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## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF RTAC

Congratulations to each of you who have now finally reached retirement! No more lesson plans; no more lunchroom duty; no more forms due in the office yesterday. You are free at last!

You are embarking on a new career as a retired teacher. With a great new life unfolding before you and your pension to support you, you are ready for the next adventure in your life.

We at the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago salute you and all the retired teachers of the Chicago Public Schools. We are sending all of you this issue of our quarterly publication to tell you just a bit about the community that's been working for you for years. Although you've left colleagues and friends behind, the existence of RTAC means that you are never alone.

Since 1926 RTAC has been the voice of Chicago's retired teachers. RTAC has represented us in Chicago, Springfield and Washington, D.C. Many of the benefits we enjoy today

were won for us by RTAC's efforts. The article "Why Should You Join RTAC?" on page 3 lists some of the ways RTAC helps retired CPS teachers. RTAC's past accomplishments probably occurred while you were busy making lesson plans and grading papers. Perhaps they were not of much interest to you then, but they are most certainly of interest to you now.



*Ethel Philpott*

Pension funds with their enormous cash reserves have been attracting increasing attention among the ethically challenged. Tens of thousands of private sector workers have watched helplessly as corporation after corporation, with the blessing of the courts and Congress, either savaged their pension plans or wiped them out entirely. That hasn't happened to us – yet – but it's not because nobody's trying. RTAC has been vigilantly safeguarding those rewards for us for many years.

Once again, welcome to retirement and to RTAC. We look forward to counting you among our 10,000+ members. Add your voice to ours as we struggle on your behalf. (A prepaid membership envelope is in the center of this issue.)

### RTAC MISSION STATEMENT

**To serve as the primary advocate for retired teachers and to empower them by engaging in activities and services that will promote their well-being with particular emphasis on the maintenance and enhancement of their pension benefits.**

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## WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN RTAC?

### HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THE RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO DOES FOR YOU:

- RTAC is working to obtain a minimum \$18,000 pension for all CPS retirees.
  - RTAC efforts help minimize health insurance premiums for retirees.
  - RTAC helped strengthen retiree influence on the pension fund. (Many public employee pension funds have *no* retiree trustees on their pension boards; CPS retirees now have three.)
  - RTAC sponsors (and subsidizes) membership luncheons in the spring and in the fall of each year.
  - RTAC makes low cost dental insurance available to its members.
  - RTAC maintains a Telephone Law Service for answers to legal questions at no cost to its members.
  - RTAC maintains a **Wall of Fame** to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the Association.
  - RTAC's efforts helped restore the rebate of health insurance premiums when it lapsed.
  - RTAC maintains highly effective legislative representation in Springfield to monitor and support matters of concern to retired teachers.
  - RTAC coordinates a Letter-A-Month Club of volunteers who make our needs known to legislators at all levels.
  - RTAC cooperates with the Pension Fund, the CPS and the CTU to formulate mutually desirable plans for legislative action.
  - RTAC founded the **Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund**, a separate entity which provides help for retirees in need. Because all administrative costs are borne by RTAC, *all Aid Fund contributions go directly to beneficiaries.*
  - RTAC's Service Committee outreach program remembers our most senior members with birthday and holiday cards, and sends flowers to members 100 and over.
  - RTAC provides ID Theft insurance free to members.
  - RTAC's Special Events Committee sponsors group tours and trips for members in the area.
- The **RTAC News Bulletin**, issued quarterly, publishes:
- a wide-ranging extensive listing of current things to see and do in Chicago,
  - a list of opportunities for volunteers,
  - news of the pension fund's condition, concerns and proceedings,
  - names of members seeking contact with former colleagues,
  - news of out-of-state satellite groups,
  - responses to Service Committee outreaches,
  - names of new life members,
  - names of contributors to RTAC and to the Aid Fund,
  - names of those honored by such contributions,
  - annuitant obituaries,
  - reports on the semi-annual membership luncheons,
  - reports on CTU retiree and legislative functions,
  - reports on the progress of pertinent legislation,
  - some of the choicest morsels of humor and wisdom from the Internet,
  - occasional tips on the use of computers and the Internet.
- RTAC's Internet web site, [www.RTAC.org](http://www.RTAC.org), which carries:
- Links so that you can identify and email your legislators
  - The latest news relevant to legislation concerning retirees,
  - Sample letters to send Federal and State legislators on behalf of retirees;
  - Co-sponsorship and voting records of legislators on important pending legislation;
  - Up-to-date information on important CPS retiree concerns;
  - A listing of paid job opportunities for retired teachers;
  - Links to more than 100 educational and entertainment venues in the area;
- (A prepaid membership envelope is in the center of this issue.)**

# REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Robert F. Bures

By the time you have gotten to this page you probably realize that this issue of the *News Bulletin* is devoted to RTAC's mission. The formal mission statement is on the cover of this issue, and you can check back to it if you need to be reminded of what it is. RTAC's mission is to protect and enhance our pension and to enhance your life by engaging you in activities that are fun, educational and most of all life-extending!

Our most vital mission is to protect and enhance your (and my, too) pension. It is our responsibility to elect trustees to the Pension Fund that are trustworthy, honest, capable, idea-filled and with a commitment to service and leadership. Your RTAC Board of Directors unanimously endorsed three experienced candidates: **Vaughn J. Barber**, **Walter Pilditch** and **James F. "Jim" Ward**. When you get your ballot in the mail in late October, Vote for RTAC's Team of Three and mail it back right away so your votes count!

Making sure the Pension Fund is operating correctly and in a fiscally sound manner is only part of our mission. Having a strong presence in Springfield, Chicago and Washington is the other part. I usually press RTAC's positions in Chicago - meeting with Aldermen, supporting our Chicagoland friends in the Illinois General Assembly and the Executive Committee - particularly our President, Ethel Philpott, usually handles Congressional issues in Washington.

RTAC has, for the last many years, used Richard "Dick" Lockhart, President of Social Engineering, as our Registered Lobbyist in Springfield. Dick and his firm maintain a presence in both Chicago and Springfield. He is the former Speaker of the Third House in Springfield, the Third House being the Lobbyists and the title Speaker being an honorary one bestowed only on the most effective lobbyists. Social Engineering has been in business for 50 years! Dick knows

everyone in Springfield and knows Illinois politics backward and forward! Be sure to look for Dick's article on page 11 in this *News Bulletin* summarizing the current looooooong General Assembly session.



Robert F. Bures

The other part of the RTAC equation is the fun part! Our Spring and Fall luncheons are now regularly drawing almost 800 members! They are a great way to renew old friendships and meet some new faces. RTAC subsidizes the cost of these luncheons to keep them affordable. Watch the mail for your invitation to our October

4, 2007 Fall Luncheon at the Palmer House. Respond quickly to avoid being disappointed.

RTAC also publishes this quarterly *News Bulletin*. I receive the newsletters of the other 49 state retired teacher organizations. Ours is far and away the best, longest, and most news worthy of them all. By the way, RTAC is the most powerful retired teachers association in the United States. Yes, some states have more members, but RTAC has the most penetration into the retired teacher numbers ... more than 50% of Chicago public school educator annuitants are DUES PAYING members.

Fun trips to Springfield's Lincoln Museum, Havana, Cuba, plays, architectural tours, lake cruises are just a few of the events we plan. We also provide a FREE Law Line enabling our members to consult an attorney on any topic, MetLife Dental Insurance, United Credit Union services, notary services, answers to health insurance questions, a direct line to our Pension Fund and answers to Medicare questions. RTAC also serves as a liaison to AARP, the Teachers Retirement System of Illinois (TRS), and other government services.

Another little-known RTAC service is the Aid Fund — officially known as the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund, Inc. The group was formed to

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## CTC MEMORIAL PLAQUE INSTALLED AT RTAC HEADQUARTERS

Nostalgia mixed with pride and camaraderie June 27 when several members of the Chicago Teachers College Association gathered at RTAC headquarters to honor their *alma mater* by dedicating the striking bronze *bas relief* Memorial Plaque that will be displayed forevermore in RTAC headquarters.

Dr. Thomas A. Tufo, president of the Association, said he founded the organization in 2001 “to keep alive the spirit of the school. The wrecker’s ball has not removed that,” he said. Since then, more than 500 former students and faculty members have assembled for reunions. The group offers three scholarships annually to high school seniors interested in pursuing a career in teaching. They also produce a newsletter twice each year dedicated to maintaining the standards of excellence in education that was promoted by CTC.

The first teachers college in Illinois, CTC goes back to 1856. Between 1920 and 1948, CTC was the exclusive supplier of teachers to the Chicago

Public Schools. Every Chicago teacher, no matter what degree they held, was required to have a year and a half of teacher training at CTC.

Dr. Tufo credited CTC with giving large numbers of working class students the chance to obtain a degree. The \$20 tuition fee insured that CTC graduates would not be saddled with the huge college debts so common today.

The site of CTC has moved many times since the original building was razed in 1975. When they conceived the idea of creating the memorial plaque, Association members sought a permanent

home that could be trusted to remain in existence for a long time. RTAC headquarters was a natural choice for a safe place to guard the legacy of the Chicago Teachers College. RTAC has been here for 81 years, and, with 10,000+ members, is likely to last for many more. In addition, several RTAC directors and members got their teacher training at CTC, RTAC President Ethel Philpott, Executive Director Bob Bures, his wife Carol Bures and Treasurer Vaughn J. Barber, among them.



*Dr. Tufo points with pride at the new CTC Plaque.*

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assist those retired educators who have fallen upon hard financial times. We have assisted dozens of annuitant-clients with direct cash assistance, some on a regular basis, some on a one time need basis, others with rent, hearing aid replacements and even with the most current public policy issue - victims of sub-prime predatory mortgage lending! If you know someone with a financial issue, call me directly at the RTAC office, 312.939.3327, and we'll talk about it. Don't hesitate.

Along with these services, we offer a place to sit down, have a coffee or a coke. raise your feet a bit and chat while in the Loop doing business, shopping or just passing by while waiting for the Museum or Theater to open! We're here at 220 South State in Suite 2100. We'd love to see you!

YES! RTAC does all of these things! Most important is that YOU communicate with us. Tell us your issues, tell us your needs, tell us how your pension is and tell us how you are doing. RTAC is interested in YOU!

Thanks for being an RTAC member!

***Bob Bures***

You will receive your ballot for the **Chicago Teachers Pension Fund Election** in October. RTAC endorses the following candidates for trustees of the fund. They all serve on the RTAC Board of Directors as well as the Pension Fund Board. They have brought years of successful leadership experience to guiding our Pension Fund. Under their capable direction, it has grown to over \$12 billion and is one of the most solvent in Illinois. Please read and consider their messages before marking your ballot in the mail-in election.

## MEET RTAC'S CANDIDATES FOR CTPF TRUSTEES

### WALTER PILDITCH

In the fall of this year I will have completed ten years of service on the Board of Trustees of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund. This includes six years as an active employee and then four years as a retiree. During that time I have served on several committees in addition to being vice-president of the Board two years ago. At present I am the chair of the Disability Committee.



*Dr. Walter Pilditch*

My Board memberships include the Chicago American Cancer Society, Chicago Boy Scouts of America, Chicago Principals and Administrators Association (Governing Board), Local Neighborhood Improvement Association, Retired Teachers Association (Past President), and the Student Science Fair Board. In addition I serve on North Central teams for school accreditation and as a community representative on the Local School Council of Kellogg Elementary School. One task I find most satisfying is being grants co-chair for the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund. We have many teachers in great need either for special health conditions or due to advanced age

### VAUGHN J. BARBER

During the 30 years in which I was employed by the Chicago Public Schools, I served as a teacher, administrator in government-funded programs, and a lobbyist in Springfield, Washington and the Chicago City Council.

In addition, after receiving a Juris Doctor degree, I was legal counsel in the law department of the Board of



*Vaughn J. Barber*

whose pensions are now not adequate to meet their present day needs. Funds are available for distribution to these teachers who demonstrate a genuine need. On the point of age I should mention we have 83 retired teachers over 100 years old!

If I am elected again to the Pension Board, my promises are seven fold: 1) Attendance at all regular and special Pension Board meetings; 2) Completing the necessary reading and research of the materials mailed before each meeting; 3) Attendance at one or two authorized conferences for better knowledge of investments for our Fund; 4) Service on one or more special committees of the Board; 5) Assistance in the evaluation of money managers hired by the Pension Fund; 6) Study of the Fund's legislative program and promotion of bill passage as needed; and 7) Cooperation with the officers of the Pension Fund and the Board of Trustees.

You will receive your ballot about mid-October for trustee candidates. Be sure to vote and mail back your ballot in time for the counting. Thank you for your consideration.

Education. After my retirement in 1994, I continued to practice law and became an active member of the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago (RTAC). For the past five years, I have been a part of RTAC's executive board serving as Treasurer.

In 2005, I was endorsed by the RTAC Board of Directors to run for the position of Trustee of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund (CTPF). With your help, I was suc-

cessful and have served as a Trustee since 2005.

Though I had been on the board less than two years, I was appointed to chair the legislative and by-laws committee, which has aggressively introduced and pushed for passage of key legislation preserving the state's and city's responsibility for continued funding of our pension.

I was selected in July of this year to partici-

pate in a Program for Advanced Trustee Studies at Harvard Law School. The program was designed for the 50 persons who were invited from throughout the U.S. to share their experiences as trustees and provide direction for leadership.

My work as Trustee for CTPF is just beginning. I envision continued work with the state legislature and with my fellow trustees as we address the awesome task of maintaining the Fund's investments.

**JAMES F. WARD**

Executive Director, Chicago Teacher Pension Fund, 1967 to 1997.

Active with Legislature.

Elected Pension Board Trustee in 1997. Assets grew from \$200 million to \$8.8 billion.

First Executive Director of Retired Teachers Assoc. of Chicago, 2000. Elected President of RTAC in September 2002.

Wrote HB 1269 rebate bill to increase to \$65 million/year (passed in 2004).

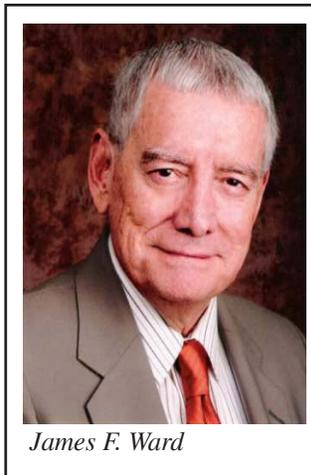
Wrote HB 792 to change to a straight 75% of premium (not yet passed).

Attended Chicago Schools through AA degree, high honors.

Chicago Teachers College, B. Ed. in Accounting, high honors.

DePaul University, MBA in Accountancy.

Northeastern Illinois University, postgraduate com-



*James F. Ward*

puter studies.

Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts. University of Virginia. Security Traders Association of Chicago.

National Council on Teacher Retirement

Endorsed by CTU, RTAC, former City Treasurer Judith Rice, and Tuskegee Airman Marshall Knox, former pension trustee, who said, "Pensioners would be wise to keep a friend

like Jim Ward on the Board. He truly represents their interests."

Statement: As a member of the Pension Board, organized labor, and the investment community and with 40 years of hands-on experience, I shall use my best full-time efforts to continue the record of service, accuracy, and benefits established by the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund over the last half century.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

**CHICAGO TEACHER PENSION FUND RULES CALL FOR ANNUITANTS TO ELECT THREE (3) TRUSTEES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE BY MAIL DURING OCTOBER.**

**VOTE FOR RTAC-ENDORSED PENSION FUND TRUSTEES BY MAIL. WATCH FOR YOUR OCTOBER BALLOT. IT IS NOT JUNK MAIL. NO STAMP NECESSARY.**

**VOTE EARLY TO MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE COUNTS!**

**YOUR Retired Teachers Association of Chicago urges YOU to VOTE FOR RTAC'S Three Endorsed Candidates for Pension Fund Trustees**

**VAUGHN J. BARBER**

**WALTER PILDITCH**

**JAMES F. WARD**

# PENSION NOTES

## 1. From James F. Ward, Trustee

This is the issue of the *News Bulletin* in which the RTAC Board reaches out to newly retired Chicago teachers and to those who have not yet joined RTAC for one reason or another. Many of those who hesitate to join RTAC probably don't really understand what RTAC is and what it does for the retired teachers of the Chicago Public Schools.

Since 1926 RTAC has been an organization with a single purpose: **to further the interests of retired Chicago teachers.** Time after time, it has done just that. Over the years RTAC has successfully lobbied the Legislature so that now the retirees have three retirees sitting on the Pension Board, more retirees than any other pension board in Illinois.

Year after year some new threat emerges from the Board of Education, the City of Chicago, or the State Legislature. Time and again RTAC throws its time, resources, and expertise into helping retired teachers. Examples include the fight preventing "pension holidays" by which public contributions to the Fund are "forgiven" for a year or more; stopping legislation that would exempt the CPS from making statutory contributions to the Fund under the 1995 law; writing and passing health insurance rebate laws to maintain affordable health insurance for our retirees; and

## 2. From Walter Pilditch, Trustee

Our fund continues to grow. At the end of last quarter it totaled \$12.7 billion, which is an increase of \$450 million over the previous quarter in spite of higher energy costs, concerns about inflation and more weakening in the housing industry. We also saw record heights of the Standard and Poor Index and record high levels of the Dow Jones figure into the middle of July.

Standard measures of the financial health of the United States show prices somewhat up at 2.3% for the quarter (not including food and energy costs) while the Producer Prices Index in-

establishing a tax-exempt charity to provide for indigent retired teachers. The list of RTAC's efforts on behalf of Chicago's retired teachers goes on and on.

RTAC's importance to every retired teacher's pension cannot be overstated. At this writing, RTAC has been allowed to intervene in a case involving a small number of pensioners whose benefits were found to have been miscalculated. Without hesitation, RTAC has stepped in, hiring attorneys to prepare intervening petitions to the Chancery Division of the County Court and interceding on behalf of the affected retirees.

RTAC has instructed its attorneys to argue that the judge should hold the pensioners harmless and make no changes in their benefits because they "come with clean hands," that is, they did nothing wrong but only relied on the experts at the CPS and the Pension Office to make irrevocable retirement decisions. By the time you read this we will likely know whether we were successful in protecting the affected pensioners from any reduction in the benefits they are already enjoying.

Why any retired Chicago teacher would not be a member of RTAC is certainly beyond my understanding. As the current case clearly illustrates, **RTAC is our first line of defense.**

creased at a rate of 5.6% for the year. Production capacity increased to 82.3%, about a percent higher than the first quarter. Unemployment remains at 4.5%, just about what it has been recently. Oil prices are reaching new highs during the middle of 2007 and Treasury bond interest levels were rising to 5.26% in June.

Upon receiving information from our investment consultants, Mercer, we will review the major investment strategies for our fund:

1. Large cap domestic equities returned

## PENSION NOTES

5.9% for the spring quarter. (Continued next page) average results for the quarter

### From Walter Pilditch, Trustee, cont'd.

2. International equities came in very strong at 6.7% for the quarter.

3. Small cap stocks came in relatively low at 4.4% during the same period.

4. Fixed income results show a loss of about one-half percent for the spring.

5. Real estate equity figures are down while private real estate went up 3.6%

6. All of the other asset classes produced

### From Vaughn J. Barber, Trustee

The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago (RTAC) began its operation in 1926. It began on the premise that although retired teachers were no longer in the mainstream of the teaching profession, the interests, concerns and needs of these retired teachers should be heard. This year, the association is 10,000-plus strong and represents a voice to be listened to in the deliberations of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund (CTPF). To that end, three members of RTAC sit on the Pension Board of Trustees.

The CTPF gets monetary contributions from state and local governments, but one of its major sources of revenues is through its investments. How has CTPF fared in 2007?

Springfield this year has provided a "maintenance level" of funding for CTPF. Though CTPF presented an aggressive legislative program for 2007 to provide a more equitable level of funding, the State legislature returned the \$75 million in the upcoming year to fund its health insurance program as well as a small portion of its pension costs. This was an increase from \$65 million which would allow CTPF to continue rebating current retirees at 70% of their health insurance

The results in the Illinois House and Senate relative to our Fund are almost nil. We did receive the usual \$65 million health insurance figure to continue the rebate you enjoy each month. To answer a question asked by several persons, we have 32,090 contributors to the fund (those in active service) and 22,105 retirees at the present time. We salute Kevin Huber, the CEO of our Pension Fund, for his outstanding report to the officials in Springfield on the status of our figures. They look good and we are proud of that fact.

**Please don't forget to vote in the upcoming election for the three trustees representing all retirees.**  
premiums.

The record legislative overtime session in Springfield and the uncertainties relative to budget matters contributed to a session which saw very little in any funding increases. **We need your help. Please contact your state legislators and thank them for the funding that was provided for 2008, and ask that they continue to support CTPF funding and provide for future increases and allocations that reflect a more equitable level of funding.**

In July I participated in a Program for Advanced Trustee Studies at Harvard Law School. The program was designed to enhance Trustees' understanding of the "prudent investor." Where the majority of assets are invested lies not with the ultimate asset-owner, but rather with a small number of principals and their agents.

J.P. Morgan Chase in their "Eye on the Market" report of 8-07, states that for the stock market, these are extraordinary times. But they are not so extraordinary. We've had an 8% correction in the benchmark S&P 500 since the peak, and, since 1929, there's been an 8% market correction

(See **PENSION NOTES** p. 10)

# LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

By Ethel Philpott

Public school teachers, like many other public servants, are very much creatures of their state legislatures. Legislators control the purse strings, and although teachers can go on strike, Boards of Education are necessarily limited in what they can do because of that control.

Retired public school teachers are in a far worse position. A strike against the Pension Fund seeking larger pensions would not likely succeed. Retiree incomes and conditions are a direct reflection of this political powerlessness. It is a matter of small concern – sadly, even among retirees – that hundreds of long-time retired CPS teachers have pensions below the poverty level.

One of the Standing Committees of RTAC, the Legislation Committee deals directly with this situation in two ways. First, it acts as a sentinel and alerts the Association to any threat to our pension and/or healthcare benefits. Second, the Committee acts as an instigator of actions that will preserve help and/or enhance our pension benefits.



Ethel Philpott

Seen from this perspective, if the Legislation Committee is not the most important in the Association, it is certainly near the top.

A very few years ago, when our healthcare rebate ended, the late Tom Corcoran led RTAC in forming a coalition joined by the CTU, the CPS, the Pension Fund and RTAC, to bring pressure to bear on the Illinois State Legislature to resolve the situation. So successful was the drive that legislators were pleading with us to call off the campaign. When an agreed-upon solution was proposed, the legislature passed it within two weeks.

The Legislation Committee seeks to consolidate this latent political power into an effective voice that will command attention in Springfield, from which all of our solutions must come. We have an effective and active lobbyist who will help guide us, but we will require both additional manpower and ideas. We need people to monitor Springfield on the Web; we need people who can inspire and inflame. Can you help? Contact Ethel Philpott at the office (312-939-3327).

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in 80% of the years that followed. A 10% correction happened two-thirds of the time indicating that it's almost something to expect, rather than Halley's Comet. Corporate profits are leveraged, volatile and subject to change, so it's part of the landscape of equity investing.

The report goes on to say that some of what's happening is extraordinary. It makes sense for consumer discretionary and bank stocks to be declining since there are signs of slowing consumer spending ahead, housing hasn't found a bottom, and there are hundreds of millions in underwater bridge loans on bank and broker balance sheets.

With the uncertainty of the government

sources for maintaining an adequate financial position, CTPF has successfully implemented investment strategies which have allowed the fund to grow to \$12.7 billion. It is the responsibility of the Trustees **you elect** to see that these investments continue to grow and that your pension remains solvent.

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## Dr. Laske Resigns

It was with regret that RTAC officials accepted the resignation of Dr. David L. Laske. An RTAC director since January 2006, Dr. Laske was forced to resign due to failing health. We regret his loss and wish him well.

An election will be held via mail-in ballot to fill his vacated position and that of Selma S. White who also is stepping down.

*Richard Lockhart is RTAC's Professional Registered Illinois Lobbyist. His firm is Social Engineering - a fifty-year-old firm that understands Illinois politics and knows Illinois politicians. He reports not only quarterly and at the end of sessions, but whenever a vital RTAC issue is pending. For instance, Dick reports that our \$75 Million Dollar appropriation from the Illinois General Assembly is still intact in the new, just-passed, state budget — Dick saved it from Governor Rod's line veto knife. His end of session report follows.*

Bob Bures

## **THE BUDGET HAS PASSED (FINALLY!) AND THE BEAT GOES ON**

*By Dick Lockhart*

The record-setting session of the General Assembly finally passed the budget for FY'08, but...The pain inflicted is not over—in fact, it will get more intense. The Governor has promised to reduce that budget by \$500 million and to re-allocate that money to some kind of a State healthcare or health insurance program. Most, maybe all, of those reductions will impact what he calls “pork,” but legislators call “member initiatives.” There are hundreds of them in the budget ([HB3866](#)). Each “initiative” benefits some organization, school district or municipality. They and the legislator who tries to help them will be very unhappy with out Governor.

The State Constitution gives the Governor the power to reduce appropriations and to eliminate specific line item appropriations. The General Assembly has the power, during the “veto” session to restore those cuts. However, Senate President Emil Jones has stated that the Senate will not vote to do so. That would mean the cuts remain.

However, the Governor does not have unlimited power to create law, to allocate funds, or to impose taxes. He has a 2% transfer authority over appropriations, and he has the power to initiate State government reorganization, under certain conditions. He also has the power to amend legislation which has passed the House and Senate. When he does, the bill goes back to the Legislature during the “veto” session in the fall.

For his change to go into effect, a simple majority vote is required. To reject his change and to restore the original language, a three-fifths vote is necessary. If neither happens, the bill is dead. Therefore the Governor has a better chance of prevailing with appropriations than he does in changing the text of legislation, and the General Assembly is in a better position to reject the Governor's proposed statutory changes.

For example, House Rule 78 provides that motions to accept the Governor's amendments shall be automatically referred to the Rules Committee. However, motions to override the Governor's amendatory veto “may be immediately considered and adopted.” The Speaker of the House views the “amendatory veto power” a violation of the “Separation of Powers” provision (Art.II, Sec. 1) of the Constitution, and I agree with him.

We will have to see what the Governor's ingenious plan turns out to be, and whether it can survive approval by the House Rules Committee. The fall “veto” session will be much more interesting than in the past.

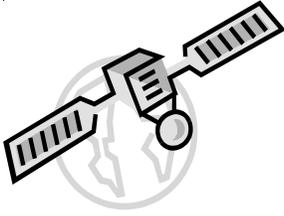
In terms of the near future, be mindful of the events set forth below and their dates:

- 1.The Primary Election in 2008 will be February 12, and candidates must have their nominating petitions filed with the State Board of Elections not later than November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.Incumbent legislators, particularly Democrats, will be facing a politically challenging situation in that they have to defend the record-breaking, and contentious, legislative session, which, however, did pass a legislative pay increase which the Governor has approved.
- 3.Although the Governor is not on the ballot in 2008, all 118 House districts are up as well as 39 of the 59 State Senate districts.
- 4.The dates for the “veto” or fall legislative session are undetermined at this time.
5. The 2008 legislative session will begin January 9; the FY'09 proposed State budget is likely to be presented by the Governor in February.
- 6.For the reasons stated, campaigns and fund-raising get started earlier than in the past and will become more intense. They begin with the Primary on February 12 (also a State Holiday)

## 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
Adler Planetarium	Chicago	Hannah Katz	312-322-0514
Alex Haley Academy	Chicago – Far So	Karen Demots	773-371-3661
Anixter Center Literacy Pgm	Chicago – Nr N	Sara Kohl	773-929-8200x265
Aquinas Literacy Center (ESL)	Chicago - South	Alison Altmeyer	773-927-0512
Catholic Charities (Tutor)	Chicago	Albert Curtis Jr.	312-655-7412
Chicago Academy Sciences	Chicago - All	Susan Carlson	773-549-0606x2026
Chicago Architectural Found	Chicago - All	Barbara Hrbek	312-922-3432x225
Chicago Youth Centers	Chicago - West	Michelle Gauthier	312-762-5655
Child Services	Cook/Lake/DuPg	Greta Nielsen	773-693-0300
Child Services	Chicago - RogPk	Michelle Genarro	773-973-3662
Corazon-a-Corazon	Chicago	Amanda Kross	773-221-0620
Council for Jewish Elderly	Chicago - All	Anne L. Simon	773-508-1064
Court's Special Advocate	Cook	Imogene Harris	312-433-6997
CPS Student Science Fair	Chicago	Rita Nelson	773 553-6318
Cycle	Chicago - Nr N	Melinda Brand	312-664-1194x14
Evanston NorthWest Healthcare	Evanston	Ronna Jacobson	847-570-2840
Field Museum	Lakefrnt Musm Cp	Mary Ann Bloom	312-665-7505
Forest Preserve District	DuPage	Chris Linnell	630-942-6169
Friends of the Parks	Chicago - All	Laura Ronneberg	312-922-3307
George Armstrong School	Chicago - Nr W	Kim Bendig	773-534-2150
Ginkgo Organic Gardens	Chicago - North		773-404-7114
Grandma, Please	Chicago - All	Kathy Slover	773-561-3500
Graue Mill	Oak Brook	Sandy Brubaker	630-920-9720
Heartland Alliance Vista	Chicago - Loop	Carol McNeill	312-696-4500x4085
Ill. Action for Children	Chicago - Loop	Rebecca Klipfel	312-986-9591
Ill. Parents Anonymous	Chicago - All	Melinda Crosby	312-649-7301
Ill. Volunteers of America	Chicago - All	Peggy Schweiger	312-707-8707
JCB School	Chicago - N	Amber Egelston	773-467-3746
KIPP Ascend Charter School	Chicago - West	Sheri Barrette	773-261-9972
Little Bros Friends of Elderly	Chicago	Geri Mead	312-455-1000
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls	Chicago - All	J. Brown/E. Dordek	312-738-7554
Metro Family Services	Mt Greenwood	Dee Speich	773-298-5065x345
Museum Science & Industry	Chicago - South	Penny Aulston	773-753-2595
N Shore Senior Center	Suburbs – N	Paul J. Luzwick	847-784-6000
Prairie Ave. House Museum	Chicago - Cent	Michael Soet	312-326-1480
Prologue Adult Education	Chicago - N	Christina Mang	773-728-7221
Recording for the Blind	Chicago/OrlnPk	Joanne C. Ruxin	312-236-8715
Retired/Senior Volunteers	Nationwide		312-906-8600x214
Roseland Comm Hospital	Chicago - South	Jennifer Seldon	773-995-3470
Salvation Army Group Home	Oak Park	Frank Massolini	312-455-8059x200
School Childrens Aid Society	Chicago - West	Margaret Paul	773-247-1311
Spring Valley Nature Center	Schaumburg	Susan Findling	847-985-2100
WilPower, Inc	Suburbs - North	Minnie Morton	847-501-2939



## SAN DIEGO SATELLITE TO MEET AT FALL LUNCHEON

By Sam Dolnick

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007, promptly at noon, the San Diego Satellite will have its luncheon/business meeting at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 11555

Carmel Mountain Road in San Diego. The cost will be \$16.50. Please make checks payable to S.D. Satellite—RTAC and mail to Sam Dolnick, Treasurer, 5706 Baltimore Drive #348, La Mesa, CA

91942-1654.

The business portion of the meeting will start at 1:15 p.m. and the latest in our health insurance, pension, and legislation before the Illinois legisla-

ture affecting us will be presented and discussed.

Any Chicago retired teacher/principal who will be in the area on October 9 is encouraged to make reservations at 619-697-4854.

## YOU SAY YOU KNOW ART LEHNE?

By V. K. Brown

Nearly everyone with 20 or more years with the Chicago Public Schools has at least heard of **Dr. Arthur R. Lehne**. A thoroughgoing gentleman of the old school, Art progressed from elementary and high school teacher to principal to District Superintendent to Assistant Superintendent to Associate Superintendent – and yes, at one time he was asked if he would accept the position of General Superintendent of Schools.

His rapid rise through the ranks and skill at grasping new ideas, along with his courtly manner and unfailing courtesy, have made Art one of those people whom one is proud to know.

But even his friends may not know of Art's nautical past. He joined the U. S. Coast Guard during WW II, and his rise there was rapid as well. He was soon sent to the Coast Guard Academy. Then the Academy decided there was nothing more they could do for him, so they gave him his officer's commission and put him in command of his own ship, a sub chaser. When D-Day, June 6, 1944, rolled around, Art was put in command of an entire rescue flotilla and sent to participate in the invasion of Normandy. By this time, Art was an old salt of 23 years. In the summer of 2007, Art was contacted by Coast Guard officials – they had discovered Art's old



*That's Art on the far right.*



*Art again takes his position at the helm of his ship 63 years later. Wow, hunh?*

command, the sub chaser, in a Seattle mothball fleet location. They invited Art out to take part in a reunion, which he gladly did. Two news sources covered the event.

## MARION HOFFING'S ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER

After seeing the hit movies about dance classes in the New York City Public Schools, some may think that New York originated the idea of incorporating dance classes into the public school curriculum. Marion Hoffing, our gal-about-town reporter of *THE CHICAGO SCENE*, knows otherwise.

Marion was one of the instructors in an early Board of Ed program designed to bring culture to the public schools of Chicago. Marion's career involved visits to many Chicago Public Schools where she taught students the fine art of social dance. Long before the current ballroom dance craze, Marion and other dance instructors were going from school to school teaching youngsters not only the steps and moves but also the proper dress and etiquette—the amenities, as she calls them—of this important social skill.

Marion's association with the Board of Education started back when she was just 19 years old. Marion joined several other professional dance instructors who were trained by Ms. Ernestine Badt of the Board of Education to conduct the Friday evening dance instruction program at several high schools. Ms. Badt trained the instructors during the summer at the Chicago Teachers College at 6800 S. Stewart, and Marion was one of them.

After the Social Centers were started under Mr. Francis B. McKeag, Assistant Superintendent under Dr. Benjamin Willis, Ms. Badt resigned from the program, and Marion became director. "He told me I was his right hand man," she said.

Marion reminisced about the many Friday nights she supervised at Social Centers in about 20 high schools: Amundsen, Philips, DuSable, Carver, Marshall, Lindblom, Austin, Bowen, Senn, Schurz, Waller, Wells, Harper, Lane, and many others. "There were orchestras, too, every Friday night, five pieces. It was a big thing. That's where they [the students] were Friday nights, and they

dressed, boys and girls....The decorum was excellent ....teens, dancing and behaving. The evening began with dance instruction from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Then the orchestra came in," Marion said. "It was wonderful."

Marion got to meet many day teachers who helped supervise at the Social Centers, and she also made many personal friends, among them John Craig, now an RTAC director as well as recently elected Mayor of Oak Brook, Ill. He was a beginning patrolman assigned to Waller High School when Marion first met him. Another young patrolman of Marion's acquaintance was Ben Hoffing, assigned to Wells High School. Not only was he the very first "Officer Friendly" in the Chicago Public Schools, Officer Hoffing also became Marion's husband.

Officer Hoffing had a wonderful rapport with the students. "If any Wells students got into trouble and ended up at the police station, they would call him and he'd go to help out," Marion said. In recognition of his outstanding work with the youth in the Wells High School area, Ben received an award from the Commission on Human Relations. Years later, he was inducted into the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

Ben Hoffing passed away in 2001. The Hoffings were married 54 years, and for many of them, they taught dance together as a team.

Retiring in 1977, Marion soon became an active member of RTAC. One of the board members, Mr. Rothe, retired Assistant Principal from Lane Tech, asked her "to do something cultural around 1980," Marion said. She went right to work, naming her column "*The Chicago Scene*." Twenty-seven years later, "*The Chicago Scene*" remains one of the most popular features of the RTAC News Bulletin.

"You have to keep going" is Marion's philosophy, and she certainly has.





Marion Hoffing

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MARION HOFFING

to enjoy during October, November, and December

NOTE: The Events page on RTAC's web site (<http://www.rtac.org/events.htm>) now carries DIRECT LINKS to most venues listed.

## ADLER PLANETARIUM & ASTRONOMY MUSEUM 1300 South Shore Drive 312-922-STAR

<http://www.adlerplanetarium.org>

The Museum for Astronomy and Space Exploration invites you to view a major collection of artifacts on the history of astronomy and in-depth introduction to the wonders of the galaxy in the Planetarium's Ameritech "Milky Way Gallery." Today's understanding of the galaxy when pursued first-hand opens up a NEW science and exploration that expands and stimulates the mind.

The Adler is always featuring creative fascinating shows including Stars of the Pharaohs, Egyptian Nights, Space in Your Face, Time-Space, etc. Ongoing

## ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

Michigan at Adams

312-433-3600

[www.artic.edu](http://www.artic.edu)

Lorenzo Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the stunning BRONZE DOORS he designed for Florence's Registry. "After this they will never again leave Italy." Thru 10/13

NEW Kefirotarch - a Los Angeles-based design firm headed by Herman Diaz Alonso and known for his advanced digital design. The firm's baroque designs, the museum says, resemble "animal forms, plant structures or fungal growths." Organized by architecture curator Joseph Rosa. Thru 10/28

## CENTRE EAST

9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie

(847) 679-7945

Comedy.....Mark Russell.....10/27 8 p.m.

Dance.....Hubbard Street Dance Company.....11/23 9 p.m.

Civic Ballet of Chicago....."The Nutcracker".....11/3 8 p.m.  
11/4 7 p.m.

## CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe

847-835-5440

<http://Chicago-botanic.org>

**For what's in bloom visit [www.ohwow.org](http://www.ohwow.org)**

## JOUTRAS GALLERY, REGENSTEIN CENTER

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

thru 10/21/07

"Slowlife" a media exhibition offering a window into the wondrous, rarely seen world of plants as they respond to their environments. Combining time-lapse movies, photographs and original sound compositions, this innovative exhibition captures plants in accelerated slow motion movies.

Join Dr. Roger Hangarten for a screening of his amazing time-lapse movies on Sunday, October 14 at 1 p.m. in the Alsdorf Auditorium in the Regenstein Center. To register for the screening and more information about the exhibition, visit [www.chicagobotanic.org/slowLife](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/slowLife).

COLLEGE OF DU PAGE - MC ANINCH ARTS CENTER 425 Fawell Blvd. 630-942-4000  
[www.cod.edu](http://www.cod.edu)

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble: The Women in Black 10/4; The Robert Cray Band 10/5;  
Anoushka Shankar 10/6; Pat Metheny Trio 10/12; Pilobolus Dance Company 10/13.  
College Lecture Series: The Creative Staff of the Onion 10/16; Caroline Rhea 10/19; Rebecca Frezza 10/  
21; Planet Drumz 10/25; Bill Frisell's Disfarmer Project 10/26; Shawn Colvin 10/28; Solid Blues 11/2; Alpha  
Yaya Diallo 11/4.  
New Philharmonic: Mozart and Muspratt 11/9, 10; George Winston 11/11; Club MAC Susan Werner 11/16,  
17; Ella Jenkins 11/24; Lee Murdock 11/24.  
Arts Center Jazz Ensemble: Duke Ellington Songbook 12/7; Kathy Mattea 12/9; Eileen Ivers and Immigrant  
Soul 12/13; von Heidecke Chicago Festival Ballet: The Nutcracker 12/21, 22, 23; A New Year's Eve Celebration  
12/31.

DOWNER'S GROVE CHORAL SOCIETY 5211 Carpenter St., Downers Grove 630-516-0030  
Immanuel Lutheran Church 11/18 3 p.m.  
"The Saints Delight"; Three Masterpieces for the Holiday Season; "Glorious Music from Baroque to the 21st  
Century"

DU SABLE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY 740 E. 56<sup>th</sup> Pl. 773-947-0600  
[dusablemuseum.org](http://dusablemuseum.org)

IN THE HANDS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COLLECTOR - The personal treasures of Bernard and  
Shirley Kinsey, art and artifacts reflecting the spectrum of the African American experience in this country.  
Penny Cinemas scheduled for specific days and times to be announced.

THE LEGACY OF DOCTORS PERCY AND ANNA JULIAN, FROM DREAMS TO DETERMINATION  
This exhibition brings to the forefront their obscure footnotes in American History and honors the fascinating  
legacy of two important African Americans whose lives impacted ALL of humanity. Thru 10/28

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

MAPS: FINDING OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD Opening 11/2  
From clay tablets to sea charts, from satellite navigation systems to tantalizing sketches of worlds real and  
imagined, maps tell us much more than how to get from where we are to where we want to be. They help us  
visualize the places we inhabit, see and study the unknown, understand our place in the world as it is and  
shape it for the future.

FINDING OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD LECTURE SERIES presented by the Field Museum and the Newberry  
Library 11/3, 10, 17 2 p.m.

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF MAPS with this three-part lecture series. Learn how culture and technology  
have made an impact on the world of mapping and listen to artists, historians, cartographers and  
anthropologists discuss how their field has influenced maps. FREE with Basic Admission.

DARWIN, A SPECIAL EXHIBIT  
The Origin of Species stands as the foundation for all modern biology. Now, 150 years after its publication,  
discover the man and the revolutionary theory that changed the world. In this spectacular exhibition you will  
view the most complete collection of Charles Darwin's manuscripts, artifacts, memorabilia and other rare  
personal belongings. This extraordinary portrayal reveals Darwin's endless curiosity, exceptional power of  
observation and scientific genius. Family photographs and letters reveal a different side of this scientist:  
Darwin as a family man, husband and father of 10 children. Follow the development of Charles Darwin's  
ideas at Chicago's world famous Field Museum. Thru 1/1/2008

ENJOY: MARGARET MEAD FILM FESTIVAL 10/27 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FAMILY FIELD DAY - Visiting Authors & Artists 11/10 1:30 p.m.

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GAHLBERG GALLERY 425 Falwell Blvd., Glen Ellyn 630-942-4000  
[www.cod.edu/gallery](http://www.cod.edu/gallery)  
STEPHANIE BROOKS Chicago artist concerned with creating tensions between systems of authority and subjectivity from the forms, graphs, systems, signage, poetry, measurement systems and minimalism, the work inserts subjectivity into impersonal forms and injects minimalism with emotion. Brooks is interested in asking why and how we mark moments as sentimental, when it is personal, when it is generic and how we create meaning between these locations. 10/12 thru 11/17

OHIO The state has a turbulent history relating to America, politics and tragedy. It is a colorful representative of this Nation. The artists in the exhibition don't illustrate the narrative history of Ohio. Rather, their work is rooted in the multifaceted politics of a Nation as it evolves into the 21st century. Artists include Sam Durant, Rodney McMillan, Andrea Bowers, David Hulfish Baily, Robert Pruitt, Adrian Piper, Olga Kourmondouros, Phillip Maysles. Curated by Brad Killam. 11/20 thru 1/5/08  
Gallery Hours: Mon. to Th 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Th. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Sat - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY 300 N. Central Park Ave. 312-746-5100  
[www.Garfield-Conservatory.org/](http://www.Garfield-Conservatory.org/)  
Art and Garden Show - Plants popular back in the days of Victorian garden schemes, many for sale in the Garfield Park Market Place. Thru 11/4

GRAUE MILL AND MUSEUM 3800 S. York Rd. at Spring Rd., Oak Brook 630-655-2090

CAST IRON COOKING [www.grauemill.org](http://www.grauemill.org)  
10/7 - noon to 4 p.m.

CHEF IAN RITTOF demonstrates the art of cooking outdoors using the cookware of the early pioneers, Dutch ovens, tripods and grills. Visitors may taste the delicious smoky flavors.

MAKE & TAKE THINGS OUT OF PAPER 10/20 & 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

OTTO LEHMAN of Villa Park will demonstrate the art of Japanese paper folding. His color creations are beautiful and simple for children to make. Learn how to fold simple shapes to make tiny gift boxes, ornaments and other decorative items to take home.

SPOOKY STORIES 10/28 1:30 & 3 p.m.

JOYCE HEWITT, a longtime storyteller who certainly knows how to spin a tale that is sure to be enjoyed by all. Stories are suitable for small children.

GIRL SCOUT FAMILY DAY: Singing Around the States

Graue Mill, in conjunction with the Girls Scouts - Prairie Woods, invites local scouts and troops and families for a special Sunday afternoon event. The day includes a tour of the Mill and a special visit from ANNA STANGE who will share her knowledge of folk and children's songs. Girls can participate by singing and playing the washboard, spoons, and rattles. Reservations should be made with the Council by calling 630-544-5973.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MILL - Fine Artisan Boutique 11/17, 18, 19

The Mill and the Graue House will be open for a Special Holiday shopping event to get you in the Christmas spirit. A group of talented local artisans will be selling unique handmade gifts including jewelry, hand-knitted and woven scarves and garments, pottery and pencil sketches and etchings. Specially selected ornaments, other great decorative items and stocking stuffers will be for sale in the Mill's gift shop. Strolling carolers and decorated Christmas trees will add to the fun. Friday evening features a wine and cheese Preview night from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Admission for the Preview is \$6. On Sat. & Sun. sale hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There



schedule and growing media gallery. Started from the private collection of Colonel James N. Pritzker, (Army, ret.), the Library has state-of-the-art research facilities, a professional staff, and broadcast-quality web-casting and television production. With over 20,000 military-related history and fiction volumes, a vast periodical collection and more than 550 military posters and prints, the library is a unique place to learn about the role of the citizen soldier in our society.

Open Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Guided Tours - Call for an Appointment

**ROSEMONT THEATRE** 5400 N. River Road. Rosemont 847-671-5100  
 Bill Cosby.....10/6 4:30 & 8 p.m. George Lopez.....10/26 8 p.m.

**RAUE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** 26 Williams St., Crystal Lake 815-356-9212  
 An Evening with Marc Cohn.....10/6 7:30 p.m.  
 Cyro Baptista & Beat the Donkey.....10/13 7:30 p.m.  
 Evelyn Echolas - "Saying Yes to Life".....10/14 2 p.m.  
 Caroline Rhea.....10/20 7 p.m.& 9 p.m.  
 An Evening with Chris Cagle.....10/26 7:30 p.m.  
 One Man Star Wars.....10/27 7:30 p.m.  
 Chef Ed Lake, a Culinary Treat.....10/28 7:30 p.m.

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**SHEDD AQUARIUM** 1200 S. Lake Shore Dr. 312-939-2426  
[www.sheddaquarium.org](http://www.sheddaquarium.org)

You are fortunate, for the present, because the Komoda King and all the Lizards are very comfortable in their special exhibit and will remain in and enjoy same until summer 2008. This world's largest indoor Aquarium is home to more than 22,000 animals and boasts a 90,000-gallon Caribbean Reef where divers hand-feed fish, sharks and a sea turtle daily. Come and see the Oceanarium, and coastline, and the recreation of a Pacific Northwest coastline and the population enjoying their daily recreation and feeding. There are many unusual sights to experience and learn firsthand about other environments.

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**  
 Mandel Hall 1131 E. 57th St. 773-702-8068  
 The University of Chicago presents its 2007 season dedicated to the unique bonds forged by music.  
 Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble, Kenneth Stillito, Leader 7:30 p.m. 10/5  
 Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Scott Yoo, Conductor  
 Featuring music by the living composer Dan Coleman and works by Richard Strauss  
 and Beethoven's 4th Symphony. 3 p.m. 10/14  
 Brentano String Quartet, Susan Narucki, Soprano  
 Program includes Bach, Beethoven and Schoenberg's Second Quartet with Voice 7:30 p.m. 10/19  
 "Special: Encore Discovery Concert," Jonathan Bliss, Piano  
 Back with honors including the 2005 Leonard Bernstein Award 7:30 p.m. 10/26  
 Les Vioions du Roy, Bernard Labadie, Conductor  
 Karina Gauvin, Soprano. Compositions of the Baroque. 7:30 p.m. 11/2  
 Jennifer Koh, violin, Reiko Uchida, Piano, and Chicago-born J. Koh will bring  
 their musical virtuosity and lively intellect to the series. 7:30 p.m. 11/9  
 Pacific Quartet, Performing Beethoven's quartet cycle. A pre-concert lecture sets the stage for the event.

## *New Life Members*

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 Henrietta Marie  
 Aragon  
 Barbara C. Armour  
 Linda Bailey  
 Terrell Blevins  
 Richard Bukowski  
 Mary Ann Carlisle

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 Rita Caruso  
 Leslie Chew  
 Stephanye D.  
 Coleman  
 Julie M. Diaz  
 Joyce R. Dzieginski  
 Patricia H. Eirich  
 Beverly J. King Evans

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 Kathleen Godzicki  
 Jerry Hartog  
 Joyce Hajdukovic  
 Kathleen Jackson  
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**WE'RE SORRY**

Ralph Moore's name was inadvertently left off the list of **New Life Members** in the July *News Bulletin*.

We regret the error and welcome Mr. Moore to the ranks of RTAC's generous supporters-for-life.

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 & WARD**

*Dear Current and Future Members of RTAC,*

*What are your plans for October 4th? Why not have lunch with us? You will meet former colleagues and friends from years ago and more recent times.*

*Join us for a delicious meal at the Palmer House and hear speakers who are candidates for the Pension Board and the Aid Fund, and our lobbyist to the State Legislature. We will vote for the slate of Directors for the term 2008-2010 and honor a longtime Board member. Of course we will have a raffle for some prizes! The reservation form is on the back cover. Please attend.*

*Esta Kallen, Social Committee Chair*

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**Treasurer, Vaughn J. Barber**, and our **Chairman of the Grants Committee, Walter Pilditch**. These people not only are sharing their wisdom with us but are also contributing so much of their valuable time. I cannot thank them enough.

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**939-3327**. In order to continue our mission we hopefully look forward to your consideration in establishing a trust or bequest to the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund, Inc. To discuss this possibility—at no obligation—please call **Vaughn J. Barber** at our office.

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#### RTAC NAMED IN TRUST

*Executive Director Bob Bures announced that RTAC was named a beneficiary in the estate of the late Marion E. McNamara who passed away Feb. 26. Marion taught for 37 years, retiring from the Lloyd School in 1979.*

#### PLEASE REMEMBER:

**YOUR Retired Teachers Association of Chicago urges YOU to support and VOTE FOR RTAC'S Three Endorsed Candidates for Pension Fund Trustees**

VAUGHN J. BARBER

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**CTPF rules call for annuitants to elect three trustees to their Board of Directors. THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER BY MAIL. WATCH FOR YOUR BALLOT!**

**FRIENDS GONE AHEAD**

*Requiescant in pace*

**ADKINS, HELENA M.**

Please see Foeman notice.

**ALCOCK, ELIZABETH.**

Née White. Elizabeth died on May 30, 2007, at the age of 83 years. She retired from substitute teaching in 1989 after a career of 26 years.

**ANDERSON, BERNICE A.**

Please see Taylor notice.

**ARNOLD, PATRICIA A.**

Née Streeter. When she left Park Manor Elementary School in 1994, Patricia put a 24-year career to an end. Her life ended on April 20, 2007, at the age of 83.

**BANKS, MYRTLE B.**

Please see Callion notice.

**BARTLEMAN, DONALD.**

On July 7, 2007, Donald passed away at the age of 89 years. He retired from Orr High School in 1984 after 24 years of teaching in Chicago and four more years outside the Chicago system.

**BASS, LYLE B.**

Please see Streicher notice.

**BEHEL, GENEVIEVE M.**

Née Moran. Genevieve resigned from the Agassiz School in 2000 after 42 years. She was 103 when she expired on June 15, 2007.

**BELL, HOWARD.**

After a career that spanned 38 years, Howard retired from Armstrong in 1993. He expired on May 24, 2007, at the age of 80.

**BERNERO, JAMES.**

In 1993, when he retired as Principal of the Luella School, James ended his 38-year career with the Chicago School system. On May 28, 2007, his life ended after 76 years.

**BERNSTEIN, SHARON B.**

Please see Glover notice.

**BIBLER, GRACE.**

Née Coppock. Grace's career of 32 years came to an end as she left O'Toole in 1976. When she passed away on April 23, 2007, she had reached the age of 94.

**BLAKE, HELENE K.**

Helene retired as a Counselor from Courtenay Elementary School in 1983 after a 43-year career in Chicago Schools and 1 year outside Chicago. Death came for her at age 91 on July 15, 2007.

**BLEZIEN, STEPHEN J.**

Stephen was a substitute teacher for one year when he retired in 2004. He succumbed at the age of 45 on March 24, 2007.

**BOBUS, MILTON S.**

When he left Lake View High School in 1985, Milton put a 36-year career to an end. His life ended on July 28, 2007, at the age of 82.

**BOEHM, OWEN H.**

Owen resigned from Julian High School in 2000 after 28 years. He was 66 when he expired on June 24, 2007.

**BOGGS, AUDREY L.**

Née Shields. Audrey died on July 17, 2007, at the age of 70. Her career of 31 years ended when she retired from the Parkside Community School in 2000.

**BRICE, LAWRENCE.**

A 31-year career in Chicago Schools came to an end for Lawrence when he left the Kozminski School in 1989. He died on May 9, 2007, at the age of 73 years.

**BRINTON, JUDITH C.**

Née Curry. Judith's 32-year career outside Chicago and one year of teaching as an FTB in Chicago ended in 2004 when she resigned from New Trier High School. Death claimed her on June 10, 2007, at the age of 70.

**BROWN, DELLA M.**

Please see Westerfield notice.

**BURK, EVELYN E.**

Née Kolnick. After 34 years in the Chicago School system, Evelyn retired from the DePriest School in 1981. When death took her on June 29, 2007, she was 93 years old.

**BUSH, ELEANOR R.**

Née McFarland. After a 26-year teaching career in Chicago and five years' teaching outside Chicago, Eleanor retired from Emmet in 1988. She died on June 30, 2007, at age 84.

**BUTLER, JOAN J.**

Please see Phillips notice.

**CALLION, MYRTLE B.**

Née Banks. At the close of her life on April 22, 2007, Myrtle was 85 years old. A teacher for 31 years, she retired from the Ross School in 1984.

**CAREY, ANNE L.**

Née Liston. Anne resigned in 1986 from Mt. Greenwood, ending a 39-year time span in the Chicago system. She was 91 at the time of her death on June 16, 2007.

**CAREY, ROBERT C.**

A Professor at the University of Illinois when he resigned in 1996, Robert had served for one year. He was 73 on the date of his passing, May 1, 2007.

**CARLSON, MILDRED M.**

Née Johnson. A teacher for 21 years, Mildred was at Merrill when she retired in 1981. She passed on at the age of 87 on June 4, 2007.

**CARLSTEDT, ROSEMARY.**

Née Hewitt. Rosemary was 77 years old at her death on July 15, 2007. She resigned from Marshall High School in 1986 after 23 years in Chicago.

**CHIDEKEL, BEATRICE.**

Née Jacobson. Her career of 30 years in Chicago and three years elsewhere ended at the Durso School in 1978 when Beatrice retired as Principal. Death came for her on June 23, 2007, at age 90.

**CONNELLY, JEANNE C.**

Please see Junker notice.

**COPPOCK, GRACE.**

Please see Bibler notice.

**COSTELLO, MARY K.**

Mary was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 27 years when she retired from the Gillespie School in 1986. At the time of her death on July 19, 2007, she was 76 years of age.

**CRAWFORD, JULIA.**

Née Smith. Her 37-year teaching career ended when Julia retired from Barton in 2001. She was 68 when her life ended on June 1, 2007.

**CURRY, JUDITH C.**

Please see Brinton notice.

**DAVIS, ANGELINE.**

Née Hurd. After a career that spanned 39 years, Angeline retired from Dunbar High School in 1999. She expired on June 22, 2007, at the age of 75.

**DODGE, ROBERT.**

Robert's career of 34 years came to an end as he left Jackson in 1991. When he passed away on July 20, 2007, he had reached the age of 74.

**DONOVAN, MARJORIE A.**

After 38 years, Marjorie resigned from Gunsaulus in 1990. Death took her on July 26, 2007; she was 76 at the time.

**DUFFEY, JOHN R.**

John expired on June 9, 2007, at the age of 78. His career of 37 years ended when he retired as Principal from the Barry School in 1988.

**FEEHERY, LORETTA L.**

Please see Poetzinger notice.

**FEIOCK, JANET M.**

At her death on April 6, 2007, Janet was 86 years old. Her 14-year career ended when she resigned from Central Administration in 1989.

**FILEMAN, HERBERT I.**

After 30 years in the Chicago School system, Herbert retired from the Doolittle School in 2001. When death took him on July 25, 2007, he was 61 years old.

**FLETCHER, JR., ROBERT L.**

Robert was associated with the Chicago Schools for 18 years, the last at the Monroe School, where he was a Counselor when he retired in 2006. He was 67 years old when death took him on July 2, 2006.

**FOEMAN, HELENA M.**

Née Adkins. When Helena retired in 1990 from Harvard Elementary School, her career had lasted 35 years. Her life ended on July 12, 2007 at age 77.

**FROHLICH, DOLORES J.**

Dolores succumbed at age 78 on January 22, 2007. She taught for 38 years before retiring from Lloyd in 1993.

**GABBARD, MAX C.**

Max ended a 38-year career when he left Lakeview High School in 1993. When he died on April 28, 2007, he was 76 years of age.

**GALLAGHER, MARTHA.**

Martha resigned from Lincoln School in 1972 after 44 years. On May 5, 2007, she passed on at the age of 101 years.

**GLOVER, SHARON B.**

Née Bernstein. Sharon retired from the Anderson School in 1993 after a career that lasted for 30 years. She expired on April 9, 2007, at the age of 72 years.

**GOTTSCHALK, FLORENCE.**

Née Richmond. Florence was Director of Language Arts when she resigned from the Department of Curriculum in 1977 after 38 years in the Chicago Public Schools. She was 95 on July 3, 2007, when she passed on.

**GRAY, JAMES R**

At the close of his life on May 1, 2007, James was 88 years old. A teacher for 19 years, James retired from the Wright College in 1984.

**GROFMAN, ILENE.**

Née Oster. When she retired from Kilmer School in 1993, Ilene ended a career that included 31 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed her on June 21, 2007, at the age of 71 years.

**HALEY, JOHN B.**

John resigned in 1993 from Morgan Park High School ending a 38-year time span in the Chicago system. He was 77 at the time of his death on July 19, 2007.

**HALL, LUCY M.**

In 1994, when Lucy was at the Lathrop School, she retired after 39 years. She was 89 years old when she expired on May 1, 2007.

**HANDLER, EVELYN.**

Née Schecter. In 2005, Evelyn retired from Lakeview High School after 45 years of teaching. On June 12, 2007, she passed on at the age of 89 years.

**HAYDEN, ALVA D.**

Please see Thomas notice.

**HENDERSON, LEWIS.**

Lewis had taught for 34 years before he retired in 1994 from the John Milton Gregory School. He was 66 when his life ended on April 23, 2007.

**HESTER, NORMA E.**

Please see Smith notice.

**HEWITT, ROSEMARY.**

Please see Carlstedt notice.

**HOWARD, ANNAMARIE.**

Née Leehy. When she retired in 1972 from the Wentworth School, Annamarie had taught for 30 years. She was 90 years of age at her death on May 1, 2007.

**HUNTER, JOSEPHINE.**

Née Matson. Josephine retired from South Shore High School in 1973 after teaching for 10 years. On April 8, 2007, she died at age 98.

**HUNTER, MARGARET L.**

In 1971, when she retired from the Scanlon School, Margaret ended her 40-year career with the Chicago School system. On July 3, 2007, her life ended after 98 years.

**HURD, ANGELINE.**

Please see Davis notice.

**HUSSLEIN, JOHANNA H.**

Please see Moderi notice.

**JACOBSON, BEATRICE.**

Please see Chidekel notice.

**JOHANNES, IRENE E.**

A 38-year career in Chicago Schools came to an end for Irene when she left the Gompers School in 1979. She died on June 15, 2007, at the age of 89 years.

**JOHNSON, MILDRED M.**

Please see Carlson notice.

**JONES, WILLIAM L.**

A teacher for 37 years, William was at LasCasas High School when he retired in 1996. He passed on at the age of 73 on June 25, 2007.

**JUNKER, JEANNE C.**

Ne Connelly. A Principal at Kellogg when she resigned in 1989, Jeanne had served for 38 years. She was 79 on the date of her passing, July 1, 2007.

**KARABATSOS, ANGELO**

Angelo was 74 years old at his death on June 12, 2007. He resigned from De Diego School in 1993 after 38 years in Chicago.

**KEENE, ROSEMARY C.**

Née Radford. Ending a 24-year career, Rosemary left Greene in 1983. When she died on July 21, 2007, she was 89 years of age.

**KELLY, ANN R.**

Please see Kennelly notice.

**KENNELLY, ANN R.**

Née Kelly. Ann passed on at age 93 on July 14, 2007. She resigned in 1978 after a 23-year career in Chicago Schools and two years' teaching outside Chicago. Her career ended at the Warren School.

**KLAESER LOONSTEN, HENRIETTE.**

Please see Loonsten-Breit notice.

**KOLNICK, EVELYN E.**

Please see Burk notice.

**KOZIOL, JANET.**

Janet was at Chopin when she retired in 1976 after 33 years. She was 89 when she succumbed on May 23, 2007.

**KRIEGER, ROCHELLE.**

Please see Metcoff notice.

**LEE, CHARLES.**

When he resigned after 38 years in 1994, Charles, was Assistant Principal at the Agassiz School. On April 7, 2007, he died at the age of 76.

**LEEHY, ANNAMARIE.**

Please see Howard notice.

**LERNER, RICHARD H.**

Richard was affiliated with the schools for seven years when he retired from the Mayfair College in 1990. At the time of his death on June 21, 2007, he was 80 years of age.

**LEVINBERG, ROSELYN L.**

Please see Schiff notice.

**LISTON, ANNE L.**

Please see Carey notice.

**LONG, MAGGIE L.**

Please see Thomas notice.

**LOONSTEN-BREIT, HENRIETTE.**

Née Klaeser Loonsten. Henriette had taught for 41 years before she retired in 1989 from the Stockton School. She was 87 when her life ended on June 2, 2007.

**MAGINE, HELEN M.**

Née Siemianowski. Helen was 87 at her death on July 23, 2007. She ended her 27-year career in Chicago Schools with one year outside Chicago when she retired from Goethe in 1978.

**MANASSA, BARBARA J.**

Please see Rosen notice.

**MARKSTAHLER, LORRAINE.**

Please see Turnquist notice.

**MARTINO, MADELYNN J.**

Née Voss. When she resigned after 39 years in 2003, Madelynn was at Lane Tech High School. On May 30, 2007, she died at the age of 64.

**MATSON, JOSEPHINE.**

Please see Hunter notice.

**MCCANN, ROBERT**

His 41-year teaching career ended when Robert retired from Yates in 1977. He was 94 when his life ended on June 12, 2007.

**MCCARTHY, MARY.**

Please see Tiernery notice.

**MCCONNELL, BARBARA B.**

Née Poe. Life ended for Barbara at the age of 70 on May 18, 2007. She retired from Fenger High School in 1993, at the end of a 36-year career.

**MCCURTIES, HILDRED.**

Hildred ended a 32-year career by resigning from the Randolph School in 1984; and on June 16, 2007, expired after reaching 79 years.

**MCFARLAND, ELEANOR R.**

Please see Bush notice.

**MELNICK, BARBARA L.**

Barbara retired in 2002 from the Solomon School, after teaching nine years. Her life ended on January 1, 2005, at the age of 64 years.

**MERWICK, JOHN P.**

After 35 years, John resigned from Bogan High School in 1992. Death took him on June 22, 2007; he was 75 at the time.

**METCOFF, ROCHELLE.**

Née Krieger. After a career that lasted 28 years, Rochelle retired from Nash in 1993. She was 75 when she died on July 7, 2007.

**MICHUDA, LORETTA C.**

Loretta resigned from Richards High School in 1993 after a 31-year career. She was 70 years old when she died on April 13, 2007.

**MILLER, ANGELA T.**

Née Perez. Angela succumbed on May 26, 2007, at the age of 71. She served 37 years, resigning as Director of the Department of Special Education in 1994.

**MILLER, GRACIE.**

Gracie served the Chicago Public Schools for 26 years and taught six years outside Chicago before retiring from DuSable High School in 1986. She was 83 when death took her on May 1, 2007.

**MILLS, JEAN.**

Née Oswald. On July 14, 2007, Jean passed away at the age of 76 years. She retired from Fleming in 1991 after 38 years of teaching.

**MODERI, JOHANNA H.**

Née Husslein. Johanna left the Mozart School in 1991 after a career that spanned 32 years. She expired at the age of 82, on July 4, 2007.

**MOLNAIRE, SIGNA W.**

Resigning as Principal of the Jenner School in 1973 after a career that lasted 42 years, Signa passed on at the age of 99 on May 10, 2007.

**MORAN, GENEVIEVE M.**

Please see Behel notice.

**MORRISON, SOLVEIG.**

Née Olsen. In 1968, Solveig left the Cleveland School after a career that lasted 37 years. When her life ended on June 13, 2007, she was 98 years of age.

**MYERS, ROBERT C.**

Life ended for Robert at the age of 74 on May 20, 2007. He retired from Westinghouse in 1993, at the end of a 35-year career.

**NIELSEN, LORRAINE.**

Please see Phillips notice.

**NORRIS, JAMES H.**

After a career that lasted 37 years, James retired as Principal from Park Manor Elementary in 2002. He was 68 when he died on May 10, 2007.

**NOVAK, DANIEL F.**

Daniel succumbed on July 13, 2007, at the age of 84. He served as a School Psychologist 27 years in Chicago and two years outside the Chicago system, resigning from District 6 in 1982.

**NOVAK, VIOLA J**

At the age of 97, Viola passed away on May 2, 2007. After 37 years in the system, she resigned from May Elementary School in 1972.

**ODDO, VINCENT A.**

When Vincent retired in 1965 as a SURS reciprocal, his Chicago career had lasted 2 years. His life ended at the age of 71 on May 17, 2007.

**OLSEN, ILEANE O.**

Please see Sundberg notice.

**OLSEN, SOLVEIG.**

Please see Morrison notice.

**O'NEIL, RUTH.**

Please see Powell notice.

**OSTER, ILENE.**

Please see Grofman notice.

**OSWALD, JEAN.**

Please see Mills notice.

**PANNELL, DOROTHY.**

Née Robinson. Dorothy was associated with the Chicago Public Schools for 22 years, the last at Fenger High School, where she was when she retired in 1990. She was 87 years old when death took her on May 13, 2007.

**PEREZ, ANGELA T.**

Please see Miller notice.

**PHILLIPS, JOAN J.**

Née Butler. After a career of 28 years, Joan retired from the Jones Commercial High School in 1987. She died on May 18, 2007, at the age of 76.

**PHILLIPS, LORRAINE.**

Née Nielsen. Lorraine retired from the Stagg School in 1980, ending a 24-year career in Chicago and 5 years' teaching outside the Chicago system. On May 31, 2007, when she passed on, she was 85 years old.

**PILGRAM, THEODORE F.**

Theodore succumbed at age 85 on July 25, 2007. He taught for 19 years before retiring from Washburne in 1985.

**POE, BARBARA B.**

Please see McConnell notice.

**POETZINGER, LORETTA L.**

Née Feehery. On May 22, 2007, Loretta passed on, at the age of 72 years. She had spent 37 years in the schools when she resigned from Shoop in 1993.

**POWELL, RUTH.**

Née O'Neil. When she retired from Onahan in 1984, Ruth ended a career of 37 years. She was 86 when her life came to a close on June 19, 2007.

**POWERS, THOMAS J.**

Thomas retired from the Sullivan in 1997 after a career that lasted for 40 years. He expired on July 28, 2007, at the age of 73 years.

**RADFORD, ROSEMARY C.**

Please see Keene notice.

**RICHMOND, FLORENCE.**

Please see Gottschalk notice.

**ROBERSON, JESSIE P.**

Please see Wise notice.

**ROBINSON, DOROTHY.**

Please see Pannell notice.

**ROSEN, BARBARA J.**

Née Manassa. After two years in Chicago Schools, Barbara retired as a Speech Pathologist in District 103 in 1998. She was 70 when she expired on July 3, 2007.

**ROSENBLATT, INA W.**

Née Wolf. When Ina retired from the Stone School in 1975, she ended a 25-year career in Chicago with nine years' teaching outside the CPS. She expired on July 13, 2007, having attained the age of 97 years.

**ROSS, BEATRICE.**

Beatrice ended a 26-year career when she resigned from the Burnham School in 1984. At her death on April 16, 2007, she was 89 years old.

**ROTH, JAMES E.**

James was at Crane when he resigned in 1991 after four years in the Chicago Public Schools. He was 70 on June 3, 2007, when he passed on.

**RUDD, ALFRED.**

When he retired as the Director of the Department of Field Management in 1983, Alfred ended a career that included 38 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed him on June 17, 2007, at the age of 86 years.

**SCHECTER, EVELYN.**

Please see Handler notice.

**SCHERER, GEORGE R.**

George left Fenger High School in 1985 after a career that lasted for 31 years in Chicago and five years outside the Chicago system. He expired at the age of 84, on May 9, 2007.

**SCHIFF, ROSELYN L.**

Née Levinberg. Her career of 12 years ended when she left the Loop Branch City Junior College in 1986. Roselyn died on June 2, 2007, at the age of 78.

**SCHLEUTERMANN, CARL.**

Last assigned to Lafayette, Carl retired in 1999 after 29 years of service. He passed away on July 2, 2007, at 63 years of age.

**SCHNETTLER, RICHARD P.**

In 1993, Richard retired as Principal of Gage Park High School after a career of 37 years. On July 17, 2007, he passed on at the age of 73 years.

**SHIELDS, AUDREY L.**

Please see Boggs notice.

**SIEMIANOWSKI, HELEN M.**

Please see Magine notice.

**SMITH, JULIA.**

Please see Crawford notice.

**SMITH, NORMA E.**

Née Hester. When she resigned from Roosevelt High School in 1995, Norma capped a 26-year career. She was 64 when she died on July 16, 2007.

**STREETER, PATRICIA A.**

Please see Arnold notice.

**STREICHER, LYLE B.**

Née Bass. Lyle was at King when she retired in 1990 after an eight-year career. She was 81 when she died on June 20, 2007.

**STRUFE, JEAN Y.**

Jean ended a 21-year term in the Chicago system upon her retirement in 1982 from Senn High School. At her death on June 25, 2007, she was 90 years old.

**SUNDBERG, ILEANE O.**

Née Olsen. Ileana was assigned to Stevenson when she retired in 1983 after 40 years in the Chicago system. She was 86 when she went to her reward on June 27, 2007.

**TAYLOR, BERNICE A.**

Née Anderson. After teaching 35 years, Bernice resigned from the Bethune School in 1993. She was 73 when death claimed her on May 4, 2007.

**THOMAS, ALVA D.**

Née Hayden. Alva's 24-year career in the Chicago Schools ended when she retired from Dvorak in 2001. On June 25, 2007, at the time she succumbed, she was 78 years old.

**THOMAS, MAGGIE L.**

Née Long. Death came for Maggie on June 1, 2007, when she was 72 years old. She ended her career at Poe in 1990, after 22 years.

**THOMPSON, PAMELA S.**

Pamela was a teacher at Jones Commercial High School when she resigned in 1991 after a six-year teaching career. Her life ended at the age of 61 on July 29, 2007.

**TIERNERY, MARY.**

Née McCarthy. Mary was at the Tilton School when she retired in 2005 after an 18-year teaching career. She was 58 at the time of her death on May 16, 2007.

**TURNQUIST, LORRAINE.**

Née Markstahler. At the age of 86, Lorraine passed away on May 27, 2007. She was at Scammon in 1982 when she ended a 38-year career in the Chicago system.

**TYLER, HOMER D.**

Homer resigned from Fenger High School in 1978 after a 17-year career. He was 91 years old when he died on May 8, 2007.

**VEAL, MARGARET V.**

Please see Wynne notice.

**VOSS, MADELYNN J.**

Please see Martino notice.

**WACHALA, MARY R.**

In 2002, Mary resigned from the Monroe School after a seven-year career. When she expired on June 14, 2007, she was 63 years old.

**WESTERFIELD, DELLA M.**

Née Brown. On June 29, 2007, life came to a close for Della at the age of 76. She had been at the Attucks School, retiring in 1993 at the end of a 26-year career in the Schools.

**WHITE, ELIZABETH.**

Please see Alcock notice.

**WISE, JESSIE P.**

Née Roberson. A teacher at Kipling when she retired in 1998 after 26 years, Jessie passed away on July 15, 2007, at the age of 81 years.

**WOLF, INA W.**

Please see Rosenblatt notice.

**WYNNE, MARGARET V.**

Née Veal. Margaret retired in 1986 from the Dodge School ending a 23-year career. At the end of her life on June 6, 2007, she was 88

## IN MEMORY OF JOAN PHILLIPS

It was always an adventure to go to Saugatuck, Michigan, and meet Joanie for lunch. We were retired and at leisure, but the fun was recalling working together for over a quarter of a century at Jones Commercial.

Joan Phillips was a versatile business teacher, teaching business math, typing and accounting as well as coordinating the work program; I was an English teacher. We shared the same offbeat sense of humor; Joanie's laugh would send a wave of laughter through the faculty.

At lunch, my wife knew that Joanie would remember and ask about each of our four children and our grandchildren. She had a great memory for events and details. She would recall

trips she and her sister Nancy had taken, especially the trips concerning genealogy.

Joanie Philips inspired and placed on jobs hundreds of students, and she was always careful to see to it that her students were reasonably well paid.

All who knew and worked with her will miss her sense of humor, her intelligence, her laugh and her commitment to her community.

Rest in Peace, Joan Phillips.

Richard Tryba

*(Editor's note: Joan Phillips passed away May 18, 2007.)*

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*Since you won't be hearing from us again until next year, the RTAC News Bulletin editor and staff want to wish you all the best for the holidays and the coming year. Here's a little something to think about while writing those holiday cards. . . .*

### A HOLIDAY VERSE

We have a list of folks we know all written in a book,

And every year when Christmas comes we go and take a look.

And that is when we realize that these names are a part

Not of the book they're written in, but of our very hearts.

For each name stands for someone who has crossed our path sometime,

And in that meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme.

And while it sounds fantastic for us to make this claim,

We really feel that we're composed of each remembered name.

And while you might not be aware of any "Special Link,"

Just meeting you has changed our lives a lot more than you think.

For once you've met somebody, the years cannot erase

The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.

So never think our Christmas cards are just a mere routine

of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between.

For when we send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,

It's because you're on the list of folks that we're indebted to.

For we are but the total of the many folks we've met

And you are one of those we prefer not to forget.

And whether we have known you for many years or few,

In some way you have had a part in shaping things we do.

And every year when Christmas comes we realize anew

The best gift life can offer is meeting folks like you.

And may the spirit of Christmas that forever endures,

Leave its richest blessing in the heart of you and yours.

Author Unknown

(Contributed by Marion Hoffing)

From her home on Twisted Oaks Drive in San Antonio, Tex., Gloria Turner McCorkle writes:

*How delighted I was to see my poem “To Have and to Hold” in the April RTAC Newsletter. I am enclosing two more which you might use at some time. (See below.)*

*Since retirement has allowed me to indulge in my great love of poetry writing, I have completed six volumes and many singles on various subjects. These two poems, “Rest Darling” and “To Have and to Hold” were taken from my volume titled Verses on Death and Grief. “Welcome Home” was a single written for a family member. I felt they were applicable to the Newsletter Section “Friends Gone Ahead.”*

*My familiarity with and purpose for addressing the subject stems from my being a licensed mortician—hence, Grief Counselor—and my having been reared by a family of very compassionate morticians.*

*When I retired from the Chicago Board of Education in 1990, I was working with the Hinton School Closed Circuit T.V. a la days of Carol Nolan.*

*Best wishes.*

*Yours sincerely,*

Gloria Turner McCorkle

## **Rest Darling**

No more pain and suffering  
No more valiant effort to hold  
That long untenable  
No more keeping pretense for our sake  
No more.  
The fight was swift  
The fight was fierce  
A soldier brave, fought  
But this last battle lost.  
Yet no empty loss, this  
For memory becomes our godsend  
Bringing back happy times  
Days full of life, love, happiness  
Memory locks in these many treasures  
To be called upon—when needed.  
Now, no more battles my precious fighter  
No more worry, nor frustrations  
You’ve earned this sweet release  
So rest now darling  
Rest.

Gloria Turner McCorkle

## **Welcome Home**

I will not mourn  
Because I can no longer touch, hold or kiss you.  
Nor shall I mourn  
The loss of your treasured advice, sage wisdom,  
I won’t be greedy.  
For as you took the step of transformation  
Leaving this short interval of life  
To enter the timelessness of Eternity  
I envisioned  
Other joyous faces, aglow with expectation  
Other loving arms, outstretched, reaching  
To touch, hold and kiss you  
Happy voices acclaiming your arrival  
And above this all——  
Saw HIM smile and heard HIM say  
Well Done! My good and faithful servant  
Welcome Home.

Gloria Turner McCorkle

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