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TO ALL RTAC MEMBERS



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RTAC invites you to mail your typed article to Rosemary Tirio, 6235 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, IL 60646 or email it to rtac_editor@comcast.net. Mail handwritten articles to the RTAC office. **Deadline for the next issue is MARCH 15.**

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FOR MORE RTAC NEWS AND PHOTOS,
GO TO 'THE GREEN EDITION' AT RTAC.ORG.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NEW CHALLENGES FOR RTAC

Your pension is guaranteed by Illinois law, and, once received, cannot be reduced. In January 2010, you also saw a cost of living increase. Can you say, "I have nothing to worry about, I will receive a monthly income for life"? No! Pensioners are at the mercy of the Illinois General Assembly. As with all laws, how a law is administered can be changed and lawmakers have the ability to redirect State funding.

As you are aware, the State of Illinois is experiencing funding problems. When this happens, lawmakers will review all funding sources provided by the State to determine if changes can be made in distributing these funds with the idea that funding sources may be reduced.

RTAC is facing new challenges. Presently, you are provided with a health insurance rebate. In the previous year, the State of Illinois provided funding in the amount of \$65 million. For the year 2009-2010, this amount has been cut in half to \$32.5 million. If additional funding is not forthcoming, the insurance rebate for our membership will be cut. For the next six months, the primary concern of RTAC will be to work closely with the State legislature to restore this funding and to increase the amount of the rebate. The cost of health care continues to increase. State legislators must be encouraged to support legislation that allows for an increase in the amount of money

earmarked for retiree health insurance. The RTAC officers, lobbyists and legal staff are dedicated to working toward this end, but RTAC will only be effective with additional help.



Vaughn J. Barber

RTAC has over 11,000 members and each of its members has representatives in Springfield. Each year, your Senator and Representative vote in your behalf. Let's make that vote count. How will your state Senator and State Representative vote when a Bill is introduced to cut funding for retired teachers or to increase funding for Health Insurance/? Your State Legislators need to vote your wishes for for that to happen. They need to hear from YOU. Don't take this lightly-YOU have the power to educate and influence their vote.

RTAC needs YOUR help! If you, like many other pensioners, realize the urgent need to protect your benefits but just do not know how, join the RTAC team. Contact your Senator and State Representative. (Call **PROJECT VOTESMART 1-888-868-3762** for your representatives' names and numbers.)

In addition, contact members of the Senate Pension and Investments Committee and the House Personnel and Pensions Committee. Use the following email addresses and telephone numbers of committee members to contact them and ask them to vote to restore and increase funding for our insurance rebate.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for voting for our endorsed candidates for Pension Fund Trustees. The actual figures are elsewhere in the News Bulletin, but, needless to say, Walter Pilditch, Mary Sharon Reilly and James F. Ward won with a substantial lead over all other candidates. Thank you again! Now Walter, Mary Sharon and Jim can get back to the real work of the Pension Fund--assuring that the funds are safe, earning as high a rate as possible in this economic environment, protecting our pension and protecting our health care rebate.



Robert F. Bures

We have a critical legislative situation on our hands. All of us must work together to solve this crisis. Because of the fiscal difficulties in Illinois, the Governor and the General Assembly only allocated ONE HALF of the usual amount that is allocated to the pension fund to assist with our health care costs. Of the usual \$75 million, we received only \$37.5 million. You can easily see how this would affect our rebate. Although there have been promises that the "other" \$37.5 million will be forthcoming in early 2010, I hear rumors that this will have to wait until after the Feb. 2 primary election. H-mmmmmmmmmmm! What's going on in those smoke-filled rooms in Springfield? That's why it's important to call and visit your state legislators. I've provided the ways (**See the back page of this issue**) to find out who your legislators are and to get their phone numbers and addresses so that you can visit them. As the famous saying goes: JUST DO IT!

Equally important is attending our May 2010

luncheon and showing our strength to the Governor and the Legislators. Although we have not selected a specific date yet, we'll be sending you an invitation flyer as plans and details of the luncheon emerge. Watch your mailbox for this information. Believe me, legislators are impressed when RTAC can show that 800,900 or 1,000 members show up.

I want you to know that RTAC has two new directors--Robert V. Cunningham and David Peterson. Both are active annuitants and know the CPS "system." They will make very positive and important recommendations and suggestions. Already they are attending Board meetings and adding to the dialog on how best to assist annuitants in fulfilling our motto: Protecting Your Pension and Enhancing Your Life ... Since 1926!" Thank you, gentlemen for volunteering your time, talent and energy to RTAC.

Although it's still quite cold and the weather is frightful, if you find yourself in the Loop, shopping, touring or just down for lunch, stop by our office at 20 East Jackson Boulevard - Suite 1500. We will give you a cup of tea or coffee, a bottle of water and even a slice of coffee cake (if any is left from the a.m.) You can put up your tired feet for a minute and chat with our staff. We'll even watch your shopping bags until 3 p.m. if you're going back for a second round of shopping.

On a personal note, I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays and will have a Happy, Safe, Prosperous 2010!

RTAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HONORED

Bob Bures recently was selected as Man of the Year from his home town, Western Springs, for outstanding civic service to his village. Bob served 12 years as Chair of the Transportation and Safety Commission, a term as Village Trustee, Chair of the Finance Committee of the Village, and currently serves as Commissioner of the Mental Health Commission of Lyons Township. Additionally he is active in his church, many civic and social organizations, business groups and he volunteers often. A grand banquet was held recently at a local country club in his honor. Congratulats Bob!

SPECIAL NOTICE RE: IDENTITY THEFT

Due to the alarming rise in Identity Theft throughout the world and the escalating cost of providing such insurance free to our members, RTAC will no longer be offering this benefit, effective January 1, 2010.

RTAC does recommend that members investigate Identity Theft policies that best suit their needs from an independent insurance broker.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



[See Election Returns, page 8]

Re-elected RTAC-endorsed Pension Trustees paused for a thank-you photo to express their gratitude to the many RTAC members who voted for them in the recent Chicago Teachers Pension Fund Trustee election. Each RTAC candidate had more than seven thousand votes, far outdistancing the opposing candidates. Your continued confidence and support is much appreciated. [See Election Returns page 8] (From left) Walter Pilditch, Mary Sharon Reilly and James F. Ward won reelection by substantial margins due to the support of RTAC members.

Introducing . . .

NEW RTAC DIRECTORS FILL VACANCIES

Two new directors were elected by acclamation at the Fall Luncheon to fill the vacancies of the retiring Samuel Altshuler and John Tintiangco.

David T. Peterson's goals as newly elected RTAC director are to increase membership and to concentrate on legislation affecting retired teachers. Before teachers retire, he would like to have RTAC contact them through the pension representatives and principals in the schools and let them know that, "When you retire, the only organization that will support you is RTAC."

Regarding legislation, Dave said RTAC members need to "listen to our lobbyists. They know what they [our representatives] are doing."

An RTAC member since his 1993 retirement, Dave has also been active in the Chicago Teachers Union and the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association. Starting his career as a second grade teacher at Grant Elementary School, Dave also taught Social Studies at Marshall, Prosser, and Garfield Park UGC, and was a principal for 27 years at Sullivan and Wells high schools.

The recipient of many blessings, Robert V. Cunningham brings many talents to his new role as RTAC



Newly elected RTAC directors David T. Peterson (left) and Robert V. Cunningham

director. For one, he has been an ordained minister for the past 28 years. He also brings a fine talent as a singer and director from his extensive musical background.

Add to that his 31 years of teaching English and Social Studies and his experience as an adjunct professor of English at South Suburban College, and RTAC members will appreciate it when Robert says his goal is to give RTAC all the help it can use. He stands ready to do "whatever is needed."

An RTAC member since his 2001 retirement, Robert said he will emphasize our concerns with pension legislation and "push hard to have members feel they are a part of it and are not just reading about it in the *News Bulletin*."

PENSION NOTES

James F. Ward

When you read this in 2010 the veto session will be over and we will know a whole lot more about the future of our health insurance rebate plan. Now, and then, I would ask pensioners to attend Pension Board meetings, the dates of which are published on the web at CTPF.org. The reason I ask is that, after forty years of watching various parliamentary mischief, I sense the possibility of some Pension Board members taking the position that because the State of Illinois has reduced the CTPF state appropriation this year by 50% then the current rebate of 70% of pensioner insurance costs should be cut in half as well.



James F. Ward

There is literally no connection between the law that grants the rebate and the state appropriation bill that flows from a completely different section of the law. The rebate law states unequivocally that the only limitation on the rebate expenditure each year is \$65,000,000. The rebate percentage may have to be cut for a good reason. In 2004 when we passed the \$65,000,000 cap there were only 16,290 pensioners. In 2008 we had 23,920 pensioners. It is easy arithmetic to see that \$65 million divided by 24,000 is going to be a lot smaller benefit than \$65 million divided by 16,000. RTAC, CTPF, and the CTU have backed

increases in this cap since 2004, to no avail. That is the problem: a fixed appropriation being spread over a fast-growing pension roll.

Why did some people tie the state appropriation to the rebate law? It was for practical reasons. We know the State Teachers asked the IRS if they could pay rebates from their pension fund. IRS said no and imposed a small fine when the TRS paid rebates. Management of the CTPF takes the position that the \$65 million rebate can be said to “come from the state” and not from the Fund. Any new IRS lawyer would likely punch holes in this argument, but we have clung to it just in case.

Coincidentally, the state appropriations have been \$65 million for years, far less than was promised in the law (40 ILCS 5/17 129), which states, “The General Assembly finds that for many years the State has contributed to the [CTPF] Fund an annual amount that is between 20% and 30% of the amount of the annual State contribution to the Article 16 [Downstate Teachers] retirement system, and the General Assembly declares that it is its goal and intention to continue this level of contribution to the Fund in the future.” Yeah, right!

Walter Pilditch

Reporting on the entire economy, during the last quarter there was strong performance in the equity markets. It would appear investors are gaining confidence in a stabilization of our economy. The positive signs included: higher stock prices and a slowing of the decline in home prices.



Walter Pilditch

Negatively, the unemployment figure passed the ten percent mark and oil prices have risen. Overall the annualized growth was 3.5%. Value stocks passed up growth stocks. Small cap values outperformed during the past quarter. A good number of companies showed higher earnings, some by as much as ten percent. A few of these are: Alcoa, JPMorgan Chase, Intel Corporation and Caterpillar.

The current value of our fund is \$8.9 billion, an increase of 0.8 billion from the last quarter. The fund returned 12.5%, net-of-fees during this quarter and it ranks in the top half of the Total Funds Public Universe. Domestically, our equity segment was in line with the Russell 3000 Index. The international segment is lagging but the active fixed income segment outperformed during this quarter. Firms that outpaced the median include Waddell and Reed, Holland, and Zevenbergen. Attucks and Progress funds are above the average in returns.

Other firms doing well include UIM, Taplin, Canida and Habacht and Western. Our investments in infrastructure including JPMorgan and Macquarie had positive results this quarter. In conclusion, the future is brighter, but investments have much more to go.

In conclusion, the recession is nearing an end even though the elevated unemployment shows the economy will remain weak.

PENSION NOTES

Mary Sharon Reilly

The CTPF Pension Laws and Rules Committee is responsible for legislative issues and the By-laws of CTPF. At this time, formulating the 2010 Legislative Agenda has been accomplished by the committee.

- CTPF 2010 Legislative Proposals Provide minimum survivor benefit payable upon death of teacher or pensioner which occurred prior to 12/31/86.
- Provide for ad-hoc lite increase for those on pension prior to 1980.
- Health insurance rebate of 75%, no cap.
- Increases the maximum total payments for health insurance rebate to \$100 million.
- Provide for dependent beneficiary (parent or disabled child) eligibility for a survivor pension.
- Service requirement for benefits after termination.
- Allow 2.2 benefit for all teachers without the



Mary Sharon Reilly

cost to upgrade; allow refunds of 2.2 upgrade costs to all teachers.

- Provide for a service retirement pension for members with 10 or more years and a minimum age of 60 years.
- 5+5 Early Retirement Incentive Program.
- Provide 80% maximum pension percentage.
- Automatic annual increase of 3% beginning one year following retirement.
- Additional tax levy .1%
- Provide pension fund survivor benefits to domestic partners.
- When the General Assembly convenes in January the process of seeking sponsors and bill numbers will begin.

For Illinois retirees, continue to communicate with your legislators on a regular basis. Especially, when pension issues occur, enlist their support.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

James F. Ward

The short veto session of the Illinois General Assembly was over by early November. It was disappointing that none of the RTAC proposals regarding benefit enhancements ever got out of their respective committee because the legislators were cutting budgets to balance the state's revenues and expenditures. It was a fight simply to keep what we have in the funding law. The main adversary was the Chicago Public Schools, who continually introduce bills to reduce their required contributions to the Pension Fund.

The CPS attempted to add a CTPF contribution reduction to a senate bill that would have reduced contributions to downstate police and fire pension funds. The Police/Fire people wanted a one-year holi-

day and the municipalities wanted two years. There was no agreement, however, and the bill died.

Whenever CEO Huberman of the CPS speaks, he blames the Pension Fund for his financial problems. He does this despite knowing what was due since the law was passed in 1995. CPS was happy when the Pension Fund had over a 90% ratio of assets to liabilities because the CPS had to make no pension contributions. Now that the law requires CPS payments, the CPS simply thinks it is time to change the law.

Is that how CPS treats teachers? Are teachers to make life and career decisions based on long-standing law that might be changed capriciously by the CPS? Not a very good idea.

SATELLITE DOINGS



SAN DIEGO

On October 13, the San Diego Satellite had a luncheon/business meeting at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Carlsbad, California. Forty-two notices were mailed; 17 people responded. The postal service did not return any mail from the non-responders showing non-delivery, so it must be assumed that the recipients were not able to make the event.

Participants were Dorothy Benshop, Jack and Frances Blumenthal, Sam Dolnick, Ruth Harris, Sylvia Kayser, Nancy Lewis, Paul Mooney, Ellen Perry, Evalyn and Arthur Schiff, Clem and Rose Schulman, Irene and Angelo Sharres, and John Wilson. Carol Mooney, who made a reservation, was unable to attend and asked that her money be sent to the Teachers Aid Fund as the restaurant did not charge for non-attendees.

Luncheon arrangements were made by Carol Mooney. Sam Dolnick reported that the savings account was closed out as approved at the prior April meeting. The balance of \$300 was sent as a donation to the Teachers Aid Fund. 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.

The next luncheon/business meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 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.

SAVE THE DATE, S.W. FLORIDA SATELLITE

Genevieve (Jean) Wise, a Chicago "Snowbird" tells us that the next luncheon/meeting of the Southwest Florida Satellite will take place Monday, March 15, 2010, at the Villages at Country Creek in Estero, Fla., the same location as the 2008 get-together. The Villages at Country Creek is located at 21131 Country Creek Dr, Estero, FL 33928, (941) 947-3840. Jean will be hostess for the 2010 luncheon. For reservations call 239-947-7949.

PENSION FUND TRUSTEE ELECTION RETURNS:

PENSIONER TRUSTEE

Terri Katsulis	4,615	14.32%
Walter E. Pilditch*	7,487	23.24%
Louis Pyster	3,079	9.56%
Mary Sharon Reilly*	7,854	24.38%
James F. Ward*	7,153	22.20%

*RTAC-endorsed candidates say, "Thanks again for your support!"

RTAC DIRECTOR ALTSHULER RETIRES



First Vice President Steven Kailes presented retiring Director Samuel Altshuler with an RTAC wristwatch in recognition of his many years of service to the organization. Steve said there were many times when he called upon Sam for advice during his years on the RTAC Board

AID FUND RECEIVES LARGE BEQUEST IN TIME FOR HOLIDAY GRANTS

By Steven A. Kailes
President, Teacher Aid Fund

The Aid Fund is appreciative of a most generous bequest from the Frances H. Knaphurst estate. This gift makes it possible to give an added grant this December to our recipients to make their holiday a little happier.

Please consider making a bequest to the Aid Fund. You can call our RTAC President, Vaughn J. Barber, at our office, for advice (312-838-3327). Or, if you wish to make the Aid Fund your beneficiary on any of your savings or financial accounts, please bear in mind that no extra paperwork is involved.

CRTAF: THE POWER TO CHANGE LIVES

Do you know a retired teacher in really difficult financial circumstances? Bank on their back? Car Payment late? Can't pay the mortgage? Medical bills piling up? Maybe it's even YOU!

If you or a friend are in such need during these difficult times, call CRTAF today for an application or fill out the application below and send it to the RTAC office.



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The Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust is seeking volunteers to assist at both Wright's Robie House in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood and the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio in Oak Park. A two week spring volunteer training session at Robie House begins February 23 and at the Home and Studio March 9. Interested parties

are encouraged to contact the Preservation Trust before the two-week training begins.

Interested parties contact the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust by February 15 to receive pre-course materials. For more information please visit GoWright.org or call 708-725-3818.

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The minimum donation is \$10 for each name listed.

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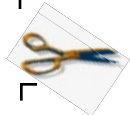
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[Editor's Note: RTAC regrets that, due to budgetary considerations, it is not possible to present our Friends Gone Ahead section as in the past. Be assured that all of the pertinent information provided by the Pension Board is included here.]

Name	Date	Age	Retired /School	CPS Service/Other		
Virgie M. (Smith) Alfred	8/9	84	1995 Ross	29		
Anne U. Alt	11/15	81	1989 Phillips	38		
Nancy J. Apke	11/20	59	2009 Hancock	34		
Doris J. Bailey	11/11	64	2009 Fairfield	28		
Anthony Ball	10/20	86	1988 Gary	33		
Jane C. (Heaphy) Barun	9/22	83	1987 Cooper	34		
Pauline (Schwartz) Baughan	11/12	84	1986 McPhearson	36		
Barbara J. (Walz) Becker	7/31	71	1994 Goethe	26		
Louisea T. Bell	10/9	80	1993 Jenner	29		
Nelson T. Benson	9/25	90	1984 Coordinator	27	3	
George S. Block	9/9	85	1990 Darwin	20		
Robert Bomer	9/6	81	1998 Central Office	31		
Elsie A. (Hemstreet) Bond	7/16	86	1990 District 4	26		
Charles R. Bondurant	7/25	74	1993 Frazier	35		Ass't. Principal
Edward J. Boucher	12/14	86	1977 Lindblom	22		
Gable Brown	7/29	88	1988 Yale	21		
William J. Bryant	11/23	94	1980 Deneen	38	1	
Maxine F. (Kudland) Buckman	8/29	66	2009 Budlong	35		
Helen L. Burnett	9/26	87	1989 Fenger	24		
Lottie (Washington) Cage	7/24	74	1999 Morton Career	38		
Rose M. (Samuel) Cartwright	11/18	68	2004 Garvey	30		
Eldridge Catledge	10/3	65	2005 Harlan	34		
Ernest Chestang	11/21	83	1987 Volta	27		
Nora (Rivituso) Clarke	9/23	79	1995 Belding	38		
Betsy (Tyrrell) Clayton	9/15	94	1985 Medill	30	8	Principal
Martha (Doheny) Cleveland	9/10	95	1981 Parkside	36		
Helen M. (Condon) Coe	11/10	99	1976 Dawes	26	2	Principal
Gwendolyn (Simmons) Coleman	9/17	86	1981 Gillespie	29		
Nedra L. Collins	9/2	77	1994 Carter	39		
Mary T. (Prendergast) Conley	10/15	101	1968 Eberhart	40		Librarian
Martha (Weiler) Corr	10/7	78	1993 Sauganash	37		
Cuna, Antonio R.	7/19	85	1994 Farragut	15		
Marcella (James) Davis	8/23	83	1989 Attucks	38		Principal
Sylvia E. (Greenberg) Davis	10/24	98	1976 Waller	14		
Mary E.(Beal)DeYoung	10/6	93	1978 Cullen	15		
Michael L. Disa	10/10	70	1999 Curie	38		
Pedrito Divinagracia	10/27	67	2004 Farragut	17		
Mary Ellen Dolan	12/20	81	1996 Bell	24		
Annie R. (Heidelberg) Donelson	10/5	80	1993 Westcott	34		
Eleanor (Eigengauer) Dudich	8/17	84	1991 DuBois	38		
William B. Duffie	12/21	74	1999 Orr	34		
Winifred E. Duncan	11/1	77	1991 Central Office	37		

Name	Date	Age	Retired /School	CPS Service/Other		
Willie Mae (Woods) Dunn	9/15	81	1992 Farady	37	3	
Albert A. Durdik	7/27	92	1979 Burroughs	13		
Margaret R. (Levin) Fox	8/28	88	1979 Sullivan	22	5	
Quillen L. Fox	9/19	91	1988 Goethe	23	2	
Razia (Atlaf) Gailani	11/20	69	1999 Spaulding	25		
Harriet (Stern) Garfield,	9/15	89	1985 Einstein	17		
Almeta (Wright) Gary	8/22	72	1994 Smyth	38		
Marcella (Comer) Gillie	10/31	75	1994 Bass	37	1	Principal
Leona (Skindzl) Glowienke	10/30	89	1982 Thorp	19		
Arnold W. Gordon	9/30	85	1994 City Colleges	11		
Helen F. Gorman	8/7	102	1973 Peck	38		
Claudia (Schlick) Goudschaal	11/14	81	1986 Ebinger	35		
Margaret Burke Gray	9/19	94	1979 Canty	33		
Robert E. Hagan	11/25	87	1985 Inter-American	33		Principal
Alice Leen Halloran	10/12	90	1980 Burroughs	26		
Robert M. Hambric	8/21	70	2004 Simeon	41		
Lenore (Feuerstein) Hammerman	11/20	80	1987 Taylor	25		
Vera (Antimenik) Harrington	8/26	81	2000 Reilly	38		
Mary (Levin) Harris	8/23	96	1975 Jones	19	5	
Marian (Shaw) Harrop	8/05	90	1977 Clay	30	3	
Patricia (Hockstad) Healy	8/21	78	1994 Funston	31		
George L. Hill	7/14	83	1988 Lovett	22		
Edward Hillery	9/26	75	1993 Indust. Skill Ctr.	34		
Novia (Johnson) Hood	10/29	97	1977 Aldrige	23		
A. Lucille (Barnes) Hopkins	9/24	68	1994 Corliss	38		
James F. Hurley	9/2	79	1991 City Colleges	10		
Sharonjoy A. (Cross) Jackson	8/10	64	2001 Graham Cntr.	36		
Catherine K. (Eck) Jasch	9/18	98	1976 Ravenswood	18		
Barbara Spears Johnson	9/10	77	1993 City Colleges	16		
Laura (Facey) Johnson	11/18	85	1992 Collins	29		
Leon L. Johnson	12/26	67	2001 Williams	37		
June R. Kakacek	11/4	80	1988 Whitney	36	1	
Dermott P. Kane	11/28	72	2002 Central Office	27		Administrator
Catherine Mary Keefe	10/6	76	1993 Stock	34		
Mary E. (Brown) Kelley	8/13	98	1976 Erickson	11		
Betty (Hardy) Kelly	11/14	82	1988 Hamilton	21		
Donna (Jacobson) Kelly	9/02	73	2006 Disney	27		
Dorthe (Greene) Kelly	11/22	88	1981 Bond	20		
Raymond T. Kelly	11/13	70	1993 Calumet	38		
Sharon S. Khamis	12/21	68	1993 Morse	29		
Mildred (Gainer) Kirsh	9/7	89	1982 Fulton	10	7	
Donna L. Klopke	9/14	62	2004 Curie	35		
Henrietta (Burnmeister) Lakin	8/6	98	1972 Schurz	32		
Roberta L. Lakin	9/30	68	2004 Alcott	42		
Patricia M. Lasar	9/25	78	1996 Ellington	42		Ass't. Principal
Frances (Gayden) Lawrence	8/21	76	2000 Terrell	39		
David R. Layman	10/28	74	1995 Schurz	40		

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Rochelle (Hirschman) Lee	10/10	87	1988 Mayer	20 2
Virginia A. (Mulholland) Lee	9/26	74	1997 Courtenay	20
Angela Xydis Legg	9/18	81	1986 Stagg	32
Sadie E.(Storzbach) Lussenhop	10/9	101	1973 City Colleges	18 7
Arthur J. Levin	11/28	73	1999 Dist. 10	33 Psychologist
Conrad M. Levin	8/09	83	1993 Bowen	13
Lillian M. (Harris) Lewis	8/10	79	1993 Farren	38
Dorothy (Gradman) Ludmer	8/29	91	1983 Goethe	17 8
Jay (Neigoff) Mahoney	7/21	96	1980 Jamieson	34
Patricia J. Marks	8/31	70	1993 Schurz	35
Shirley Phillips Marshall	9/3	81	1989 Thorp	33
Richard J. Maskoff	8/5	71	1997 Marshall	38
Elizabeth (Suttles) Matthews	8/16	92	1984 Ross	27 1
Glecena D. May	8/19	91	1986 District 8	25
Mary Ann (Jackson) McIntyre	12/06	73	1998 Byrne	26
Maureen T. McMahon	9/25	75	1996 Reinberg	41
Elizabeth (Wilson) McNerney	10/16	76	1988 Flower	24
Susan E. (Dorner) Miller	11/29	71	1999 Ogden	20
Portia Baker Mixon	9/3	95	1976 Cooley	11
Patricia Monroe-Taylor	9/16	68	2004 Arai	32 Principal
Harold L. Moody	10/23	77	1990 Deneen	36 Principal
Carol A. Mudra	8/28	75	1994 Burbank	31
Lois E. Martin-Robinson	11/7	75	1995 District 4	32
Bessie (Cooper) Montgomery	10/2	88	1991 Coonley	27
Vera A. (Pitts) Morris	11/11	83	1991 Sherman	38 Ass't. Principal
Harriet Mulstein	12/11	82	1993 Sheridan	38
June (Engstrom) Nadvornik	9/15	87	1977 Tonti	29
Violet M. (Pettit) Nagy	11/30	94	1975 Lawrence	21
Ann M. (Lizius) Nedza	12/24	83	1989 Barry	36
Beatrice Nelson	10/07	68	2000 Westinghouse	32
Paul E. Nessman	9/20	84	1990 CVS	31
Arthur Nortman	11/13	84	1987 Taft	25
Harriet O'Brien	12/17	88	1991 Lane Tech	41
Patricia T. (Derosier) O'Connor	10/29	80	1993 Central Office	34 Facilitator
Melita (Bloom) Parker	7/31	89	1982 Avondale	28 Ass't. Principal
William Patterson	8/23	84	1988 Audy Home	38
William G. Paulick	9/24	80	1989 Mather	37
Emily M. Peacock	8/13	77	2006 Pablo Casals	17
Bobby Pearson	8/7	70	2001 Mann	11
Adele Peck	9/6	95	1971 South Shore	21
Michael A. Peischl	11/06	61	2004 Tilden	35
Dorothy E. (Wolfenberger) Penland	10/28	94	1976 White	15 1
August H. Pens	8/3	75	1993 Wright	21
Dolores L. (Gorski) Petty	10/12	84	1989 City Colleges	13
Louis F. Pitts	11/3	78	1993 Williams	34
Willard L. Puffer	10/15	86	1983 Jackson	24 9

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Patricia (Vitello) Quintiliani	11/21	82	1991 Dever	38		
David Ray	10/24	80	2002 Jefferson	37		
Harold S. Redwood	12/02	94	1981 Luella	21		
Elizabeth (Tinker) Reuter	11/10	92	1988 Lane Tech	30		
Phyllis J. (Holland) Riley	12/06	83	1987 Robeson	18	4	
Ethel M. Rish	11/25	97	1982 Brennemann	18	1	
William B. Rivers	9/27	92	1983 Thorp	20		
Emil L. Roehl	11/20	81	1999 Roosevelt	23		
Erika (Herz) Rosenthal	12/27	95	1974 Coonley	23		
Donald M. Ross	11/8	92	1973 Wells	21		
Lucy Green Rothman	10/20	83	1988 Scanlon	19		
Suzanne (Thorp) Ryan	8/16	67	1997 Sub	16		
Sue Louik Salita	9/25	77	1987 Morse	30		Principal
Helen A. (Young) Sclair	12/16	79	1993 Gladstone	33		
Bettina (Elizer) Schwartz	12/01	94	1976 Jackson	22	10	
Irene A.(Biegaj)Scott	10/12	83	1988 Nixon	21		
Phyllis (Zimmerman) Seltzer	11/22	69	2009 Sayre	17		
David D. Shapiro	11/16	83	1993 Van Vlissingen	33		
Lincoln R.Siegel	7/29	81	1992 Sub	8		
Arline Silverman	12/09	81	1986 Foreman	36		
Eleanor (Legator) Simon	12/23	87	1982 Volta	27		
Lula (Parker) Smith	9/8	77	1992 Jackson	32		
Richard C. Smith	11/11	71	1998 Central Office	32		Administrator
Robert Solon	8/27	86	1979 Lyon	24		
Myrtle Y. (Wilson) Stacker	11/4	95	1978 Goudy	32		
Irving Stein	10/06	86	1985 Taft	34		
Rubin Steinberg	12/26	75	1995 Curie	38		
Mary I. (Frescoln) Stevenson	10/06	94	1979 Talcott	13		
Roger G. Stewart	9/5	68	1994 Whitney Young	36		
Patricia (Baran) Stozek	11/9	80	1990 Howe	29		
Lela E. (Cannon) Strapp	10/15	77	1997 Austin	38		
Helen (Posey) Strzalka	12/05	94	1980 Central Office	28	6	Psychologist
Miye (Ito) Sumita	9/3	86	1988 Whitney Young	10		
Joseph J. Tadelman	11/18	89	1985 Kelvyn Park	39		
Fay (Coco) Taylor	12/16	90	1984 Mann	24		
Marilyn N. (Johnson) Taylor	10/04	65	2003 Abbott	31		
Clarence H. Thomas	12/13	89	1987 Ray	28		
Odelle P. (Nathan) Thomas	12/12	82	1996 Haugen	23		
Betty (Rogers) Thompson	9/25	65	2005 Simeon	39		Ass't. Principal
Donald M.Thompson	8/16	63	2004 Montefiore	35		
George J.Tikalsky	9/2	79	1990 Lindblom	35		
Vera A. Tomcik	9/24	79	1993 Schurz	38		
James A. Tracy	9/18	79	1997 Graham	44		
Eileen (Fitzgerald) Tucker	9/28	72	1993 Sutherland	38		
Sandra Tucker-Smith	11/16	64	2001 Douglas	27		
Marian L. Urland	12/08	101	1972 Sutherland	45		
Don H. Vandas,	9/14	84	1988 Bowen	34		
Lillian (Koplewski) Vujanich	9/12	90	1996 Dawes	46		

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Alvin Ward	11/10	74	1993 Special Needs	35 Psychologist
Cornelius R. Walker	9/6	65	2005 Oglesby	39
Eugene L. Warnik	9/12	79	1986 Fulton	30
Ronald Warren	9/2	73	1995 Dyett	38
Joyce A. (Peoples) Washington	8/27	66	1994 Westinghouse	35
Shirley (Bergman) Wasserman	10/4	88	1982 McPherson	20
Edith D. (Edgerson) Watson	12/12	82	1993 Einstein	38
Irene H. (James) Watts	8/25	82	1986 Yale	36
Phillip E. White	12/06	79	1993 Penn	38
Carolyn (Phail) Wiertelak	12/04	88	1985 Stevenson	33
Alton John Williams	10/30	68	2008 Dunbar	36
Alvin Williams	11/20	66	2003 Marshall	38
Martha E. (Hummons) Wilson	8/5	63	2005 Gale	34
Ruth Woerner	10/3	92	1981 Bogan	39 2
Doris (Adler) Wolinetz	9/16	83	1984 Henry	27 2
Norvell V. Woolfolk	10/7	81	1998 Flower	11
Mary L. (Braun) Woods,	7/31	77	1990 Dumas	30
Goldie (Markowitz) Wosk	12/16	90	1980 Substitute	15
David Wynne	8/15	71	1993 Lafayette	30
Inez V. (Zelznick) Yablong	11/4	84	1993 Kilmer	38

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.

Patricia A. Anderson
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Seungja Patricia Kim
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Elizabeth M. O'Connor
Julia L. Palos
Allegra H. Podrovsky
Freddie J. Powell
Joyce Rothman
Pamela Jo Rice
Earline M. Simmons
Bernadette Sims
Jane A. Sims
Alice Frances Smith
Ofelia Solano-Guevara
Josephine Tibbs
Paulette Trunzo
Irene S. Wasserman
Karen C. Wilson

**FORMER PRINCIPAL, RTAC OFFICE
STAFF MEMBER HONORED
BY CHICAGO STATE**

Effie Henry, retired principal of Wentworth Elementary School and a longtime staff member at the RTAC office, recently received the Excellence in Education Award from her *alma mater*, Chicago State University.



Effie Henry

Effie holds three degrees from Chicago Teachers College now known as Chicago State University. She also obtained her Type 73 and Type 75 certifications there.

Among her many awards were Teacher of the Year at Wentworth Elementary in 1970, Principal of the Year, 1995, and Principal of the Year (AIO) in 2006. She also received the "Doing the Most Good Award" from the Salvation Army in 2005.

Congratulations, Effie!

THANKS FOR THE HELP

I would like to thank all the people who sent me a message after I posted my query in your newsletter last spring. Some of your testimonies have helped me a lot. I am still looking for more personal testimonies that would describe the teachers' everyday lives in their schools and their community. If you have diaries, photographs, attendance records, certificates/diplomas, scrapbooks/news clippings/articles, if a relative was a teacher at that period and left such documents, I would still be delighted to hear from you. I am also interested in the old Teachers College (located then in Englewood) and its weekly newspaper The Normalite. My email address is sbirochau@gmail.com. You can also send mail to a friend who lives in Chicago:

Susan Keating
634 N. Marion Street
Oak Park, IL 60302

I am looking forward to hearing from you very soon. Many thanks to those of you who contributed to my dissertation. Sonia Birochau

GETTING TO KNOW OUR LEGISLATORS



Director Veronica Chemeres (left) congratulates Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor (40th) at his 27th anniversary Dinner Dance at White Eagle Restaurant, Niles, Friday, Oct. 16. Ald. O'Connor has historically been a friend to teachers and education. He chaired the Education Committee for 25 years and was instrumental in many strike negotiations. He also suggested many safety measures to ensure student safety while going to and from school and has assisted in working out many solutions with the Board of Education. Veronica represented RTAC at the Annual Autumn Dinner Dance.

FIND YOUR PHONE

By V.K. Brown, Editor Emeritus

We've all misplaced our keys or wallet at some point. Likewise, we've all hunted for a misplaced cell phone.

The easiest way to find a cell phone, of course, is to call it. You will hear your phone and be able to find it. That's easier said than done sometimes. Many have abandoned their landline and rely solely on a cell phone.

In that case, make a quick visit to WheresMy-CellPhone.com. Enter your number, and it will ring your cell phone. It's just the helping hand you need!

The site does not share or store your phone number. But you can block your number if you wish. If someone else accidentally enters your number, your phone won't ring.

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW IS ON THE RTAC WEBSITE: RTAC.ORG

RTAC Webmaster **Roy Coleman** urges members to visit our website at RTAC.ORG. REMEMBER – RTAC is YOUR pension watchdog. RTAC uses your dues to work with the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) and other bodies to insure your pension is never reduced or infringed upon.

During legislative sessions the status of various pieces of legislation will be posted and the information updated as it becomes available. In the event that legislation is introduced which would adversely impact our pension or medical reimbursement, there will be a 'Red Button' labeled "Urgent Action Needed" on the home page and everyone should take the appropriate action. In particular, RTAC is working through our lobbyist to insure that the past funding for our medical reimbursement is maintained. Additionally, in conjunction with the CTPF, we are working to increase the dollar amount available and allowable to maintain the 70% reimbursement.

We are also working with an organization (ssfairness.org) to try to eliminate the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset

(GPO) penalties which penalize our members who have worked outside of CPS and earned enough to qualify for full Social Security benefits. Please go to the website link we have posted and sign the electronic petition. Remember, during the campaign, President Obama promised to work on eliminating these two programs.

New job offerings are regularly posted and maintained for one year. There is an extensive list of places that need volunteers to help with their programs. There is also an extended list of venues that offer various cultural, academic and service opportunities.

The humor page provides a collection of jokes, puns and humorous situations that have been provided by readers. Photos of our fall luncheon are also posted. For more information and/or to provide suggestions, you may e-mail the webmaster at rtac-webster@sbcglobal.net. The "Other Opportunities" page on the RTAC website lists requests for volunteers for specific events like the Chicago Marathon along with some requests for information on the history of the CPS.



The very versatile RTAC Secretary and CTPF trustee James Ward demonstrated his impressive musical talent at a recent RTAC meeting.

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(From left) Executive Director Bob Bures, Russell Hartigan, President Vaughn J. Barber and Patrick O'Connor. Hartigan announced that he is running for Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court in the Feb. 2 election. He and O'Connor have represented RTAC in important pension cases.



Kymethia Madkins (left) and Eleanor Nangle provide the Donations List and Death Reports for the Bulletin.



Past President Ethel Philpott sang the role of the 'Partidge in a Pear Tree' during a holiday sing-along.

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
Alex Haley Academy	Chicago	Karen Demots	773-371-3661
American Lung Association of Chicago	Chicago Central	Alexis Lewis	312-628-0234
American Red Cross (CPR & First aid)	Chicago	Tina Green Rounds	312-729-6227
Battered Women's Network	Chicago Central	Betsy Minor	312-750-0730
Blue Gargoyle Community Services	Chicago	Ashley J. Hobbs	773-955-4108x308
Burr Oak School	South Suburbs	Natashia Harris	708-388-8010
Chicago Architectural Foundation	Chicago	Barbara Hrbek	312-922-3432x225
Chicago Botanic Gardens	Glenco	Linda doede	847-835-8281
Chicago Foundation for Education	Chicago	Sarah Hoppe	312-670-2033
Chicago Symphony Orchestra	Chicago		312-294-3160
Child Services	Cook, Lake, DuPage	Greta Nielsen	773-693-0300
ChildServe at Bryant E.S.	Harvey	Jennifer Collins	773-867-7362
Count Me In!	Chicago	William N. Black	773-381-6024
CPS Student Science Fair	Chicago	Angela Dumas	773-553-6318
Crown Family Playlab at Field Museum	Chicago Central	Kate Cary	312-665-7307
Cycle	Chicago	Melinda Brand	312-664-1194x14
Field Museum	Chicago	Mary Ann Bloom	312-665-7505
Friends of the Parks	Chicago Central	Laura Ronneberg	312-922-3307
Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance	Chicago West	Kirsten Akre	773-638-1766x24
George Armstrong School	Chicago Northwest	Kim Bendig	773-534-2150
Ill. Action for Children (Child Advocacy)	Chicago Central	Rebecca Klipfel	312-986-9591
Inner Voice Learning Cntr (Leadership)	Chicago near West	Antoinette Toliver	312-666-8110
JCB School	Chicago	Amber Egelston	773-467-3746
Kids Voting	Chicago	Ellen Solomon	312-332-3107
KIPP Ascend Charter School	Chicago West	Sheri Barrette	773-261-9972
Lifelong Learning Institute(Nat'l Lewis)	North Suburbs	Joan Marks	224-233-2366
Little Brothers Friends of Elderly	Chicago	Geri Mead	312-455-1000
MetroMentors	Wheaton	Gregory O'Donnell	630-784-4810
Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care	North Suburban	Elizabeth Grantner	847-556-1982
Misericordia Home	Chicago	Therese Loftus	773-273-4163
North Shore Senior Center	Northfield	Paul J. Luzwick	847-784-6000
Oriental Institute (U of C)	Chicago Hyde Park	Cathy D or Terry F	773-702-1845
Prologue Adult Education (Literacy)	Chicago North	Christina Mang	773-728-7221
Read to Learn	Northwest Suburbs	Lesley Goldberg	847-718-7224
Refugee Program (Language Tutoring)	Chicago North	Kaylee Sonnek	773-553-1930
The Chicago Lighthouse	Chicago	Dick Carlson	312-666-1331x3141
The University of Illinois Extension	South Suburbs	Karen Meyer	708-449-4320
Triton College (Literacy)	River Grove	Carol Di Fatta	708-456-0300x3407
Woman Made Gallery	Chicago near NW	Pamela Callahan	312-328-0038
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 RTAC.ORG and surf to "volunteer." Director Roy Coleman, Webmaster.

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