to get a divorce.

The new rules must be followed. In addition to these, important changes are evolving in the way divorce law is practiced. When a couple decides

to divorce, there are now options for doing so. Litigation usually springs to mind, involving motions, petitions, discovery requests, depositions, etc., and in the end, the judge makes decisions for the future of the divorcing parties and their children. There will always be a place for this procedure, but for most couples there are now better alternatives.

The new alternatives require that both parties

agree 1) to be honest and open about finances, and 2) to negotiate their own agreement, in the belief that they know better than anyone else what is best for their family. When this happens, both parties are invested in the agreement since they created it, and are thus more likely to hold to it. *This does not mean that the parties are getting along*; rather, they are agreeing to negotiate. Some cases re-

solved this way use a special process called Collaborative Law. Collaborative Law began about 16 years ago in Minnesota and has swept the country and other countries as well. In this process, the divorce is accomplished using a team approach. The team consists of the parties themselves, their attorneys, coaches as needed, a trained child specialist if appropriate, and a specially trained divorce financial planner. One crucial feature is that if the process fails and the couple end up in litigation, they must find new attorneys, because the collaborative attorneys on the case may not take their clients to litigation. This provides a big incentive to stay with the process. The procedure is less costly and it avoids much of the usual bitterness, anger and destructiveness. Parents learn to be "business partners" in the raising of children — clearly far better for the children.

In October, I attended the annual conference of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. They describe collaborative law as revolutionary. Although the process has been used primarily in divorce law, it is now moving into other areas of the legal process.

If you have any questions about this column, or any questions about legal issues of any kind, remember that you have this resource available — just call the Law Line!



Anne Chestney Mudd

Anne Chestney Mudd

## BYLAWS AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

*By Marcella Morrison, Bylaws Committee Chair*

At the Fall 2006 Luncheon and Business Meeting, the following amendments to the RTAC bylaws were adopted:

### Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to carry on the following activities in the interests of those individuals who receive pensions from the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago; hereinafter referred to as retired teachers.

Section 1. To serve as the primary advocate for, and to work in cooperation with other organizations on issues related to, retired teachers.

Section 2. To empower our members to engage in activities and services that will promote their well being with emphasis on the maintenance and enhancement of their pension benefits.

Section 3. To provide for the professional, educational, and social interests of our members.

### Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Any individual receiving a service or disability pension from the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago may be a member and hold elective office. Other recipients of Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago pensions may be members but may not hold elective office in the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago.

Members can obtain a revised copy of the RTAC Bylaws by sending their request in writing to RTAC's office at 220 S. State St., Room 2100, Chicago IL 60604-2180.

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## AID FUND REPORT

*By Audrey Mivelaz, President*

The AID Fund and its grateful clients again thank all the generous benefactors who have made it possible to help needy teachers cope with some of the overwhelming expenses of ordinary living.

Recently the San Diego RTAC satellite provided a generous donation and our thanks go to

their members, to President **Rita Evoy** and to their Treasurer **Sam Dolnick**.

Another recent and very generous donation was made by the Chicago State University chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. In conformity with the donor's highly unusual instructions, the money will be divided equally among ten current Aid Fund recipients, whose names will be randomly selected.

It has been my privilege to serve as Aid Fund president during these past two years. While it is most unnerving to learn of the many and varied serious problems retired CPS teachers may face, it is deeply heartwarming to observe the willingness to share good fortune demonstrated by hundreds of contributors who care about their colleagues. The experience will never leave me, and I know that able and caring hands will follow mine at the Aid Fund helm.

Best wishes to all for a great New Year for 2007 and beyond.

*Audrey*

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## TRIB AND SUN-TIMES SCOOPED

Incoming RTAC Director **Roy Coleman** points out to us that the Chicago Public School system is the only Public School system in the country to have produced TWO astronauts. Both are female and both African-American. Dr. **Mae C. Jemison** (STS-47) is a graduate of Morgan Park and flew in 1992, and **Joan Higginbotham** (STS-116) graduated from Whitney Young and flew on the most recent Shuttle flight. (The STS numbers refer to NASA Space Transportation System mission numbers.)

While some may profess to be unimpressed by this achievement, they should remember that this is *twice as many* as the nearest competitor.

You can read the very impressive NASA biographies of these brilliant young women. <http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/htmlbios/jemison-mc.html> is the link for Dr. Jemison. Ms. Higginbotham's biography is also on line, at <http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/htmlbios/higginbo.html>. These biographies would make outstanding motivational material for CPS kids, in the spirit of the late Mary Herrick's dictum, "you **can**."

(See **Scooped**, next page)

## PENSION NEWS

By Walter Pilditch, Pension Fund Trustee

The third quarter report of Mercer Investment Consulting Company has been completed and the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund cash and investments total \$11.57 billion, which is \$336 million more than the end of the previous quarter or an increase of 3.8% in three months. Factors credited for this increase include dropping oil prices, increases in the measures of consumer confidence, a four percent decline in the consumer price index, and solid increases in the large cap equity market, the international equity market and the fixed income market.

We are often asked about the best performing money managers. At this time the following would qualify: Fidelity, Holland, UBS, Lombard, Seligman and Ariel in domestic equity; Morgan Stanley and MFS in international equity; Ariel and Seligman in small cap equity; and finally Lehman Brothers, Western and Smith Graham led the way in fixed income investments. The forecast for the coming months looks for strong growth in the various markets in which we invest.

There are three changes in the Trustee Board as follows: New teachers **Reina Otero** and **Nancy Williams** replace Dr. **Connie Fitch-Blanks** and **Linda Porter-Milton**. Upon the resignation of Board of Education member **Rufus Williams**, the Board named **Peggy A. Davis**. Mr. Williams became president of the Board of Education in October.



Dr. Walter Pilditch

As mentioned in the article on page one, over twelve hundred teachers and administrators retired during the summer, one of the highest number of persons leaving in recent years. This trend is expected to last through the summer of 2007 because of the Pension Enhancement Program in the Teachers' Union contract. Commonly known as the PEP plan, this option converts a number of unused sick leave days into an increase in the pension earned at the end of a person's service. Also in effect is an Early Retirement Option (ERO) plan for a limited number of teachers. This plan has to be reapproved by the Board of Education each year. This retirement formula requires both the Board of Education and the retirement to pay seven percent of the salary for the future years the person would have had to work to reach full retirement.

Our lobbyists in Springfield both felt that very little, if any, legislation would be successful during the veto session late in the year because most of the attention will be paid to the state's elections. These of course included the governor and other state wide officers, as well all representatives and most senators.

In the spring RTAC expects to have a list of preferred bills to be passed that would benefit retired teachers. If you have any particular ideas on this, call or write the RTAC Office and address the note to the legislation committee. Here's hoping 2007 will bring good news from our Pension Fund.

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### RECENT COPE DONORS

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~\*~

Sylvia Placek

*in memory of*

Chester Roman Wiktorski

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*(Scoop, continued)*

We can't recall any page 1 treatment of this in either of our Chicago daily newspapers... Can you?

**Donations to COPE are used to further the mission and goals of RTAC through more effective political action.**

What a great place to see your name in print!

# REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Robert F. Bures

Although this article is being composed just before Thanksgiving, my thoughts are already very much involved with the year-end holidays. We trust you had a food- and fun-filled Thanksgiving, surrounded by plenty of family and friends. Now Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa have come and gone far too quickly — and, of course, everyone at RTAC hopes that you found these holidays to be full of cheer, happiness and best times ever with your family - near or far!

At least two things always come to mind at New Year's.

First – the new Illinois General Assembly begins its opening session, and our thoughts turn to these people who wield so much influence over our lives in particular. The Democrats are firmly in control of both the Illinois House and the Illinois Senate as well as, of course, the Governor's office. *Our legislative program is critically important to our mission!* **Our chief objectives are threefold:** (1) RTAC is sponsoring legislation that would change the money allocated by the State for health care rebates from a fixed \$75 million figure to a floating 75% of the cost of our health care. That's a big difference, and a vital one! (2) Additionally, we still seek and are thus introducing a bill to raise the minimum pension to a livable amount for our older annuitants. I'm always surprised the legislature doesn't approve this, since this carries a very small cost, based as it is on a steadily diminishing number of annuitants in this category. The reason I'm always surprised is that seniors always have the highest voting turnout. Don't our legislators realize that we VOTE? Make sure your delegation remembers that. (3) Our final major legislative objective is a restored 0.01% tax on Chicago real estate, devoted exclusively to our Pension Fund. We lost this



in 1995 and now we need it back!

Be watching for RTAC Special Messages to YOU to support our grassroots political efforts!

The second thing the New Year always brings is resolutions! I know that my resolutions of diet, exercise, save more money and the like always work for awhile. Maybe that's because they all focus on me, and it's my fault if they don't work!

I also know that my main New Year's Resolution for 2007 is to focus more on others - especially on those who need it most - those less fortunate than I.

A suggestion for helping others is in volunteering at The Learning Center. It's at 2153 South Millard Avenue, Chicago 60623. Their phone number is 773-277-3111. Ask for Sister **Monica Kavanaugh**, O.P. The Learning Center is an adult education facility serving the people of North Lawndale and Little Village. They offer free basic, as well as GED prep, classes. The need is for tutors. Although there are teachers from Malcolm X College there, we all know that our prior experience proves that students - even adult students - greatly benefit from working one on one with a tutor who is interested in them and their education. Give them a call - give them a try! I hope to see you there!

RTAC has undergone many changes in its leadership. A number of long-serving Board members have retired and are being replaced by some new and different faces and talents. Take the time to look over the list of Directors and Officers on the inside cover of this issue. If you know them, give them a call or drop them a note in care of RTAC.

Please don't forget — when in the Loop, stop by RTAC to say "Hello!" Stay for a coke or a cup of coffee; rest up a bit before going back to shopping or exchanging. We would love to see you!

Happy New Year!

*Bob Bures*

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO  
CHICAGO RETIRED TEACHERS AID FUND**

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(from August 25, 2006 to November 18, 2006)

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(See **Donors**, next page)

*(Donors, continued)*

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Marie Salwonchik	Genral Purposes
Esperanza T. Calderon	Genral Purposes
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Anonymous	General Principles
Earl & Joan Sanders	In honor of Georgia Young, a sharing and caring person.
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Sandra M. Rosen	General Principles
Peter Matthew Merwin	Dr. William Mac Intyre Larry Mc Bride Leigh Kaup Celebrating service to children.
Chicago State Univ Phi Delta Kappa Chapter	To be divided among ten teachers receiving Aid Fund help.
Anonymous	General Principles
Ruth Mc Donald	General Principles

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Ruth Mc Donald	General Principles

**BETSY CLAYTON RETIRES AGAIN**

For too many years to count, **Betsy Clayton** has served as co-presiding officer of the Service Committee, that lifeline to our most senior members. At precisely the time most friends and relatives begin to lose contact with them, the Service Committee reaches out with beautifully hand written birthday and holiday cards, keeping our older members in touch with RTAC and Chicago. Many, many responses from these increasingly isolated retirees, ringing with praise and blessings for the  
*(See **Betsy**, next page)*

*(Betsy, continued)*

Committee and its vital work have been written and published in the *News Bulletin*. Betsy has long produced a column of condensed versions of member responses, which has been published under the name of "From The Service Committee." Her column is living proof that these members still matter to us — and we to them.

Betsy has now decided that she simply cannot continue her vital work. Her column today is her last, but Service Committee co-chair **Nancy Makowski** (who has just resigned as an RTAC

Director) will continue Betsy's column in future issues.

RTAC is proud to have this group of members who are so concerned for our aging colleagues that they travel to RTAC offices once each month to hand write cards and letters to each and every member 85 or older. People like these, who deeply care about all of us, are what truly makes RTAC a family for its members. The Service Committee would welcome as a new member anyone qualified and willing to help in its work. Please consider it.

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## FROM THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

*By Betsy Clayton*

**Cleopatra Collins** (NC) had a wonderful birthday with family and friends. The day ended with a delicious special birthday cake, ice cream, and a happy birthday serenade.

**Ruth Fruin** (IL) wrote she started driving and playing golf when she was 90. Now at 98, she's still enjoying friends and family who keep her going.

**Mildred Medina** (AZ) said it's very hot in Arizona and they've had some bad wild fires in their beautiful Red Rock area. She ended with "But we'll survive!" Thank goodness, Mildred!

**Helen McCabe** (Chicago) celebrated her birthday with her first great grandchild, Amelia Jane, who turned two on the same day. It was a great big happy day.

**Ruth B. Meyers** (Chicago) is capably giving book reviews, attending classes at a local senior center, and delivering books to aged shut-ins. Sound like you're busy enough for two people, Ruth!

**Hazel Kott** (AZ) celebrated her 94th birthday some months ago with her twin daughters and she was queen for a day!

**Dorothy Benson** (CA) is enjoying life in a retirement home in the San Diego area. She enjoys the many daily activities. The meals are excellent too. Sounds like you have it made, Dorothy!



*Betsy Clayton at the Fall 2006 Luncheon.*

**Eva Sigrid** (GA) is now 100 years plus. Her son writes she is the happiest person on her floor and will probably outlive us all. She has visitors and likes to get mail.

**Lois Crockett** (Chicago) wrote receiving her birthday card was a "heart warming surprise." Glad to surprise you, Lois. We look forward to doing it next year too!

**Signa Molnaire** (FL) is confined to a wheelchair but her brain's still healthy. She spends time at her computer, reads a great deal, and visits with her family and friends. She'd like those who remember her to send her e-mail. The following is a poem written by Signa on her 98th birthday:

*I'm waiting in line to board the plane  
My shoes are off, my luggage is cleared  
The ship will soar when it finds my name  
Among the others who have appeared  
The 747 is bound for heaven, at least we pray  
That the pilot won't turn the ship another way  
Or set the controls that make it go  
To another destination far below. (8/25/06)*

**Ann Aiuppa** (WA) sent a card with a Russian painting on it and said we could go to the head of the class if we could read it. Regretfully, we'll have to stay in ignorance now. Ann has celebrated her 94th birthday.

*(See **Service**, next page)*

# A VISIT WITH KING TUT

By Veronica Chemers  
Special Events Chairperson

On Tuesday November 14, 2006, RTAC had another successful field trip to add to its list of special events provided for members. Ninety-seven of our RTAC members, family, and guest came to view King Tutankhamen's tomb and relics. Executive Director **Bob Bures** arrived at the Field Museum early to check in all those who came. He did not get to see much of the program since he was busy at his task of greeting and directing our members to the starting point of meeting our docent. The behind the scenes logistics of planning a tour as large as this one have been most interesting, particularly since the Field Museum confused us with another group of similar name. It took some quick thinking to make things run smoothly. Thanks go to RTAC Director **Helen Johnson** who helped guide our members to the Montgomery Ward auditorium.

King Tut has fascinated scientists for years. He was about 9 years old when he was crowned around 1332 B.C. It was the golden age of the Pharaohs, and Egypt was a mighty empire.

WHAT KILLED THE BOY KING? CT scanning reveals a fracture in Tut's left thigh, just above the knee. Such an injury might have triggered a fatal infection or blood clot. Other researchers believe the bone may have been broken by British Archeologist Howard Carter's research team.

His tomb was filled with estimated 4000-5000 impressive artifacts, jewels, magical amulets, furniture and, amazingly, a *solid gold coffin*. An inscription on the tomb warned everyone that "**Death shall come on swift wings to anyone that disturbs the peace of the king.**" Researchers were forbidden to touch King Tut. The fragile mummy

(Service, continued)

Also sending their thanks:

**Rosemary B. Wolf** (Chicago)

**Sylvia Dombeck** (FL)

**Dorothy Armbuster** (Chicago)

**Bernice Givens** (Chicago)

**Mary Florence O'Shea** (Chicago)

has not always received such gentle treatment. His head is cut off, his body cut in two, his extremities are detached and some body parts are missing.

The "curse of the Pharaohs" fascinates the public, although National Geographic researchers conclude that there is no such thing. Believe what you wish, but Lord Carnarvon (who financed the expedition) died six months after the discovery of the tomb. Was he cursed or did he die of an infected mosquito bite that led to blood poisoning and pneumonia? You decide — we visited the King Tut exhibit in Chicago (he is traveling to other major cities); we all got home safely.



Veronica Chemers

One of our RTAC

members, **Betty Jane Knoth**, writes that she was again awed by



Legal souvenir hunters.

how smoothly and efficiently the Special Events committee organizes a tour. She liked the presentation of the docent and the independence of using the headset and earphones. Outgoing Board Member **Nancy Makowski** is indefatigable, traveling from Frankfort IL to be with us. **Lillian Schwartz**, besides being an RTAC member, was on Field Museum docent supportive assistance when she enlightened me as to the various multifaceted aspects of scheduling. After the exciting and rewarding tour, RTAC member **Rosebelle Mintz** and Chairperson **Veronica Chemers** took the opportunity to reminisce at a sit-down lunch at the Corner Bakery.

Watch the *News Bulletin* for the announcement of our next trip. Send us your comments and ideas. Thanks to you who joined us; it was nice getting to know you.

**Dorothy Bannick** (CA)

**Ted Smith** (FL)

**Helene Gonska** (MD)

**Lena Xydes** (CA)

**May Stoesser** (IL)

**Vivian Kle** (Chicago)

# LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

By Ethel Philpott

Our continued best wishes for your health and prosperity. (You know — if you think about it for a minute, that's what we're all about...)

During this election 'season' (the past 11 months or so), the energies of politicians at both the state and federal level have been focused on getting elected or re-elected, so of course, no movement on legislation. Now that the winners have won and the losers have lost, it's time for us to get back into action! Contact your current legislators NOW; congratulate them on their election or re-election, identify yourself as a retired Chicago Public School teacher and say you look forward to working with him/her to maintain a fair and workable Illinois environment for retirees. As you write or talk by 'phone, keep in mind that RTAC usually gets excellent cooperation from Chicago legislators, particularly if they know we're watching.

"Because that's where the money is." Despite the irrefutable truth of the late great Willie Sutton's famous axiom, fortunately he appears never to have extrapolated beyond banks to the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, now some eleven and a half **billion** dollars and counting. You can bet on it, though, that some folks who think **very** hard about that were just elected or re-elected to the Illinois General Assembly, and are just waiting for us to turn our backs.

Our lobbyist, **Richard "Dick" Lockhart**, predicts that the Illinois spring legislative session beginning this month may possibly be longer than those of the last several years. He also said that the session promises to be "very interesting" no matter who the Governor is (which had not been



determined at the time he made his remarks). As usual, RTAC will probably again have its work cut out for it. Our top agenda items remain the same — our Ad Hoc pension increase for long-time retired teachers, many of whom are now below the poverty level; state healthcare rebate funding as a percentage of our cost rather than fixed dollar amounts; and, at the Federal level, repeal of the WEP/GPO Social Security provisions that specifically target public employees. Lockhart will see to it that where necessary, the language of the Ad Hoc and Pension and Healthcare bills is updated, new bill numbers assigned, and sponsors secured. We shall have to continue to remain alert and informed as to what the new regime initiates.

Hopefully, **our tax dollars** shall no longer support endless investigations, finger-pointing, character assassinations, etc. Congress returned from its recess on or around November 13<sup>th</sup>. The Veto Sessions for the Illinois General Assembly were November 14, 15, 16, 28, 29, 30. The daily newspapers have been reporting on the topics to be considered, such as smoking laws, electric rate hikes, power plant emissions, education funding reform, (**not** to be confused with education reform!), etc... Remain especially alert at the local level for homeowner property tax increases (perhaps surprisingly, this tax hits poor people very hard). Remember in June 2006, Cook County Assessor **James Houlihan** warned homeowners that, if the tax cap limiting increases in assessments is not renewed by our state legislators, future property tax bills could cause increasingly widespread hardships. The Illinois General Assembly has voted down the extension twice, most recently this past May 2006. As **Kevin Huber** suggested at our Fall Luncheon last October, stay informed by watching our beautifully rejuvenated RTAC web site at [www.RTAC.org](http://www.RTAC.org) and stay in an "action" mode. Join the Letter-A-Month Club (yes, it's back in action!) by contacting the Editor and giving him your email address. Continue to remain in a learning mode, and take care. The only constant is change.

## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

At press time, the RTAC office was still overwhelmed by the flood of new life memberships resulting from the dues change. Rather than publish a list of those processed so far, it was decided to wait until a complete list could be published.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Many retired teachers find that working for a worthy cause as a volunteer is extremely satisfying. The following organizations are among those who have asked us for help in recruiting. A more complete list appears on our web site at <http://www.rtac.org>. The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago **does not endorse any organization**; potential volunteers must make their own judgments.

A. C. E. S.	Chicago - All	Eric Werge	773-535-6922
AARP	Skokie	Loretta Hilsher	847-571-5514
AARP Illinois Center	Chicago - Loop	Carole Aston	312-458-3604
Abraham Lincoln Centre	Chicago - South	Charlene Preston	773-451-3360
American Red Cross	Chicago - Loop	Tina Green Rounds	312-729-6227
Blind Service Assn	Chicago - Loop	Theresa Togtman	312-236-0808
Cabrini Connection	Chicago	Daniel Bassill	312-467-2889
Centro Loyola	Chicago - Pilsen	Daniel Loftus	312-226-7887
Chicago Botanic Garden	Glencoe	Linda Doede	847-835-8281
Chicago Cultural Center	Chicago - Loop	Marianne Wolf	312-744-7096
Chicago Found for Ed	Chicago – MI Ave	Liz Funk	312-670-2036
Chicago Humanities Festival	Chicago - All	Annie Tully	312-661-1028
Chicago Symphony Orch	Chicago - All		312-294-3160
Christopher Hse	Chicago - LncPk	Susan Kramp	773-472-1083
Corazon-a-Corazon	Chicago	Amanda Kross	773-221-0620
Du Page Historical Museum	Suburbs W	Mary Johnson	630-682-6746
FreshStart (GED Tutors)	Maywood	Donna Thomas	708-205-1334
Garfield Park Conserv Alliance	Chicago - West	Kirsten Akre	773-638-1766x24
Glenkirk.	Suburbs - North	Roberta Rekus	847-400-8569
Glessner House Museum	Chicago – Nr S	Clare Schaecher	312-326-1480
Inner Voice Learning Center	Chicago - Nr W	Antoinette Toliver	312-666-8110
Jesse White Tumblers (tutors)	Chicago – S & W	Yvonne C. Jones	312 943-4846.
Junior Achievement Chicago	Chicago - All	Cherie Russ	312-715-1300x269
Kids Voting	Chicago	Ellen Solomon	312-332-3107
Kohl Childrens Museum	Wilmette	Charlene Podolsky	847-256-6056
LaRabida Childrens Hospital	Chicago - South	Judi Blakemore	773-363-6700
League of Women Voters	Chicago - Loop	Courtney Balok	312-939-5935
Learning Center, The	Chicago - Cntrl	Sr Monice Kavanaugh	773-277-3111
Lincoln Park Zoo	Chicago - Nr N	Ellen Izenon	312-742-2124
Lira Arts (Polish)	Chicago - N	Katharine McJimsey	773-508-7040
Literacy Tutoring	Suburbs - N	Cathy Niemet	847-635-1426
Literacy/Volunteer – Comm. Educ	Suburbs - North	Leslie Goldberg	847-718-7720
Loyola Museum Of Art	Chicago –Wtr Twr	Ann Meehan	312-915-7604
TEC Tutoring	Chicago – All	Konora Maxwell	773-374-2363
Teen Connection	Chicago - Pilsen	Sara Manewith	312-226-0963x234
Travelers/Immigrants Aid	Chicago - All	Brian Harvey	312-629-4500x5011
Triton College (Literacy)	Suburbs - W	Carol Di Fatta	708-456-0300x3407
U of Chicago Hospitals	Chicago - South	Nancy Frazier	773-702-5673
WilPower, Inc	Suburbs - North	Minnie Morton	847-501-2939
WITS	Chicago	Barbara Pace	312-751-9487
Woman Made Gallery	Chicago – Nr So	Pamela Callahan	312-328-0038
Youth Service Proj	Chicago – NW	Esther Prins	773-772-6270

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# WANTED!

## Chicago High School Year Books



Any information leading to the location, acquisition, and processing of these rare gems will be greatly appreciated!



# REWARD

*(Sorry, no, just your personal satisfaction.)*

## We make house and office calls!

*(Isn't that reward enough?)*

Contact:

Richard R. Seidel  
Archives – Chicago Board of Education  
125 S. Clark Street  
Chicago IL 60602  
773-553-1605  
[rrseidel@cps.k12.il.us](mailto:rrseidel@cps.k12.il.us)

**Seriously, though** ... Five years ago we had no HS year books in the Archives – now we have more than 350 volumes. Recently, a retired teacher gave us a long series of early Phillips year books, and Hartigan gave us a goodly series for that school. But we need much more. We receive many requests for information found only in year books, and the 350 we already have are receiving considerable attention. Although the Chicago History Museum has some year books, we have a lot more. We would like to make our office the principal repository for Chicago high school year books.

Can you help?

*Richard R. Seidel*

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

My enclosed **check** (no money orders please!) for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is to cover checked items below:

- Political Education Fund (**not** tax deductible; make check payable to **RTAC COPE**)
- Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund (Federal 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(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

This donation is made (please check below):

- In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- In honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Happy birthday/anniversary to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Celebrating: \_\_\_\_\_
- Just on general principles.
- Anonymously; please do NOT publish my name.

**OPTIONAL:** Please notify

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that this donation has been made.

## ERRATA

An anonymous caller tells us that **Orestes T Wilson** (Friends Gone Ahead, October, 2006) was not a "he" as described, but was rather a "she" – and a very lovely "she" at that, the caller continued. Well, we lay the blame for this gaffe squarely at the fleet feet of **Orestes "Minnie" Minoso**, erstwhile White Sox star, who was definitely NOT a "she," lovely or otherwise.

In our October issue, **Sharonjoy Jackson** made a generous contribution in memory of her loving husband **Mel** and her parents **Alice** and **Lee**. The contribution was made to benefit the Aid Fund, we credited it to the wrong account.

**Barbara R Stepto** calls our attention to the fact that she became a life member over two years ago and the fact was never acknowledged. **Elizabeth Caridine** has a similar complaint, but she didn't wait quite so long. Ladies, we can't really call you *new* life members at this point, now can we, and we wouldn't dare call you *old* life members. Let's just hereby award each of you the title of **Acknowledged-With-Apologies Life Member**.

Tongue in cheek or not, the *News Bulletin* truly and sincerely regrets its errors.





Marion Höffing

# THE RTAC NEWS-BULLETIN ONCE AGAIN PROUDLY PRESENTS

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## THE CHICAGO SCENE

to enjoy during January, February and March

**NOTE:** The Events page on RTAC's web site (<http://www.rtac.org/events.htm>) now carries DIRECT LINKS to most venues listed! **No more typing errors!**

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

The **Shoot for the Moon** exhibit sheds light on the making of heroes James Lovell and "Buzz" Aldrin, two heroes from the early glory years of American space age and are a big part of the new Adler permanent exhibit. This exhibit was opened November 11, 2006, in honor of the Gemini 12 space mission and Veteran's Day. Adler Museum wants to be an umbrella museum for space exploration. The two new galleries are more than artifacts - the first one is history about Lovell growing up, the many obstacles and the perseverance needed to reach his goal. The second mission moon gallery focuses on the **Apollo Missions** up to current space exploration. One of the interactive displays in this half of the exhibit includes a replica space suit and helmet the children can try on.

CENTRE EAST	9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie	847-673-6300
The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts		<a href="http://www.centreeast.org/">http://www.centreeast.org/</a>
<b>The Coasters, Drifters, &amp; Platters</b>		8 pm 1/13
<b>Capitol Steps</b>	7:30pm 1/18; 8 pm 1/19; 5 pm 1 /20; 3 pm 1/21	
<b>Golden Dragon Acrobats</b>		2 & 5 pm 2/3
<b>Debby Boone/Tribute to Rosemary Clooney</b>		7:30 pm 2/14
<b>Paula Poundstone</b>		8:00 pm 2/17
<b>Momix: Lunar Sea</b>		8:00 pm 3/3
<b>Roal Dahl's Willy Wonka</b>		1 & 3 pm 3/10
<b>Chicago Style Standups</b>	8 pm 3/23	

CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM North & Clark Sts. 312-642-4600  
FREE Mondays <http://www.chicagohistory.org>

The new Chicago History Museum opened in September '06! Located at the entrance of beautiful Lincoln Park, the Chicago Historical Society is home to more than 20 million fascinating artifacts, each one illuminating the story of Chicago IL and America. The table on which Robert E. Lee signed the surrender that ended the Civil War, a rare copper urn designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, Al Capone's head-shot, etc. — it's all in the Chicago Historical Scene.

Perhaps for the first time the floor plan has a natural intuitive flow that allows visitors to navigate the various Galleries. Many have been expanded by about 5,000 square feet without missing anything. The Museum's centerpiece is dominated by L Car Number one which carried visitors from the Loop area to Jackson Park for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. There's an interactive children's gallery where children can hear different sounds from the old Chicago stockyards by stepping on circles on the carpet. There are room dioramas, including one with an eerie flickering flame effect dramatizing the great Chicago Fire. There is so much to see and enjoy; surprises come in the dozens!! The Recreated Studio of Artist Ed Paschke is on view at the as part of the retrospective of the late Chicago artist's work!

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE, McAninch Arts Center 630-942-2321  
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425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn

<http://www.cod.edu/ArtsCntr/>

<b>Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers</b>	1/6
<b>Patricia Barber</b>	1/13
DuPage Opera Theatre: <b>Hansel and Gretel</b>	1/26, 27, 28
Arts Center Jazz Ensemble: <b>Chicago Trumpet Showcase</b>	2/2
<b>International Guitar Night</b>	2/3
<b>Paul Taylor Dance Company</b>	2/8
Buffalo Theatre Ensemble: <b>Noises Off</b>	2/8 to 3/10
20th Anniversary Celebration/ <b>Kurt Elling</b>	2/10
<b>Paula Poundstone</b>	2/16
<b>The Alison Brown Quartet</b>	2/17
Michael Cooper: <b>Masked Marvels and Wondertales</b>	2/18
College Theater: <b>Radio Plays</b>	2/22 to 3/11
<b>Birdhouse Factory Show</b>	2/23, 24
<b>Grand Dérangement</b>	2/25
College Theater: <b>Radio Plays</b>	3/1 to 3/11
Buffalo Theatre Ensemble: <b>Noises Off</b>	3/2 to 10
<b>Altan</b>	3/2
New Classic Singers: <b>J.S. Bach: The Motets</b>	3/3
<b>Momix: Lunar Sea</b>	3/4
DuPage Community Concert Band	3/6
Arts Center Jazz Ensemble: <b>KidJazz!</b>	3/9
<b>Simon Shaheen</b>	3/10
<b>The Blind Boys of Alabama</b>	3/11
Student Music Concert	3/15
Irish Family Fest	3/16
The Kennedy Center: <b>Alice</b>	3/18
New Philharmonic: <b>Tocco/Ingle</b>	3/23, 24
<b>Inti-Illimani</b>	3/25
<b>Natya</b> Dance Theatre	3/30
The Folk Reunion	3/31

DU SABLE MUSEUM of AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY 740 E. 56th Pl. 773-947-0600  
<http://www.dusablemuseum.org>

Telling the stories of African American History and enriching lives by being an important cultural connecting point for our community. It's the 45th Anniversary as the first independent institution of its kind in the country. Celebrate!

<b>381 Days: The Montgomery Bus Boycott Story</b> opening Black History month	2/3
<b>The Color Purple</b> First Night Preview Benefit Performance at the Cadillac Palace Theatre	4/17

FIELD MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore Drive 312-922-9410  
[www.fnmh.org](http://www.fnmh.org)

**Voices of Freedom: Reigniting King's Legacy** A performance by Choral 12 pm, 1/13 & 1/15  
Thunder and Trinity United Church of Christ Young Adult Choir Imani Ya Watumi with emcee Mike Robinson, Program Director of Gospel Radio AM 1390. Bask in the powerful messages of King's movement as these choirs perform selections of inspirational music from the era. Follow the performers through the Museum, then join them in Simpson Theatre where you'll get better understanding of the significance of each piece. FREE with Museum admission.  
**African Heritage Festival - West African Drum Circle** A Performance. Listen to some 12 pm, 2/3  
great West African drumming and learn how the amazing art form is connected to Chicago

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and its communities. Bring your djembes, djun djuns, shakerees, and other African percussion instruments and join this cultural celebration and reconnection of Africa's descendents. FREE with Museum admission.

**Coming for to Carry Me Home** A lecture. The Negro Spirituals and the Early 19th Century Black Creative Expression by Professor William Cook, Dartmouth College. 2 pm, 2/10

The history of sorrow of songs in early African American literature. Drawing on works by Frederick Douglass and other former slaves, Cook will explore this musical tradition as it relates to issues of bondage and freedom.

**Kwame Steve Cobb & Chavunduka** 7 pm, 2/24

Kwame and Chavunduka, a dynamic husband and wife team, work closely with youth in workshops and seminars, sharing unique insights into the popular culture, particularly music and its impact on the social, economic and political lives of our communities. Get in the groove with these dynamic performances, blending Jazz, Blues and neo-Soul with history, politics and social commentary. The music of the evening will spill out of any genre as a cross-cultural fusion of all things spiritual and funk-ridden. FREE with Museum admission.

Film Screening and Panel with Maggie Brown: **Music is My Life, Politics My Mistress:**

**The Oscar Brown Jr. Story** Donnie L. Betts, Director and Maggie Brown, performer. Watch this fascinating film about the life of political activist Oscar Brown, Jr. The film's director Betts and songstress and performer, Maggie Brown, daughter of Oscar, will discuss Oscar Brown Jr's contribution to blues, jazz, politics, black theatre, and the African-American struggle and experience in Chicago. FREE with Museum admission.

THE HANCOCK OBSERVATORY 875 N. Michigan Ave. 888-875-8439  
View up to four states spanning 80 spectacular miles, tour top city sights using self guided audio players, skywalk in Chicago's highest open air viewing area and explore Chicago through interactive exhibits and photo ops, 1,000 feet over the Magnificent Mile! Daily 9 AM to 12 AM

HELLENIC MUSEUM 168 N Michigan Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> floor 312-726-1234  
**Road to Rembetika** An exhibit detailing the evolution of Greek Blues music through photographs and sound recordings at listening stations. Thru 1/19

HYDE PARK ART CENTER 5020 S. Cornell Avenue 773-324-5520  
*www.hydeparkart.org*  
**Pathways to Unknown Worlds: Sun Ra, El Saturn & Chicago's Afro-Futurist Underground, 1954-68** *Interstellar Low Ways* Thru 1/14

LA SALLE BANK THEATRE (formerly SHUBERT THEATRE ) 18 W. Monroe 312-902-1500  
*http://centerstage.net/theatre/theatres/shubert.html*  
**Doubt: A Parable** Set in a Bronx Catholic school in the fall of 1964. 1/12 -1/27  
2005 Tony Award - Pulitzer Prize

LINCOLN PARK ZOO 2200 N. Cannon Drive 312-742-2000  
**FREE!** *http://www.lpzoo.com/index\_2.html*  
Thirty-five acres of zoo grounds housing more than 1,000 mammals, reptiles, and birds. Enjoy the park Peace Cafe which includes an outdoor terrace overlooking the water fowl lagoon and swan pond. Don't forget to stop at the Farm In The Zoo; it provides an area for petting and feeding young animals. At the **Farm**, presented by John Deere, assist with grooming the goats and feeding the cows. Watch the apes, beavers, bears at Regenstein Center for African apes and the Pritzker Family Children's Zoo; all these animals in their new habitats are brought closer to nature - and you.

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Lincoln Park Zoo is a leader in efforts to save endangered animals around the globe, from yellow headed blackbirds in Illinois to trumpeter swans in Iowa, chimpanzees in Tanzania, jaguars in Venezuela. Every moment counts in this ongoing effort.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART 820 North Michigan Avenue 312-915-7600

[www.luc.edu/luma](http://www.luc.edu/luma)

Thru 1/14

**A Hidden Wholeness: The Zen Photography of Thomas Merton**

Exhibit features 35 Photographs by the artist.

**The Missing Peace: Artists Consider the Dalai Lama** Features art work by 88 artists from 25 different countries.

Thru 1 /14

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(See **Scene**, next page)

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<b>Cats</b> Old favorite music and dance	2/2-2/4
<b>Bobby Vinton</b>	8 pm, 2/9
<b>Kenny Rogers</b>	2/10
<b>The Producers</b>	2/16
<b>Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash</b>	3/1-3/4
<b>John Lennon Impersonator</b>	8 pm, 3/23
<b>Comics of David Letterman</b>	8 pm, 3/20
<b>Peking Acrobats</b>	7 pm, 3/24

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<b>Susan Graham</b> Mezzo Soprano, <b>Malcolm Martineau</b> Piano		8 pm, 1/19
<b>Hilliard Ensemble</b> Assortment of French and Italian 15th century creations		8 pm, 1/26
<b>Pacifica String Quartet</b> University of Chicago's own artists		3 pm, 1/28
<b>Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra Family Concert</b> Stephen Prutsman, Piano/Conductor		10:30 am, 2/10
A musical to tempt the youngest (for ages 6-12) SPCO will present an assortment of orchestral treats to tantalize first time concert goers and their families.		
<b>Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra Steven Copes</b> , violin, & <b>Sabina Thatcher</b> , viola		3 pm, 2/11
<b>Viktoria Mullova</b> Violin Chamber Music Series		8 pm, 2/16
<b>Venice Baroque Orchestra</b> . The VBO makes Tartini and Vivaldi sparkle like a fine wine.		8 pm, 2/23

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# RTAC FALL LUNCHEON

by Jewel Koch

After a fine luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House, members and guests took part in the semi-annual meeting of the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago.

Before the meeting was called to order, **Richard Lockhart**, RTAC lobbyist, introduced **Judy Barr Topinka**, State Treasurer. Ms. Topinka was also a candidate for governor. During her remarks, Ms. Topinka pledged that she would not touch pension money.

**Robert Bures**, Executive Director, read a State Proclamation recognizing RTAC's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The proclamation was arranged by State Representative **Richard Bradley**, Chairman of the Pension and Personnel Committee.

The meeting was called to order by President **Walter Pilditch** at 12:35 p.m. During his remarks Dr. Pilditch highlighted some of the major accomplishments of RTAC during his tenure. 1) The 10,000th member was enrolled. 2) The Aid Fund as-

sisted more retirees, including victims of Hurricane Katrina. 3) Sixty-five million dollars was obtained for health insurance rebates.

Dr. Pilditch recognized the legislative efforts of the late **Thomas Corcoran**. He introduced the new webmasters of RTAC's web site, **Roy Coleman** and **Ruby Ford**. He thanked the Social Committee for arranging the luncheon, and recognized the vital efforts of the Service Committee.



Immediate Past President **James Ward** presented a plaque to President Pilditch in recognition of his service to RTAC. Director **Ned McCray** introduced the retiring officers and directors: **Marion Hoffing**, **Jewel Koch**, **Nancy Makowski**, and **Audrey Mivelaz**. He also honored the retiring directors who were unable to be present, **LeRoy Hansen** and **Marshall Knox**.

**Mary Sharon Reilly** introduced the nominees for officers in 2007-2008: For President, **Ethel Philpott**. For First Vice President, **Steven Kailes**. For Second Vice President, **Veronica Chemers**. For Secretary, **Marcella Morrison**. For Treasurer, **Vaughn J. Barber**.

Ms. Reilly introduced the new nominees for Director for 2007-2008: **Arthur Cervinka**, **John Craig**, **Ruby J. Ford** and **Raphael Juss**. For 2007 only, to fill unexpired term of Steven A. Kailes, **Roy Coleman** was nominated.

Ms. Reilly opened the floor to further nomination. There being none, the nominations were closed. James Ward moved to accept the slate, the motion was seconded, debate was closed,



and the slate of nominees was then elected unanimously.

Mr. **John F. O'Brill**, President of the Pension Fund, gave a Pension Trustee report. He said that the Pension Fund stands at \$11.4 billion and is about 79% funded. The Trustees are searching for managers of international investments. There will be an election on October 27, 2006. **Rufus Williams**, who is now President of the Board of Education, will be replaced on the Pension Board.



*Mary Sharon Reilly conducts the election of officers and directors.*

**Kevin Huber**, Executive Director of the Pension Fund, then made his remarks. He spoke about the sources of revenue for the Fund. About \$200 million is contributed by active teachers. Sixty-five million is received from the state, but more is needed. The Board of Education must make contributions if the Fund falls below 90% of being fully funded. They contributed \$30 million last year, and will have to contribute \$80 million this year. They will most likely try to introduce legislation to avoid this payment.



*Marion Hoffing and Bob Bures conduct the drawing for door prizes.*

Mr. Huber also addressed the rate of return on Fund investments. The one-year rate was 9.8%, three-year rate was 11.9%, five-year rate was 8.1%, and ten-year rate was 9.5%.

Mr. Huber stressed the need to monitor the Legislature. The health insurance rebate will continue at 70%.

He asked retirees to help the Pension Board save money. Recipients who have direct deposit are asked to call the Pension Board and ask them to stop mailing the deposit advice unless there are changes. All are urged to have direct deposit of their checks.

**Nancy Makowski** gave the financial report. Copies of the auditor's report were provided to all in attendance.

The Bylaws revision was advanced by ByLaws Committee chair **Marcella Morrison**. Ms. Morrison explained the need for the revision, and moved its adoption. She read the sections to be stricken and the proposed new wording. (See the new ver-



*The lucky winners of the luxury weekend at the lavish Four Seasons Hotel: Norm and Nancy DeBow. Do they look happy or what?*

sion on p. 6.) The motion was seconded and then approved by an affirmative standing vote of at least 2/3 of those RTAC members in attendance.

The RTAC Aid Fund report was given by Aid Fund President **Audrey Mivelaz**. She thanked the RTAC members for their generous contributions and asked them to continue to donate. She discussed the client needs and said that the numbers continue to grow.

Door prizes were then awarded by Marion Hoffing, assisted by Robert Bures. The luxury weekend at the Four Seasons was won by **Norman** and **Nancy DeBow**. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

## FEBRUARY – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Edward Alexander Bouchet** had the misfortune of being a talented and educated black man who lived in a segregated society. The youngest and only son of four children, Edward Bouchet was born in New Haven CT on September 15, 1852. During the 1850s and 1860s New Haven had only three schools that black children could attend. Edward was enrolled in the Artisan Street Colored School, a thirty seat, ungraded school with one teacher, Sarah Wilson, who played a crucial role in nurturing Bouchet's academic abilities and his desire to learn. He attended the New Haven High School (1866-1868).

Bouchet graduated first in his class at Hopkins Grammar School, a private institution that prepared young men for Yale College, which he entered in 1870. Four years later he became the first black to be graduated from Yale; he ranked sixth in a class of 124. On the basis of this exceptional performance, Bouchet became the first black in the nation to be nominated to Phi Beta Kappa, but he was not elected at that time. (George Washington Henderson was the first black elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1877; Bouchet was not elected until 1884).

In the fall of 1874 he returned to Yale with the encouragement and financial support of Alfred Cope, a Philadelphia philanthropist. In 1876 Bouchet successfully completed his dissertation

on the new subject of geometrical optics, becoming the first black person to earn a PhD from an American university as well as the sixth American of any race to earn a PhD in physics.

During a period of 80 years, Bouchet was to stand out as the only PhD in the U.S. who was unable to obtain a college or university position. So Bouchet moved to Philadelphia to teach at the Institute for Colored Youth (ICY), the city's only high school for black students. Members of the ICY board of managers then believed firmly in the value of a classical education and were convinced that blacks were capable of unlimited educational achievement. Dr. Bouchet taught chemistry and physics for twenty-six years at ICY. By the turn of the century, however, a new set of ICY managers emerged, more committed to the industrial education philosophy of Booker T. Washington than to academic education for blacks. To redirect the school's programs, the all-white board fired all the teachers including Bouchet in 1902 and replaced them with industrial education instructors.

Over the next fourteen years, Bouchet held different positions in different parts of the county. He then returned to New Haven, where he died in 1918 in his boyhood home at 94 Bradley Street. He had never married or had children.

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## MARCH – WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

In some medical specialties, the glass ceiling preventing women from rising to the top leadership positions has been especially tough to break through. Surgery has been one of the most difficult.

Dr. **Olga Jonasson** grew up in Peoria, IL. She attended Northwestern University as an undergraduate, and earned her M.D. with honors from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1958. She completed graduate medical education in surgery in 1964 at the University of Illinois Research and Education Hospital. She then

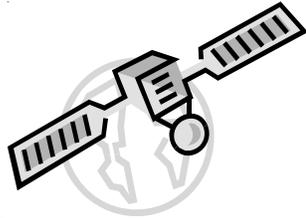
served her first postgraduate fellowship in immunochemistry at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, and her second fellowship in transplantation immunobiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital of Harvard Medical School.

As a surgical faculty member at the University of Illinois Hospital from 1967 to 1987, she developed one of the first clinical transplantation services in Illinois and set up a statewide histocompatibility-testing laboratory for donor-recipient matching. She was named chief of surgery at Cook County Hospital in 1977, and in 1987 be-

*(See **Women's**, next page)*

## SATELLITE DOINGS

### SAN DIEGO REPRIEVED



On Tuesday, October 10, 2006 the San Diego Satellite was fortunate enough to have eighteen participants. As noted in the last issue of the BULLETIN, with decreasing attendance, there was a possibility that the satellite would have to disband.

It was impossible to obtain a private room in restaurants or hotels for lunch with fewer than twenty people. However, we were fortunate enough to find the Olive Garden Restaurant on Carmel Mountain Road in San Diego that would give us a private room with only ten people. Rita Evoy, President, discussed the situation and asked the attendees if they wanted to continue to meet twice a year or disband. The result was overwhelming to continue. So we are still in business. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 10, 2006 promptly at 12:00 noon. One of the nice things about the restaurant is that five entrees are available and a decision does not have to be made prior to the luncheon.

The eighteen attendees were **Dorothy Benshop, Jack and Fran Blumenthal, Wesley Buchwald, Yvonne Crute, Sam Dolnick, Rita Evoy, Layah Golden, Ruth Harris, Sylvia Kayser, Linda and Paul Mooney, Florence Nemkov, Barbara Perkins, Ellen Perry, Evalyn and Arthur Schiff, and Vlasta Williams.** The

*(Women's, continued)*

came chair and Robert M. Zollinger Professor of Surgery at Ohio State University. In 1993 Dr. Jonasson returned to Chicago to take a senior position at the American College of Surgeons, where she led educational programs and research in a number of areas of surgical importance.

Dr. Jonasson was a member of the editorial boards of *Annals of Surgery* and the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* and was a regular reviewer for the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*. She received many honors and awards, and

individuals named above would appreciate hearing from their friends in other parts of the country. Rita Evoy, 858-566-1819 or Sam Dolnick, 619-697-4854 may be contacted for the addresses or phone numbers of the attendees.

The fact that the 2007 BlueCross/BlueShield of Illinois premium increase is very small and that 70% of the premiums will be reimbursed was welcome news. Both RTAC and the pension board were applauded for their efforts.

Everyone was pleased that the BlueCross Rx is sending monthly information about the medications that were ordered and the amount paid. This will make it much easier for those who deduct medical expenses from their income tax to document their deductions. Again, as in April, everyone was pleased with the improvements evidenced by PrimeMail Therapeutics in sending out the medications ordered.

The group voted to send \$250.00 to the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund to help those retirees whose pensions do not provide sustenance. Both RTAC and the pension office are being encouraged to work as hard as possible to obtain the ad hoc increase in pensions for those who have retired prior to 1980. This is sorely needed.

We extend our wishes for a HEALTHY and happy to all of our retired colleagues.

Sincerely,

*Sam D.*

served as a member of the board of directors of the American Board of Surgery and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Despite her unquestioned fame and skill, Dr. Herand Abcarian, head of UIC's department of surgery, reported that on one occasion Dr. Jonasson gave a "mesmerizing" presentation at a conference last year on the accomplishments of women surgeons "without mentioning herself once."

Dr. Jonasson passed away on Aug. 31, 2006. The loss to the field of surgery is incalculable.



**FRIENDS GONE AHEAD**

*Requiescant in pace*

**ABBATE, SANTO JOHN.**

After a career that spanned 38 years, John retired from Hawthorne in 1990. He expired on August 6, 2006, at the age of 85.

**AHERN, SHEILA A.**

Please see Slattery notice.

**ANDERSON, ANITA M.**

Neé Barrett. Anita retired in 1979 from Schurz High School, after teaching 23 years. Her life ended on October 10, 2006, at the age of 83 years.

**ANDLER, RICHARD O.**

Richard was at Belding when he retired as Assistant Principal in 1991. His career spanned 35 years, and he succumbed at the age of 75 on August 3, 2006.

**AUSTIN, RUBY P.**

Please see Wright notice.

**BARRETT, ANITA M.**

Please see Anderson notice.

**BEATON, JESSIE B.**

Please see Larson notice.

**BEIER, ADELINE P.**

Neé Potter. Last assigned to Clemente, Adeline retired in 1980 after 18 years of service. She passed away on September 21, 2006, at 90 years of age.

**BELL, HELEN V.**

Neé Oprisa. When she resigned from John Spry in 1988, Helen capped a 28 year career. She was 79 when she died on August 15, 2006.

**BJORK, WALTER E.**

When he retired as Principal of Hamline school in 1993, Walter ended a career that included 38 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed him on September 25, 2006, at the age of 73 years.

**BONELL, JOHN D.**

When he left Ravenswood as Principal in 1985, John put a 38 year career to an end. His life ended on August 3, 2006, at the age of 82.

**BOONE, DOXIE R.**

Please see Parks notice.

**BRANCATO, THOMAS.**

In 1986, Thomas retired from Newberry after 21 years of teaching. On September 25, 2006, he passed on at the age of 79 years.

**BRANSON, JOHNNY W.**

Having ended a 36 year career at Washburne Trade School by resigning in 1993, Johnny expired on September 26, 2006, at the age of 67 years.

**BRENT, MURIELLE W.**

Neé Weinberg. At the age of 85, Murielle passed away on October 9, 2006. After 29 years in the system and one year teaching outside CPS, she resigned from Edgebrook in 1988.

**BRIDGETT, LINDA JOYCE.**

Neé Burwell. Linda retired from Farren in 2005 after teaching for 29 years. On July 29, 2006, she died at age 56.

**BROWN, LEONORA H.**

Leonora's career of 16 years came to an end as she left Kipling in 1973. When she passed away on September 26, 2005, she had reached the age of 89.

**BROWN, JESSIE B.**

Please see Pertum notice.

**BRUCE, MYRTLE P.**

Myrtle died on August 1, 2006, at the age of 67. Her career of 35 years ended when she retired from the Hughes school in 2000.

**BULLETT, VIVIAN H.**

Neé Haley. Vivian retired from Pulaski in 1980 after a 21 year career in Chicago and 10 years outside. Death came for her at age 91 on October 1, 2006.

**BURKE, PATRICIA I.**

Patricia was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 35 years when she retired from Morgan Park High School in 2006. At the time of her death on October 27, 2006, she was 56 years of age.

**BURKE, THOMAS E.**

His 9 year teaching career ended when Thomas retired from Bogan High School in 1970. He was 83 when his life ended on August 13, 2006.

**BURWELL, LINDA JOYCE.**

Please see Bridgett notice.

**CALABRESE, MICHAEL.**

Michael resigned from his position as Adaptive P.E. Teacher at the Northside Learning Center in 1993. He was 83 when he expired on August 23, 2006.

**CARMODY, MABEL D.**

Neé Mayr/Doody. Mabel was 99 at her death on September 23, 2006. She ended her 23 year career as a Kindergarden Teacher in Chicago schools when she retired from Brennemann in 1971. She also taught 10 years outside the Chicago system.

**CARNEY, DANIEL E.**

Daniel succumbed on August 23, 2006, at the age of 74. He served 18 years as a day-to-day sub, resigning in 1994.

**CARRAO, GWENDOLYN K.**

Her 38 year teaching career ended when Gwen retired from Calumet High School in 1994. She was 75 when her life ended on October 2, 2006.

**CARSON, STEPHANIE.**

Neé Yakimow. In 1977, when she retired from the Bateman school, Stephanie ended her career with the Chicago school system. On August 27, 2006, her life ended after 94 years.

**CARTER, YVONNE M.**

After 26 years in the Chicago school system, Yvonne retired from the Whistler school in 2000. When death took her on September 23, 2006, she was 64 years old.

**CAULFIELD, MAUREEN E.**

Please see Facklis notice.

**CLARK, LAURA S.**

Neé Stark. A 21 year career in Chicago schools came to an end for Laura when she left the Walter Reed school in 1981. She died on July 31, 2006, at the age of 91 years.

**CLAYTON, HERMAN E.**

Herman's career of 24 years in the Chicago Public Schools and 4 years outside the system came to an end when he left Bryn Mawr as Assistant Principal in 1976. When he passed away on July 21, 2006, he had reached the age of 96.

**COHEN, LINDA J.**

Neé Jacobs. Linda was at Carpenter when she retired in 2001. She was 56 when she died on August 26, 2006.

**COLEMAN, CHRISTINE L.**

Neé Law. After teaching 35 years, Christine resigned as a Counselor in 2002 from Tilden. She succumbed at the age of 72 on September 8, 2006.

**COLLINS, CHARLENE W.**

Please see Farmer notice.

**COZZELLO, SYLVIA.**

Please see Engelmann notice.

**CRAWFORD, WALTER L.**

Walter expired on August 10, 2006, at the age of 57. His career of 29 years ended when he retired from the Ward school in 2005.

**CUMMINGS, MARY B.**

Please see Fant notice.

**CURTIS, RUTH M.**

Neé Hamelin. Ruth passed on at age 97 on September 16, 2006. She resigned in 1966 after a 32 year career as a Librarian that ended at Canty Elementary.

**DEKOVEN, ANNABEL**

After a career that spanned 13 years in Chicago schools and 2 outside, Annabel retired as a Social Worker from District 14 in 1974. She expired on August 27, 2006, at the age of 98.

**DESALVI, LINNEA.**

Neé Wittenstrom. Linnea ended a 36 year term in the Chicago system upon her retirement in 1992 from Fulton. At her death on September 1, 2006, she was 75 years old.

**DEVIAN, MARY D.**

Please see Minassian notice.

**DIONESPULOS, EUGENIA.**

Please see Kralis notice.

**DOHERTY, JEANNE C.**

Neé Fergus. Jeanne taught more than 30 years at the Oglesby School, and retired in 1994. She passed away on March 29, 2006. Age withheld by request.

**DOODY, MABEL D.**

Please see Carmody notice.

**DORSETT, ROBIN CAROL.**

After 4 years as a day-to-day substitute, Robin resigned in 1997. Death took her on September 28, 2006; she was 49 at the time.

**DUDDY, DOROTHY.**

Dorothy died on August 2, 2006, at the age of 84 years. She retired from the Senn Metro High School as an Art Teacher in 1993 after a career of 39 years.

**DUNCAN, NORMA J.**

Please see Willeford notice.

**DUNHAM, WILLIAM B.**

After 37 years in the Chicago school system, William retired as Counselor from the Peck school in 2001. When death took him on August 1, 2006, he was 67 years old.

**DVORAK, KATHRYN D.**

Please see Peecher notice.

**EIDSON, MARY E.**

Please see Sandroff notice.

**ELLISON, SHARON A.**

Neé Henry. A teacher at Yates when she resigned in 2001, Sharon had served for 40 years. She was 69 on the date of her passing, July 27, 2006.

**ENGELMANN, SYLVIA.**

Neé Cozzello. Ending a 38 year career, Sylvia left Byrne in 1993. When she died on August 17, 2006, she was 73 years of age.

**EPSTEIN, SHIRLEY I.**

When Shirley retired in 1983 from Gage Park High School, her career had lasted 28 years. Her life ended at the age of 84 on October 16, 2006.

**ERST, ADOLPH R.**

At the close of his life on August 21, 2006, Adolph was 91 years old. He retired from Bogan High School in 1980.

**ESSIG, MILDRED E.**

Please see Koehler notice.

**EVERETT, JOHN E.**

John resigned in 2005 as Principal of Simeon Career Academy, ending a 49 year time span in the Chicago system. He was 71 at the time of his death on August 6, 2006.

**FACKLIS, MAUREEN E.**

Neé Caulfield. Maureen was assigned to Monroe when she retired in 1988 after 25 years in the Chicago system. She was 73 when she went to her reward on September 20, 2006.

**FANT, MARY B.**

Neé Cummings. Mary had taught for 32 years in Chicago schools and 6 more years outside before she retired in 1980 from the Office of District Coordinator of Instruction Services. She was 91 when her life ended on July 19, 2006.

**FARIS, ESTELLE H.**

Neé Hintz. When Estelle retired in 1973, her 39 year career ended. She was then at the Clissold school where she was Principal. Death came for her on October 18, 2006, at the age of 98.

**FARMER, CHARLENE W.**

Neé Collins. After a 31 year teaching career, Charlene retired from Libby in 1997. She died on October 18, 2006, at age 71.

**FERGUS, JEANNE M.**

Please see Doherty notice.

**FINCH, BYRDIE N.**

Neé Levi. After teaching 18 years, Byrdie resigned from Collins High School in 1991. She was 86 when death claimed her on September 14, 2006.

**FLEMING, LOIS E.**

Neé Land. When she resigned after 21 years in 1977, Lois was at Fenger High School. On August 11, 2006, she died at the age of 88.

**FOARD, HOWARD A.**

When he retired as a Counselor in 1980 from DuSable High School, Howard had taught for 8 years. He was 88 years of age at his death on August 24, 2006.

**FREEMAN, LAWRENCE E.**

Lawrence retired from Kenwood in 1993 after teaching for 33 years. On September 3, 2006, he died at age 79.

**FRITTS, ALICE M.**

Please see Minnick notice.

**FUERST, CAROL A.**

When she left Julian High School in 2000, Carol put a 29 year career to an end. Her life ended on July 31, 2006, at the age of 61.

**GARDNER, DORIS M.**

At the close of her life on September 19, 2006, Doris was 66 years old. A teacher for 28 years, she retired as a Counselor from the Johnson school in 2000.

**GARLAND, EMILY M.**

Neé West. Emily retired from the Scanlan school in 1994, ending a 41 year career. On September 28, 2006, when she passed on, she was 67 years old.

**GARY, BILLIE R.**

Billie ended a 26 year career by resigning from the Carver High School in 1994; and on July 7, 2006, expired after reaching 73 years.

**GEIGER, THELMA R.**

Neé Ross. Thelma served the Chicago Public Schools for 4 years, retiring from the Devonshire school in 1994. She was 79 when death took her on October 24, 2006.

**GINZBURGER, RICHARD.**

On October 25, 2006, Richard passed away at the age of 83 years. He retired from Roosevelt High School in 1982 after 26 years of teaching.

**GRANT, MARGARET M.**

Neé Richards. Margaret's 20 year career in the Chicago schools ended when she retired from Brentano in 1984. On August 22, 2006, at the time she succumbed, she was 91 years old.

**GREEN, MARJORI.**

Please see Rotermund notice.

**GREEN, MARY F.**

Please see Griffin notice.

**GRENNON, MARY J.**

Mary succumbed at age 77 on October 11, 2006. She taught for 14 years in Chicago schools and 9 outside before retiring from Hamline in 1993.

**GRIFFIN, MARY F.**

Neé Green. Death came for Mary on September 2, 2006, when she was 71 years old. She ended her career at West Pullman in 1993, after 38 years.

**GURVEY, NATALIE.**

Neé Raffel. Natalie was a teacher at Woodson South when she resigned in 1985 after a 15 year teaching career. Her life ended at the age of 83 on September 6, 2006.

**HAGAN, JOAN B.**

Neé Lawson. Joan was at the Swift school when she retired in 1987 after a 30 year teaching career. She was 75 at the time of her death on September 8, 2006.

**HALEY, VIVIAN H.**

Please see Bullett notice.

**HAMELIN, RUTH M.**

Please see Curtis notice.

**HAMPTON, SHIRLEY J.**

Neé Smith. When Shirley retired from the Talcott school in 2002, she ended a 34 year career. She expired on October 19, 2006, having achieved the age of 65 years.

**HARANBORG, EVELYN H.**

Please see Taylor notice.

**HASTINGS, ELIZABETH.**

Neé Reidy. At the age of 81, Elizabeth passed away on September 2, 2006. She was at Kipling in 1988 when she ended a 19 year career in the Chicago system.

**HELM, LUKE H.**

In 1993, when he retired as Assistant Principal from the Washburne Trade school, Luke ended his 37 year career with the Chicago school system. On September 5, 2006, his life ended after 67 years.

**HENRY, SHARON A.**

Please see Ellison notice.

**HICKS, ETHEL B.**

Neé Lilly. Ethel's 14 year career ended in 1980 when she resigned from Ft. Dearborn. Death claimed her on June 4, 2005, at the age of 72.

**HINKSON, CLAREON J.**

Resigning from the Carver High School in 1972 after a career that lasted 13 years, Clareon passed on at the age of 98 on August 9, 2006.

**HINTZ, ESTELLE H.**

Please see Faris notice.

**HOEKSTRA, IRIS V.**

Neé Sweeney. Life ended for Iris at the age of 84 on July 21, 2006. She retired from Palos School Dist. #118 in 1987, at the end of a 6 year career.

**HOGGATT, TOMMIE W.**

Tommie retired in 1984 while at the Englewood High School, ending a 27 year career, and passed away on August 4, 2006, at the age of 90.

**HONES, FRANCIS J.**

Death on October 25, 2006 at age 84 was the final event of Frank's life, after resignation from Lincoln Park in 1993 ended a 38 year career.

**HORWICH, GERTRUDE.**

Neé Leifer. In 1984, Gertrude resigned from the Greeley school after a 32 year career. When she expired on September 26, 2006, she was 81 years old.

**HVASS, FLORENCE H.**

Please see Smith notice.

**ISAAC, MOHAN.**

Please see Poley notice.

**JACK, RUTHA W.**

Neé Watson. Life ended for Rutha on September 13, 2006, at the age of 90 years. She ended her 24 year career at the Ray school in 1984.

**JACKSON, DURLENE H.**

Resignation in 1999 from the Parkside school ended Durlene's 34 year career. Death came on October 23, 2006, at the age of 65 years.

**JACOBS, LINDA J.**

Please see Cohen notice.

**JAMES, CHARLES H.**

Charles was at Bogan Tech High School when he retired in 2001. He passed on at the age of 71 on August 28, 2006.

**JOHNSON, ZELDA Z.**

Neé Zalon. After a career that lasted 16 years, Zelda retired from Darwin in 1985. She was 83 when she died on August 8, 2006.

**KATZ, ISOBEL H.**

Isobel resigned from the Rogers school in 1970 after 31 years. She was 95 when she expired on July 27, 2006.

**KILLAM, KATHRYN Y.**

Neé Lybeck. On September 16, 2006, life came to a close for Kathryn at the age of 89. She had been at the Lafayette school, retiring in 1979 at the end of a 32 year career in the Chicago schools and 5 years outside.

**KOEHLER, MILDRED E.**

Neé Essig. Mildred was 94 years old when she died on October 29, 2006. She was at Washington when she resigned in 1969 after a 31 year career.

**KORNIT, HARRIET J.**

Neé Levin. Harriet was a teacher at Schubert when she resigned in 1996 after a 36 year teaching career. Her life ended at the age of 69 on July 5, 2006.

**KRALIS, EUGENIA.**

Neé Dionespulos. A teacher at Steinmetz when she retired in 1994 after 29 years, Eugenia passed away on September 18, 2006, at the age of 73 years.

**KRUZIC, RALPH J.**

Ralph left the Washburne Trade School as a Counselor in 1993 after a career that lasted for 38 years. He expired at the age of 71, on October 21, 2006.

**KVEDARAS, ANNE.**

Anne retired as a reciprocal in 1994 after a career that lasted for 4 years. She expired on October 11, 2006, at the age of 75 years.

**LAND, LOIS E.**

Please see Fleming notice.

**LARSON, JESSIE B.**

Neé Beaton. When her life ended on October 23, 2006, Jessie was 101 years old. Her retirement in 1973 from Reilly marked the end of a 37 year career in Chicago schools and 3 more outside.

**LAW, CHRISTINE L.**

Please see Coleman notice.

**LAWSON, JOAN B.**

Please see Hagan notice.

**LEIFER, GERTRUDE.**

Please see Horwich notice.

**LEVI, BYRDIE N.**

Please see Finch notice.

**LEVIN, HARRIET J.**

Please see Kornit notice.

**LIDSTROM, ROSE L.**

Please see Sahlin notice.

**LILLY, ETHEL B.**

Please see Hicks notice.

**LONERGAN, JOAN L.**

Neé Penoyer. Joan resigned from the Beale in 1987 after a 17 year career in Chicago and 5 years outside the CPS. She was 77 years old when she died on August 7, 2006.

**LUBIN, PEGGY J.**

Peggy was Principal at Nettelhorst when she resigned in 1993 after 37 years in the Chicago Public Schools. She was 67 on October 18, 2006, when she passed on.

**LYBECK, KATHRYN Y.**

Please see Killam notice.

**MACIT-TORRES, ELENA.**

Neé Torres. Elena succumbed on July 26, 2006, at the age of 58. She served 16 years, resigning from the Kanoon school in 1992.

**MACK, JAMES L.**

A 7 year career in Chicago schools came to an end for James when he left in 1999. He died on August 6, 2006, at the age of 77 years.

**MARSHALL, RACHEL E.**

When she retired from Senn High School in 1984, Rachel ended a career as teacher coordinator that included 43 years in the Chicago system and 2 outside Chicago schools. Death claimed her on August 25, 2006, at the age of 93 years.

**MARTIN, KITTY K.**

Please see Robinson notice.

**MAYR, MABEL D.**

Please see Carmody notice.

**MCCARTAN, HUGH P.**

In 1991, Hugh left the Price school as Principal after a career that lasted 40 years. When his life ended on September 29, 2006, he was 81 years of age.

**MCQUIRTER, JAMES B.**

James was associated with the Chicago schools for 28 years, the last at the Peterson school, where he was when he retired in 1988. He was 78 years old when death took him on October 2, 2006.

**MEYERS, GERALDINE P.**

Neé Philbin. On August 20, 2006, Geraldine passed away at the age of 71 years. She retired from Frazier in 1997 after 14 years of teaching.

**MILLER, ROBERT J.**

After a career of 26 years, Robert retired from the Directorship of the Bureau of Business Education in 1986. He died on July 17, 2006, at the age of 75.

**MINASSIAN, MARY D.**

Neé Devian. Mary left Senn Metro in 1990 after a career that spanned 25 years. She expired at the age of 87, on August 12, 2006.

**MINNICK, ALICE M.**

Neé Fritts. When she retired from Edison Gifted in 1988, Alice's career spanned 33 years. At the end of her life on September 16, 2006, she was 80 years of age.

**MOFFETT, JUDITH W.**

Please see Moses notice.

**MOSES, JUDITH W.**

Neé Moffett. In 2000, Judith left Harold Washington College after a career that lasted 2 years. When her life ended on July 28, 2006, she was 66 years of age.

**MOSLEY, RICHARD E.**

A teacher at Central Service Center when he resigned in 1993, Richard had served for 38 years. He was 76 on the date of his passing, September 18, 2006.

**NAGLIC, ROSALIE.**

Please see Rohozka notice.

**NAU, WALTER G.**

Walter was 87 years old at his death on July 6, 2006. He resigned from Farnsworth Elementary school in 1977 after 18 years in Chicago and 3 years outside the system.

**NEAL, WILLIE M.**

Willie was at Howland School of the Arts at retirement in 1996 after a 31 year career, and died on October 15, 2006 at age 73.

**NEWTON, WILLARD H.**

Willard was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools when he retired from the Chicago Vocational school in 1980. At the time of his death on August 21, 2006, he was 89 years of age.

**NIEDVARES, RICHARD.**

His 38 year teaching career ended when Richard retired as Principal of Walter Reed in 1993. He was 71 when his life ended on August 13, 2006.

**NORWOOD, MIRIAN D.**

At the age of 66 years, on October 4, 2006, death took Mirian, who had retired from the Dyett Middle school in 1997 after serving 21 years.

**NOTHACKER, RUTH.**

Ruth resigned in 1986 from Farragut, ending a 20 year time span in the Chicago system. She was 91 at the time of her death on September 18, 2006.

**OPRISA, HELEN V.**

Please see Bell notice.

**PARKS, DOXIE R.**

Neé Boone. Doxie retired in 1980 from the Oakland ending a 21 year career. At the end of her life on September 10, 2006, she was 90 years old.

**PEARSON, MARGARET S.**

Neé Sanders. Margaret was associated with the Chicago schools for 36 years, the last at the Ross school, where she was when she retired in 1972. She was 97 years old when death took her on August 11, 2006.

**PEECHER, KATHRYN D.**

Neé Dvorak. Kathryn retired from the Pirie school in 2004. She died on August 21, 2006, at the age of 57.

**PENCE, DWIGHT.**

Dwight ended a 22 year career when he left Kelvyn Park HS in 1997. When he died on August 9, 2006, he was 73 years of age.

**PENOYER, JOAN L.**

Please see Lonergan notice.

**PERTUM, JESSIE B.**

Neé Brown. On July 27, 2006, Jessie passed on, at the age of 87 years. She had spent 13 years in the schools when she resigned from Wadsworth in 1985.

**PETERSON, MARGARET.**

A teacher for 34 years in Chicago and 4 more years outside the Chicago Public Schools, Margaret was an instructor at Jones Commercial when she retired in 1978. She passed on at the age of 93 on August 29, 2006.

**PHILBIN, GERALDINE P.**

Please see Meyers notice.

**POKRAK, RICHARD C.**

After 36 years, Richard resigned in 1992 from Prosser Vocational High School. He died on August 12, 2006.

**RAPF, JOE.**

Joe had taught for 18 years before he retired in 1988 from the Beidler school. He was 80 when his life ended on August 27, 2006.

**REDDEN, OLLIE L.**

Ollie resigned from the Oglesby school in 1993 and died on August 18, 2006, at the age of 81 years.

**REECE, THOMAS H.**

When he resigned after his 44 year affiliation with Chicago Public Schools in 2001, Tom was an officer of the Chicago Teachers Union. On September 17, 2006, he died at the age of 69.

**REIDY, ELIZABETH.**

Please see Hastings notice.

**RESNICK, ROSE.**

In 1971, Rose retired from Hammond & Whittier after 31 years of teaching. On October 15, 2006, she passed on at the age of 97 years.

**RICHARDS, MARGARET M.**

Please see Grant notice.

**ROBERTS, JOHN E.**

Life ended for John at the age of 93 on September 18, 2006. He retired as an Administrator from Urban Youth Program in 1975, at the end of a 32 year career.

**ROBINSON, KITTY K.**

Neé Martin. Kitty retired from Chicago State University in 1986, after a 10 year career as a Professor. She succumbed on October 9, 2006, at the age of 87.

**RODRIGUEZ, ERASMO.**

A 34 year career in the Chicago Public Schools ended when Erasmo, who expired at the age of 59 on August 8, 2006, retired as a Principal from Area 5 in 2005.

**ROHOZKA, ROSALIE.**

Neé Naglic. In 1982, when she resigned from Whitney, Rosalie completed a 2 year career. She was 91 when she died on October 25, 2006.

**ROSEN, FRED.**

Fred succumbed at age 75 on August 2, 2006. He taught for 26 years before retiring as Principal of Reinberg School in 1987.

**ROSS, THELMA R.**

Please see Geiger notice.

**ROTERMUND, MARJORI.**

Neé Green. Marjori's 18 year teaching career ended when she retired from Linne in 1973. She passed away on September 25, 2006, at the age of 95 years.

**ROWNEY, WILLIAM G.**

William retired as Assistant Principal of the Monroe school in 1982 after a career that lasted for 34 years. He expired on August 17, 2006, at the age of 85 years.

**RYAN, ROSEMARY H.**

Neé Vale / Murray. At her death on September 22, 2006, Rosemary was 77 years old. Her 25 year career in Chicago ended when she resigned from Edward White in 1984. She also taught 2 years outside the Chicago system.

**SAHLIN, ROSE L.**

Neé Lidstrom. Rose was at Nightingale when she retired in 1995, terminating a 38 year career. At her death on October 12, 2006, she was 73 years of age.

**SANDERS, MARGARET S.**

Please see Pearson notice.

**SANDROFF, MARY E.**

Neé Eidson. Mary left Garvey in 1978 after teaching for 28 years in Chicago schools and 6 years outside. She left us at the age of 90 on October 15, 2006.

**SIMONSON, DAVID F.**

When he retired in 1985, David ended a career of 4 years. He was 83 when his life came to a close on October 5, 2006.

**SLATTERY, SHEILA A.**

Neé Ahern. Sheila resigned from Farnsworth in 2004 after 23 years. On September 1, 2006, she passed on at the age of 62 years.

**SMITH, FLORENCE H.**

Neé Hvass. When she retired from Edison Elementary in 1981, Florence ended a career of 35 years. She was 90 when her life came to a close on August 15, 2006.

**SMITH, MYRTLE W.**

Neé Wilson. In 1989, when Myrtle was at the Lathrop school, she retired after 31 years. She was 80 years old when she expired on June 5, 2006.

**SMITH, SHIRLEY J.**

Please see Hampton notice.

**SNELL, ERNESTINE E.**

Neé Somerville. After 28 years in Chicago schools, Ernestine retired from the Wadsworth school in 1977. She was 94 when she expired on August 2, 2006.

**SOMERVILLE, ERNESTINE E.**

Please see Snell notice.

**STARK, LAURA S.**

Please see Clark notice.

**STRIEGL, MAX J.**

Max was at Lindblom Tech High School when he resigned in 1984 after 22 years in the Chicago Public Schools. He was 77 on July 29, 2006, when he passed on.

**SUMMERS, DOROTHY C.**

Dorothy was 92 years old at her death on July 28, 2006. She resigned from Gary school in 1984 after 13 years in Chicago and 4 years outside.

**SWEENEY, IRIS V.**

Please see Hoekstra notice.

**TAYLOR, EVELYN H.**

Neé Haranborg. Evelyn was at Sullivan when she retired in 1973 after 26 years. She was 92 when she succumbed on August 29, 2006.

**TAYLOR, NORMAN V.**

After 31 years in Chicago schools, Norman re-tired from Calumet High School in 1998. He was 64 when he expired on September 27, 2006.

**TORRES, ELENA.**

Please see Macit-Torres notice.

**UTESCH, MARIE A.**

Neé Quelle. Marie ended a 16 year career when she resigned from the Pierce school in 1972. At her death on July 31, 2006, she was 98 years old.

**VALE-MURRAY, ROSEMARY H.**

Please see Ryan notice.

**WALDECK, ANN.**

When she retired in 1991 from the Bell school, Ann had taught for 21 years. She was 60 years of age at her death on September 19, 2006.

**WATSON, JOHN M.**

After a career that lasted 33 years, John retired from Hirsch in 1994. He was 69 when he died on September 7, 2006.

**WATSON, RUTHA W.**

Please see Jack notice.

**WEAN, CHARLES R.**

Charles resigned from Hirsch in 1993 after a 35 year career. He was 68 years old when he died on September 25, 2006.

**WEINBERG, MURIELLE W.**

Please see Brent notice.

**WEST, EMILY M.**

Please see Garland notice.

**WILLEFORD, NORMA J.**

Neé Duncan. Her career of 25 years ended when she left the Burns Elementary school in 1994. Norma died on August 26, 2006, at the age of 77.

**WILSON, MYRTLE W.**

Please see Smith notice.

**WITTENSTROM, LINNEA.**

Please see DeSalvi notice.

**WRIGHT, RUBY P.**

Neé Austin. On October 17, 2006, when she was 96, death claimed Ruby. She had taught 9 years when she resigned from the Oakland school in 1976.

**YAKIMOW, STEPHANIE.**

Please see Carson notice.

**ZALON, ZELDA Z.**

Please see Johnson notice.

**ZVOLNER, MIRIAM.**

Neé Polishuck. Miriam taught as a day-to-day substitute until she retired in 1976, after 14 years. On September 18, 2006, she passed away at the age of 95.



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