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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

by Vaughn J. Barber

Greetings:

As the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago approaches 85 years of service, it is fitting that RTAC take time to reflect on the foresight, determination and tenacity which the organization has provided over this period. Personally, I wish to express my profound appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the membership for the confidence you have placed in me as your new president. I am truly honored. Thank you for your generous support and unwavering commitment to RTAC.

Recently, RTAC's Board of Directors passed the 2009-2010 operating budget for the organization. The budget has a deficit of \$200,000. The major sources of revenue for RTAC are its yearly membership dues and the investments which the organization has made through the years. In 2007, RTAC hired the Northern Trust and J.P. Morgan Chase to become RTAC's financial advisors. Not long after the professionals were hired, the financial market began to collapse and the investments of RTAC were no longer a dependable source of revenue. I am certain this is also the way of many of your personal investments.

The primary purpose of RTAC is protecting your pension and making services available to you as your needs demand. Even though RTAC must now look for additional sources of revenue and trim its expenses, RTAC is committed to the continuation of its goal and purposes, with as little interruption as possible of services and activities you have grown accustomed to.



Vaughn J. Barber

This crisis situation will require significant changes in how RTAC now must operate. One of the major expenses RTAC incurs is the cost of mailing and communication. RTAC is utilizing the 21st century advancements in this area that are now available. The board of directors now communicate by e-mail as much as possible. RTAC is looking into ways in which e-mail use can be expanded to our more than 10,000 members, of course with provisions for persons who elect not to use it.

As other cost-saving measures, RTAC will provide the news bulletin three times a year with the opportunity for enhanced communication through the use of RTAC's website and e-mail. The website will be greatly enhanced and updated weekly to provide up-to-date information regarding legislation and pension news with opportunities for activities and services available to you. You will be better able to communicate with RTAC, and I know you will find this new method exciting.

The future of RTAC is at stake. Our vision, leadership and commitment to making RTAC a system that works for all its member is needed. In the immediate future, RTAC will redouble its efforts and programs for members who experience severe losses as a result of the poor economy. Some of the programs to be implemented include:

1. Providing aid for members who are experiencing hardships via the Retired Teachers Aid Fund;
2. Assisting members to maintain their homes;

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PENSION WARNING! OUR PENSION IS IN DANGER!

By Bob Bures, Executive Director

Prior to their vacation, both the Illinois House and the Illinois Senate had introduced bills that, if passed, would impact our retired teacher pensions very, very negatively. Not only is there danger of having the state and city take a pension "holiday" meaning they would NOT contribute their share of dollars into our pension fund, but that the powers that be also would not place enough money into our health plans.

There is an active bill in Springfield that would take this pension holiday and impose it on the state pension systems. But that doesn't mean that Chicago won't follow along quickly. Just imagine the impact such a holiday would mean for the financial health of our Chicago Teachers Pension Fund. Just imagine what impact the state's not contributing to our health fund would have on us - a much higher price!

We must FIGHT these initiatives. The CTPF has already sent you some postcards to mail to your legislators and, if you live in the city, to Mayor Daley. RTAC hopes you took the time to send these cards in. It is only when we can harness the enormous energy and influence of our 22,000 annuitants that we can expect victory.

RTAC is poised to ask you to respond quickly when a bill is introduced in the legislature affecting Chicago retired teachers. The secret negotiations in Springfield and Chicago are looking like passage of a bill establishing a Chicago pension holiday are likely to become real. The moment such a bill is introduced we will send you instructions on what to do. Yes, postcards will be provided, telephone and fax numbers along with e-mail addresses of the legislative leaders will be sent to you to act. We must be united in this vicious fight to cut our hard-earned pensions.

Meanwhile, I want every one of our annuitants to do the following: Prepare yourself by obtaining the names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses of your personal Illinois Representative

and your personal Illinois Senator. All you need is a phone or a computer to obtain this information.

With a phone follow these easy steps. First, look on a piece of your recently received mail and write down the NINE-digit postal ZIP CODE. YES, the nine-digit zip code. You must have it for this system to work.

Second, phone Project Vote Smart toll free 1-888-868-3762. Give them your nine-digit zip code and ask them to look up your Illinois State Representative and Illinois State Senator including their address and phone number. You may be asked if you would like to donate, but simply decline the invitation.

That's all there is to it. Be sure to write this information in your address book and keep it for future use.

If you have a computer with internet service just go to www.rtac.org and click on the left side on Legislators. You will automatically go to the Project Vote Smart and enter your nine-digit zip code and then you will come to a page that asks you to click on Current Officials. Click and you will see the names of your elected representatives and senators. Follow instructions and you will get the information you need.

If you are asked for a donation, simply click the ESC button on your keyboard and the program will continue. Copy the information down and save it for our call to action.

BE PREPARED TO ACT when we write to you. In the meantime, please read the newspapers and watch the TV for information about developments in Springfield and Chicago. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help RTAC SAVE OUR PENSIONS!

See you on Wednesday, May 27th at the Palmer House for our Spring Luncheon. The focus of the Luncheon will be Saving Our Pension!

PENSION NOTES

From **Mary Sharon Reilly, Chairperson**

CTPF Pension Laws & Rules Committee

The 2009 legislative proposals that have been approved by the trustees of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund (CTPF) have implications for both retired and active teachers.

CTPF 2009 Legislative Proposals

<u>Bill#</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Description</u>
HB576	Saviano	Provide minimum survivor benefit payable upon death of teacher or pensioner which occurred prior to 12/31/86.
HB577	Saviano	Provide for ad-hoc lite increase for those on pension prior to 1980.
HB578	Saviano	Health insurance rebate of 75%, no cap.
HB579	Saviano	Increases the maximum total payments for health insurance rebate to \$100 million.
HB580	Saviano	Provide a minimum annual pension of \$18,000 plus the automatic annual increase to pensioners who retired with 20 or more years of service.
HB676	Lyons	Provide for dependent beneficiary (parent or disabled child) eligibility for a survivor pension.
HB677	Lyons	Service requirement for benefits after termination.
HB1176	Zalewski	Allow 2.2 benefit for all teachers without the cost to upgrade; allow refunds of 2.2 upgrade costs to all teachers.
HB1177	Zalewski	Provide for a service retirement pension for members with 10 or more years and a minimum age of 60 years.
HB1178	Zalewski	5+5 Early Retirement Incentive Program.
HB1179	Zalewski	Provide 80% maximum pension percentage.
HB1180	Zalewski	Automatic annual increase of 3% beginning one year following retirement.
HB2336	Saviano	Additional tax levy .1%.
SB 544	Hunter	Provide pension fund survivor benefits to domestic partners.
SB1707	Raoul	Provide for all income earned to be pensionable effective July 1, 2009.

[See Mary Sharon Reilly on page 6]

PENSION NOTES

From James F. Ward, Trustee

The economic depression and upheaval in the securities markets affects our Pension Fund. From a once-comfortable \$12 billion, the market value of our portfolio has declined to less than \$8 billion. As a defined benefit plan that means our pensions are not reduced, but the Fund takes the market losses instead of individual pensioners.

Our health insurance fund is running out again. Pension Fund staff have made projections assuming 5%, 8%, and 10% increases in premiums in 2010 and 2011. With any assumption it is clear that we need further funding laws if the 70% rebate is to continue in the future. RTAC has SB1709 to increase the rebate allowance by \$10 million and the Pension Trustees have HB579 to increase it by \$35 million. Please support these bills with your cards, letters, and visits to our legislators' district offices wherever you can.

March saw the threat of two bills that would change defined benefits plans to defined contributions plans for Illinois public employees and downstate teachers (SB 303, 304). For over 100 years, Chicago teachers have had a defined benefit plan that promises a fixed pension based on

years of service and salary earned. Our system insulates members from the year-to-year political, economic, and market fluctuations like the kind we are currently experiencing. If you were in a defined contribution plan today when securities markets are down 50%, this would be the worst possible time to cash out your savings in a 401-K or similar defined contribution plan.

Also, this is not the time to have a "pension holiday" for pension plans as intimated in the Governor's March budget message. That is precisely what Pension Fund Executive Director Kevin Huber said in a letter dated April 1, to the Governor and leadership of both Illinois Houses. In that letter, Mr. Huber urged the Legislature to "reject any attempt by the Chicago Public Schools to cut pension funding [and] maintain current state funding for CTPF and consider an increase to provide a more equitable distribution of the state income tax for teacher pension purposes." It was slated to be signed by the Pension Fund, the Chicago Teachers Union, the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago, and the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association. Let us, too, make our individual voices heard.

HELP WANTED

MONTHLY QUICKBOOKS AUDITOR-BOOKKEEPER

RTAC needs a one-day-a-month auditor/bookkeeper who is very familiar with the QuickBooks program. Ideal position for a retired business or computer teacher who understands QuickBooks.

RTAC is a friendly work place environment, easy to get to by CTA, and offers a competitive salary consistent with experience with QuickBooks.

Please submit a letter of interest or resume **by email only** to: buress@rtac.org. Phone calls and snail mail **will not be** accepted or responded to.

THE WEBMASTER'S REPORT

During the period from the end of January through the end of March, the following changes were made to the RTAC website :

A new "red box" action needed memo was posted regarding Senate Bills 303 and 304. Several new job and volunteer offerings were posted, and four outdated job offerings were removed. The volunteer list was pared down for the newsletter. Two requests for information on the history of the Chicago Public Schools were posted on the "Other Opportunities" page.

As always, members are urged to check the RTAC website for important and interesting notices and information.

PENSION NOTES

From Walter Pilditch, Trustee

Our Pension Fund

The total value of our fund at the end of the quarter was \$ 8.1 billion; this is about \$2 billion less than the last quarter. Our fund was overweight in fixed income and real estate and underweight in equity investments. Performance was down 16.2% during the quarter, but compared to index figures and other pension funds we are slightly above the average, all amounts considered.

Some of the individual funds outperformed the benchmarks including Brandywine, Lazard, MFS, Morgan Stanley and UIM. LM Capital outperformed for our fixed income figures and all other funds were below benchmarks figured for the past quarter.

Looking at our domestic equity investments, New Amsterdam and Waddell and Reed were above their index figures. These funds were above expected levels due to having lesser amounts in finance and consumer durables. Returns were higher in funds that invested more in information technology and industrial sectors. According to the Russell 1000 growth index the Holland Lynmar funds have exceeded their expected goals and Lombardia and Harris (value equities) have done likewise.

Two funds, both on the watch list for some time, are being considered to be reduced or

dropped from our fund. They are Chicago Equity (mid cap) and Ariel (small cap). Stock selections for these funds that are causing their downward trend include: utilities, industrial, consumer staples, financial and producer durables. In our special manager of manager funds Northern Trust Global, Progress, Atlanta Life, Channing and Paradigm had the strongest performance taking into consideration the downward trend of the whole market.

Moving to international equity, Global Currents, Morgan Stanley, Lazard, MFS and UIM outperformed their benchmarks during the past quarter. Funds that are invested in countries such as Japan, Australia, and the Netherlands underperformed, while funds invested in countries such as Ireland, Canada, and Taiwan overperformed. Some individual international stocks that topped the list for increasing in value included: Roche, GFD Suez and Schneider Electric.

Our report for the past quarter will conclude with fixed income results. LM Capital was the only fixed income fund that went above its benchmark. Lagging were the funds of Taplin, Canada, Habacht and Western largely due to mortgage holdings, TIPS, financial and some non-dollar bonds.

In conclusion, these times are not good for pension funds, but, always remember, the Chicago Teachers Fund is a defined benefit pension and your month-to-month benefits will not vary as they do in other types of pension funds. We are all hoping for better times ahead.

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3. Counseling services for investments;
4. Assisting with the cost of medications and medical supplies;
5. Providing computer literacy classes.

Your RTAC leadership is committed to helping members through these difficult times. There is no short-term panacea for the problems facing retired teachers, but collectively, we can make a difference. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Thank you. president@rtac.org

[Mary Sharon Reilly continued from page 4]

As of newsletter deadline, it is not certain whether any of these proposals will be brought to a vote.

As always, it is important to communicate with your legislators on a regular basis, but especially, when support of pension issues is needed.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

by Chairman James F. Ward

The RTAC legislative program for 2009 has been introduced in the General Assembly and consists of the following bills.

SB1709, introduced by Senator Kwame Raoul, 13th District, 5210 S. Harper, Suite D, Chicago IL 60615, 773-363-1966, will extend the rebate allowance from \$65 million/year to \$75 million. The Pension Board has a bill (HB579) to extend the amount to \$100 million. Please support whichever bill makes it through committee mark-up. SB1709 passed the House last session and would provide for the insurance rebate to continue through 2012 without reducing the 70% now paid to annuitants.

HB0711, introduced by Michael J. Zalewski (D) from the 21st District, 7676 West 63rd St., Summit, IL 60501, 708-728-9922, will grant a pension increase to pensioners retiring from 1973 thru 1979 (the "Ad Hoc Lite").

HB2586 introduced by Joseph M. Lyons (D), 19th District, 5205 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60630, 773-286-1115, and also introduced as HB0578 by Angelo Saviano (R), 77th District, 14 Conti Parkway, Elmwood Park, IL 60707, 708-453-7547, would change the insurance rebate from a maximum rebate to a 75% fixed percentage of insurance costs.

HB0961, introduced by Marlow H. Colvin (D) 33rd District, 8539 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago, IL 60619, 773-783-8492, will increase the number of

retirees on the pension board from three to four.

HB2584, introduced by Joseph M. Lyons (D), 19th District, 5205 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL, 60630, 773-286-1115, would change the 3% Automatic Annual Increase to 4% for current and future pensioners.

In March lobbyists for the Pension Fund and RTAC reported rumors that Governor Quinn might propose a one-time "pension holiday" for statewide pension plans. I can recall meeting with Governor Thompson in the 1980s when he proposed the same thing, a one-time suspension of public revenues into the various public employee pension plans. Nothing is new. Should Illinois leaders continue with their sorry record of under-funding state pensions? Will Mayor Daley and the Chicago Public Schools follow suit? No bill has been introduced as this is written, but there may be one by the time you read this in summer 2009. Watch your mail.

We know the Board of Education will be sympathetic to "pension holidays" because they have been introducing bills every year to relieve themselves of their pension fund obligations under 17-129 of the Pension Code. They filed a suit claiming our pension funding law is unconstitutional, the wording of which makes clear that they don't think pension costs are part of teacher compensation. Year after year they grant large end-of-career windfalls but they don't think they should pay pension costs. Strange.

CONTACT WEBMASTER FOR KEY TO ONLINE NEWS BULLETIN

Yes, you can. . . read your RTAC *News Bulletin* online. However, Webmaster Roy Coleman has informed us that, in order to discourage people from reading the *News Bulletin* online rather than joining RTAC, the *News Bulletin* will be "hidden" and not immediately available online.

You can obtain your online version by contacting Roy (rtac-webmaster@sbcglobal.net) and asking him to email the URL for the *News Bulletin* to you, which he will promptly and happily do. Warning: the *News Bulletin* is about 11 MB long and will take a quite a while to download.

FORMER LANE TEACHER HONORED FOR MURAL PROJECT

When Flora Morelli Doody retired from Lane Tech, she left behind a legacy few other retiring teachers could ever claim: the restoration of the magnificent Lane murals.

Flora spearheaded efforts to restore and preserve the famed murals created in the first half of the 20th century and installed on the walls of the school. Many were created during the Great Depression by the Works Progress Administration/Federal Arts Project. The collection is thought to be the country's largest located in a single public school.

Many of the murals were featured in an exhibition *Hidden Treasures: The Lane Tech Murals* presented at the Chicago Cultural Center through March 1. The exhibition coincided with the school's 100th anniversary.

The restoration began in 1994 when Lane principal David Schlichting gave Flora permission to have the oldest of the murals, those created between 1909 and 1913, evaluated for conservation. All 67 Lane murals have been restored due to Flora's initiative and fund-raising efforts. Her dedication to the mural project also prodded the Chicago school system to examine artwork in other schools. To date, 400 murals have been restored in CPS buildings.

Flora is the first recipient of the Arts Visionary Award from the Office of Arts Education, Chicago Public Schools. She was also one of the 2009 Leonardo DaVinci Honorees presented by the Order of the Sons of Italy in America May 3 at Drury Lane, Oakbrook.

[Information for this article was taken from an article that first appeared in the Sauganash Sounds newspaper.]

FRENCH STUDENT NEEDS INFO RE: CHICAGO TEACHERS

Sonia Birocheau, a French graduate student writing a dissertation on Chicago public school teachers from 1896 to 1935 and living in France is seeking personal testimonies that would describe the teachers' everyday lives in their schools and their community.

These can be diaries, photographs, attendance records, certificates/diplomas, scrapbooks/news clippings/articles. If a relative was a teacher during that period and left such documents, she would be delighted to hear from you.

She is also interested in the old Teachers College (located then in Englewood) and its weekly newspaper *The Normalite*. Contact her at sbirocheau@gmail.com or send mail to her friend Susan Keating, 634 N. Marion St., Oak Park, IL 60302.

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Are you cheated of your right?

Laugh it off.

Don't make tragedies of trifles,
Don't shoot butterflies with rifles—

Laugh it off.

Does your work get into kinks?

Laugh it off.

Are you near all kinds of brinks?

Laugh it off.

If enjoyment you are after,
There's no recipe like laughter,

Laugh it off!

[Courtesy of Feature Editor Marion Hoffing]

NEWS BULLETIN EDITOR MEETS AUTHOR SANDRA CISNEROS

When Mayor Daley announced *The House on Mango Street* by Chicago native Sandra Cisneros for the next “One Book One Chicago” selection, *News Bulletin* editor Rosemary Tirio made it a point to attend Sandra’s book signing and reading at the Harold Washington Library April 14. Rosemary had admired Sandra’s book since it was first published in 1984 when she read it as an English teacher at Amundsen High School. Only several years later did she learn that Sandra was a fellow-graduate of the Josephinum High School, Sandra in 1972 and Rosemary in 1961.

Sandra spoke of her growing up in a Mexican-American family with six brothers in Chicago’s Humboldt Park neighborhood and of her wonderful years at the Josephinum where in just one speech class she learned to present lively and engrossing presentations like the one she rendered that day. “I was also ‘outed’ as a writer at the Josephinum,” Sandra remembered.

Sandra said that in the 25 years since *Mango Street* was published she has received many letters from readers telling her how the book has changed their lives. Sandra said the message of *Mango Street* is to, “listen to your heart. It will take you to the life you are meant to live.”

Sandra spoke of how she lived that idea in her own life. The path of travel and adventure that she chose was at odds with the life her very traditional Mexican-American father had in mind for her. However, she followed her dream and her father came to be very impressed that she could support herself so successfully with her pen.

Sandra also said she hopes her writing will



*News Bulletin editor Rosemary Tirio (left) met author Sandra Cisneros at her book signing at the Harold Washington Library April 14. Sandra’s book *The House on Mango Street*, first published 25 years ago in 1984 is Mayor Daley’s selection for the current “One*

nourish her readers and help them to grow spiritually, “to be the right medicine for them.”

Besides *Mango Street*, Sandra has written *Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories*, *My Wicked Wicked Ways* (poetry), *Loose Woman* (poetry), *Hairs* (for young readers) and *Caramelo*.

About teachers, Sandra said, “Teachers ought to be paid what they pay generals. The work they do has such an effect, such a positive impact on people. Don’t give up. You have the most difficult position in the world.”

CORRECTIONS AND APOLOGIES

The *News Bulletin* regrets the omission of the Casimir Pulaski holiday from the January issue calendar, and thanks the reader who alerted us. Omitted from the January *News Bulletin* was a donation to RTAC made in memory of Dr. Rev Chester Mitoraj by John Demczyk.

A photo of one of the Luncheon Raffle winners on page 5 of the January issue was incorrectly labeled Velma Anderson. The person in the photo was actually Almena English who last taught at the Gladstone School. *The News Bulletin* apologizes for the mix-up.

SERVICE COMMITTEE SENDS BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



Service Committee members enjoy refreshments after sending 95 birthday cards to RTAC's most senior members. (Clockwise around table) Ralph Childs, Laura Gradolf, Grace Scipio, Nathaniel Blackman Jr., Co-chairman Nancy Makowski, Mary Kirby, Bernice Kyle, Lois Schmidt, Helen Johnson. Not shown, Co-chairman Marcella Morrison.

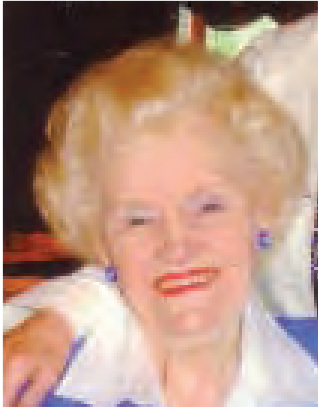
What are you doing the fourth Thursday of this month? Why not join the Service Committee at the RTAC office and spend a few hours addressing birthday cards to RTAC members who have reached their 85th birthday. For members who have passed the century mark, the committee sends flowers as well as a card.

The committee meets monthly on the fourth Thursday and sends out between 90 and 110 cards each month. They stay "as long as it takes," according to longtime committee member Helen Johnson.

Afterwards, they enjoy refreshments provided by RTAC. There is always room for more volunteers. The small effort is very much appreciated by recipients who often send notes thanking the committee for their efforts.



Of the committee members present at the meeting March 26, Liduina Barbantini (left) and Lois Smith have served the longest--around 20 years.



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Also, remember to ask for your **SENIOR DISCOUNT**, and enjoy your city!

ADLER PLANETARIUM 1300 South Shore Dr. 312-922-STAR

FROM EARTH TO THE UNIVERSE - The Adler Planetarium is partnering with O'Hare International Airport to present From Earth to the Universe, a collection of astronomical images that will showcase dramatic views of our Universe. On display at O'Hare International Airport Thru December 31

TELESCOPES: THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS EXHIBIT

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of its first use for astronomical observations, the Adler will present Telescopes: Through the Looking Glass May 22 thru December 31

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO 111 S. Michigan Ave. 312-443-3600

MODERN WING now open:

Rene Margriere "Time Transfixed" 1938; Bruce Nauman "Clown Torture" Gate 1987

Marcia Lausen "Design for Democracy: Ballot and Election Design" 2008; Vija Celmins "Explosion at Sea" 1966 ; Hernan Diaz Alonso "Sur" Long Island City, New York 2005

CENTER FOR INTUITIVE AND OUTSIDER ART 736 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-243-9088

JOSEPH E. YOAKUM - Survey of landscapes and portraits by an artist long-favored in Chicago. Joseph Elmer Yoakum (circa 1886-1972) was a self-taught African-American artist who drew landscapes in a unique and highly individual style. He was 76 when he started to record his memories in the form of landscapes, and he produced over 2000 drawings during the last decade of his life. His work is a prime example of outsider or native art.

Thru June

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe 847-835-5440

www.ohwow.org

DISCOVERY PROGRAMS: Buehler Enabling, Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable, Elizabeth Hubert Malott Japanese and English Walled Gardens – Wednesdays through Sundays. Volunteers stationed at discovery carts and throughout the gardens offer information and hands-on experiences on a variety of topics through Discovery Programs. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Thru Oct. 4

PLANT GIVEAWAYS – In the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden, volunteers share information about the featured plant, which changes monthly, and encourage visitors to plant the seeds or the seedlings to take home to their own gardens. A flyer with care information and a recipe is available. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Thru Oct. 4

GARDEN CHEF SERIES – More than 40 of the Chicago area's best chefs – including several new to the series – demonstrate creative ways to use garden-fresh produce. Demonstrations are at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Visit www.chicagobotanic.org/chef for more information. Saturdays and Sundays. Thru Oct. 4

New Life Members

RTAC welcomes the following Life Members and applauds their commitment to lifetime membership in the only organization that is safeguarding our pension rights and benefits. Their membership makes us stronger and better able to make our voice heard.

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BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER SEEKS USHERS

Betty Smith of the Black Ensemble Theater Volunteer Committee informed the *News Bulletin* that anyone wishing to volunteer as an usher at the theater, 4520 N. Beacon St., can call 773-273-7082 now.

After ushering, volunteers are invited to view the plays at no charge. Saints (as well as sinners and just ordinary folks) are welcome to join the volunteer corps.

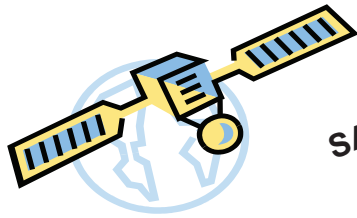
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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. The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago does not endorse any organization; potential volunteers must make their own decision.

AARP Illinois Center	Chicago	Beverly Moore	312-458-3604
Abraham Lincoln Center	Chicago Near South	Hannah Katz	773-451-3360
American Heart Association	Chicago	Traci Bruce	312-476-6643
American Lung Assn. of Chicago	Chicago Central	Alexis Lewis	312-628-0234
Blind Service Association	Chicago Central	Theresa Togtman	312-236-0808
Centro Loyola	Chicago North	Daniel Loftus	312-226-7887
Chicago Botanic Gardens	Glenco	Linda doede	847-835-8281
Chicago HOPES (Homeless Help)	Chicago	Arifa Boyer	773-553-2242
Chicago Youth Centers	Chicago Central	Michelle Gauthier	312-762-5655
ChildServe at Bryant E. S.	Harvey	Jennifer Collins	773-867-7362
Corazon a Corazon (Heart to Heart)	Chicago Southeast	Amanda Koss	773-221-0620
Council for Jewish elderly	Chicago	Anne. L. Simon	773-508-1064
CPS Student Science Fair	Chicago	Angela Dumas	773-553-6318
DuPage Historical Museum	DuPage County	Mary Johnson	630-682-6746
Forest Preserve District	Western Suburbs	Chris Linnell	630-942-6169
Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance	Chicago West	Kirsten Akre	773-638-1766x24
Gary Comer Youth Center	Chicago South	Reggie Tucker	773-358-4088
Glessner House Museum	Chicago Near South	Clare Schaecher	312-326-1480
Howard Area Community center	Chicago Rogers Park	Kirsten Pomykala	773-262-6622x264
Ill. Volunteers of America	Northeastern Illinois	Peggy Schweiger	312-707-8707
Kids Voting	Chicago	Ellen Solomon	312-332-3107
The Learning Center	Chicaago Lawndale	Sr. Monice Kavanaugh	773-277-3111
Lincoln Park Zoo	Chicago Near North	Ellen Izenon	312-742-2124
Madison School	Skokie	Hillary Schab	847-414-8920
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls	Chicago Central	J. Brown/E. Dordek	312-738-7554
Meetropolitan Family Services	Chicago Midway Center	Dee Speich	773-884-2267
Misericordia Home	Chicago	Therese Loftus	773-273-4163
Oakton Community College	DesPlaines & Skokie	Rita Stewart	847-635-1434
Peace Corps	Chicago Region		312-353-4990
PetCare Curriculum	Chicago	Julie Smith	773-784-5605
Polish Museum of America	Chicago Near Northwest		773-384-3352
Prarie Avenue House Museum	Chicago Near South		312-326-1480
Read to Learn	Northwest Suburbs	Lesley Goldberg	847-718-7224
Spring Valley Nature Center	Schaumburg	Susan Findling	847-985-2100
Substance Newspaper	Chicago	C. Blumenthal	312-736-1702
TEC Tutoring	Chicago	Konora Maxwell	773-374-2363
Travelers & Immigrants Aid	Chicago	Brian Harvey	312-629-4500x5011
Working in the Schools	Chicago	Liz Murphy	312-368-9487

The above list is only a part of the full list of volunteering opportunities available to RTAC members. For a full list visit [HTTP://RTAC.ORG](http://RTAC.ORG) and surf to "volunteers."

The "Other Opportunities" page on the RTAC website also lists requests for volunteers for specific events like the Chicago Marathon or election workers along with some requests for information on the history of the Chicago Public Schools.



SATELLITE DOINGS

SAN DIEGO

By Sam Dolnick

On Tuesday, April 14, the San Diego Satellite had a luncheon/business meeting at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Carlsbad, California. Although thirteen people made reservations only nine were able to attend. We were sorry to report that Wesley (Rick) Buchwald, a long time member of RTAC and the Satellite passed away in February 2009 of a sudden massive coronary attack. A contribution, to his memory, was made to the Teachers Aid Fund.

The members present were Sam Dolnick, Laya Golden, Ruth Harris, Nancy Lewis, Evalyn and Arthur Schiff, Irene and Angelo Sharres, and John Wilson. Those who were unable to attend were Sylvia Kayser, Carol and Paul Mooney, and Ellen Perry. These four requested that the money they paid be sent to the Teachers Aid Fund. This was done.

Arrangements for the luncheon were made by Carol Mooney. Sam Dolnick presented the

FLORIDA

By Annette Brown

The RTAC Association Central Florida Group held their annual spring meeting on Wednesday, March 18, in Lake Mary, Fla. Alvin Peterson hosted the gathering at the Lake Mary Events Center. More than 30 members and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch in a beautiful room overlooking the Lake. Lake Mary is known as a "City of Lakes." The program included a fun-filled trivia game and a list of strange things you didn't know about Chicago, such as obscure street names.

The welcome was given by the mayor of Lake Mary, Dr. David Meador. A very informative message was given by Ron Nathan, principal of Altamese Bentley Elementary School located in nearby Sanford, Fla., about the innovative programs at his school.

treasurer's report. He suggested that since so few people came to the luncheons, the saving account was no longer needed and should be closed with the proceeds being sent to the Teachers Aid Fund. The vote was unanimous to do so. A report was made on the latest information from RTAC and the Chicago Teachers Pension Office regarding the proposed Chicago Public Schools request for a "pension holiday" wherein the CPS would not have to contribute to the pension fund. All were asked to write letters to the Illinois legislature opposing the measure. It was also suggested that members write to their Chicago relatives asking them to send letters.

The next luncheon/business meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, October 13 at the Olive Garden Restaurant on Carmel Mountain Road. If any of our colleagues, in San Diego County, are not receiving reservation notices, please contact Sam Dolnick at 5706 Baltimore Drive, Unit 348, La Mesa, CA 91942, 619-697-4854, samdolnick@juno.com.

Those in attendance included Drs. Manford and Cherie Byrd, Annette Brown, Lavina Cross, Adolphus and Anita Dabney, Gloria Malmore, Dr. William and Freeda Marshall, Nathaniel and Sandra Mason, John Merkle, Patricia Nichols, Walter and Theresa Parker, Alvin and Ann Peterson, Alice Rucker, Dr. Allen and Mildred Smith, Drs. Alfred and Katherine Williams, and Michael and Faye Williams.

The next meeting will be held in the Daytona area and will be hosted by Alfred and Katherine Williams in March 2010. If you are interested in becoming a member of the RTAC Central Fl. Group, please contact Annette Brown 352-247-2407 or Theresa Parker 352-854-6782. We welcome new members!

GO AHEAD AND WRITE YOUR LETTER...

By V.K. Brown, Editor Emeritus

Any wise student knows that surrounding oneself with the best sources of information carries the highest priority. As a career teacher, this obvious fact has led me to subscribe to the London-based *Economist* magazine for many years. This publication has never shied from letting its editorial opinions be known, however, and over all those years it has been a greater or lesser irritation to me that the *Economist* never failed to seize any available opportunity to insult or otherwise denigrate my chosen profession and those who practice it. Teachers Unions, the life support system of teachers everywhere, constitute a subspecies probably inferior to the hyena, in the *Economist's* unabashed view.

Several years ago, I decided to try to do something about it. The *Economist* not infrequently publishes intelligent, well-reasoned letters to the editor that disagree with its position. I resolved to try to write such a letter, defending teachers, teaching, teachers unions – all those evils that inflame the magazine's emotions. But I would do so on the basis of logic and reason alone; there would be absolutely no rancor visible anywhere.

At length, I wrote the letter as I conceived it: Persuasive, respectful, forthright. It took hours, but it pleased me enormously. I mailed it off to London, convinced in my heart that they'd never publish it. I was right. I could only console myself by imagining that if they didn't, at least their consciences would hurt.

It then occurred to me that my State Legislators, both of whom were good friends of teachers and public education, might like to see the letter and possibly use parts of it as needed. So I sent a copy to each.

I was greatly pleased when my State Senator replied, paying me the highest of compliments: "Keep me on your mailing list." I never found an occasion to do another *magnum opus* like that one, so I didn't follow his advice.

Big mistake. If I had selected another topic and written a similar letter on that topic and sent him a copy, my life might be very different today. I'm sure you've guessed it by now: That State Senator was Barack Obama.

RETIRED DRIVERS ED. TEACHERS LUNCHEON

Another Retired Drivers Education Teachers Luncheon is being planned with a target date of Thursday, July 9. Once the final arrangements have been made, an information/reservation form will be mailed to all those on the mailing list. The mailing will probably be made in late May or early June.

Last year, this event was primarily for retired center directors. This year, it will be expanded to include any and all former driver education teachers who wish to attend. However, we will need the names and addresses of those who were not on last year's list.

While this notice will be helpful in spreading the word, we will also rely on word-of-mouth to help us reach out to notify as many as possible.

Names and addresses of those who would like to attend this luncheon should be forwarded by telephone or email contact to one of the four luncheon committee members: Jim Artese 630-789-1349 jimartese@yahoo.com; Sam Clemente 773-774-6046 baitfisher@core.com; Jerry Conforti 219-922-7823 GGCRAC@aol.com; Ed O'Farrell 773-779-3198 eo9126@msn.com.

Hope to hear from you soon and see all who attended last year plus a bunch of "new" faces as well.

FUND INCREASES AID TO MEMBERS IN NEED

By Steven A. Kailes, President Teachers Aid Fund, Inc.

It is because of the faith and generosity of our RTAC members that the Aid Fund directors have been able to increase the grants to our needy clients by 5% this year.

We urge you to think about your continued support of the Aid Fund. Your contributions are vital for this new phenomenon and maintaining the dignity of our fellow retirees.

However, for 2009/10 we are preparing for an onslaught of now middle-class retired teachers who because of sudden increases in mortgage payments, taxes, utilities, and medical expenses are in danger of losing their homes.

For those who would like to be remembered by including the Aid Fund as part of their estate, please contact RTAC's President, Vaughn J. Barber at our office, 312-939-3327.



DONATION FORM

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20 East Jackson Blvd., Suite 1500
Chicago IL 60604-2235**

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

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Anonymously; please do NOT publish my name.

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FRIENDS GONE AHEAD

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ABBITT, ALLEN W.

In 1990, Allen retired from Dunbar Vocational High School after 38 years of teaching. On December 7, 2008, he passed on at the age of 83 years.

AFABLE, LOURDES B.

Lourdes succumbed on March 11, 2009, at the age of 71. She served 34 years, resigning from the Special Services Administration as Crisis Manager in 2007.

ALVAREZ-GONZALEZ, THOMAS M.

Thomas served the Chicago Public Schools for 23 years, retiring from the Kellogg School as Director in 1994. He was 73 when death took him on February 10, 2009.

AMBROSIUS, IRENE C.

Irene's resignation from Keller in 1972 ended a 40-year career. She was 102 years old when she died on March 8, 2009.

ANDERSON, EVELYN C.

Née Waller. At the close of her life on March 17, 2009, Evelyn was 91 years old. A teacher for 31 years, she retired from the Carver High School in 1984.

ANDERSON, JAMES.

James was associated with the Chicago Schools for nine years, the last at the Farady Elementary School, where he was when he retired in 2006. He was 65 years old when death took him on January 22, 2009.

ANTICH, RODGER P.

In 1978, Rodger left as a Substitute Teacher School after a career that lasted one year. When his life ended on October 15, 1993, he was 42 years of age.

ARCHER, MARTHA A.

Née Honeysuckle. Martha was at Bradwell when she retired in 1996 after 28 years. She was 76 when she succumbed on December 21, 2008.

ARRINGTON, MARVIN.

When he retired from Carver Middle School in 2005, Marvin ended a career that included 12 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed him on November 26, 2008, at the age of 63 years.

AUBUCHON, LILLIAN C.

Lillian was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 33 years when she retired from the Courtenay School in 1993. At the time of her death on December 3, 2008, she was 90 years of age.

AUGUST, MARY C.

Née Collins. Mary was at Mt. Greenwood when she retired in 1974, terminating a 28-year career. At her death on February 3, 2009, she was 99 years of age.

BAILEY, PAULA M.

Née Heard. At the age of 82, Paula passed away on March 11, 2009. After 22 years in the system, she resigned from Key School in 1995.

BANKS, FLOYD M.

Floyd left Dunbar Vocational High School in 2002 after a career that lasted for 42 years. He expired at the age of 71, on January 17, 2009.

BARNES, INEZ.

Née Motley. After a career of 23 years, Inez. retired from the Mt. Greenwood School in 1986. She died on January 8, 2009, at the age of 83.

BARRON, SHELDON E.

After a career that lasted 38 years, Sheldon retired as Principal from Armstrong School in 1987. He was 82 when he died on March 10, 2009.

BAVER, LUZMILA.

Luzmila retired as a Substitute Teacher in 1994 after a career of one year. She expired at the age of 66 on February 17, 2009.

BEAUREGARD, FLORENCE E.

Née Corcoran. Florence's 27- year teaching career ended when she retired from Lane Tech High School in 2002. She passed away on March 20, 2009, at the age of 76 years.

BERLAND, MELVIN.

Melvin retired from District 2 in 1994 after a career that lasted for 38 years. He expired on December 16, 2008, at the age of 78 years.

BERMAN, SYLVIA W.

Née Weiner. Sylvia resigned from the Volta School in 1977 after 28 years. She was 92 when she expired on March 16, 2009.

BERNSTEIN, ESTHER.

When she died on January 3, 2009, Esther. was 86 years of age. She ended a 30-year career when she left Hyde Park Career Academy in 1982.

BLONSKY, WINNIFRED.

Née Weinberg. Winnifred resigned in 1962 from Peterson School, ending a 33-year career in the Chicago system. She was 103 when she passed away on March 12, 2009.

BLOOM, RUBY.

Ruby was at Hamilton Elementary School. when she resigned in 1994 after 30 years in the Chicago Public Schools. She was 87 on January 22, 2009 when she passed on.

BOLIN, JEANNE W.

Nee Waters. Jeanne was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 35 when she retired from Chicago Vocational High Schools in 1993. She passed on FEBRUARY 3, 2009, at the age of 79.

BOLLE, MARGARET E.

Margaret was 90 years old at her death on November 27, 2008. She resigned from Central Office in 1982 after 32 years in Chicago.

BORGE, BETTY.

Née Cowie. In 1976, when she resigned from Ericson Elementary School., Betty completed an 11-year career.in Chicago having taught an additional 17 years outside the CPS. She was 93 when she died on January 11, 2009.

BOWEN, HAROLD F.

Harold succumbed at age 78 on August 28, 2008. He taught for 34 years before retiring from Kelvyn Park High School in 1993.

BOZEMAN, RUTH M.

Née Mayfield. Last assigned to Goldblatt School, Ruth retired in 1982 after eight years of service. She passed away on April 1, 2004, at 79 years of age.

BRADLEY, GAIL LYNN.

Gail retired from the Henderson Elementary School in 2006 after a career that lasted 35 years. She expired on anuary 8, 2009, at the age of 58 years.

BRAXTON, LUCILLE.

Née Price. Life ended for Lucille at the age of 98 on December 22, 2008. She retired from Westinghouse High School in 1976, at the end of a 12-year career.

BREEN, WILLIAM.

William was at the Spencer School when he retired in 1991 after a 11-year teaching career. He was 80 at the time of his death on January 16, 2009.

BRODERICK, MARY C.

Née McAllister. Her career of 16 years ended when she left the Reinberg School in 2004. Mary died on January 22, 2009, at the age of 70.

BROWNLOW, ROBERT P.

Robert retired as Principal of the Emmet School in 1989, ending a 33-year career. On March 27, 2009, when he passed on, he was 81 years old.

BUCHWALD, WESLEY R.

Wesley retired as Principal of Bogan High School in 1983 after a 33-year teaching career. He died on February 21, 2009, at age 84.

BUTLER, LORRAINE O.

Née Harrison. Lorraine retired from Sherwood in 1995 after a 41-year career. Death came for her at age 84 on March 7, 2009.

CAGNEY, ANNA MARIE.

A Superintendent at Walsh when she resigned in 1981, Anna Marie. had served for 42 years. She was 95 on the date of her passing, February 12, 2009.

CAMPBELL, CHARLOTTE.

A teacher for 38 years, Charlotte was at Hale when she retired in 1989. She passed on at the age of 80 on December 4, 2008.

CASHMAN, CATHERINE.

Catherine resigned in 1984 from Cullen, ending a 36-year time span in the Chicago system. She was 81 at the time of her death on December 9, 2008.

CLARKSON, THELMA J.

At the close of her life on December 28, 2008, Thelma was 81 years old. A teacher for 24 years, she retired from the South Loop School in 1991.

CLAYE, MARY L.

After 5 years in the Chicago School system, Mary retired from the McCorkle School in 1978. When death took her on March 13, 2006, she was 87 years old.

CLAYTON, JOAN.

Joan. expired on December 8, 2008, at the age of 65. Her career of 25 years ended when she retired from the Coleman School in 1998.

CLOGHESSY, JAMES F.

James was a teacher at the City Colleges when he resigned in 1992 after a seven-year teaching career. His life ended at the age of 82 on January 23, 2009.

COOGAN, MARY JANE.

In 1988, Mary Jane left Lane Tech High School after a career that lasted 32 years in Chicago and one year outside the CPS. When her life ended on January 18, 2009, she was 84 years of age.

COOK, DORES H.

Née Hicks. Dores retired in 2002 from the Avalon Park School, after teaching 35 years. Her life ended on February 28, 2009, at the age of 68 years.

COTEY, JOSEPH ALBERT.

Joseph succumbed on January 15, 2009, at the age of 60. He served 37 years, resigning from Harper High School in 2006.

COWLEY, ILLA M.

Née Cowley. Illa retired from the Lathrop School in 1994, after a 35-year career. She succumbed on February 18, 2009, at the age of 71.

CROWE, BETTY M.

Betty's career of 27 years came to an end as she left Jackson in 1998. When she passed away on November 24, 2008, she had reached the age of 77.

CUMMINGS, ODA K.

Née Carmichael. Assigned to Kenwood Academy when she resigned in 1988 after 29 years, Oda passed away at the age of 83 on March 16, 2009.

DANIELS, HORACE B.

Horace resigned from the Park Manor Elementary School in 1998 after a 25-year career. He was 68 years old when he died on January 24, 2009.

DANIELS, SHERWOOD C.

His 38-year career ended as a District 8 Principal in 1995 when Sherwood retired. Death came for him on February 28, 2009, at the age of 78.

DAVIS, JACK.

Jack passed on at age 87 on February 28, 2009. He resigned in 1977 after a 26-year career that ended as Principal of Franklin School.

DELAWARE, MARY F.

Née Crowley. Mary had reached 91 years of age when her life came to a close on January 2, 2007. Her 12-year career ended when she resigned from the Cassell School in 1981.

DILLION, JEAN G.

Resigning from the Clay School in 1977 after a career that lasted 36 years, Jean passed on at the age of 88 on December 11, 2008.

DOTY, KATALIN E.

Née Horthy. Katalin resigned as a Substitute Teacher in 1989 after two years. On August 18, 2004, she passed on at the age of 72 years.

DUCHOSSOIS, KATHLEEN B.

Née Beall. On January 7, 2009, at the age of 85 years, Kathleen died. She retired from the Poe Elementary School in 1993 after 35 years.

DURACHTA, MARY.

Née Psomakos. Mary resigned in 1972 after one year as a Substitute Teacher. On May 17, 1991, she died at the age of 66.

EDGAR, DONALD W.

After a career that lasted 36 years, Donald retired from Dawes Elementary School in 1986. He was 86 when he died on December 14, 2008.

ELLIS, WADE B.

After teaching 41 years, Wade resigned in 1992 as Principal of Phillips High School. He succumbed at the age of 90 on February 17, 2009.

EPSTEIN, HARRY D.

Death came for Harry on February 6, 2009, when he was 88 years old. He ended his career at Chicago Vocational High School in 1987, after 15 years.

EVANS, GLENN R.

Life ended for Glenn at the age of 85 on January 8, 2009. He retired from Bogan High School in 1985, at the end of a 35-year career.

FAULKNER, BERNICE T.

Née Taylor. After a career that spanned 23 years, Bernice retired from Hope in 1993. She expired on December 23, 2008, at the age of 73.

FIRLIT, VIVIAN B.

Née Thompson. Her three-year teaching career ended when Vivian retired from West Pullman in 1981. She was 90 when her life ended on August 15, 2006.

GAFFEN, BEULAH D.

Née Frank. After a 29-year teaching career, Beulah retired from Haugan in 1985. She died on November 29, 2008, at age 80.

GARNER, BARBARA R.

Née Reid. Ending a 17-year career, Barbara left Harper High School in 2006. When she died on January 22, 2009, she was 66 years of age.

GIBBS, MANDORA G.

Née Deloach. Mandora was 89 years old when she died on February 17, 2009. She was at Kelvyn Park High School when she resigned in 1983 after a 22-year career.

GLICKMAN, LILLIAN K.

Née Kahn. Lillian was a teacher at Lemoyne when she resigned in 1984 after a 32-year teaching career. Her life ended at the age of 89 on December 7, 2008.

GOGOL, SAMUEL.

Samuel's 39-year career in the Chicago Schools ended when he retired from Lane Tech High School in 1973. On February 15, 2009, at the time he succumbed, he was 100 years old.

GOULETAS, ALEXANDRA.

Alexandra succumbed at age 95 on January 23, 2009. She taught for 32 years before retiring from Bell Elementary School in 1984.

GRAEFF, MAE W.

Née Williamson. After a career that spanned 38 years, Mae retired from Kinzie School in 1974. She expired on February 21, 2009, at the age of 96.

GRANT, ERSKINE.

Erskine was 67 years old at his death on November 27, 2008. He resigned from Washington High School in 1994 after 34 years in Chicago.

GRAVES, JAMES R.

When he resigned after 35 years in 1989, James was at the Hartigan Elementary School. On January 12, 2009, he died at the age of 82.

HACKETT, MARGARET.

Née O'Brien. On February 6, 2009, Margaret passed away at the age of 95 years. She retired from Smyser in 1978 after 38 years of teaching.

HAGER, SHEILA F.

Née Spiegel. When Sheila retired in 2001 from Gallistel Language Academy, her career had lasted 39 years. Her life ended at the age of 70 on March 18, 2009.

HAMILTON, RUTH M.

Née Rheves. A 31-year career in Chicago schools came to an end for Ruth when she left the Du Sable High School in 1991. She died on January 9, 2009, at the age of 85 years.

HAMMERMAN, ROBERT.

Robert was 79 at his death on March 9, 2009. He ended his 35-year career when he retired as Principal of Robert A. Black in 1988.

HARBY, MICHAEL A.

Michael retired from McCutcheon in 2001 after a 32-year career. Death came for him at age 66 on February 12, 2009.

HARRIS, PHYLLIS I.

Née Hunter. At her death on March 16, 2009, Phyllis was 82 years old. Her 37-year career ended when she resigned from Robeson High School in 1993.

HAWKINS, LARRY.

After teaching 44 years, Larry resigned from the Hyde Park Career Academy in 1999. He was 79 when death claimed him on January 30, 2009.

HAYES, HATTIE M.

Née Knew. Hattie's 36-year career in the Chicago Schools ended when she retired from Lowell in 1993. On December 1, 2008, at the time she succumbed, she was 82 years old.

HEING, GERARD J.

A teacher and administrator for 34 years, Gerard was at Educational Service Center 6 when he retired in 1987. He passed on at the age of 81 on December 24, 2008.

Hewing, Anna B.

Née Killebrew. Death came for Anna on February 19, 2009, when she was 79 years old. She ended her career at Aldridge in 1993, after 33 years.

HIRSH, HELEN G.

Née Goldenberg. Helen passed on at age 89 on March 16, 2009. She resigned in 1982 after a 28-year career that ended at Rogers.

HOLLAND, THOMAS C.

Life ended for Thomas on February 17, 2009, at the age of 72 years. He ended his 31-year career at Chicago Vocational High School in 1993.

HORSCHKE, WALTER G.

Walter had taught for 21 years before he retired in 1970 from Crane High School. He was 93 when his life ended on January 12, 2009.

HOWARD, IRENE.

Irene resigned from the Blaine School in 1978 after 37 years. She was 93 when she expired on November 20, 2008.

HUDDY, YOLANDA H.

Née Napololli. Yolanda was associated with the Chicago Schools for 22 years, the last at the Stockton School, where she was when she retired in 1972. She was 101 years old when death took her on December 8, 2008.

IRVINE, ROBERT DEE.

At the age of 85, Robert passed away on February 21, 2009. After 12 years in the system, he resigned as a School Nurse from Pulaski School in 1986.

JACKSON, SHIRLEY.

Née Batie. After a career of 25 years with the Chicago Public Schools, Shirley passed away on December 12, 2008, at the age of 76. She retired from Herbert School in 1995.

JAFFE, SHEILA JOY.

Life ended for Sheila Joy at the age of 63 on March 5, 2009. She retired from Ames School in 2008, at the end of a 30-year career.

JANISZEWSKI, RUTH.

A 44-year career in Chicago schools came to an end for Ruth when she left the Volta School in 1983. She died on February 10, 2009, at the age of 93 years.

JASINSKIS, KAREN P.

When Karen retired in 1968 as a Substitute Teacher, her career had lasted two years. Her life ended at the age of 66 on August 4, 2008.

JOHNSON, GLADYS R.

In 1996, when she retired from the Chopin School, Gladys ended her 21-year career with the Chicago School system. On February 3, 2009, her life ended after 79 years.

JOHNSON, NOEL E.

Noel ended a four-year career when he left City Colleges in 1991. When he died on January 18, 2009, he was 88 years of age.

JONES, BETTY J.

Née Barnes. Betty's career lasted for 11 years, until she resigned as a Substitute Teacher in 1996. She was 80 when she died on September 27, 2008.

JOSEPH, BETTY.

Née Linn. Betty. ended a 24-year term in the Chicago system upon her retirement in 1984 from Chopin. At her death on February 21, 2009, she was 92 years old.

JUNELL, VELMA S.

After 37 years, Velma resigned from Inter-American Magnet in 1986. Death took her on December 7, 2008; she was 84 at the time.

KAMBEROS, WILLIAM S.

William's 30-year career ended in 1993 when he resigned from Deneen as Assistant Principal. Death claimed him on December 18, 2008, at the age of 70.

KAUFMAN, MICHAEL.

A teacher at City Colleges when he resigned in 1996, Michael had served for six years. He was 75 on the date of his passing, December 27, 2008.

KENNELLY, CARLOTTA R.

Née Nelson. In 1991, Carlotta left the Sexton School after a career that lasted 22 years. When her life ended on February 24, 2009, she was 88 years of age.

KNIEPS, EILEEN C.

Née Brennan. A teacher for 38 years, Eileen was at Morrill when she retired in 1991. Her life came to a close at the age of 84 on December 8, 2008.

KOHN, FREDERICK M.

Frederick resigned in 1999 from Marshall High School, ending a two-year time span in the Chicago system. He was 66 at the time of his death on December 26, 2008.

KOLAKOWSKI, CAROL A.

On January 17, 2009, Carol passed away at the age of 74 years. She retired as a Substitute Teacher in 2000 after seven years of teaching.

KONRATH, FRED.

At the close of his life on December 16, 2008, Fred. was 77 years old. A teacher for 32 years, he retired from Bogan High School in 1991.

KOSINSKI, ANTHONY M.

After 38 years in the Chicago School system, Anthony retired from Taft High School in 1994. When death took him on December 17, 2008, he was 71 years old.

KRAUS, ESTHER M.

Née Snitovasky. Esther was at Brennemann when she resigned in 1985 after 21 years in the Chicago Public Schools. She was 83 on January 19, 2009 when she passed on.

KROLL, MICHAEL J.

When Michael retired as Assistant Principal from the Young School in 1995, he ended a 40-year career. He expired on December 4, 2008, having achieved the age of 73 years.

LAFORCE, LORAINÉ.

Née Krbec. Loraine was assigned to Eli Whitney when she retired in 1993 after 35 years in the Chicago system. She was 84 when she went to her reward on November 25, 2008.

LAMASTER, CLIFFORD.

A 22-year career in Chicago schools came to an end for Clifford when he left the Washburne Trade School in 1988. He died on December 1, 2008, at the age of 79 years.

LARMON, JUDITH R.

Née Radford. Judith had taught for 29 years before she retired in 1996 from the Dubois School. She was 74 when her life ended on December 28, 2008.

LEANER, VERLIE R.

Verlie was at Jefferson at retirement in 1977 after a 22-year career, and died on January 26, 2009 at age 90.

LIDEN, ERNEST A.

Ernest retired in 1984 from the City Colleges, after teaching 20 years. His life ended on February 28, 2009, at the age of 85 years.

LIPTEN, LEON.

Leon was assigned to Gompers when he retired in 1989 after 30 years in the Chicago system. He was 84 when he went to his reward on February 21, 2009.

LITTLE, BARBARA A.

Née Bemis. After 28 years as a teacher, death came for Barbara on February 21, 2009, when she was 94 years old. She ended her career at Morse in 1984.

LITTLE, PEGGY J.

Née Milton. On February 27, 2009, Peggy passed on at the age of 69 years. She had spent 24 years in the schools when she resigned from Trumbull in 1997.

LOVELESS, GLORIA E.

Née Dickerson. Life ended for Gloria on January 5, 2009, at the age of 83 years. She ended her 13-year career at the Cameron School in 1990.

LYNCH, FRANCES M.

Née McGee. Frances ended a 36-year career when she resigned from the Farnsworth School in 1993. At her death on January 3, 2009, she was 85 years old.

MALEE, MARGARET M.

When she left Frazier in 1977, Margaret put a 19-year career to an end. Her life ended on September 29, 2008, at the age of 74.

MARBERG, NORMA.

Née Carlson. A teacher in the Bennett School when she retired in 1964 after 26 years in Chicago and one spent teaching outside Chicago, Norma's life closed on January 25, 2009, at the age of 100 years.

MARSHALL, ISAAC.

In 2004, when he retired from the Department of Sports Administration, Isaac ended his 35-year career with the Chicago School system. On January 18, 2009, his life ended after 64 years.

MARTIN, RONALD M.

Ronald was a Substitute Teacher at Simeon High School when he retired in 2003 after 15 years. He was 72 when he succumbed on February 20, 2009.

MATHEWS, PROSE A.

At the age of 59 years, on December 1, 2008, death took Prose, who had retired as a School Coordinator from Austin High School in 1990 after serving 14 years.

MATTHEWS, BERNIECE.

Née Lovelady. When she resigned from Morgan Park High School in 2000, Berniece capped a 42-year career. She was 74 when she died on March 2, 2009.

MCCABE, DOROTHY M.

Née O'Brien. Dorothy succumbed on February 1, 2009, at the age of 75. She served 35 years, resigning from the Clissold Elementary School in 1991.

MCCARTHY, JUDITH M.

Née Campbell. Judith died on March 11, 2009, at the age of 65 years. She retired from the Armour School in 2004 after a career of 39 years.

MCCLENDON, JOSEPHINE W.

Née White. When she left Fulton Elementary School in 1997, Josephine put a 37-year career to an end. Her life ended on January 18, 2009, at the age of 78.

MICHOFF, MARION H.

Née Hopkins. In 1998, when Marion was at Clemente High School, she retired after 36 years. She was 74 years old when she expired on January 5, 2009.

MILLER, MARTHA W.

Née Ward. After 13 years in the Chicago School system, Martha retired as a Substitute Teacher in 1992. When death took her on February 24, 2009, she was 72 years old.

MOMOSE, ANTHONY.

In 1987, when Anthony was a Substitute Teacher at Sullivan High School, he retired after four years. He was 86 years old when he expired on March 8, 2009.

MONDRAGON, MARCOS.

Marcos' resignation from Dunbar High School in 2000 ended a 38-year career. On March 14, 2009, he passed on at the age of 75 years.

MONTI, GINO F.

At his death on March 16, 2009, Gino was 97 years old. His 24-year career ended when he resigned from Schneider in 1977.

MOORE, CLAYTEE G.

Née Spain. Claytee succumbed at age 82 on February 2, 2009. She taught for 12 years before retiring from O'Keefe in 1989.

MOSES, QUATALYNE E.

Having ended a 34-year career at Cullen Elementary School by resigning in 2006, Quatalyne expired on December 16, 2008, at the age of 58 years.

MOTENKO, MILDRED.

Mildred was at Delano when she retired in 1986. Her career spanned 20 years, and she succumbed at the age of 81 on November 13, 2008.

MRUMLINSKI, ARTHUR J.

Arthur ended a 36-year term in the Chicago system by retiring in 2002 from Central Office. At his death on February 9, 2009, he was 65 years old.

MUHAMMAD, MAUDE L.

Née Adrine. Maude was 68 at the time of her passing on December 25, 2008. Her career lasted 17 years, ending when she resigned from Los Ninos Heroes in 2003.

MURPHY, JEAN M.

A 33-year career in the Chicago Public Schools ended when Jean, who expired at the age of 84 on January 16, 2009, retired from Teacher Personnel in 1989.

NANCE, JOHN ALLEN.

John retired as a Substitute Teacher in 2006 after teaching for 15 years. On January 28, 2009, he died at age 65.

NANK, NATALIE S.

Née Kolof. After teaching four years, Natalie resigned from the Sumner School in 1993. She was 72 when death claimed her on March 15, 2009

NICHOLS, VIRGINIA R.

Née Reid. A teacher at Hilliard Adult Education Center when she resigned in 1993, Virginia had served for 39 years. She was 76 on the date of her passing, December 30, 2008.

NORMAN, MILDRED G.

Née Guiles. Mildred was 82 at her death on December 31, 2008. She ended her 38-year career when she retired from Fiske in 1988

NORRIS, ODIEV M.

Née Johnson. In 1994, Odiev resigned from the Pullman School after a 33-year career. When she expired on November 20, 2008, she was 76 years old.

NOVAK, JAMES F.

James expired on December 9, 2008, at the age of 72. His career of 36 years ended when he retired from Wells High School in 1993.

O'LAUGHLIN, JOY F.

Née Fortino. Joy retired from the Christopher School in 1981, ending a 20-year career. On January 2, 2009, when she passed on, she was 90 years old.

O'NEILL, FREDRICK R.

Fredrick retired as in 1986 from the Washburne Trade School ending a 22-year career. At the end of his life on March 15, 2009, he was 84 years old.

OBERT, DAWNA G.

Née Groom. After teaching 20 years, Dawna resigned in 2006 from Sauganash School. She succumbed at the age of 73 on March 3, 2009.

OKEREAFOR, RIVERS E.

Née Millner. When she retired from Pershing in 1993, Rivers ended a career of 32 years. She was 72 when her life came to a close on March 23, 2009.

ORMSBY, ELIZABETH.

Née Forkin. Elizabeth served the Chicago Public Schools for 28 years, retiring from the Sutherland School in 1984. She was 92 when death took her on January 11, 2009.

PATTERSON, RONALD G.

A teacher in the Doolittle East School when he retired in 1991 after 34 years, Ronald passed away on February 17, 2009, at the age of 77 years.

PETERS, KENNETH R.

His 24-year teaching career ended when Kenneth retired from Farren in 2000. He was 81 when his life ended on February 16, 2009.

PETERSON, CLIFFORD S.

On March 26, 2009, life came to a close for Clifford at the age of 82. He had been a Substitute Teacher at the City Colleges, retiring in 1989 at the end of a nine-year career.

PIGUES, MILDRED I.

Née Johnson. A teacher in the Donoghue School when she retired in 1994 after 38 years, Mildred passed away on March 7, 2009, at the age of 85 years.

PLATKUS, EDWARD W.

Edward's career of 35 years came to an end as he left Gage Park High School in 1994. When he passed away on November 18, 2008, he had reached the age of 66.

POLLYEA, MIRIAM.

When she retired in 1983 from the Blaine School, Miriam. had taught for 23 years. She was 96 years of age at her death on January 22, 2009.

POWE, VIRGINIA M.

Née Snyses. Virginia retired from the Dixon School in 1981 after a career that lasted for 21 years. She expired on January 5, 2009, at the age of 89 years.

PRYOR, MARYJO.

In 1994, Maryjo retired from South Loop School after 32 years of teaching. On January 27, 2009, she passed on at the age of 78 years.

RADEK, RITA M.

When she resigned after 26 years in 2005, Rita was at the Merrill School. On March 24, 2009, she died at the age of 69.

RADER, HERSCHEL.

When he resigned from Johnson School in 1987, Herschel capped a 36-year career. He was 82 when he died on February 4, 2009.

RAINES, HERMAN K.

Last assigned to Kennedy King High School, Herman retired in 1982 after 10 years of service. He passed away on January 3, 2009, at 93 years of age.

REGULUS, JOEL.

When he retired in 2006 from the Swift Elementary School, Joel had taught for 33 years. He was 59 years of age at his death on December 8, 2008.

RICHARDSON, RHODA R.

Née Williams. Rhoda died on March 9, 2009, at the age of 66 years. She retired from the Higgins Comm Acad in 1998 after a career of 31 years.

RIORDAN, MARION E.

Marion resigned from the Byrne School in 1980 after a 42-year career, and died on December 30, 2008, at the age of 93 years.

ROBERTS, LORRAINE.

Née Janda. Lorraine retired in 1981 from Morgan Park High School ending a 33-year career with one year of teaching outside the Chicago system.. At the end of her life on November 20, 2008, she was 85 years old.

ROBINSON, OLLIE R.

Resignation in 2004 from the Carver Middle School ended Ollie's 34 year career. Death came on March 1, 2009, at the age of 64 years.

ROBY, CAMILLE J.

Née Carter. Camille's 36-year career ended when she left Bradwell in 1991. She was 76 years old when she died on January 2, 2009.

ROSS, REJOYNER E.

Née Smith. When she retired from Spaulding School in 1992, Rejoyner ended a career that included 16 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed her on December 9, 2008, at the age of 89 years.

ROYCE, MARY L.

Née Urbanski. Mary was 60 years old at her death on February 22, 2009. She resigned from Sutherland School in 2004 after 26 years in Chicago.

SALINAS, MICAELINA V.

Née Deleon. When her life ended on January 1, 2009, Micaelina was 85 years old. Her retirement in 1985 from Hibbard marked the end of a 21-year career.

SANDERS, MICHELE M.

Michele had taught for eight years when she retired as a **Substitute Teacher** in 2004. She was 46 when her life ended on March 27, 2009.

SCHULTZ, BARBARA M.

Née Ryzek. Barbara retired from Sheridan in 1994 after teaching for 38 years. On December 19, 2008, she died at age 73.

SCORZA, ARNOLD.

Arnold resigned from Taft High School in 1975 after 24 years. He was 91 when he expired on December 1, 2008.

SHARKEY, ELIZABETH.

Née Tierney. Elizabeth was with the Chicago Public Schools for 22 years when she retired from Scanlon School in 1976. At the time of her death on February 16, 2009, she was 92 years of age.

SHUMARD, ELLEN B.

When she retired from Kelly High School in 2000, Ellen ended a career that included 20 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed her on 84, at the age of February 25, 2009 years.

SILVERMAN, ALBERT.

When he left Wright College in 1983, Albert put a 12-year career to an end. His life ended on November 21, 2008, at the age of 89.

SLATON, PEARL J.

Née Joseph. Pearl was at Mckinley High School when she retired in 1995 after a nine-year teaching career. She was 89 at the time of her death on December 17, 2008.

SMITH, CORA LEE.

Née Johnson. On January 13, 2009, life came to a close for Cora Lee at the age of 66. She had been at the Fermi School, retiring in 2006 at the end of a 43-year career in the schools.

SNOW, ROSEMAE B.

Née Brooks. Rosemae passed away on March 17, 2009, at the age of 89 years. She retired from the Rogers School in 1975, ending a career that spanned 31 years.

SOMMERS, LAWRENCE E.

Lawrence died on January 25, 2009, at the age of 84. His career of 15 years ended when he left the City Colleges in 1991.

SOTO,PABLO.

Pablo ended a 13-year career when he resigned from the Chopin School in 2008. At his death on January 21, 2009, he was 52 years old.

SOTOMAYOR, AMELIA.

Née Valazquez. A teacher for 10 years, Amelia. was at Wells High School when she retired in 2002. She passed on at the age of 50 on January 11, 2009.

SPAIN, EDITH V.

Née Verdum. Edith resigned in 1993 from Kozminski, ending a 35-year time span in the Chicago system. She was 84 at the time of her death on March 21, 2009.

STRINGER, SADIE C.

Née Chisholm. On December 21, 2008, when she was 79, death claimed Sadie. She had taught 37 years when she resigned from the Morgan Park High School in 1994.

STULL-PETTA, ANN.

Née Stull. After 29 years, Ann. resigned from Kelly High School in 1984. Death took her on March 9, 2009; she was 83 at the time.

SULLIVAN, SEAN EDGAR.

In 2007, Sean resigned from the C.B. York Alternative High School after a 35-year career. When he expired on March 6, 2009, he was 59 years old.

SUTOR, DOLORES B.

Née Czarney. When she retired from Libby in 1993, Dolores' career spanned 35 years. At the end of her life on March 9, 2009, she was 81 years of age.

SWETS, KAREN K.

Née Atterbury Karen passed on at the age of 66 on March 13, 2009. Her four-year career ended when she left the City Colleges in 1998.

TIRITILLI, JULIO N.

After 39 years in Chicago Schools, Julio retired from Taft High School in 1994. He was 80 when he expired on February 24, 2009.

TOMEK, GEORGE E.

When he retired from Tilden High School in 1993, George ended a career of 38 years. He was 78 when his life came to a close on January 29, 2009.

TRYCHTA, HARRY.

On February 6, 2009, Harry passed on at the age of 83 years. He had spent 41 years in the schools when he resigned from Washinton Irving School in 1991.

UMBLES, LEE R.

Lee ended a 38-year career by resigning from the Phillips Academy in 1995, and on December 1, 2008, expired after reaching 76 years of age.

WAGNER, LOUIS A.

At the age of 99, Louis passed away on February 24, 2009. He was at Lakeview High School in 1970 when he ended a 28-year career in the Chicago system.

WALKER, BETTY B.

Née O'Connor. Betty resigned from Chicago Vocational High School in 1981 after a three-year career. She was 90 years old when she died on January 10, 2009.

WARREN, LESLIE F.

Née Campbell. Leslie had taught for 10 years when she retired in 1988 from the Urban Youth Program. At the end of her life on January 7, 2009, she was 67 years of age.

WASHINGTON, BETTY JEAN.

Née Noiles. Betty Jean left the Truth Primary School in 1983 after a career that spanned 21 years. She expired at the age of 82, on January 26, 2009.

WASHINGTON, CORNELIUS.

After a career of one year, Cornelius retired as a Substitute Teacher in 2005. He died on September 3, 2008, at the age of 55.

WASHINGTON, ERNESTINE L.

Née Long. Ernestine was at Woodson South when she retired in 1983 after a 30-year career. She was 89 when she died on February 25, 2009.

WATSON, MARY JANE.

Mary Jane was associated with the Chicago Schools for 22 years, the last at the Gillespie School, where retired in 2005. She also taught two years outside the Chicago system. She was 64 years old when death took her on January 22, 2009.

WEBB, MARION.

Death on February 1, 2009, at age 80 was the final event of Marion's life, after resignation from King High School in 1992 ended a 28-year career.

WHITE, MELVA.

Née Sanders. When she retired in 1996 as a Substitute Teacher, Melva had taught for one year. She was 49 years of age at her death on December 3, 2008.

WHYTE, JOHN K.

John was at Roosevelt High School when he retired in 1999. His career spanned 38 years, and he succumbed at the age of 72 on December 10, 2008.

WIEGMAN, HAZEL C.

Née Colberg. Hazel left King Elementary School in 1981 after teaching for 16 years. She left us at the age of 92 on November 3, 2008.

WINOGRAD, ETTA S.

Née Shapiro. In 1975, Etta retired from Beaubien after 35 years of teaching. On November 29, 2008, she passed on at the age of 98 years.

WITRY, SUSAN MARY.

Née Riley. In 2008, when she retired from the Einstein School, Susan ended her 34-year career with the Chicago School system. On December 17, 2008, her life ended after 59 years.

WOODLEY, E.

Née Easton. When Louise retired from Head Start in 1966, she ended a 38-year career with two additional years of teaching outside Chicago. She expired on February 16, 2009, having achieved the age of 109 years.

WYSOCKI, FLORENCE O.

Née O'Neill. After a career that lasted 34 years, Florence retired from Kinzie in 1990. She was 83 when she died on March 11, 2009.

YASSINGER, HELENE.

Her 26-year teaching career ended when Helene retired from Otis in 2002. She was 57 when her life ended on December 24, 2008.

YIM, MARIA C.

Née Cheng. Maria taught at the Haines School until she retired in 1999, after 30 years. On December 28, 2008, she passed away at the age of 73.

YOUNG, EVELYN L.

Née Jones. At the age of 80, Evelyn passed away on December 26, 2008. She was at Sexton in 1991 when she ended a 38-year career in the Chicago system.

ZAGONE, FLEMME MAE.

Née Giancola. Her 37-year career ended at the Oriole Park School in 1987 when Flemme Mae retired. Death came for her on March 17, 2009, at the age of 86.

ZIMMER, PAUL L.

After a career that spanned 27 years, Paul retired from Chicago Vocational High School in 1984. He expired on December 13, 2008, at the age of 89.



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invites you to join RTAC Friends and Board Members
at the

83rd Annual Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, May 27, 2009
11:45 AM until 2:30 PM

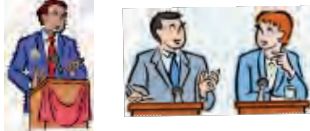
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The Wonderfully Renovated Palmer House Hilton
Grand Ballroom (4th Floor)

YOU MAY ENTER THE HOTEL FROM WABASH AVE., STATE, OR MONROE STREETS

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~SPECIAL GUESTS~



WALTER PILDITCH, MARY SHARON REILLY AND JAMES F. WARD
Your RTAC ENDORSED Pension Board Trustees

Parking is convenient at 55 East Monroe, the Grant Park North Garage at Monroe and Michigan
or on Adams between State and Wabash.

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GUESTS FROM THE PENSION FUND, UNION, PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION AND THE LEGISLATURE HAVE BEEN INVITED

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Gift Certificate

>>>>>MANY DOOR PRIZES AND A SPECIAL RAFFLE WILL BE HELD!<<<<<
Complete and cut here! Mail to RTAC today!
ENCLOSED FIND: \$_____ FOR _____ MEMBER TICKETS AT \$45 EACH AND
\$_____ FOR _____ GUEST TICKETS AT \$50 EACH

NO INCREASE FROM 2008!!!!

ALTHOUGH DOWNTOWN HOTEL LUNCHEON PRICES HAVE GONE UP SIGNIFICANTLY,
RTAC STILL SUBSIDIZES A SIZABLE PORTION OF EACH TICKET'S PRICE!
ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUEST MUST BE MADE WITH THIS RESERVATION.
ONLY A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF SPECIAL REQUESTS CAN BE HONORED.

MEMBER'S NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____

TO ASSIST IN AN RTAC SURVEY, PLEASE TELL US THE YEAR YOU RETIRED _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PAID GUESTS' NAMES: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **SPRING '09 LUNCHEON**

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RETIRE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

20 E. JACKSON BLVD. - SUITE 1500 CHICAGO, IL 60604-2235

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL: 312.939.3327

SORRY, NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON. FINAL DEADLINE: MAY 15TH.

WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCOMODATE WALK-INS!

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NOT AN RTAC MEMBER AND STILL WANT THE SPECIAL LOWER RTAC MEMBER PRICE?
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Enhancing Your Life
. . . . Since 1926!**

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR 83RD ANNIVERSARY!
HEAR THE LATEST ON OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA!
MEET YOUR RTAC ENDORSED PENSION TRUSTEES!**

WALTER PILDITCH, MARY SHARON REILLY and JIM WARD

BRING YOUR COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS!

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MAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!

*Great door prizes to be given away!
A special Raffle will be held!*