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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RTAC

In a democracy, the best ideas seldom come out the way they start. When I first drafted HB1269 it simply said we may spend \$65 million instead of \$40 million on insurance rebates, with another clause saying we may spend any interest earned on unused amounts from previous years. As it made its way through the legislature, the usual democratic things affected it. Appearing before both the House and Senate pension committees, I had these impressions of HB1269 progress:



In the House there were comments from committee members that Chicago retirees were getting a better deal than downstate retirees in terms of total appropriations and rebate percentage (capped at 75%). Further, the Chicago Public Schools approved HB 1269 on the condition of the pension board approving HB 1174, a bill transferring our pension funding from the CPS to the State (with anti-merger language). HB 1269 passed in the House, but HB 1174 did not. So, our sponsors were faced with three possible sources of opposition; the CPS, downstate retirees, and perhaps city hall, which has rebates for other city employees that are not as high as our 85%.

Representative **Robert S. Molaro** and Senator **John J. Cullerton** did a wonderful job in pushing our bill through their respective houses, but in the Senate they had to make a concession with an amendment limiting future rebates to 75% overall. I phoned the pension office with a no vote on the amendment, but my vote of course does not count in the Illinois Senate. Then, downstate retirees got

busy when they saw our bill headed for passage, largely due to Chicago retirees lobbying the Legislature. As we go to press, I hear HB 1269, as amended, may be passed in the House along with Senate bill SB 3002, which grants considerable benefits to downstate teacher pensioners. SB 3002 includes an extra \$13 million for three years, increased teacher and employer contributions to the health plan, and the subsidy percentage cap (75% tops) is changed to a required payment. Our 75%, if passed, remains only a cap. Their bill also includes specific health benefit provisions and creates a commission to devise long term solutions.

There may be a good aspect to our amendment. It puts a 75% rebate in the statute. Next time, all we will have to do is remove the dollar cap and a long term percentage will be hard wired in the law. This would be a good thing because we would not have to repeatedly go back to the legislature every two years to increase the dollar cap. We could even try to amend it back to 85%.

What do we do when 1269 passes? The latest projections indicate that the rebate could be raised to 73% starting this summer, which of course means the 75% cap is of no consequence at the present time. This includes paying the delayed premiums the Fund owes to the insurance companies for April, May, and June of '04. These payments were delayed so that the rebate would not drop to zero in April. The Fund still owes the three months' premiums and they could be paid in fiscal

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DRUG DISCOUNTS AND NEW DENTAL CARE PLAN

By Arthur Keegan, Insurance Committee Chair.

Members often call asking what to do about the Medicare Drug Card and other discount cards being offered by some chain drug stores. The Committee's suggestions follow:

Those qualifying as low-income (\$19,000 or less annually) should investigate the various plans from the major drug chains. While similar, they have different copays. Check with the manufacturers of any continuing maintenance drugs you may be using; many offer discounts. The Illinois Governor's plan is also geared toward low-income individuals; check it out also. **Retirees enrolled in any of the Pension Board's plans have no need for any of the discount card plans, including Medicare.**



Art Keegan

Retirees who (1) do not qualify as "low-income," (2) are enrolled in one of the Pension Fund's medical groups, and (3) are on maintenance drugs, should use the 3-month program offered by Walgreens. This plan provides a 90-day drug supply for the same co-pay as for the 30-day supply, if your doctor will prescribe for 90 days at a time. Co-pays are \$5 for generic drugs, \$10 for

formulary, and \$25 for non-formulary for a 90-day supply. You can call Walgreen's at 1-800-275-7204; ask for their enrollment and mailing form.

As for the Medicare Prescription Drug card, we see no value in it at this time for any of our members who have insurance coverage from the Pension Fund. There may be changes made before the end of the year; be alert for them.

At its June 2nd meeting, the RTAC Board voted to switch from **Delta Dental** to **MetLife Dental**. The effective date of the change will be September 1, 2004, so please pay your current Delta Dental premiums to continue your coverage until then. All paid-up Delta members will be "grandfathered in" to the new dental program, which will be locally serviced.

Because the details are still being worked out, we ask that you please do NOT contact the RTAC office or the current Delta representative. We will be in touch with members who carry dental insurance as information becomes available.

(President, continued)

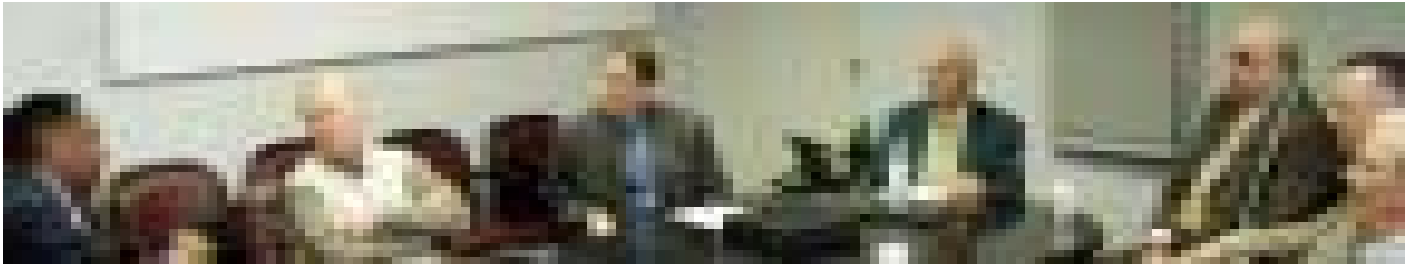
2004-2005 while still paying 73% rebate. These projections might vary due to more retirements than expected, or other contingencies.

By the time you see this column in July, all this will only be history. All in all, at press time (May 23) I am very hopeful that our bill will become law and we will have a much higher rebate for the foreseeable future. We shall still be able to choose our own doctors and maintain the other choices we have with multiple plans, networks, and providers. By way of comparison: In Canada, private medicine is illegal, except for government employees like Prime Minister Paul Martin, who may go to private doctors with bills paid by the government employee medical plan.

state level in maintaining our insurance costs at an affordable level, I have heard from liberal and conservative observers of an idea that might be a start to reform of health care in America. It is a simple change to the tax code making all individually purchased insurance and out-of-pocket health expenses tax deductible. This would make tax sheltered employer provided insurance the same as individually purchased insurance. Reducing the amount of third party payers could put to work the old axiom: "Nobody spends somebody else's money as wisely as he spends his own." If health care costs keep rising as they have been, it would seem that the person doing the rationing should be the patient rather than an employer, insurance company, or HMO. The patient is the real payer in the final analysis. JFW, urokward@sbcglobal.net.

Whether or not we remain successful at the





QUIET, PLEASE: HISTORY BEING MADE. TOP LEVEL OFFICIALS MEET TO FINE-TUNE UNIFIED LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES. *From left: Howard Heath, Vice President, CTU; Tom Corcoran, 2nd Vice President, RTAC; Dion Smith, CPS Chief of Staff, Operations; Dick Lockhart, RTAC Springfield Lobbyist; Henry Anselmo, CTPF Springfield Lobbyist; Michael Nehf, Executive Director, CTPF; and Walter Pilditch, CTPF Legislation Chair and Trustee, confer in CTU offices on April 8th, 2004.*

(Staff photo)

IN PRAISE OF TEAMWORK

An Editorial

It is tempting, but it would be both untrue and unwise, for us to claim all the credit for the amazing passage of **HB 1269**, the bill permitting the restoration of at least a large part of our health care premium subsidy, by the Illinois Legislature in May.

Tom Corcoran, RTAC's 2nd Vice President, conceived of and stitched together the unprecedented coalition of the CTU, RTAC, the Pension Fund and the Board of Education, whose joint efforts made that dramatic success possible. But they could have done nothing without the help of House Chief Sponsor **Robert S. Molaro**, Senate Chief Sponsor **John J. Cullerton** and the 120 other members of the Illinois Legislature who voted for it. Is there any question whatever that serious objections by **Debbie Lynch**, CTU President, **Arne Duncan**, CEO of the CPS, or **Mike Nehf**, Pension Fund Executive Director, would have made passage all but impossible? Any objection by RTAC officers, staff or board members, of course, might have led to mass executions at sunrise, but the contributions of **Jim Ward**, **Bob Bures**, **Walter Pilditch**, **Audrey Mivelaz**, **Jewel Koch**, **Vaughn Barber** and all the others were of invaluable aid. We owe a lot to our professional lobbyists, too – **Dick Lockhart** (RTAC), **Henry Anselmo** (CTPF), **John Ostenburg** (CTU) and **Richard Guidice** (CPS) knew the procedures, the players and the techniques, and used them skillfully – to the benefit of all of us.

The role played by RTAC's **Letter-A-Month Club** was also crucially important. The club, barely a year old and consisting of those who promise to make an average of up to one contact a month with political figures on behalf of RTAC objectives, now

numbers well over 500 members. Their intense activity during the Spring legislative session, along with that of the many other RTAC members who responded to our appeals, and in concert with the work of other Coalition members, has now placed the Coalition among the most important political influences in Illinois.

As evidence, consider the bill's history: After languishing almost 14 months in the House Rules Committee, it suddenly burst forth and was sent to the House Personnel and Pensions Committee on March 25th. *Eight days later*, it passed the full House. Despite an intervening two week Senate recess, it was amended, passed, received House concurrence, and sent to the Governor by May 27th.

The Chicago Board of Education had objectives, too, embodied in HB 1174. The coalition worked hard on drawing up a combination bill that would incorporate everyone's needs. However, prevailing opinion was that time would not allow the approval of a new bill by both houses before the end of the session, so the new bill was never presented to the Legislature. Instead, HB 1269 was given full priority — with the results we have all seen.

We must not forget, however, that the Board helped us materially with our bill. When the Board presents their bill to transfer pension funding responsibility to the State, we'll need to support them on it. That's what teamwork is all about. We owe 'em one, and we all need each other.

We'll also have to listen very carefully to future pleas from all of our partners. Teamwork pays.



record crowd nearly fills the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House Hilton on April 26, 2004.

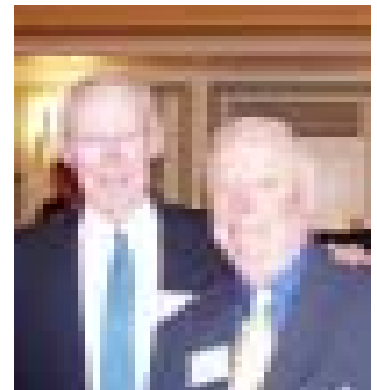
(Staff Photo)

On April 26, 2004, the Palmer House served 920 meals (generally acknowledged to be very good ones, at that) to the RTAC members and guests who filled the Grand Ballroom nearly to its capacity. **Pat Knazze**, President of the Pension Fund Board of Trustees, addressed the crowd early in the meeting, since prior commitments cut sharply into the time she had available. She gave an encouraging report on the Fund's government and status.

RTAC President **Jim Ward** waived presenting the normal welcome, to allow an earlier time for our VIP Legislator guests to make their presentations and return to Springfield to vote on HB 1269 (which would provide an increase in the funds that the Pension Fund may use for health care insurance rebates), and other legislation important to the State.

Tom Corcoran, RTAC Second Vice Presi-

dent, introduced Representative **Robert S. Molaro**, House Chief Sponsor, and Senator **John J. Cullerton**, Senate Chief Sponsor, of HB1269. Tom praised the cooperation of both legislators, indicating Molaro in particular has done a wonderful job of introducing and defending the bill in the legislature. Tom explained that it is hard to make the case in Springfield that the Legislature should increase the funds available for Chicago pensioners' health care insurance from \$40 million to \$65 million, while the downstate Teachers Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP) has a problem



Tom Corcoran (l), shown with **Art Keegan**, Insurance Committee Chair. (Staff Photo)

(See **Luncheon**, next page)

(Luncheon, continued)

which must be addressed by May 31st. Many Representatives and Senators feel that they can't vote yes even though Chicago's funding ran out on March 31st and downstate's doesn't until May 31st.

Bob Molaro said that once the money is in the fund, it is teachers' and retirees' money. One billion dollars of the State's money goes into the statewide Teachers Retirement System, and \$65 million into the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund.

Representative Molaro emphasized that he would never support a merger of the TRS with the Chicago Retirement System, a move which had been proposed a short time ago.



*CTU President **Debbie Lynch** (on the left, if you have to be told) confers with Representative **Bob Molaro** (center) and Senator **John Cullerton** (right) as Past President **Ned McCray** looks on. (Staff Photo)*

attending law school he was a day-to-day sub at \$40 per day, which was both most rewarding and most difficult.



*Vice President **Audrey Mivelaz** (left) introduces CTU President **Debbie Lynch** (right). Yes, that's President **Jim Ward** in the center. (Staff Photo)*

Senator John Cullerton spoke next. He remembered that his wedding reception was held in the Grand Ballroom on September 18, 1979, so he is filled with emotion as he enters this room. While

Debbie Lynch for their cooperation with and work on the Coalition. The Coalition seems to have been very successful thus far.

Thanks were extended to both Pension Fund Executive Director **Mike Nehf** and CTU President

Plaques recognizing their outstanding achievements on behalf of retired teachers were presented to both Molaro and Cullerton.

A list of members of the Senate's Insurance and Pensions Committee, which would hear HB 1269 on April 27th, was distributed. Those in attendance were asked to call Senator **Don Harmon** of Oak Park and the legislators from Buffalo Grove and Wheaton in particular.

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(Luncheon, continued)



Senator **John J. Cullerton** addresses the membership. (Staff Photo)

R T A C
First Vice President **Audrey Mivelaz** thanked Tom Corcoran for his leadership in forming the Coalition, which includes the Board of Education, RTAC, Chicago Teachers Union and the Chicago

new 5+5, and HB 1269. There is no cost to the State of Illinois for the latter bill, and it should be a no-brainer to get it passed. Two of their staff have spent a lot of



Rep. **Molaro** and Sen. **Cullerton** arrive at the speakers' table, as a Palmer House waiter stands by. (Staff Photo)

time on this work. CTU Vice President **Howard Heath** spent considerable time lobbying and Recording Secretary **Jacqueline Price Ward** worked

Teachers Pension Fund.

Debbie Lynch was introduced next. Audrey's introduction noted that Debbie will be running for reelection in May. She began her career in 1974 at the Barnard School, and is a role model and champion for teachers.

Debbie addressed the group stressing that the CTU's role in the Coalition was to emphasize that *In Union There Is Strength*. There are currently 33,000 active teachers. At the Union's last House of Delegates meeting, delegates adopted three priorities: pensionability of all employment, a



RTAC Lobbyist **Dick Lockhart**, Pension Fund Executive Director **Michael Nehf** and Aid Fund President **Dr. Mae Hunter** await their turns at the microphone. (Staff Photo)

closely with the Pension Board. CTU members sent 30,000 post cards to the legislature and held two lobbying days in Springfield, the most recent being on April 21st.



Director **Nancy Makowski**, Past President **Bob Konen** and Pension Fund Trustee **Walter Pilditch** compare notes. (Staff Photo)

Debbie said that 150 retirees have dropped their health care insurance entirely because of the sharp increase in cost. Another 100 retirees have no pension left after paying for health insurance. Last Wednesday, all the CTU Officers went to Springfield and spoke to Senate President **Emil Jones**.

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(Luncheon, continued)



Pension Fund Lobbyist **Henry Anselmo**, RTAC Legislative Chair **Ethel Philpott** and RTAC Treasurer **Vaughn Barber** chat together. (Staff Photo)

There now remains only one more step (House Concurrence with the Senate's amendment 1) and then it goes to the Governor's desk for signature. **(Ed. Note: House Concurrence was narrowly obtained on May 26th, and the bill was sent to Gov. Blagojevich on May 27th.)**

Mr. Ward next introduced the RTAC Board of Directors, Executive Director **Bob Bures**, pension fund trustees who were present, and RTAC Director **Walter Pilditch**, a pension fund trustee who serves as the Pension Fund's Vice President and Legislative Chair.

Mike Nehf spoke next. He said that the high-



William A. English, Jr., **Yvonne D. Harris** and **Almena English** enjoy each others company. (Staff Photo)

est priority of the Pension Fund has been the health insurance crisis. Nevertheless investments earned 20% last year. The

pensions are currently 92% funded, with the goal being 100% funded. Comparing this to other pensions: TRS (for teachers outside Chicago) is 62% funded, and the State Legislators are 140% funded.



A bird's eye view of Debbie's speech. (Staff Photo)



Lawrence McCarthy, **Shirley Ronan** and **Dr. Joan Ferris** enjoy proceedings. (Staff Photo)

The fund reflects the benefits of good stewardship over 108 years. Two trustees were elected recently which "brought the Board back to full strength." Pension Fund Board officers are Patricia A. Knazze, President, Walter Pilditch, Vice President, **Earnestine C. Murphy**, Recording Secretary, and **Rosemary Finnegan**, Financial Secretary. Other Retiree Board members are **Carole Nolan**, and Jim Ward. Board of Education appointees are **Alberto A. Carrero, Jr.**, and **Gene R. Saffold**. Other teacher trustees are **Connie R. Fitch-Blanks**, **Linda C. Porter-Milton** and **Maria J. Rodriguez**. **Terri Katsulis** represents Principals and Administrators.

Mike reviewed the requirements of new State statutes that call for a portion of pension fund assets to be invested in companies owned by women and minorities. (This topic is discussed in greater detail by Walter Pilditch on page 14 in this issue's *Pension News* column.)

Some statistics concerning health insurance: The average pension is \$2400 per month; 4,000 (See **Luncheon**, next page)

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RTAC Lobbyist **Dick Lockhart** explains Springfield procedures. (Staff Photo)

pensioners get less than \$1000, and there are some receiving only \$504 per month. Blue Cross/Blue Shield costs over \$400 per month. Hence some pensioners may actu-

ally owe the pension fund at the end of each month, unless the subsidy is restored.

The current health insurance cost is as low as it is because the insurance companies agreed to defer premium payment by three months. A separate "make-up" payment to pensioners may be possible. (As of press time, the bill is still unsigned on the Governor's desk.)

Marion Hoffing then selected the winning door prize numbers from a box held by **Vaughn Barber**. The gifts that lucky people won had been

donated by Barnes & Noble and Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company, and the grand prize was lunch for two at the Palmer House Hilton.

Dick Lockhart, RTAC's lobbyist, then described the tortuous path that the bill, first introduced on Feb. 5, 2003, had to traverse before it could reach the Governor's desk. As of the luncheon, three more steps were still needed for it to become law.

V. K. Brown, RTAC *News Bulletin* Editor and Webmaster, was then introduced. He explained to the group how to get up-to-the-minute information about the bill by using RTAC's web site.

Dr. Mae McDonald Hunter, Aid Fund **President**, then reported on the Aid Fund. She gave three examples where assistance was deemed necessary. In the first, a blind man receives a continuing \$150 monthly supplement in order to live where he can receive help. In the second, \$150 was given to maintain an insurance policy on a one time basis. In the third case, a one time grant was given a woman to help cover a security deposit on a new apartment. The Aid Fund directors work very hard, even visiting homes outside the city. Mae introduced the other Directors of the Aid Fund: **Audrey Mivelaz, Vaughn Barber, Jewel Koch, Tom Corcoran, Steve Kailes, Bob Konen, Nancy Makowski, Walter Pilditch, Zig Sokolnicki** and **Jim Ward**.

The meeting adjourned about 2:30 pm.



THEY CAME OVER TO OUR HOUSE . . .



Debbie Lynch addresses RTAC guests... (Staff Photo)

So quite naturally

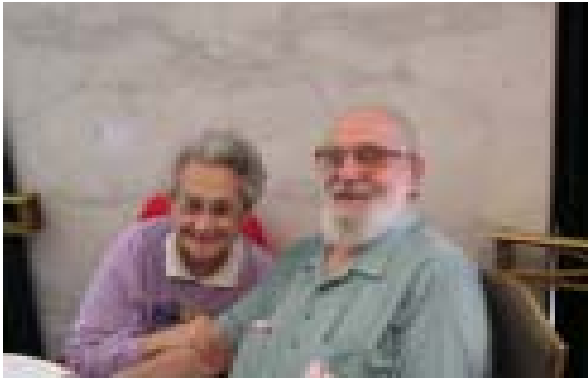
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... while **Jacquelyn Price Ward**, CTU Recording Secretary, and **Howard Heath**, CTU Vice President, enjoy our Spring

... WE WENT OVER TO THEIRS!

When the CTU had its Retiree Section's Annual Spring Luncheon on June 4th, we decided to celebrate with them. We were greeted most warmly, and of course we saw a lot of our old long-time friends, too...



Maxine and Tom (left), the Finebergs, are still everywhere...

*At right: RTAC Exec. Director **Bob Bures** and Legislative Chair **Ethel Philpott**.*



Ethel Philpott (below, left) and Jackie Mooney enjoy meeting.



*Everybody knows **John Keating**...*



*Above left: Table hopping **Tom Feeley** chats with **Mae Hunter** (left) and **Selma White** as **Miriam Turner** stands by.*



*Above: RTAC Director **Aretas Collymore** encounters some of her friends...*



*Dr. **Marie Wilson** (above), as lively as ever...*



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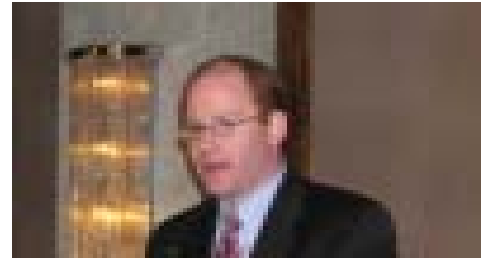
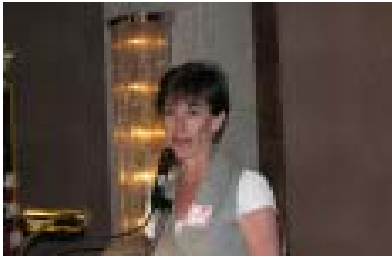
*That's **Marion Hoffing**, SITTING DOWN at a luncheon! **Steve Kailes** (left) seems unimpressed, but RTAC Staffer **Kymethia Madkins** betrays her astonishment.*



***Helen Johnson** (left) and **Mae Hunter** get caught up in the music...*

*Pension Fund Exec Director **Mike Nehf** listens intently to someone ... which is not that unusual.*





CTU President **Debbie Lynch** (above, left) explains why Senator **Barack Obama** was unable to attend, and then she calls upon State Senator **Don Harmon**, who was asked to appear in Obama's stead.

For years, the two ladies at right have worked to form a closer relationship between the CTU and RTAC.

Jacqueline Mooney (left), CTU Retiree Functional Vice President, and **Helen Johnson**, RTAC Past President, are now seeing a glimmer of hope...



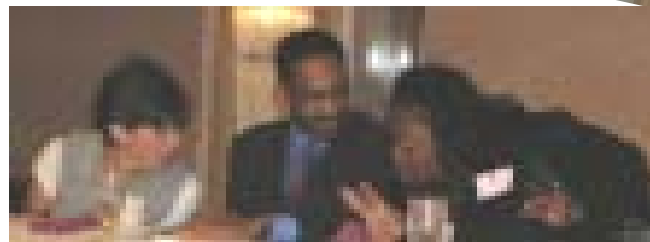
The two pals meet again ...



At left: CTU Vice President **Howard Heath** and RTAC Executive Director **Bob Bures** chat together.



*Above: Physics consultant **Eileen Wild***



Debbie, Howard and Jackie hold a top-level conference.



*RTAC Director **Peg Olson** (left) and **Krys Mazur** enjoy the warm fellowship that permeated the entire atmosphere...*



*CTU Editor/Lobbyist **John Ostenburg** in a jovial mood...*



*Does CTU Recording Secretary **Jacqueline Price Ward** have a twinkling eye, or what?*

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Ethel Philpott, Legislative Chair

GOOD NEWS! HB1269 was finally released from the Illinois House Rules Committee. It was passed by the House on April 2 and sent to the Senate, which passed it on Thursday, May 13th. It is encouraging that passage of the bill “crossed the aisle” showing bipartisan support. Final passage of HB 1269 came when the House concurred on May 26th with the Senate’s amendment. The roll call votes appear on our web site.



Congratulations and thanks to all of our lobbyists and legislators for their hard work on behalf of retired educators. By now, many retirees have either experienced or heard of the hardships resulting from this health care crisis. Thanks also to each and every one of you for your time and efforts with your letters, phone calls, suggestions, and e-mails. As indicated in an editorial on page 4 of this issue, our work in resolving the health care crisis continuously underscores how critical our legislators are to our future. We must support and thank those who help us with meaningful contributions – of money, time, and energy, not only during election periods but also throughout the year. While we await House concurrence it might be a good idea to communicate your thanks and encouragement for resolution and passage of our rebate to our legislators. A note of thanks also to all RTAC Officers, Directors and Past Presidents who shared their ideas, suggestions, and com-

ments, which provided the “seed” that ultimately resulted in the formation of the “Coalition” of the CTU, Pension Board, and Board of Education, under the guidance of our Ad Hoc Committee for HB1269, chaired by Tom Corcoran. THANKS to ALL Coalition members and supporters!

The volunteers who met weekly at our RTAC office deserve a special note of thanks for the letter-writing, phone calling, and assisting our hard-working office staff, not only with health care issues but also for assisting with the details for our largest Spring Luncheon ever. A special thanks also to the donors to our COPE fund, just when we needed funds most urgently. The next items on our legislative agenda, an Ad Hoc increase for those with the lowest pensions and the repeal of the GPO/WEP Social Security penalties, have not been forgotten. With your assistance, we shall again turn our efforts toward a positive resolution of these as well.

Finally, thanks and congratulations to any and all who assisted — some anonymously — whose individual or collective efforts have not been acknowledged heretofore. Reminder: our editor/webmaster continues to keep your/our RTAC website current with up-to-date, one-stop education and information www.rtac.org. Stay informed and continue to share your ideas and suggestions with us. We truly need and appreciate your input.



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PENSION NEWS

by Walter Pilditch, Pension Fund Trustee

In late May our important funding bill for health insurance was finally approved by the Illinois State Legislature. It was approved by the House on April 2nd, 77 to 39. After adding an amendment, the Senate approved it on May 13th, 45 to 12. Because of the Senate amendment, the bill had to be returned to the House for concurrence, which was received on May 26th, by the narrow vote of 62 to 51. As this is written, it still remains for the Governor to sign the bill into law.



Walter Pilditch

The Board of Trustees of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund reviewed the progress of the Fund for the first quarter of 2004 and noted the following facts: The fund's assets increased \$200,000,000 during the first three months of 2004, to again exceed the ten billion dollar mark. Its latest total value is \$10,126,030,751. This 3.5% increase came about as our mid- and small-capital investment returns were very strong. In addition, international equities showed positive performance, and the fixed income investments outperformed the benchmark set for them for the quarter.

The amendment added to the bill in the Senate limits the **total** reimbursement for health insurance premiums to 75% of the **total** cost of the premiums. At the present time, the Pension Board is considering several ways to apportion individual pensioner reimbursements. One method may be to develop a sliding scale, relating the percentage rebated to the number of years of service earned by the pensioner. Other factors, such as pension size, are under consideration as well.

Of major importance during the last month was the Board's decision to allocate additional monies to minority- and women-owned investment firms. The first phase of this move was to set a target of 20% of the active management goal for such investments; that comes to about half a billion dollars.

One of the most important factors in getting this bill passed through the various legislative committees and then through both houses was the coalition comprised of the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago, the Chicago Teachers Union, the Chicago Board of Education and the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund. Representatives of coalition members, usually numbering about twelve, met several times to discuss the strategy and process for getting the bill passed by our legislators. **Thomas Corcoran** of RTAC, the leader of the group, deserves much credit for his effective leadership in this important accomplishment that will benefit all annuitants, now and in the future.

The names of money management firms receiving additional funds included: Holland Capital Management, \$75 million; New Amsterdam Partners, \$75 million; Ariel Capital Management, \$20 million; and Hispania Limited Partnership, \$5 million. Three proposals for Manager Of Managers programs, which invest in minority- and women-owned firms, were selected for 100 million dollars each. They were Northern Trust Global Investments, Progress Investment Managers and Attucks Asset Management. After all these funds are transferred as directed, the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund will rank first among comparable funds with this sincere effort to support minority- and women-owned firms.



SAGE OBSERVATIONS

A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

A conscience is what hurts when all of your



other parts feel so good.

Our idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.

Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Robert F. Bures

Health care? Insurance premiums? The rebate? These are questions that are on everyone's minds!

As I sit at the word processor (it's May 20th) and this issue is planned for publication in July, RTAC and its Coalition co-members, the CTU, the CPS and the CTPF, are all awaiting news of our HB1269 – the rebate relief bill! As you all know, the bill progressed smoothly through the House as well as the Senate (with an amendment capping the rebate at 75%) and is now back in the House for Concurrence. RTAC does not see this as a real problem ... but you never say never in politics. Of course we can't count our chickens until they hatch. So-o-o-o, we have to keep the pressure up through our coalition, through our lobbyist and through your calls and letters to Speaker Madigan, and when it gets to the Governor, we push him as well!

One thing you can be sure of – RTAC WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF PROGRESS! You can check on the legislation's progress by checking our web site at www.rtac.org – it's easy and fun to use. You can also always call our office for the latest information.

Keep your fingers crossed, say your prayers and send those letters and make those calls.

NOW for some good news reports!

Our Spring Luncheon on April 26 was a ROARING SUCCESS! More than 900 members and guests attended our gala at the Palmer House. We heard from Representative **Robert S. Molaro** and Senator **John J. Cullerton**, the generous sponsors of our legislation, and they heard from us – 920 pairs of hands applauding enthusiastically. We are RTAC and we are STRONG — and getting STRONGER!

Plan on attending our October 15th Fall Luncheon and Business Meeting. Mark your calendar now!



RTAC's Committee on Political Education (COPE), our equivalent of a PAC (political action committee), raised more than \$4000.00 to help defray expenses of this legislative effort! Look for the contributors' names on pp. 12-13 of this *News Bulletin*. THANK YOU ALL! By the way, if your name's not on the list, you still can contribute – just send a check to RTAC-COPE! **(IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR NAME PUBLISHED, just tell us so when you contribute!)**

The travel season is upon us. On June 12th, thirty RTACers took off for a great cruise to Alaska! We're all waiting for the pictures to be developed so we can all join in the fun.

If you couldn't make the Alaska cruise, maybe you'll be interested in our September Lake Michigan cruise on the **Spirit of Chicago**. More details appear on the back cover of this issue! The last two lake mini-cruises were just great fun. This time, there's a buffet and a bar!

Speaking of travel – RTAC still offers handsome luggage tags FREE! Just send us a note with what you wish to be printed on the tags and we'll send them to you promptly. Please – a limit of six, and no telephone requests. Send us the information by email or snail mail so we don't accidentally make a mistake. Do it today!

By the way, if you find yourself in the Loop during the summer – shopping or sightseeing – perhaps with a friend — stop by our offices to say "Hello" and have a Coke! We're always glad to greet you in person!

Although RTAC offers a variety of services our main goals are in our motto:

RTAC . . . Protecting your pension . . . Enhancing your life . . .

Since 1926!

Have a great summer !

Bob Bures



Marion Hoffing

THE RTAC NEWS-BULLETIN ONCE AGAIN PROUDLY PRESENTS

The tireless MARION HOFFING'S amazing

THE CHICAGO SCENE

to enjoy during July, August and September

*See Our NEW REGULAR LISTING: **REUNIONS***

COMPUTER USERS PLEASE NOTE:

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

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

Star Rider Theater: An imaginary trip into outer space that blasts off at the top of every hour. Current shows:

Stars Of Pharaohs explains how the heavens affected architecture, religion and politics of the time.

The Future Is Wild, a new movie that looks at Earth as it might exist millions of years in the future without the presence of human beings. It tells of 8-ton squids roaming the earth, after all the continents have merged into a single huge land mass. Snails that hop like kangaroos, fish that fly like butterflies and birds with four wings. This movie is the first Nature Show developed for the 360-degree, 9,500 square-foot dome screen. See the **Ameritech Milky Way Gallery**, a major collection of artifacts on the history of, and an in-depth introduction to, the wonders of the galaxy.

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

China's Forbidden City Exhibit *at the Field Museum*, depicting the religion, art and court life, and its relation to the western world, will feature a series of 6 lectures *at the Art Institute* designed to examine the many splendors of China's Forbidden City. Six experts from various Universities and the Metropolitan Museum of Art will lead the discussions. **For lecture reservations: 312-665-7400.**

Chicago has one of the world's finest art museums depicting French Impressionist paintings. In *Seurat and the Making of La Grande Jatte* (Regenstein Hall) approximately 130 paintings from public and private collections worldwide are now on display. Thru 9/19

SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE Betty Rymer Gallery, 280 S. Columbus 312-443-3703
FREE!

Amazwi Abesifazane: Voices of Women FEATURES Memory Cloths created to document womens lives during and after apartheid. They show the tragedy of life under apartheid and at the same time the energy, skill and optimism of South Africa's indigenous women. Thru. 7/22

BROOKFIELD ZOO First Avenue and 31st St, Brookfield, IL 708-485-0263
<http://www.brookfieldzoo.org/>

More than 24 major exhibits and nearly 3,000 amazing animals, from around the world on Brookfield's beautiful landscaped acres. **Memorial Day thru Labor Day: OPEN**

SPECIALS: Enjoy Butterfly Exhibition, Teddy Bear Fair, Animals in Action shows, Rhythm and Roots Festival, etc. 11:30 am-6:00 pm

Grandparents Day Brunch September 5 (Sunday) For information: 708-485-0263, ext. 353

BUD BILLIKEN DAY PARADE African-American tradition in Chicago 312-225-2400
Celebrated with entertainment and sports personalities. Parade starts at 35th & King Drive at 10 am, and ends in Washington Park (55th St.) 8/14

CHICAGO ACADEMY of SCIENCES Peggy Notebaert Museum 773-549-0606
2430 N. Cannon Dr. (Lake Shore at Fullerton) <http://www.chias.org/>
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See **Butterfly Haven**, a walk-through greenhouse filled with butterflies and planted with tropical flowers and plants. Visit **Environmental Central** where participants make decisions on land development, water use and pollution. **City Science** houses creatures that live in every city home. **Water Lab** shows how rivers and lakes affect daily life. See the **Children's Gallery** for children 3 to 6; take the **Wilderness Walk** through dioramas of different ecosystems. Ongoing

CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION 224 S. Michigan 312-922-3432
Open Every Day 9:30-5:00 FREE! <http://www.architecture.org/>
NEW TOUR: Board of Trade 141 Jackson Blvd. The Chicago Board of Trade is Tuesdays, 12:15 pm,
one of the most recognized buildings in the Loop, anchoring the south end of the 7/13, 8/10, 9/14.
LaSalle Street financial district. Come on this 45-minute lunchtime tour to learn about
the history of this important institution that was founded in 1848, and see the three
buildings that make up the Board of Trade today. Visit the Agricultural Trading Floor in action!

CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER 78 E. Washington St. 312-744-1424
"The People's Palace." <http://www.cityofchicago.org/tourism/CulturalCenter/>

ROOM CODES: CR=*Chicago Rooms*; EH=*Exhibit Hall*; MAG=*Michigan Avenue Galleries*;
PBH=*Preston Bradley Hall*; RG=*Renaissance Court Gallery*; YG=*Sidney R. Yates Gallery*.

The Unusual and the Curious: Paintings by Artist Michael Imlay that reflect odd, curious, aberrant aspects of human life. RG Thru 7/11

Horst Janssen: Drawings from the Stefan Blessin Collection, Hamburg. An outstanding selection of drawings and watercolors by one of Germany's preeminent graphic artists. MAG Thru 8/1

The New Collusion. This exhibition will include works by approximately a dozen local, national, and international artists who address the re-appropriation of appropriated images in the primary culture. MAG Thru 8/1

Signature Architects / Signature Photographers This exhibition features work that has been signed by such architects as Frank Lloyd Wright, Eero Saarinen and Mies van der Rohe. CR Thru 8/29

A Closer Look: Photography by Joseph M. Lorenz. The photographer depicts nature from the standpoint of close-up and macro images. RG 7/16-8/29

Roger Brown, A Different Dimension. This exhibition of approximately 40 artworks will focus on Roger Brown's three-dimensional canvases and painted objects created during his 30 year career. EH 7/17-9/26

Fred Wilson: Objects and Installations, 1979-2000. The first retrospective of the art production of internationally recognized artist and political activist Fred Wilson. This exhibition centers on Wilson's sustained and cogent inquiry into the complex relationship between the art object and the museum. YG 7/24-9/19

Raw, Boiled and Cooked. This traveling exhibition was organized by the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco and is a survey of North American graphic novelists and comic artists inspired by the ground-breaking Raw Magazine. MAG 8/7-10/3

Senior Artists Network presents Later Impressions 2004. This juried art exhibition features the work of older Chicago area artists, including paintings, prints, fabric art, sculpture and photography. RC 9/3-10/17

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

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

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CHICAGO JAZZ FESTIVAL Grant Park 9/2-5
Join in for the 26th celebration of what has been named “America’s Classical Music,” jazz. The weekend will be filled with prestigious jazz groups from the local confines of Chicago to the international level. Performances will take place on the Petrillo Music Shell Stage, the Jazz and Family Heritage stage and the Jazz on Jackson stage.

CITY BUS TOURS 77 E. Randolph St. 312-742-1190
Travel the World in Chicago with Chicago Neighborhood Tours! These half-day bus excursions take an in-depth look at the traditions, stories and people of this great American city with tours departing from the Chicago Cultural Center.

DRURY LANE OAKBROOK Oak Brook Terrace 630-530-0111
Roosevelt Rd. & Rt. 83. <http://drurylaneoakbrook.com/Info/shows.html>
Fiddler On The Roof Set in a Jewish village on the eve of the Russian Revolution, Thru 8/1
this musical revolves around Tevye, the poor father trying to marry off his daughters and come to terms with a dramatically changing world. A heartwarming musical from ‘Sunrise’ to ‘Sunset’.
The Sunshine Boys They worked together for 43 years, and they haven’t spoken in 11. 8/6-10/2
See what happens when two former vaudeville comics reunite for a final performance.
The warmest and most human of all Neil Simon’s comedies.

DU SABLE MUSEUM of AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY 740 E. 56th Pl. 773-947-0600
<http://www.dusablemuseum.org>
The Middle Passage: **White Ships, Black Cargo** a new traveling exhibit featuring the Thru 7/15
drawings of nationally acclaimed African-American artist Tom Feelings from the McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina. Narrative drawings detailing the horror on ships with captured Africans destined for slavery in America. The graphic images are cast in black and white with swirling shades of muted gray. Nearly 50 works are featured in the exhibit which will be on view thru 9/17. Mr. Feelings was an art teacher at the University of S. Carolina. He also has written several award winning books including: Jumbo Means Hello, Day-Dreams, Something on my Mind, etc. He died in 2003 at the age of 70, an artist to remember.
McSween Meets King. The memories of Cirilo A. McSween, a successful Chicago Thru 10/17
entrepreneur who earned the trust and respect of King while serving as the National Treasurer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

FIELD MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore Drive 312-922-9410
<http://www.fmnh.org>
One of the greatest natural museums In the world, known for its Egyptian, oceanic, African and dinosaur exhibits. **Sue**, the world’s largest T. Rex, 23 Egyptian mummies, the man-eating lions of Tsavo, etc.
The Splendors Of China’s Forbidden City exhibition is the largest one to have left Thru 9/12
the Palace Museum in Beijing.
Madagascar. A natural wonder. Photographs by Harold Schutz; a unique look at this Thru 7/5
extraordinary island.

GRAUE MILLAND MUSEUM York and Spring Roads, Oak Brook 630-655-2090
www.grauemill.org
From Seed To Grain – Be an Apprentice Miller Sunday, 7/11
Wooden Nickel Day – A Fun Fair For Children Sunday, 7/18
“Make ‘n Take” A Simple Pottery Vase - Ken Nance Saturday, 7/24
From The Inside Out: Victorian Women’s Clothing – Valerie Hargraves Sunday, 8/8
Stained Glass Creations - Otto Lehman Saturday & Sunday, 8/14, 15
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Loie Fuller: From Fullersburg To The Follies-Bergère *A Dancer's Life and Exhibit of Fine Art Posters* Sunday, 8/22
From Seed To Grain – *Be an Apprentice Miller* Sunday, 8/29
Civil War Encampment - *10th Illinois Regiment* Saturday & Sunday, 9/11 & 12
Miniature Lead Soldiers - *James and Jim Fergle* Sunday, 9/12
Graue Mill's Annual Cornfest Food and Fun at the Mill Sunday, 9/19

ILLINOIS MYCOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. For information please call: Catherine Lambrecht, 847-432-8255
Presents mushroom walks at 9 a.m. most Saturdays at different locations during spring, fall and summer throughout Chicagoland. You don't have to be a member to participate in walks, but members enjoy monthly meetings with mushroom related talks slide shows, and various activities. Meetings are held at North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Road, 312-744-5472, first Monday of each month at 7 pm.

LIGHT OPERA WORKS 927 Noyes Street Evanston, IL 847-869-6300
<http://www.light-opera-works.org/>
Candide. Chicago premier of the 1999 Royal National Theatre version, restoring lost material. 8/14-29
Co-produced with Pegasus Players; Directed and Choreographed by Lara Teeter.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO 2200 N. Cannon Drive 312-742-2000
FREE! <http://www.lpzoo.com/flash.html>
The oldest Zoo in America, and one of the last that doesn't charge admission. Summer hours
Over the years Lincoln Park Zoo has evolved into one of the finest zoological 9 am-6 pm weekdays
Gardens anywhere, with historic buildings, gorgeous grounds, state of the art 8 am-7 pm weekends
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The Zoo is open 365 days a year.
Regenstein African Journey This new exhibit is the most extensive and dramatic project ever
undertaken in the Zoo's 135 year history. You'll be immersed in a lush environment featuring exotic
animals of Africa including elephants, giraffes, monkeys, wild dogs, etc.

LYRIC OPERA 20 North Wacker Dr. 312-332-2244
<http://www.lyricopera.com/home.asp>
2004 OPENING NIGHT GALA. 50th Anniversary Celebration. Pre-perfor- Saturday, 9/18, 6:00 pm
mance celebration - reception, enjoy the champagne and delectable savories. Also on 9/18,22,26.
Hear **Don Giovanni** by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart — matchless music,
peerless libretto, a thrilling combination of tragedy & comedy.

MAYOR'S OFFICE of SPECIAL EVENTS 312-744-3370
<http://www.cityofchicago.org/SpecialEvents/>

FESTS:

Taste of Chicago	Grant Park, 11 am-9 pm	June 25-July 4, 2004
Venetian Night	Queen's Landing	July 31, 2004
Outdoor Film Festival	Butler Field, Grant Park at Lake; Tuesdays @ sunset	July 13-Aug 24, 2004
Air and Water Show	North Avenue Beach	August 21-22, 2004
¡Viva Chicago! Latin Music Fest	Grant Park	August 28-29, 2004
Kids and Kites	Museum of Science and Industry, 10 am-4 pm	September 20, 2004
Jazz Fest	Grant Park	September 2-5, 2004
Celtic Fest	Grant Park	September 18-19, 2004

PARADES:

Pakistan Independence	Damen, Devon to Western	12-3:30 pm, 8/8
Bud Billiken	King Drive, 35 th to 55 th	10 am, 8/14

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Englewood Back to School Parade 83rd & Loomis to Ogden Park 9-3 pm, 8/28
Von Steuben Day Western Avenue, Irving Park to Lawrence 2 pm, 9/11

MILLENNIUM Park Michigan Avenue Monroe to Randolph

The new Millennium Park will be opened on Friday, July 16, 2004. The first Concert performed by the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus will be held in the Pritzker Pavilion. This is a beautiful 24.5 acre park, built at a cost of \$450 million, and all Chicago is waiting to see it!

MORTON ARBORETUM Ill Rte 53, just north of I-88 630-968-0074
<http://www.mortonarb.org>

SUMMER - Each season brings its own magic! Enjoy outdoor concerts, dining, theatre, hikes, special events and activities. **Prairie Heritage Days:** Learn about the history and plants of the prairie, past and present. **ADMISSION:** Adults (13-64) \$5 , seniors (65+) \$4 , Children (3-12) \$2 , and Children 2 and under free. (Less on Wednesdays.)

MUSEUM of CONTEMPORARY ART 220 E. Chicago Avenue. 312-280-2660
<http://www.mcachicago.org/welcome/>

More than 70 works on display featuring artists such as Andreas Gursky, Chuck Close, Andy Warhol, Cindy Sherman and others. The works address unsettling aspects of contemporary life and offer unexpected representations of everyday phenomena. Thru 1/30/05

José Damasceno "Observation Plan"

The Center Is Anywhere. A look back at Chicago, and artists who worked here during the mid 80's — some still do. Thru 9/5

Skin Tight Art. The exploration of fashion & flesh. Thru 9/5

MUSEUM of SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY 57th & Lake Shore Dr. 773-684-1414
<http://www.msichicago.org>

An Adventure in Movie Making: Action! An Adventure in Moviemaking opens at the Museum on May 28, 2004. Guests will have the chance to see how actors prepare for their roles, discover the technical wizardry and science behind visual effects, and actually get to star in their own movie. Advance tickets are now on sale.

Omnimax: Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West Thru Oct.

Enjoy 800 interactive exhibits. Popular features including German Submarine from WW II, a working coal mine shaft (elevator from 1933), a 3,000 square foot model railroad, a baby chick hatchery, a 50-foot model of the human heart, a cantilevered Boeing 727 that you can walk through, and much more. Exciting! Ongoing

THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY 60 W. Walton St. 312-943-9090
FREE! www.newberry.org/

Ni'iihi: In a Good Way: Photographs of Wind River Arapaho, 1976-1996. 44 black and white images of the Northern Arapaho Indians as they really are. The artist, Sara Wiles, captures moments of tradition and cultural changes, but the majority of her work notes current everyday life. It's all about light, settings, and telling a story in a natural way. One special photo shows Josephine Redman, who was born in 1903, the mother of nine who lived long enough to see 60 great-grandchildren. Sara Wiles was recognized as an adopted member of the Wind River community in 1977 when she was given the Arapaho name Hono'usei, or Sky Woman. She has been a social worker and consultant for Arapaho language and cultural projects. The exhibit has been enhanced with items from the Newberry Library treaties and maps related to the migration of the Northern Arapaho people to the wind River Reservation in Lander, Wyoming. Documents reveal land-loss and land-recovery. Stories are written in English and native American language. Thru 7/17

Thru 7/17

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THE ORIENTAL Institute Museum 1155 East 50th Street 773-702-9520
FREE! http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/OI_Museum.html
Iraq's ancient art has a home at the Oriental Mesopotamian Gallery. This new space features these holdings, all together in a cohesive exhibition. Artifacts found by University of Chicago archeologists in Iraq before World War II. The gallery contains all kinds of fascinating objects that span almost 5,000 years of history.

REUNIONS

Chicago Teachers College ALL YEARS! August 4, 2004
At Oak Lawn Hilton (94th & Cicero). \$50 grads & staff; \$40 spouses 10 AM registration
Make checks payable to CTC Association, and mail to 10918 Seaman Rd., Hebron, IL, 60034
For further information, please call Dr. Thos. A. Tufo, 815-648-2501

SHEDDAQUARIUM 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive 312-939-2438
<http://www.sheddnet.org> Ongoing

The Oceanarium Nature trails wind thru this scenic recreation of a Pacific Northwest coastline for close encounters with beluga whales, dolphins, otters, penguins and seals.
Wild Reef - Sharks at Shedd. Floor to ceiling windows provide guests with a diver's eye view of Philippine Coral Reef, housing more than 25 sharks and 500 species of reef fish and the largest display of live coral in the Midwest.
Amazon Rising: Seasons of the River. A journey covering a year on the floodplain forest. All sorts of indigenous forest creatures are on view.

SYMPHONY CENTER 220 S. Michigan Ave. 312-294-3000
SUMMER at SYMPHONY CENTER

An evening with Joe Sampler with special guest John Pizzarelli. Joe Sampler, pianist and composer has entertained for almost two decades. A popular ensemble player as well as a solo contemporary jazz artist, John Pizzarelli is known for his brilliant guitar work and smooth vocals. 7/20, 8:00 pm
"Showtime at the Apollo" Tour. Stars from the long-running TV showcase, filmed at the famed Harlem theater. Some of Chicago's young "stars of tomorrow," as well as the Apollo house band Ray Chew and the Crew. 7/31, 8:00 pm
Marvin Hamlisch Pianist, composer, conductor, Marvin Hamlisch does it all. Treat yourself to a magical evening of wonderful Broadway standards and film favorites with this legendary artist. 8/6, 8:00 pm
Dee Dee Bridgewater, Jon Faddis, Cecil Bridgewater, Billy Harper, George Mraz, Hank Jones. The first night of the 26th annual Chicago Jazz Festival offers a salute to the Thad Jones and Mel Lewis Orchestra. 9/2

WEST CHICAGO CITY MUSEUM 132 Main , W. Chicago 630-231-3376
http://www.westchicago.org/depts_cultural_museum.html
Face to Face, an exhibition that showcases portraiture of area artists is currently on display at the West Chicago City Museum. Thru 9/25

IMPORTANT! Be sure to CHECK SCHEDULES before you go! CHANGES DO HAPPEN! Also, remember to ASK FOR YOUR SENIOR DISCOUNT. **ENJOY YOUR CITY!**



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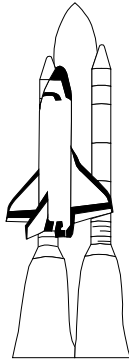
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SATELLITE DOINGS

SAN DIEGO

For the first time, more than one retiree could not attend after sending in their reservations. One person, who drives three others, fell in the bathtub on Sunday; another had a stomach disorder; a husband had to go in for an angioplasty and his wife couldn't come, and another husband woke up dizzy and went to the hospital ER. The proverbial three bad things in a row were insufficient in this instance.



Years ago, we had as many as forty at our semiannual meetings. It appears that Chicago teachers are not retiring to Southern California in the numbers they did previously. Perhaps our high state income tax, which applies to our Illinois pensions, plays a part.

— *Sam Dolnick*

APRIL LUNCHEON MEETING

Twenty Chicago retired teachers living in San Diego County made luncheon reservations to meet at NCAS Miramar Officer's Club on April 13, 2004. **Richard Evoy**, a reserve officer who unfortunately passed away just a few weeks prior to the meeting, made arrangements for the group to meet there.

Of the twenty paid reservations, only 11 were able to be present. It appears that this April was a particularly difficult month as an unusual number of people took ill in one way or another and could not make the meeting. Those present were **Dorothy Benschop**, a new member who moved into our area in December 2003, **Ruby Blackburn**, **Fran** and **Jack Blumenthal**, **Yvonne Crute**, **Louise Daugherty**, **Sam Dolnick**, treasurer, **Rita Evoy**, president, **Florence Nemkov**, **Bridget Roach**, Rita's granddaughter, and **Harriet Tuve**. Those who could not attend, because of various illness that came on suddenly and who unfortunately lost their \$16.00 because of the guarantee in the contract, were **Ruth Harris**, **Sylvia Kayser**, **Barbara Perkins**, **Ellen Perry**, **Arthur** and **Evalyn Schiff**, **Angelo** and **Irene Sharres**, and **Vlasta Williams**

The menu consisted of fresh spinach salad with choice of dressing, an entrée of either charbroiled swordfish or chicken picatta, rice pilaf, steamed fresh vegetables, freshly baked rolls and butter, chocolate mousse, and choice of beverage. The food was delicious; no complaints were registered.

After the luncheon Sam explained that **HB 1269** (permitting increasing subsidies for health care reimbursements) passed the House and was now in the Senate. The Senate has a companion bill SB 2202 that still could be passed. The addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of **John J. Cullerton**, chief sponsor of SB 2202, **Emil Jones**, president of the Senate, and Governor **Rod R. Blagojevich** were distributed to those present, asking them to seek the legislators' support, and asking the governor to sign the bills should they arrive at his desk. Those present were also asked to contact their friends and relatives in Illinois to urge them to write also. Sam also distributed a list of the seven talking points that was mailed to us from RTAC.

Sam also explained the reason why the net amount on our pension checks for April showed a decrease. This was the result of the decrease in the health premium reimbursement from 85% to 52%. As the group was so small it was rather intimate, permitting extensive questioning, and there was a spirited exchange of personal experiences and anecdotes.

Many of the Chicago retirees living in San Diego County wrote to the Illinois legislators supporting passage of the increase in the medical reimbursement. Since we don't vote in Illinois, we are unsure if our letters had any impact but it was worth a try.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at a place to still be determined. Any Chicago retired teacher who did not get a notice of this past meeting, is asked to please contact Sam Dolnick, 5706 Baltimore Drive, #348, La Mesa, CA 91942-1654, phone: 619-697-4854.

Respectfully submitted,

— *Sam Dolnick*

FROM THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

By Betsy Clayton

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

Elizabeth Yount (IL) wrote “I am very fortunate that at age 94 my husband—who is the same age—is still with me. If we make it to the middle of June we will have been married for 70 years. The chances of making it are pretty good, I think, and it pleases me very much that we have had such a long and happy marriage.”

Eleanor M. King (Chi) said she will be 92 on May 21 and cannot believe she is still alive and able to care for herself. She also feels blessed for having so many good teacher friends.

Frances Howland (IL) reads poetry, history, biography, and mysteries. She also writes letters and does arithmetic (pays bills and balances her checkbook). She says there’s life in the old dame yet!

Gladys Wright (IL) was 92 on February 16. The same day that was observed as a national holiday. “How about that,” she wonders.

Lucile Carlson (AZ) wrote “Life gets more difficult but we must keep going.” How true, Lucile.

Esther Yost (CA) enjoyed her birthday. It was a happy day for her from early morning to night. We’re glad to know it, Esther!

Margaret M. Smith (Chi) had a delightful birthday with a dinner party given by her family.

Betty Williams (Chi) wrote she and her husband have driven coast to coast and border to border in the U.S. They have also flown across several oceans. They enjoy reminiscing about their travels.

Amanda Moloney (IL) spoke for many when she wrote “Your birthday greetings mean a lot to a very retired teacher. We are not forgotten and appreciate the fact. May your good wishes to me return to all of you a hundred fold.”

Also sending their thanks:

Sammie West (IL)

Hendrene Gansevoort (IL)

Shirley Wasserman (Chi)

Catherine and Roy Buchanon (IL)

Elizabeth Ormsby (IL)

Jerry Clarizio (Chi)

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CONDUCT UNBECOMING: A Principal Under Siege. *a book by Beulah Jones*

Traditionally teachers are portrayed as dedicated moralists who have devoted their life's work to the betterment of mankind. **Conduct Unbecoming: A Principal Under Siege** speaks to another side of the individual to whom we have entrusted the education of our children. It reveals many of them as incompetent, inept, and oftentimes dishonest individuals who view any criticism of their performance as "harassment." ...

Inevitably these three forces — incompetent teachers, insecure school officials, and ignorant parents — merge to form a bitter response to a principal who insisted teachers teach and who demanded things be done by the book. This stance upset a great many teachers, parents and school officials who were use to (sic) less stem demands... **AVAILABLE** from the author: 773-731-8843

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Organization:	Where:	Contact Who:	Tel:
Cabrini Connection	Chicago	Daniel Bassill	312-467-2889
Centro Loyola	Chicago - Pilsen	Daniel Loftus	312-226-7887
Chicago Academy Sciences	Chicago - All	Susan Carlson	773-549-0606x2026
Chicago Botanic Garden	Glencoe	Linda Doede	847-835-8281
Chicago Cultural Center	Chicago - Loop	Marianne Wolf	312-744-7096
Chicago Humanities Festival	Chicago - All	Annie Tully	312-661-1028
Chicago Symphony Orch	Chicago - All		312-294-3160
Du Page Historical Museum	Suburbs W	Mary Johnson	630-682-6746
Evanston NorthWest Healthcare	Evanston	Ronna Jacobson	847-570-2840
FreshStart (GED Tutors)	Maywood	Donna Thomas	708-205-1334
Garfield Park Conserv Alliance	Chicago - West	Kirsten Akre	773-638-1766X24
Glessner House Museum	Chicago - Nr S	Clare Schaecher	312-326-1480
Grandma, Please	Chicago - All	Kathy Slover	773-561-3500
Heartland Alliance Vista	Chicago - Loop	Carol McNeill	312-696-4500x4085
Ill. Action for Chldn	Chicago - Loop	Rebecca Klipfel	312-986-9591
Ill. Parents Anonymous	Chicago - All	Melinda Crosby	312-649-7301
Ill. Volunteers of America	Chicago - All	Peggy Schweiger	312-707-8707
Inner Voice Learning Center	Chicago - Nr W	Antoinette Toliver	312-666-8110
Junior Achievement Chicago	Chicago - All	Cherie Russ	312-715-1300x269
Kids Voting	Chicago	Ellen Solomon	312-332-3107
Kohl Childrens Museum	Wilmette	Charlene Podolsky	847-256-6056
LaRabida Childrens Hospital	Chicago - South	Judi Blakemore	773-363-6700
League of Women Voters	Chicago - Loop	Courtney Balok	312-939-5935
Lincoln Park Zoo	Chicago - North	Elizabeth Wheeler	312-742-2125
Lincoln Park Zoo (Gardeners)	Chicago - Nr N	Roberta Goncalves	312-742-2124
Lira Arts (Polish)	Chicago - N	Katharine McJimsey	773-508-7040
Nat'l Runaway Switchboard	Chicago - North	Molly Billette	773-880-9860X218
PetCare Curriculum	Chicago - North	Julie Smith	773-784-5605
Polish Museum of America	Chicago - Nr N		773-384-3352
Prairie Ave. House Museum	Chicago - Cent	Michael Soet	312-326-1480
Prologue Adult Education	Chicago - N	Christina Mang	773-728-7221
Recording for the Blind	Chicago/OrlnPk	Joanne C. Ruxin	312-236-8715
Retired/Senior Volunteers	Nationwide		312-906-8600x214
Roseland Comm Hospital	Chicago - South	Jennifer Seldon	773-995-3470
School Childrens Aid Society	Chicago - West	Margaret Paul	773-247-1311
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FRIENDS GONE AHEAD
Requiescant in pace

BAACKE, THOMAS J.

After a career that spanned 39 years, Thomas retired from Chicago Vocational High in 1987. He expired on April 13, 2004, at the age of 84.

BAIN, EILEEN A.

After a career that spanned 39 years, Eileen retired from Ravenswood in 1982. She expired on October 18, 2003, at the age of 89.

BAKEMAN, CORDELL V.

Cordell retired in 1988. His career spanned 10 years, and he succumbed at the age of 70 on February 15, 2004.

BAKER, CHARLES T.

When he left Schurz High School in 1986, Charles put a 19 year career to an end. His life ended on January 20, 2004, at the age of 88.

BARKER, MARION A.

Née Swanton. Marion retired in 1976. Her career spanned 20 years, and she succumbed at the age of 92 on October 24, 2003.

BARNETT, MARJORIE A.

Née Atwater. When she left Altgeld in 1993, Marjorie put a 38 year career to an end. Her life ended on January 28, 2004, at the age of 77.

BARTELS, MARY C.

Née Novak. Mary resigned from the Lowell school in 1979 after 41 years. She was 91 when she expired on February 1, 2004.

BEASLEY, ESTHER B.

Née Brown. Esther's career of 37 years came to an end as she left Horner in 1976. When she passed away on February 13, 2004, she had reached the age of 91.

BEATTIE, BUTLER

Butler ended a 29 year career by resigning from the Washburne Trade School in 1976; and on October 25, 2003, expired after reaching 92 years.

BERGH, HARRIS V.

Harris resigned from the Disney Magnet School in 1978 after 39 years. He was 89 when he expired on March 23, 2004.

BERTRONSKI, PETER W.

Peter's career of 30 years in the Chicago school system and 5 more outside came to an end as he left Prosser High in 1994. When he passed away on February 17, 2004, he had reached the age of 61.

BLEVINS, LORETTA A.

Loretta died on December 4, 2003, at the age of 64. Her career of 37 years ended when she retired from the King school in 1998.

BLODGETT, LOUISE H.

After 17 years in the Chicago school system and 22 more outside, Louise retired from Morgan Park High School in 1968. When death took her on March 25, 2004, she was 97 years old.

BLOOM, EDITH L.

Née Lerner. At the close of her life on March 26, 2004, Edith was 93 years old. A teacher for 29 years, she retired from the Budlong school in 1972.

BOLAND, CLIFFORD A.

Clifford expired on October 18, 2003, at the age of 78. His career of 37 years ended when he retired from Bogan High School in 1985.

BRADLEY, MARIE M.

Marie resigned in 1975 from Burbank, ending a 39 year time span in the Chicago system. She was 93 at the time of her death on February 4, 2004.

BRADY, BERNADETTE E.

Née Walsh. A teacher for 25 years, Bernadette was at Whistler when she retired in 1984. She passed on at the age of 78 on December 22, 2003.

BROWN, BEATRICE

Née Williams. Beatrice was 77 years old at her death on November 7, 2003. She resigned from Burnside school in 1989 after 28 years in Chicago.

BROWNLOW, ROSE MARIE

Rose Marie was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 40 years when she retired from the Ebinger school in 1997. At the time of her death on September 29, 2003, she was 70 years of age.

BURKE, ALICE M.

Her 29 year teaching career ended when Alice retired from Garvey in 1993. She was 66 when her life ended on February 14, 2004.

BURKE, MARGARET P.

After 20 years, Margaret resigned from Guggenheim in 1987. Death took her on October 6, 2003; she was 73 at the time.

BURSON, ISABEL

Née Lombardo. When Isabel retired in 1988 from O. A. Thorp, her career had lasted 35 years. Her life ended at the age of 72 on February 18, 2004.

CAREY, MARY

Née Scanlon. Mary succumbed at age 95 on February 22, 2004. She taught for 42 years before retiring from Dawes in 1973.

CARON, BEATRICE

Beatrice retired from the Sullivan school in 1983 after a career that lasted for 31 years. She expired on September 26, 2003, at the age of 85 years.

CHILD, MARGARET P.

Née Pinkerton. Margaret was a Counselor in the City Colleges when she resigned in 1973 after 32 years in the Chicago school system and 1 more outside. She was 95 on February 5, 2004, when she passed on.

CHRISTOPH, MARGUERITE

When she retired from Prussing school in 1965, Marguerite ended a career that included 23 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed her on January 28, 2004, at the age of 93 years.

CHRISWELL, HERMENIA

Née Blackwell. In 1994, Hermenia retired from Wheatley after 38 years of teaching. On March 7, 2004, she passed on at the age of 67 years.

CIESEL, FRANK

After 13 years in the Chicago school system, Frank retired from the Haines school in 1985. When death took him on February 18, 2004, he was 86 years old.

CONNELLY, IRENE M.

Née Rederer. When she retired in 1965 from the Chase school, Irene had taught for 28 years. She was 95 years of age at her death on September 26, 2003.

CUNNEA, JOHN M.

At the close of his life on March 11, 2004, John was 93 years old. A teacher for 36 years, he retired from Morgan Park High School in 1975.

CUNNEA, MARGARET

Margaret retired from Ryerson in 1961 after teaching for 33 years. On February 10, 2004, she died at age 97.

CUNNINGHAM, J.

Née McNally. In 1973, when she retired from the Shields school, J ended her 37 year career with the Chicago school system. On October 10, 2003, her life ended after 95 years.

DECKER, MARY C.

Née Segroe. A 27 year career in Chicago schools came to an end for Mary when she retired in 1964. She died on August 13, 2003, at the age of 94 years.

DEMAKES, ELEANOR

A teacher at Haines when she resigned in 1974, Eleanor had served for 46 years. She was 95 on the date of her passing, February 6, 2004.

DOBBS, FRANK W.

Frank resigned as a college teacher in 1974 ending a 6 year time span in the Chicago system. He was 71 at the time of his death on January 26, 2004.

DUFFY, ELEANOR

Née Elias. Ending a 37 year career, Eleanor left Irving as Principal in 1989. When she died on January 31, 2004, she was 78 years of age.

DUFFY, RUTH E.

Ruth had taught for 38 years before she retired in 1974 from the Spencer school. She was 93 when her life ended on January 10, 2004.

DUNLAP, ADDIE N.

Née Ross. When she resigned after 25 years in 1986, Addie was at the Brenan school. On March 20, 2004, she died at the age of 73.

EASTON, ROSA P.

Née Pitts. Life ended for Rosa at the age of 83 on March 14, 2004. She retired from Mayo in 1987, at the end of a 35 year career.

EVOY, RICHARD E.

After teaching at Montefiore, Wentworth and others, Richard retired from Kelly High School in 1978 after completing 34 years service. He died February 24, 2004, at age 86 in San Diego.

FINKEL, LAWRENCE J.

Lawrence was 94 years old at his death on October 12, 2003. He resigned from Lane Technical High School in 1970 after 39 years in Chicago.

FRANCIS, LORETTA

After a career that lasted 39 years, Loretta retired from Hay as Principal in 1977. She was 90 when she died on February 4, 2004.

FRANKLIN, EARNEST

Earneast was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 38 years when he retired from the Cook County Jail school in 1991. At the time of his death on February 2, 2004, he was 77 years of age.

FREESE, HOMER E.

His 36 year career ended when Homer retired as a Central Office Coordinator in 1986. He was 79 when his life ended on January 9, 2004.

GALLAGHER, ELAINE R.

Elaine resigned from the Stevenson in 1993 after a 42 year career. She was 73 years old when she died on January 17, 2004.

GALLAS, STANLEY A.

After 35 years, Stanley resigned from Dvorak in 2003. Death took him on January 5, 2004; he was 57 at the time.

GALUSTIAN, ARAXY

Née Israelian. Araxy succumbed on February 8, 2004, at the age of 79. She served 26 years in the Chicago school system and 4 more outside, resigning from Bowen High School in 1985.

GLASS, ZERNEDA G.

Née Collins. On January 29, 2004, Zerneda passed away at the age of 67 years. She retired from Phillips High in 1997 after 31 years of teaching.

GONZALEZ, EVANGELINA

Née Llacuna. Evangelina left the Chopin in 1983 after a career that spanned 13 years. She expired at the age of 82, on March 26, 2004.

GORDON, DOROTHY B.

In 1980, Dorothy left the Byrd school after a career that lasted 38 years. When her life ended on February 14, 2004, she was 84 years of age.

GORDON, JEROME

When Jerome retired in 1981 from Nash, his career had lasted 32 years. His life ended at the age of 80 on February 15, 2004.

GREEN, FLORICE B.

Florice was associated with the Chicago schools for 24 years, the last at the Carver UGC, where she was when she retired in 1977. She was 86 years old when death took her on March 9, 2004.

GRINNAGE, LAJEANNE M.

Née Hartwell. After a career of 34 years, LaJeanne retired from the Kelvyn Park High School in 2003. She died on February 23, 2004, at the age of 56.

GUSHINIÈRE, MAXINE A.

Née Morrison. On December 28, 2003, Maxine passed on, at the age of 81 years. She had spent 29 years in the schools when she resigned from O'Keefe in 1985.

GUTOWSKI, GORDON R.

Gordon succumbed at age 61 on April 13, 2004. He taught for 36 years before retiring from Corkey in 2000.

HARRIS, GERALDINE B.

Née Bell. When she retired from Bryn Mawr in 1986, Geraldine ended a career of 10 years. She was 68 when her life came to a close on March 21, 2004.

HARRIS, MARY B.

Née Jackson. After 39 years in Chicago schools, Mary retired from the Hamline school in 1998. She was 68 when she expired on February 25, 2004.

HARRISON, LAWRENCE

Lawrence retired from the Waters school in 1992 after a career that lasted for 40 years. He expired on April 7, 2004, at the age of 80 years.

HASTALIS, COULA A.

Coula ended a 6 year career when she resigned from Calumet High school in 1970. At her death on March 9, 2004, she was 81 years old.

HEFFERNAN, MARGARET M.

Née Mulvihill. Her career of 23 years ended when she left the Stockton school in 1966, and Margaret died on February 1, 2004, at the age of 92.

HEIDEMANN, WILLIAM J.

William was at Mozart when he resigned in 1980 after 36 years in the Chicago Public Schools. He was 83 on February 22, 2004, when he passed on.

HEINEMAN, EDITH E.

Née Hamilton. Last assigned to Mount Greenwood, Edith retired in 1969 after 37 years of service. She passed away on February 11, 2004, at 94 years of age.

HESTER, CHARLES A.

When he retired as Principal of McCosh school in 1987, Charles ended a career that included 31 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed him on October 28, 2003, at the age of 80 years.

HILLMAN, WILLIAM P.

In 1990, William retired from Chalmers after 20 years of teaching. On March 23, 2004, he passed on at the age of 80 years.

HILTON, ALMA E.

Née Eaton. When she resigned from Swift in 1985, Alma capped a 19 year career. She was 80 when she died on October 10, 2003.

HILTON, KAY W.

Née Weaver. Kay was at Nettelhorst when she retired in 1984 after a 23 year career. She was 85 when she died on February 8, 2004.

HOFF, ALLEN J.

When he retired in 1994 from Steinmetz High School, Allen had taught for 38 years. He was 63 years of age at his death on October 4, 2003.

HOFFMAN, JOSEPH G.

Joseph retired from Ryder in 1975 after teaching for 24 years. On October 31, 2003, he died at age 75.

HOPKINS, CONSTANCE J.

Constance ended a 38 year term in the Chicago system upon her retirement in 2001 from McKay. At her death on December 10, 2003, she was 62 years old.

INOUYE, MORRIS H.

In 1993, when he retired from Lane Technical High School, Morris ended his 31 year career with the Chicago school system. On March 6, 2004, his life ended after 75 years.

JACKSON, ESTHER R.

Esther was assigned to Douglas when she retired in 1974 after 40 years in the Chicago system. She was 95 when she went to her reward on March 13, 2004.

JACOBSEN, ETHELYN

After teaching 16 years, Ethelyn resigned from the Canty school in 1973. She was 95 when death claimed her on April 5, 2004.

JOHNSON, EDWIN R., JR.

An 11 year college teacher career came to an end for Edwin when he left in 1984. He died on November 3, 2003, at the age of 76 years.

JOHNSON, ELSIE M.

Elsie's 31 year career in the Chicago schools and 7 more outside ended when she retired from Agassiz as Principal in 1975. On January 26, 2004, at the time she succumbed, she was 88 years old.

JORDAN, JOAN P.

Death came for Joan on January 18, 2004, when she was 78 years old. She ended her career as Supervisor at the Bureau of Pupil Personnel in 1975, after 28 years.

JOVICH, MARIE D.

Née Scopelite. Marie was a teacher at Van Vlissingen when she resigned in 1971 after an 18 year teaching career. Her life ended at the age of 74 on December 12, 2003.

KAPLAN, LAWRENCE

A teacher at Ravenswood when he resigned in 1988, Lawrence had served for 22 years. He was 75 on the date of his passing, January 24, 2004.

KATZ, ROBERTA M.

Née Pearlman. Roberta was at the Chase school when she retired in 1999 after a 21 year teaching career. She was 63 at the time of her death on February 28, 2004.

KAYE, NAOMI

Née Kaplovitz. At the age of 96, Naomi passed away on March 27, 2004. She was at LeMoyne in 1969 when she ended a 41 year career in the Chicago system.

KELLY, ELIZABETH C.

Née Monaco. In 1982, Elizabeth resigned as a college teacher after a 16 year career. When she expired on February 23, 2004, she was 82 years old.

KING, LARRY

Larry ended a 10 year college teaching career when he left in 1995. When he died on February 5, 2004, he was 70 years of age.

KLINN, FRANCES G.

Née Green. On October 17, 2003, life came to a close for Frances at the age of 96. She had retired in 1972 at the end of a 12 year career in the schools.

KOREY, YAKIR W.

Resigning as Principal of the Trumbull school in 1987 after a career that lasted 36 years, Yakir passed on at the age of 75 on October 17, 2003.

KRAITSIK, DOROTHY O.

Née Oppenheim. A teacher at the Hibbard when she retired in 1980 after 20 years, Dorothy passed away on November 7, 2003, at the age of 84 years.

LACHAPPELLE, E. KATHLEEN

Née Goldenstein. Kathleen retired in 1985 from the Fermi ending a 15 year career. At the end of her life on October 7, 2003, she was 82 years old.

LARKIN, DOROTHY M.

Née Rikerd. At her death on January 12, 2004, Dorothy was 96 years old. Her 35 year career ended when she resigned from Bryn Mawr in 1969.

LAWSON, JAMES A.

James had taught for 38 years before he retired in 1993 from the Delano Elementary school. He was 72 when his life ended on January 12, 2004.

LEAHY, MARGARET C.

Née McKeon. Margaret resigned from Locke in 1977 after 21 years. On February 27, 2003, she passed on at the age of 91 years.

LEAVERTON, LLOYD J.

When he resigned after 43 years in 1998, Lloyd was Coordinator at the Kinzie school. On January 8, 2004, he died at the age of 79.

LEWIS, BLANCHE A.

In 1972, when Blanche was at the Parkman school, she retired after 22 years. She was 86 years old when she expired on March 2, 2004.

LIEBERMAN, PEARL N.

Née Feldman. Pearl was at Clemente High when she retired in 1983 after 32 years. She was 85 when she succumbed on February 2, 2004.

LINDQUIST, NEDRA

Nedra retired in 1980 while at the Hanson Park, ending a 34 year career, and passed away on February 12, 2004, at the age of 85.

LIPPMAN, BEVERLY R.

Beverly retired in 1990 from the Cather school, after teaching 38 years. Her life ended on January 5, 2004, at the age of 77 years.

LOREK, VIRGINIA

At the age of 87, Virginia passed away on December 11, 2003. After 41 years in the system, she resigned from Otis in 1986.

LOVE, SARA W.

Née Fields. Sara retired from Holmes in 1983 after a 23 year career. Death came for her at age 85 on January 10, 2004.

LUEDKE, GEORGE C.

Life ended for George at the age of 92 on February 4, 2004. He retired from Washburne Trade in 1971, at the end of a 30 year career.

MANDUJANO, ANTHONY

After a career that lasted 15 years, Anthony retired from Washington High in 1983. He was 81 when he died on August 30, 2003.

MANN, BERNICE B.

Née Burke. Bernice was 96 at her death on December 30, 2003. She ended her 32 year career when she retired from Sawyer in 1962.

MARGOLA, JOSEPH F.

Joseph resigned from the Walsh in 1974 after a 10 year career. He was 92 years old when he died on September 15, 2003.

MARTELL, MARGARITA

After teaching 24 years, Margarita resigned in 1997 from Diego. She succumbed at the age of 70 on January 19, 2004.

MAZZOLA, ROSE A.

Née Marcanti. Rose passed on at age 79 on February 15, 2004. She resigned in 1988 after a 21 year career that ended at Nightingale.

MCBRIDE, MATT L.

Matt succumbed on October 30, 2003, at the age of 91. He resigned in 1976. No other information is available.

MCCARTHY, MARILLYN I.

Her 20 year college teaching career ended in 1985 when Marillyn retired. Death came for her on November 4, 2003, at the age of 78.

MCCRAY, ROBERT W.

On October 6, 2003, Robert passed away at the age of 80 years. He retired from Lane Technical High in 1993 after 22 years of teaching.

MCCREE, MARILYN R.

After a 36 year teaching career, Marilyn retired from Coles in 1995. She died on January 21, 2004, at age 71.

MCGLYNN, DOROTHY C.

Née Connors. Dorothy retired in 1983, ending an 11 year career. On March 19, 2004, when she passed on, she was 82 years old.

MCGRATH, MILDRED G.

Née Goodrie. Mildred served the Chicago Public Schools for 19 years and served 2 more outside, retiring from the Murray school in 1972. She was 96 when death took her on April 16, 2004.

MCKINLEY, DOROTHY G.

Née Shean. When Dorothy retired from the Clissold school in 1980, she ended a 28 year career. She expired on February 22, 2004, having achieved the age of 85 years.

MEHRENS, IRENE A.

Née Pietrzak. Irene's 7 year career ended in 1994 when she resigned. Death claimed her on February 18, 2004, at the age of 72.

MILES, SADIE

Life ended for Sadie on October 10, 2003, at the age of 74 years. She ended her 34 year career at the Tanner school in 1991.

MONTGOMERY, DOLORES

Née Bodz. Dolores was 76 years old when she died on February 1, 2004. She was Assistant Principal at Prosser Vocational High when she resigned in 1993 after a 36 year career in the Chicago school system and 1 more outside.

MORRISON, KATHLEEN J.

When her life ended on November 25, 2003, Kathleen was 73 years old. Her retirement in 1990 from Sheridan marked the end of a 37 year career.

MURPHY, DAN P.

Dan left the McCormick in 1980 after a career that lasted for 20 years. He expired at the age of 81, on February 27, 2004.

MURPHY, VIRGINIA Q.

Née Quinn. When she retired from Gray in 1976, Virginia's career spanned 38 years. At the end of her life on October 26, 2003, she was 91 years of age.

NASH, JOYCE W.

Joyce had reached 67 years of age when her life came to a close on December 26, 2003. Her 37 year career ended when she resigned from the Fulton school in 1999.

NELSON, RUTH

Née Johnson. Ruth retired as Assistant Principal at the Amelia Earhart school in 1991, after a 37 year career. She succumbed on April 11, 2004, at the age of 76.

NEUFFER, MILDRED P.

In 1974, when she resigned from Blaine, Mildred completed a 35 year career in the Chicago school system and 1 more outside. She was 90 when she died on March 25, 2004.

O'BRIEN, MARY E.

Mary's 29 year teaching career ended when she retired from Bowen High in 1984. She passed away on March 2, 2004, at the age of 89 years.

O'GORMAN, THOMAS

In 2003, Thomas left the Cameron school after a career that lasted 29 years. When his life ended on January 25, 2004, he was 59 years of age.

PATTERSON, LUCILLE J.

Lucille was at Hirsch High when she retired in 2001, terminating a 33 year career. At her death on October 5, 2003, she was 68 years of age.

PATTERSON, STEVIE L.

Stevie was associated with the Chicago schools for 35 years, the last at the Beasley school, where he was when he retired in 2002. He was 61 years old when death took him on April 2, 2004.

PATTON, KAREN

Karen left Senn High in 2000 after teaching for 31 years. She left us at the age of 59 on October 24, 2003.

PAUL, HARRY J.

After a career of 36 years, Harry retired from Lake View High School in 1981. He died on March 8, 2004, at the age of 88.

PENNY, ARTHUR

On February 10, 2004, Arthur passed on, at the age of 57 years. He had spent 27 years in the schools when he resigned from Whitney Young in 2001.

PHILLIPPE, MARGARET

Née Hill. On October 15, 2003, when she was 82, death claimed Margaret. She had taught 27 years when she resigned from the Kershaw school in 1986.

PINE, PATRICIA A.

Patricia was Assistant Principal at Curie High School until she retired in 1992, after 41 years. On October 27, 2003, she passed away at the age of 72.

PUTILOV, L. LENORE

Lenore's 26 year career ended when she left Schurz High in 1986. She was 87 years old when she died on February 27, 2004.

PYRCE, THADDEUS

When he retired from Curie High in 1985, Thaddeus ended a career of 20 years. He was 83 when his life came to a close on February 12, 2004.

RAGLAND, CALLIE E.

Née Morris. Assigned to Lee Elementary when she resigned in 1993 after 26 years, Callie passed away at the age of 78 on March 12, 2004.

RASMUSSEN, ROSEMARY

Née Joyce. A teacher at Taft High when she retired in 1985 after 28 years in the Chicago school system and 5 more outside, Rosemary's life closed on February 20, 2004, at the age of 88 years.

ROGERS, BENNIE

Bennie resigned from the Shoop school in 1998 after a 30 year career, and died on October 18, 2003, at the age of 65 years.

ROSE, SYLVIA C.

Née Cohen. Sylvia had taught for 38 years when she retired in 1973 from the DuBois school. At the end of her life on January 25, 2004, she was 93 years of age.

ROSENFELD, SALLY

Née Motel. Sally died on August 12, 2003, at the age of 77 years. She retired as Psychologist from District #1 in 1993 after a career of 29 years.

ROSINSKI, HATTIE

Hattie passed away on February 25, 2004, at the age of 109 years. She retired from the Pullman school in 1964, ending a career that spanned 48 years.

RUBIN, LORRAINE H.

Née Helman. A teacher for 20 years, Lorraine retired in 1980. When her life came to a close on October 31, 2003, she had reached the age of 86.

RUSTERHOLTZ, WALLACE P.

After 6 years in Chicago schools, Wallace retired from the Amundsen-Mayfair school in 1974. He was 94 when he expired on January 15, 2004.

RYAN, JOHN L.

John ended a 38 year career when he resigned as Principal of the Hartigan school in 1978. At his death on December 6, 2003, he was 85 years old.

SALDANA, DENNIS

Dennis died on March 12, 2004, at the age of 66. His career of 25 years ended when he left the R. Lozano school in 1999.

SALETTA, MAMIE R.

After 33 years in the Chicago school system and 1 more outside, death came for Mamie on October 18, 2003, when she was 84 years old. She ended her career at Steinmetz High in 1985.

SCHROEDER, MILDRED F.

Née Shearer. On September 26, 2003, at the age of 90 years, Mildred died. She retired as a college teacher in 1978 after 14 years in the Chicago school system and 4 more outside.

SCHWEITZER, RUTH E.

After a career of 30 years with the Chicago Public Schools, Ruth passed away on February 15, 2004, at the age of 74. She retired from Clemente High in 1993.

SHAPIRO, LOUIS W.

Last assigned to Dunbar, Louis retired in 1972 after 43 years of service. He passed away on March 22, 2004, at 96 years of age.

SHLIMON, BELIS Y.

A career in the Chicago Public Schools ended when Belis, who expired at the age of 61 on January 5, 2004, retired in 2001.

SHUTAN, ZELDA M.

Zelda's career lasted for 35 years, until she resigned as Psychologist from the Hayt school in 1971. She was 90 when she died on February 28, 2004.

SILVERS, MARILYN T.

Née Levine. Marilyn passed on at the age of 71 on February 1, 2004. Her 21 year career ended when she left the Irving Park school in 1987.

SIMS, AUDREY L.

Audrey was 80 at the time of her passing on January 4, 2004. Her career lasted 37 years in the Chicago school system and 1 more outside, ending when she resigned from Portage Park in 1985.

SMITH, RUTH B.

After a career that spanned 24 years in the Chicago school system and 1 more outside, Ruth retired from Madison in 1979. She expired on October 17, 2003, at the age of 89.

SOBRAD, ERNEST J.

When he resigned from Altgeld in 1985, Ernest capped a 21 year career. He was 77 when he died on March 6, 2004.

SPONG, JULIA H.

Née Hennix. Julia was at Patrick Henry when she retired in 1971. Her career spanned 31 years, and she succumbed at the age of 95 on November 8, 2003.

STAWICKI, LILLIAN R.

Née Muza. When she left LeMoyne in 1996, Lillian put a 45 year career to an end. Her life ended on March 16, 2004, at the age of 78.

STENSTROM, KENNETH A.

His 33 year teaching career ended when Kenneth retired from Prussing in 1983. He was 81 when his life ended on November 3, 2003.

STEVENS, JOSEPHINE W.

Née Walker. Josephine resigned from the Lawndale Academy school in 1990 after 19 years. She was 78 when she expired on March 16, 2004.

STEWART, MAMIE N.

Née Norwood. Mamie's career of 36 years came to an end as she left Donoghue in 1987. When she passed away on January 12, 2004, she had reached the age of 76.

STINSON, AMY R.

Née Brown. Amy expired on October 24, 2003, at the age of 75. Her career of 23 years ended when she retired from the Oakenwald South school in 1986.

STRENING, PEARL E.

Née Eicholtz. After 35 years in the Chicago school system, Pearl retired from the Key school in 1970. When death took her on October 14, 2003, she was 97 years old.

SVALDI, ANTHONY J.

Anthony ended a 20 year term in the Chicago system by retiring in 2001 from Ward. At his death on October 3, 2003, he was 57 years old.

SWOPE, BARBARA

Née Derricks. At the close of her life on October 5, 2003, Barbara was 70 years old. A teacher for 13 years, she retired from the Farnsworth school in 1997.

TATERA, AGNES L.

Née Wathall. Agnes resigned in 1972 from Flower Vocational High, ending a 14 year time span in the Chicago school system and 4 more outside. She was 96 at the time of her death on January 30, 2004.

TAYLOR, DOROTHY L.

Née Wright. A teacher for 25 years, Dorothy was at Lathrop when she retired in 1989. She passed on at the age of 70 on March 31, 2004.

TELFORD, KENNETH A.

Kenneth retired as a Professor in 1979 after 13 years. He was 81 when he went to his reward on March 6, 2004.

TOMAS, JOEL M.

After teaching 1 year, Joel resigned in 2000. He

was 63 when death claimed him on December 13, 2003.

TORIAN, THOMAS E.

Thomas' 38 year career in the Chicago schools ended when he retired from Young Magnet in 2000. On March 4, 2004, at the time he succumbed, he was 69 years old.

TUGGLE, LORRAINE C.

Née Cantrell. Lorraine was 89 years old at her death on January 11, 2004. She resigned from Julian High School in 1982 after 32 years in Chicago.

VALIQUET, LOUISE

Née Zeutz. Louise was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 20 years when she retired from the Darwin school in 1999. At the time of her death on February 3, 2004, she was 84 years of age.

VANDERFLUTE, JAMES E.

Death came for James on October 28, 2003, when he was 65 years old. He ended his career in 2002, after 17 years.

WALSH, MARGARET B.

Née Bell. Her 25 year teaching career ended when Margaret retired from Phil Sheridan in 1959. She was 99 when her life ended on March 18, 2004.

WASHINGTON, NAOMI

Née Strickland. After 28 years, Naomi resigned from Bradwell Elementary in 1993. Death took her on September 20, 2003; she was 73 at the time.

WATKINS, ALICE E.

Née Waldron. When Alice retired in 1981 from Mann, her career had lasted 13 years. Her life ended at the age of 87 on March 16, 2004.

WEISS, JANIE L.

Née Greer. Janie succumbed at age 58 on February 5, 2004. She taught for 34 years before retiring from Austin in 2003.

WEST, MADELINE B.

Madeline retired from the Bradwell school in 1995 after a career that lasted 32 years. She expired on January 13, 2004, at the age of 72 years.

WHITE, NICHOLAS JR.

Nicholas was a teacher at Funston when he resigned in 1983 after a 26 year teaching career. His life ended at the age of 80 on February 10, 2004.

WILEY, LUCILLE R.

Née Harreld. Lucille was at Kozminski when she resigned in 1999 after 36 years in the Chicago Public Schools. She was 66 on October 2, 2003, when she passed on.

WILLIAMS, LURETHA

When she retired from Pulaski school in 2002, Luretha ended a career that included 37 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed her on January 18, 2004, at the age of 63 years.

WILLIAMS, SHIRLEY V.

Née Coffey. In 1987, Shirley retired from Sutherland after 35 years of teaching. On March 1, 2004, she passed on at the age of 76 years.

WILSON, ELYNORE J.

When she retired in 1981 from Washington High School, Elynore had taught for 35 years in the Chicago school system and 2 more outside. She was 86 years of age at her death on April 8, 2004.

WORTHY, LUCILLE.

Lucille retired from West Pullman in 1993 after teaching for 38 years. On January 15, 2004, she died at age 75.

ZAESKE, MARY C.

Née Kane. In 1998, when she retired, Mary ended her 2 year career with the Chicago school system. On October 19, 2003, her life ended after 67 years.

ZEBROWSKI, LORRAINE

Née Rasimowicz. A 21 year career in Chicago schools came to an end for Lorraine when she left the Ravenswood school in 1986. She died on February 2, 2004, at the age of 74 years.

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