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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RTAC

Sincere thanks to the thousands of you who answered the call to contact Springfield about the latest attempt by our Board of Education to take money from our Pension Fund. We received word from many legislators to "Call off the troops!" Their desks were covered with the letters and cards you sent, their fax machines were jammed, and their telephones rang "off the hook." The message was received loudly and clearly: **Pension funds are for retired teachers only.** We can sympathize with the need for funds for our schools, but that is what taxes are for. Your efforts along with the attitudes of many of our legislators about cutting pension funds in the

rest of the state, made our efforts pay off. Thank you very much.



Dr. Walter Pilditch

Our lobbyist gave all the details of the spring's legislative campaign at our Spring Luncheon at the Palmer House on April 28. Other speakers gave details on our proposed office relocation, our financial status, recent activities of the RTAC Aid Fund and an update on your Pension Fund. We added two persons

to our Wall of Fame, **Clementine Skinner** and **Charles Pall**. The attendance was just over 550 and we again completely filled the International Ballroom.

FIRST PLACE - LUNCHEON PHOTO CONTEST



First prize of \$50 was won by this picture of Medill School retirees (seated, l to r) **Elizabeth Allen, Bernice Lewis, James E. Malles, Marilyn Malles, Harriet Embrey.** (Rear:) **Cora Spruel, Huron Dukes, Jonnetta Benson, and Louise Price-Malles.**

(Photo by Ruth Anderson)

Back on the home front, I am pleased we sponsored a trip to Springfield, Illinois, to see the outstanding new Abraham Lincoln Museum. Reports indicate it resembles the attractive exhibits in Disney World, and if you are from out-of-town and visiting the area anytime soon, be sure to include a trip to see this outstanding museum.

On that fine note, have a very pleasant and enjoyable summer and we will be getting back to you in October. Enjoy!

Walter Pilditch

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ALL ABOUT PENSIONS

An Editorial

A large part of this issue of the *News Bulletin* is devoted to pensions and legislation affecting them. And why not? Is there any issue more important to retired teachers?

Most of us have been lulled to sleep by the dependability of that monthly check or deposit. It's been doing that for over a century, so OF COURSE your check will be there on the first of the month. The sun will rise tomorrow morning, too.

But hundreds of thousands of Americans are finding that those promises weren't all that good, though. Industrial titans are crashing all around us, and their pension funds are vanishing as they go. Polaroid Corp., United Airlines, now maybe even GM – are we safe?

In a word, yes – for now.

First, a primer on pensions, which are of two kinds. A Defined Contribution plan pays out only as much as it has collected and earned on its funds. A Defined Benefit pension plan promises a specific pension to an employee for the remainder of his life after retirement. Our pensions are of the Defined Benefit type, so they impose a predictable cash obligation on the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund.

If a pension fund must pay out a total of \$100,000,000 in future pensions, and it has assets of only \$90,000,000 on hand to do it, it is said to be 90% funded. The Chicago Teachers Pension Fund is presently a bit below that level - about 79%. By law, the Chicago Public Schools (a corporate entity, thus singular) is obligated to raise that level to 90%, which is what inspired the ever hungry minions at the Board of Education to try (unsuccessfully) to change the law and avoid its debt.

In the U. S., state and local government pension funds have about 2.7 trillion dollars in them. For comparison, the U. S. National Debt will be about 8.5 trillion dollars by August 1st. In other words, pension funds are serious money, and that fact has not escaped the notice of politicians and others who would love to get a slice of it – among them Supt. Duncan and an awful lot of Illinois legislators, especially downstate, who want more of ours.

Fortunately for us, the framers of the 1970 Illinois Constitution foresaw the problem, and so section 5 of Article XIII provides that "Membership in any pension or retirement system of the State, any ... school district, ... shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired." Our pensions are thereby guaranteed by the State Constitution. But some very clever people have their eyes on your money, and are constantly figuring out ingenious new angles. For example, they noticed that health care is NOT guaranteed by the Constitution, and made a concerted effort to grab that. Under the inspired leadership of the late **Tom Corcoran**, we "cut 'em off at the pass," and we got back almost all of the health care rebate that we lost. Recently, there has been talk of taxing our benefits. It was **Wendell Phillips** who said: "The price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance." Our pensions, especially now, carry the same price tag.

That vigilance is not the job of RTAC, or the CTPF, or the CTU. **It is YOUR job.** If you sit on the sidelines, as most pensioners do, *you will lose your pension*, bit by bit. In the words of 18th century Irish lawyer **John Philpot Curran**: "It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active." Their pensions as well as their rights, we might add. So when RTAC asks you to respond, *just do it!* We have the Legislature's attention now. *We dare not lose it.*

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

Marcella L. Morrison, Bylaws Committee Chair

(To be acted upon at the Fall 2006 Luncheon and Business Meeting)

CURRENT WORDING

Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to carry on the following activities in the interests of certified teachers who have retired from the Chicago Public Schools and hereinafter are referred to as retired teachers.

Section 1. To provide for the professional, educational, and social interests of retired teachers.

Section 2. To encourage the interchange of ideas of common interest to retired teachers.

Section 3. To work in cooperation with other organized groups in matters pertaining to retired teachers.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Any former teacher or administrator who has been certified by the Chicago Board of Education and who has served under appointment in the Chicago Public Schools and who has been separated from service by retirement shall be eligible for membership and may hold an elective office.



PROPOSED WORDING

Article II. PURPOSE

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

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

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

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

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

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

JOHN P. GRAVEN

RTAC suffered another loss with the passing of former Director John P. Graven on April 8, 2006.

John was best known as long-term principal of Taft High School. Starting in 1968, John made his mark at Taft by expanded support of extra-curricular activities, fine and applied arts, humanities, and the Advanced Placement program. He left Taft to take the position of Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Department of Operation Services in 1977. After his 1988 retire-

ment from that position, John joined the RTAC Board in 1993, and served through 1999.

As an RTAC Board member, John contributed many ideas for improving the lot of retirees. He served on the Finance and Insurance Committees, but did not seek higher office at RTAC. His advice and counsel were always valuable, and John was always highly regarded.

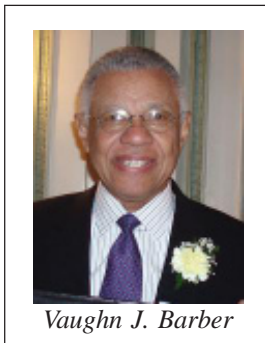
We still miss his quiet wisdom, but we are grateful for the years he gave us. Farewell, John. We appreciate everything you did here.

PENSION NEWS

by Vaughn J. Barber, Pension Fund Trustee

“IS MY PENSION SAFE? WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR MY PENSION?”

During the past 6 weeks, these were the questions I was constantly asked. I know that you have been following, with great interest and deep concern, the news reports and editorials concerning the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF). In addition, you heard about the funding shortfalls projected for the Board of Education (CPS) in fiscal 2006-2007. As you probably know, the CPS proposed changing the 1994 law which requires the CPS to bring the CTPF up to the required fiscally responsible funding level. Any such change would have required Illinois legislative action. I am delighted to report that the 94th General Assembly of the State of Illinois adjourned in May with no change in CTPF funding requirements. In addition, the State appropriated a total of approximately \$75 million, once again \$10 million over the usual figure. This means that your pension is intact, but as you are aware from past encounters, we must maintain our guard against future efforts to raid the fund. Whenever the opportunity arises, thank your legislators for their continued support, and let them know your feelings about taking money from pensioners.



Vaughn J. Barber

HOW FISCALLY SOUND IS THE FUND?

As of March 31, 2006, the Fund was valued at \$11.43 billion, an increase of \$404 million since the end of 2005. Relative to Asset Allocation targets of CTPF, the Fund was overinvested in international and domestic equity at the expense of fixed income and cash. The largest single CTPF holding is General Electric Company at approximately \$120 million. CTPF's return on investments as of March 31, 2006, for the year was 13.6%. During the first quarter of 2006, the Fund grew by 5.2%, placing it in the top one third of similar funds. The Board determined that one of its priorities for the year would be to graduate one or two emerging, minority and/or female firms from the manager-of-managers program. In February, the Fund conducted a strategic asset allocation and portfolio structuring analysis whereby the asset alloca-

tion was adjusted to better meet CTPF's specific needs and long term goals. The revised asset allocation is as follows:

Asset Class	Now	New
Domestic Equity	49%	44%
International Equity	13%	22%
Market Fixed Income	28%	23%
Real Estate	7%	7%
Private Equity	2%	2%
Cash	2%	2%

Given that the change in asset allocation would require a transfer of assets, it was agreed this change would be effected by transferring funds from managers currently on watch status.

PENSION FUND WATCH STATUS

CTPF places managers on watch status after investment gains on a three-year rolling basis fall below a fund's designated benchmark index for two consecutive quarters. Managers may also be placed on watch status for organizational reasons, which can include lawsuits, mergers, or the resignation of senior staff members.

In April, the Trustees agreed to remove both Progress Investment Management and The Northern Trust Manager-of-Manager programs from watch status. Both had been placed on watch status due to key organizational changes. The reasons for the two coming off watch status are as follows:

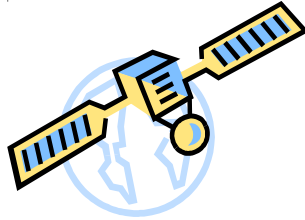
Progress: (1) Hiring Alex Hsiao as Chief Investment Officer, (2) retention of José Balagot as Deputy CIO and the addition of other key personnel, and (3) restructuring of the investment committee into a more focused group.

The Northern Trust: (1) hiring Larry Jones as CIO, (2) centralization of investment staff in one location, and (3) continued integration of Emerging Manager-of-Manager resources with larger Fund-of-Fund resources.

(See *Pension*, next page)

SATELLITE DOINGS

SAN DIEGO



Unfortunately it appears that the San Diego Satellite is slowly losing membership. If newly retired Chicago teachers are moving into the San Diego County area, either they are not members of the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago (so we do not have their addresses), or if members, are not interested in attending the twice yearly luncheon/business meetings.

When the group was first formed, in 1986, at the urging of **Louise Daugherty** and **Edith Dolnick**, there were approximately 40-42 meeting attendees for approximately three years. Then, slowly, because of the passing of some teachers or others moving out of the area to be with their children, our luncheon meeting on April 11, 2006 had 20 attendees. Over the past 20 years we have been losing an average of two attendees per year. [Note: 60 reservation letters were sent out but only 20 responded.]



(Pension, continued)

Both programs continue to build CTPF's confidence as set forth to the CTPF in 2004 and 2005.

RESTRUCTURING

In April, 2006, as part of CTPF's restructuring proposal, CTPF requested that The Townsend Group, Institutional Real Estate Consultants, make recommendations for international real estate fund investments. The Group was aware of 54 open fund international investment opportunities offered to institutional investors. After a careful examination of these funds, at the May 18th meeting Townsend Group offered three managers for consideration. Each of the three were invited to the May meeting for a presentation to the Board. The three were: (1) Citigroup Property Investors, CPI Capital Partners Europe, (2) Prudential Real Estate Investors, Prudential Mexico Retail and (3) Deutsche Bank, Global Opportunities Fund II. The Board had a number of questions and was unable

The luncheon was held at the MCAS Miramar Officers' Club, the entrees being a choice of roast turkey with all the trimmings or charbroiled steak. Included were a salad, desert, and beverage.

The attendees were **Dorothy Benshop, Jack and Fran Blumenthal, Wesley Buchwald, Marion and Peter Casa, Yvonne Crute, Louise Daugherty, Sam Dolnick, Rita Evoy, Sylvia Kayser, Linda and Paul Mooney, Ruth Harris-Morrison, Barbara Perkins, Ellen Perry, Evalyn and Arthur Schiff, Harriet Tuve and Vlasta Williams**. The individuals named above would greatly appreciate hearing from their friends in other parts of the country.

Rita Evoy, President, took care of the business aspects of the meeting such as the next meeting date (Oct. 10, 2006). We hope every RTAC member in the area will join us. For further information, call Rita Evoy at 858-566-1819, or Sam Dolnick at 619-697-4854.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Dolnick



to reach a final decision; this matter will again be considered at the June meeting of the Board.

RETIREMENT SEMINARS

To help in the decision-making process and to provide information to teachers and administrators planning retirement in 2006, spring retirement seminars were held at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza on April 11-12, 2006 for approximately 800 members. The seminars featured a joint presentation by CTPF, CPS, and Social Security Administration. Due to the high demand, additional seminars are scheduled for June 3, 10, 17 and 24.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

At the May meeting, **Alberto Carrero, Jr.**, announced that due to personal obligations, he would no longer chair the Personnel and Service Providers Committee. President **John O'Brill** announced the Personnel and Service Providers Committee will henceforth be a committee of the whole.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Ethel Philpott

Our best wishes for your continued health and prosperity — and after all, your prosperity is what the Legislation Committee is all about.

Now that the March primary elections are over, we urge you to continue becoming familiar with and providing support for your legislators, especially those who have continued to support us. This session of the Illinois General Assembly, as you know, was extended to reach agreement on and present the State Budget, an 800+ page document (remember the “shell bill” mentioned in the April Legislation Report?). The Legislation Report in the April 2006 *News Bulletin* included a brief outline of comments by **Kevin Huber**, Executive Director of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, on the relationship between the state, the Board of Education, and the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund regarding the level of our pension monies. **Vaughn Barber**, our newest Pension Fund Trustee, presents a more detailed “state-of-the-Pension-Fund” article in his column this issue.



Ethel Philpott

cago Teachers Pension Fund. Many legislators responded by letter, thanking us for the information, and pledging their support. Also in March, we sent letters and postcards to you, our members, urging you to contact and communicate with the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Mayor of Chicago and our legislators, urging them to oppose any attempt to let the CPS avoid the state mandate. As you know, our drive was successful. Kudos to each of you who heeded the call to action!

Our ‘Ad Hoc’ bill, which seeks to provide a living pension for annuitants who retired before 1980, was reintroduced through the efforts of our lobbyist, **Richard Lockhart**, but continues to languish in the Rules Committee.

At the federal level, there continues to be no movement toward repeal of the WEP and GPO Social Security provisions that confiscate such a large part of the benefits earned by public employees.

Stay healthy and active physically and mentally. Continue to learn and to share your ideas with us. Continue to become involved with our politicians, and continue to be prepared to “jump into action” as the need arises. Many thanks also to the Chicago Teachers Union, which supported our cause and made its voice heard.

On February 1, 2006, President **Walter Pilditch**, Executive Director **Bob Bures** and I wrote a letter to each member of the Illinois General Assembly, strongly urging them to vote against any attempt to allow the CPS to avoid the state law that requires regular payments to maintain the mandated fiscally responsible funding level of the Chi-

GEMS SELDOM SCENE

RTAC member **Iris Kalsh** writes:

“Art and I attended an activity that was listed in your last newsletter: The Geographical Society at DePaul University. It was a Saturday lecture by Dr. Irv Cutler on Chicago. Tremendously interesting! When the forum queried new attendees as to the source of their information about the meeting, they were delighted when I told them it came from RTAC.

“The next meeting is June 3 and will cover Dr. Houk’s trip to Libya. Apparently he and his group got there in a short window of opportunity where

visas were finally opened for visits to Libya and then, after diplomatic relations soured, abruptly closed to Americans. Cruise ships were turned away because they had a preponderance of Americans on board. There are many Grecian and Roman ruins there . . . and Art and I are eagerly anticipating this next lecture.

Thanks, RTAC!”

Each copy of the Scene lists many of these obscure events that you’ll find listed nowhere else. The Scene is an ideal guide for your visiting friends and relatives! Check it out today!

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Robert F. Bures

Nike, Inc., has a slogan – “Just do it!” Well, you just did it! *Congratulations!*

Remember the lime green post cards we sent you in March? The ones we asked you to mail to the Mayor, Governor, the Senate President and the House Speaker? You sent 88,000 — yes; *88,000* — post cards that arrived on their desks, and they responded to the grass roots power of RTAC!

The Chicago Board of Education was not permitted to “skip” or take a “holiday” from the law requiring the CPS to ante up what it owes us! No effort was made to block or eliminate the \$65 million and \$10 million annual allocations that the General Assembly sends our pension fund for our health care rebates! Our friends in the state legislature, urged by leaders who had just received 88,000 post cards, made sure we received our entitlements.

The state budget, passed at the last moment in May, assured us of another year of solid, sound health care from the Pension Fund. I would like to suggest that you write or call your State Representative and State Senator and THANK them for their hard work and dedication to the 23,000 retired public school teachers in Chicago! A little courtesy goes a very loooooooong way. Don't know how to contact your state legislators? Check on our web site www.rtac.org. Don't have internet access? Then call toll free - 1-800-vote-smart. Try to do it today.

Remember, that just because we have our health care solved for another year, that does NOT



mean we can rest! Next year will come soon enough and we need to be prepared. Our Legislative Chair, **Ethel Philpott**, is compiling our Legislative Agenda for the coming year. It includes, so far, restoring a minimal real estate tax on Chicago real estate for our pension fund, changing our appropriation from an exact dollar figure to a percentage, and a larger pension for our oldest and most vulnerable annuitants, to make sure they can afford the basic necessities. Other ideas will be proposed and you will be kept up to date through this newsletter and special communications.

Summer is coming and many of you travel. Don't forget to ask us for personalized luggage tags. Just let us know how you want them to read and we'll mail back these sturdy tags promptly. Please, don't call. Write to us, either by US Postal Service or by email, because we don't want to disappoint you with mistakes on your tags. This is our small way of saying thanks for being a member of RTAC.

You know that I always welcome your calls. If something is bothering you — pension-wise, government-wise, whatever ... or if you just want to let me know about your grandchildren or your vacation - just call! We don't use an answering machine at RTAC, so your call will always be answered by a real person. Where else do you get that kind of attention?

Please accept my best wishes for a safe, great summer!

Bob Bures

THE SERVICE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

RTAC has about 1,500 members who are 85 or older, most of whom are very lonely. The RTAC Service Committee consists of volunteers who send hand-written birthday cards to each of these seniors, letting them know that someone at RTAC still remembers and cares about each one of them. Co-Chairperson **Betsy Clayton's** quarterly column consists of responses sent by the recipients.

The Committee writes its cards on the fourth Thursday of each month at the RTAC office . At the latest such meeting, only eight committee members appeared to help hand write 125 cards!

If you can help with this humanitarian effort, please contact either **Marcella Morrison** or **Nancy Makowski** through the RTAC office. There is very little you can do that will enrich lives more.

New Life Members

February 18, 2006 To May 25, 2006

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CHARLES J. PALL

Born on the first day of 1918, former RTAC Director Charles J. Pall died February 6, 2006, at the age of 88. He served the Chicago Public Schools for 38 years.

Charles graduated from Chicago Teachers College in 1942, and began teaching in 1948. In September of 1959, he became principal of the Tonti school. His career thereafter included a dizzying variety of assignments, including Administrator on Loan, and principalships at Dulles, Luella, District 17, Ray, Dunne, Piccolo, Kosciuszko, Lovett, Earle, Metcalfe, Westinghouse, Lake View, Murphy and Shakespeare. He resigned in 1983, and shortly thereafter joined RTAC.

While on the Board of Directors, Charles served with distinction on the Aid Fund Board, and worked with the Pension Committee. His was a voice of caution, and he was especially concerned with disadvantaged retirees, which made him particularly valuable to the Aid Fund.

Charles served with such distinction that he has been named to RTAC's Wall of Fame, as one of this year's two nominees.

Wherever he is now, we know Charles is working hard at helping others. We wish him only the best.

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Helen F. Lee	In honor of Eileen Godfrey - Learning is ageless

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Robert Hammerman	Rob & Lenore Hammerman's 55 th wedding anniversary June 24 th .
Georgia M. Young	Congratulations to Mr. Murvan & Mrs. Ruth Yarbrough. The Yarbroughs celebrated their 55 th wedding anniversary, June 19, 2006.
Georgia M. Young	Congratulations to Mr. Dennis & Mrs. Frances (Fran) O'Brien. The O'Briens will celebrate their 60 th wedding anniversary in August, 2006.

ERRATA

Our last issue neglected to report an Aid Fund contribution made by **Helen E. Baker** in memory of **Kathryn Storing**.

The *News Bulletin* sincerely regrets the error.

CURRENT COMMENTARY

by James F. Ward, Past President

Our pensions are guaranteed by the Illinois Constitution and by the \$11 billion now in the Pension Fund. What is NOT guaranteed by the Constitution is permission for the Fund trustees to pay part of our health care premiums, now as high as \$1000 per month. Due to funding shortages, our rebate dipped from 85% to 52% in 2004. I wrote HB 1269 in 2002 to provide more funds for the rebate. It took time and a crisis to do it, but the bill passed in 2004, after the Senate imposed a cap of 75%. The trustees decided to pay 70% rebates so that there would be no new crisis for about 3 years. Now, right on schedule, the rebate is projected to begin dropping below 70% in 2008 or 2009, depending on numbers of new pensioners and the size of annual premium increases.

After some thought and consideration I have written three bills to address this ticking issue. They are:

HB 4578 (Molaro) would change the limit on our rebate allocation from \$65 million per year to 75% of our healthcare costs. This is our most desired aim.

Alternatively, **HB 4576 (Molaro)** would raise the current \$65 million limit to \$75 million, allowing more time to pass HB 4578.

HB 4689 (Giles) would restore the local tax levy that was repealed in 1995, resulting in a loss of over \$1.2 billion dollars to the Fund since that time.

At our Spring Luncheon the question was put, "What can I do to help?" You can start by reading these bills (you can find them on the Internet at www.ilga.gov) and adding your ideas to the dis-



ussion. Study the bills, and then urge your legislators to support them. We have a little lead time; let's use that time to do our homework and avoid an ugly surprise in 2009.

In a larger sense, we need to let our legislators know that 23,000 Chicago retirees need health insurance as well as the pensions guaranteed by the Constitution. In 1993 health care spending was 13.8% of U.S. gross domestic product; in 2005 it was 16.2 percent of GDP. By 2015 it will hit an estimated 20 percent. Our legislators must focus on honoring promises already made before granting new ones to each wave of new retirees, which has been their habit for the last 16 years.

One can compare our situation to Detroit's Big Three automakers. It is better to be fired by them than it is to be hired by most companies because of their Jobs Bank, in which 17,000 laid off employees are being paid \$100,000 to \$130,000 per year not to work. The accelerating crises of private-sector giants like these may presage a similar crisis in public sector entitlements, like pensions. Last year Delphi, the nation's largest parts maker, went bankrupt. GM is hoping more than 40,000 of its non-employees will accept Jobs Bank buyouts ranging from \$35,000 to \$140,000. But buyouts make sense only if workers believe something worse is likely: a GM bankruptcy, which would terminate their entitlements entirely.

Detroit today is having what Washington, Springfield, and Chicago Public Schools may also be having — a disturbing rendezvous with commitments that seemed reasonable and comfortable when originally made, but that now cannot be kept because of simple arithmetic. *James F. Ward, urokward@yahoo.com.*



Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

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.

A. C. E. S.	Chicago - All	Eric Werge	773-535-6922
AARP	Skokie	Loretta Hilsher	847-571-5514
AARP Illinois Center	Chicago - Loop	Carole Aston	312-458-3604
Abraham Lincoln Centre	Chicago - South	Charlene Preston	773-451-3360
American Red Cross	Chicago - Loop	Tina Green Rounds	312-729-6227
Blind Service Assn	Chicago - Loop	Theresa Togtman	312-236-0808
Cabrini Connection	Chicago	Daniel Bassill	312-467-2889
Centro Loyola	Chicago - Pilsen	Daniel Loftus	312-226-7887
Chicago Botanic Garden	Glencoe	Linda Doede	847-835-8281
Chicago Cultural Center	Chicago - Loop	Marianne Wolf	312-744-7096
Chicago Found for Ed	Chicago – MI Ave	Liz Funk	312-670-2036
Chicago Humanities Festival	Chicago - All	Annie Tully	312-661-1028
Chicago Symphony Orch	Chicago - All		312-294-3160
Christopher Hse	Chicago - LncPk	Susan Kramp	773-472-1083
Du Page Historical Museum	Suburbs W	Mary Johnson	630-682-6746
FreshStart (GED Tutors)	Maywood	Donna Thomas	708-205-1334
Garfield Park Conserv Alliance	Chicago - West	Kirsten Akre	773-638-1766x24
Glessner House Museum	Chicago – Nr S	Clare Schaecher	312-326-1480
Inner Voice Learning Center	Chicago - Nr W	Antoinette Toliver	312-666-8110
Jesse White Tumblers (tutors)	Chicago – S & W	Yvonne C. Jones	312 943-4846.
Junior Achievement Chicago	Chicago - All	Cherie Russ	312-715-1300x269
Kids Voting	Chicago	Ellen Solomon	312-332-3107
Kohl Childrens Museum	Wilmette	Charlene Podolsky	847-256-6056
LaRabida Childrens Hospital	Chicago - South	Judi Blakemore	773-363-6700
League of Women Voters	Chicago - Loop	Courtney Balok	312-939-5935
Lincoln Park Zoo	Chicago - Nr N	Ellen Izenson	312-742-2124
Lira Arts (Polish)	Chicago - N	Katharine McJimsey	773-508-7040
Literacy Tutoring	Suburbs - N	Cathy Niemet	847-635-1426
Loyola Museum Of Art	Chicago –Wtr Twr	Ann Meehan	312-915-7604
Nat'l Arts Foundation	Skokie	Art Sahagian	847-674-7990
Oriental Inst, Univ of Chicago	Chicago - South	Cathy D or Terry F	773-702-1845
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum	Chicago – North	Cindy Vasquez	773-755-5141
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
TEC Tutoring	Chicago – All	Konora Maxwell	773-374-2363
WITS	Chicago	Barbara Pace	312-751-9487
World Libraries	South Africa	Laura Wendell	www.worldlibraries.org
Youth Service Proj	Chicago – NW	Esther Prins	773-772-6270

DONOR FORM

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

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My enclosed **check** for \$_____ is to cover (please check below as appropriate):

- Political Education Fund (**not** tax deductible; make check payable to **RTAC COPE**)
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Donor's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

All donations are gratefully accepted, but the following choices require a \$10 minimum donation, either to the Aid Fund or to RTAC, for each name listed.

This donation is made (please check below):

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- Happy birthday/anniversary to: _____
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- Just on general principles.
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**PLEASE REMEMBER the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago
or Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund in your will.**

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Donations to COPE are used to further the mission and goals
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*Ernest White, Hazel White, Chestine Allen, Barbara Smith, Rita Berry and Yvonne Jenkins.
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THE CHICAGO SCENE

to enjoy during July, August and September

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

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

State-of-the-art in 1930 when it opened as the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere, this museum remains on the cutting edge of technology.

Time Space Time Travel Only at the Adler. Transports audiences across the universe more than 14 billion years to experience the Big Bang, the Doom of the Dinosaurs, the sudden appearance of Halley's Comet in the Yucatan Sky, Apollo II's moonlanding and man's first steps on the moon, and a leap into the future to 3001.

Egyptian Nights; Secrets of the Sky Gods in the Sky Theatre Thru 9/6

Stars of the Pharaohs in the Star Rider Theatre.

FIRST Friday of the Month Lectures, activities, sky viewing and tours.

ART INSTITUTE of CHICAGO Michigan at Adams 312-433-3600
<http://www.artic.edu>
Thru 8/13

Casa Grandes and the Ceramic Art of the Ancient Southwest features diverse ceramic arts created by Indian communities between 1200 and 1400 AD in the vast desert and mountain region. The ceramic art in the exhibit features simple containers, spheres, and various globular forms covered with geometrical designs and human figures. Approximately 60 earthenware vessels are on display representing major styles of the ancient Southwest.

Douglas Garafalo Drawings, models, and digital media to show off the architect's range. Thru 10/8

Harry Callahan The photographer at work. One of the canonical American photographers of the 20th century. Thru 7/14

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

This 216 acre park is home to more than 3,000 animals, representing more than 400 different species, from around the world. Open daily
10 am to 4:30 pm

New 64 Foot Tall Wooden Carousel, which features carvings of 72 animals and took 15 months to create opened on May 27th The Carousel is located year-round

inside the Zoo's North Gate entrance. It is heated and an adjacent plaza will have tickets to sell, stroller parking, benches and food sales. In the center of the ride is a hand-painted mural highlighting animals native to Asia, Africa and North America. There are four rings of animal figures, including, elephants, dolphins, tortoises, polar bears, anteaters, etc. Exciting!

BUD BILLIKEN DAY PARADE African-American tradition in Chicago 312-225-2400
Celebrated with entertainment and sports personalities. Parade starts at 39th & King Drive and ends in Washington Park (55th St.). 10 am 8/12

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN 1000 Lake-Cook Rd., Glencoe 847-835-5440
Recorded announcements 24 hours a day. <http://www.chicago-botanic.org>

An Enchanting Place with 23 unique gardens to visit. From the lush English FREE!

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Walled Gardens to the Evocative Garden to the English Romantic Evening Island. From sunrise to sunset, events, activities & classes for every age. Discover the Model Railroad Garden, dine at the Garden Cafe, shop at the garden store, enjoy an American Ice Cream Social, etc. Endless beauty, endless fun, endless activities. Come relax in the fragrance and beauty of this unusual garden, woodlands, lakes and waterfalls. Some of the nation's finest botanical Gardens are yours to enjoy. Parking and select events charge a fee.

CHICAGO CHAMBER MUSICIANS

VARIOUS VENUES

312-819-5800

www.chicagochambermusic.org

Pick-Staiger Hall, 10850 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. 9/17

Annie & Howard Gottlieb Concert Hall, Merit School of Music, 38 S. Peoria Street, 9/18

In honor of Founding Ensemble Artist Deborah Sobol, piano

Schubertiad:

Schubert: Quintet for Piano and Strings in A Major, Op. 114, D. 667 (Trout)

Schubert: Octet in F Major, Op. 166, D. 803

Bruce Adolphe-The Art and Poetry of Chamber Music from 1926 to 2006. Call for additional info.

CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER

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PBH=Preston Bradley Hall; RG=Renaissance Court Gallery; YG=Sidney R. Yates Gallery,

CG=Chicago Gallery, GAR Hall=Grand Army of the Republic Hall.

EXHIBITIONS:

Brazilian Naive Art from the SESC Collection MAG Thru 8/11

Oasis: An Installation by Guerra de la Paz MAG Thru 8/11

Crossroads: Modernism in Ukraine 1900-1930 EH 7/22-10/15

Robert Sostutter, Snow YG 7/29-9/24

Hin: The Quiet Beauty of Japanese Bamboo Art YG 7/29-9/24

Jonas Dovydzenas: Photographs (working title) MAG 8/12-10/23

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Women of the World: Global Collection of Art CR 9/19-10/29

Chicago Landmarks Before the Lens CG Ongoing

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Works by Artists Ages 55 and Older RG More Info 312-744-4550

The Human Spirit by Julia Del Nagro Oehmke RG 8/11-thru 9/17

A passion of portraiture and figurative work, this exhibition is a powerful impact on the human spirit. Also painting representing woman of the world and what they have contributed to society.

LATER IMPRESSIONS 2006

RG

9/25-10/26

Presented by The Senior Artists Network

This juried art exhibition, featuring work of Chicago area older artists, includes paintings, prints, fabric art, sculpture and photography. The enduring theme of this annual exhibition is that "art is ageless." Sponsored by the Senior Artists Network, a Chicago-based, non-profit arts organization.

DU PAGE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

102 E. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL.

630-682-7343

<http://www.co.dupage.il.us/museum/>

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The Historical Museum located in an 1891 Richardsonian Romanesque building in downtown Wheaton, offers more than 150 years of DuPage County History. The museum offers hands-on activities and exhibits, plus an HO gauge model railroad display on the lower level.

M,W,F, Sat:
10 am - 4 pm
Sun. 1-4 pm

FIELD MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore Drive 312-922-9410
<http://www.fmnh.org>

King Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs. More than 3,000 years after his reign, King Tut, the celebrated “Boy-King,” has arrived at the Field Museum and his audience will be able to view nearly 130 magnificent Egyptian treasures from the tombs of Tut and his relatives. Also catch a glimpse into the life of Tut. See his stunning golden diadem (crown) and child-sized throne made of ebony, ivory and gold. The new forensic reconstruction of the boy king is fantastic. Thru 1/9/07

FORD CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS (ORIENTAL THEATER) - 24 W. Randolph St. 312-902-1400
<http://www.centerstage.net/theatre/theatres/oriental.html>

Wicked - The untold story of the witches of Oz. A new musical. Closes 11/06

GRAUE MILL AND MUSEUM York and Spring Roads, Oak Brook 630-655-2090
www.grauemill.org

Antiques and Vintage Fair. Oak Brook Polo Field; admission is \$7, children under 10 free. For serious antique lovers, early buyer entrance begins at 8:30 am with a \$15 admission. Enjoy a day outdoors while you browse a wonderful assortment of quality antiques, furniture, silver, textiles, architectural and garden items and a selection of annuals and perennials to enhance your summer garden. 10 am - 4 pm 7/8

A wonderful addition to this year’s fair will be **complimentary appraisals** provided by representatives from Leslie Hindman Auctioneers. Bring one item to the Graue Mill booth between 12 noon and 2 pm for your free appraisal. 1-4 pm 7/23

Finding Your Way On The Underground Railroad. Graue Mill staff will be talking about the Underground Railroad and the many ways that escaping slaves used to communicate with each other and the abolitionists who helped them on their way to freedom. 1-4 pm 8/6

The Art of the Blacksmith. Blacksmiths were very important – they made nails, cookware and rims for wagon wheels. See how they used heat and tools to craft these objects from iron bars. 10 am-4 pm 8/19-20

Stained Glass Creations. Talented artist Otto Lehman of Villa Park will be at the Mill demonstrating his stained glass skills. Mr. Lehman will show visitors different techniques involved in making unique boxes 9/2-3

Civil War Encampment. The Civil War Encampment is a celebration of our country’s rich history. Members of the 10th Illinois Regiment, along with their families, will depict what life was like in a Union military camp in 1863. Don’t miss this opportunity to see the past brought to life. 9/17

5th Annual Cornfest. Celebrate the beginning of fall with an old-fashioned family picnic! This popular event has food, fun and excitement for everyone. There will be games, races and a fishing tournament for kids. A German band will entertain adults. The giant woodpile lets kids use hammers, nails and paint to create whatever they want! No general admission fee, tickets available for all food, drinks and activities. 10 am-4 pm 9/30

From Grain to Grist. Be an Apprentice Miller. Learn the duties of a miller’s apprentice by helping the miller in many of the steps necessary to produce stone-ground cornmeal – from shucking to shelling to grinding to weighing to bagging.

Graue Mill, owned by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and operated by the not-for-profit DuPage Graue Mill Corporation, is open 10:00 am to 4:30 pm daily – closed Mondays except

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holidays. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors and \$1.50 for children. Call for information.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT, FIREWORKS Grant Park. 312-744-3370
Columbus Drive and Jackson Blvd. Traditional exciting night for the entire family!! 7:30 pm, 7/3

LASALLE BANK THEATRE 18 West Monroe Street (312) 902-1400

Opened on new year's day in 1906 as the Majestic Theatre, Chicago's most renowned venue was renamed the Shubert Theatre in 1945 and is now known to Chicago as the LaSalle Bank Theatre at the Majestic Building. Preserving the historic architectural intricacies with modern enhancement creating more comfortable surroundings, guests will now enjoy the highest quality theatrical productions in one of the nation's finest theatres. The multi-million dollar restoration of one of the nation's largest continuous theatrical legends could not have happened without the commitment and support of the City of Chicago and LaSalle Bank.

Stomp The ideas behind this - of finding music in noises which we usually try to block out and ignore - are not traditional. This show defies all customary conceptions of music, dance and theatre. It combines and alters concepts in a new and unusual way. It is the exploration of rhythm in everyday life. It's *entertainment*. 7/18-20
7/25-27

LINCOLN PARK ZOO 2200 N. Cannon Drive 312-742-2000
FREE! http://www.lpzoo.com/index_2.html

A Brand New Zoo awaits you in the heart of Chicago, full of world-class buildings and amazing encounters. Watch baby gorillas tumble and play at the Regenstein Center for African Apes, see endangered wolves explore their north woods habitat at the Pritzker Family Children's Zoo. Experience the excitement of a living zoo whose collection grows and changes throughout the seasons.

Yes, the zoo is Free! Groom the goats and feed the cows at the Farm-in-the-Zoo, presented by John Deere. Marvel when the African spoonbill swoops down and lands in front of you in the Regenstein African journey. Watch the apes, beavers, bears, watching you at Regenstein Center for African Apes and Pritzker Family Children's zoo. The major renovations are finally complete. The new habitats not only bring the animals closer to nature; they bring them closer to you.

Save The World's Wildlife! Lincoln Park Zoo is a leader in efforts to save endangered animals around the globe, from yellow headed blackbirds in Illinois to trumpeter swans in Iowa, chimpanzees in Tanzania to jaguars in Venezuela.

LOOP TOUR SUMMER TRAIN RIDE. Southbound Randolph/Wabash CTA station 312-744-2244
Saturdays. Get tickets at the Chicago Cultural Center. FREE!

LYRIC OPERA 20 North Wacker Dr. 312-332-2244
<http://www.lyricopera.com>

Turandot — Giacomo Puccini. An exotic Chinese princess beckons all suitors: 9/16, 20, 24, 27, 30
Answer three riddles and she is yours. Get them wrong and you die.

Iphigénie en Tauride — Christoph Willibald Gluck. Iphigénie — high priestess in Tauris, 9/29
charged by its brutal king with the ritual sacrifice of every captured stranger. And Oreste — her long-lost brother — that mythical figure who killed his murderous mother. Now he sails the seas tormented by guilt, his only port in the storm a deep friendship with the noble Pylade.

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

FESTS:

Taste of Chicago June 30-July 9, 2006
Country Music Fest July 1, 2, 2006
Venetian Night July 29, 2006
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Outdoor Film Festival	Butler Field	Tuesdays, July 18-Aug 29, 2006
Tall Ships Chicago	Navy Pier	August 3-9, 2006
Air and Water Show		August 19-20, 2006
¡Viva Chicago! Latin Music Fest		August 26-27, 2006
Jazz Fest		August 31- September 3, 2006
Celtic Fest		September 16-17, 2006
Kids and Kites	Cricket Hill, Lincoln Park	September 30, 2006
PARADES:		
Colombian	2400 N. Milwaukee Ave.	12 pm, July 16, 2006
Disability Pride Parade	Plymouth Ct & Van Buren to Dearborn & Washington	11 am, July 22, 2006
Bud Billiken	King Drive, 35 th to 55 th	10 am, August 12, 2006
Independence of Ecuador	Montrose & California to Kimball	12 pm, August 13, 2006
Pakistan Independence	Devon, Ridge to Western	12 pm, August 13, 2006
Indian Independence	Devon, Western to California	12 pm, August 19, 2006
Englewood Back to School Parade	83rd & Loomis to Marquette Rd	10 am, August 26 2006
Von Steuben Day	Lincoln Ave. from Belle Plaine to Eastwood	2 pm, September 9, 2006
26th St Mexican Independence Day	26 th frm Albany to Kostner	12-2 pm, September 10, 2006
Central American	Montrose, Kimball to California	12 pm, September 10, 2006
18th St Mexican Independence Day	Newberry & 18 to Wolcott	12 pm, September 16, 2006

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Organized by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and the Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

Grant Park Music Festival. The centerpiece of **Sondheim in the Park** will be two 7/14 & 7/15 spectacular concerts with the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus. Throughout the week-end Chicago musicians and actors will perform Sondheim's works in locations throughout the park, including the Lurie Garden, Wrigley Square and the staircase balconies.

Family Fun Week In Millennium Park. A week of family fun including eight performances 7/22-7/30 by the uniquely exciting **Redmoon Theatre**. Children of all ages will flock to Chicago's Millennium Park for a week of concerts and events created especially for family fun! **FREE!**
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The Third Annual International Choral Festival hosted by the Chicago Children's Choir will feature **In Harmony**, bringing together choirs from throughout the United States and Japan. Throughout the exchange young singers will be able to learn first hand about their cultural differences, but more importantly, how children from all over the world can connect through music. This concert, the festival's closing ceremony, will feature classical works, gospel, Japanese and American folk songs.

The World of Games and entertaining interactive performances. Throughout the week

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the Chase Promenade will be packed with diverse entertainment and interactive family fun, including relay races, sidewalk chalk, face painting, puppets, drum circles, dance lessons and cultural concerts.

Lollapalooza

Grant Park, 251 S. Columbus Drive

312-742-7638

A stacked lineup: **Red Hot Chili Peppers, Kanye West, Wilco, The Rapture, 30 Seconds to Mars**, and the list is growing. Three day passes on sale if you call early.

MUSEUM of CONTEMPORARY ART

220 E. Chicago Avenue.

312-280-2660

<http://www.mcachicago.org/welcome/>

Jim Isermann, combines the mass-production logic of industrial design to the dynamic aesthetic effect of abstract painting or minimalist sculpture.

Thru 7/30

Patty Chang: Shangri-La, the filmed result of the performance/video artist's journey to China to document the reproduction of author James Hilton's mythical hamlet.

8/13

Chris Ware Drawings by a cartoonist whose work mirrors modern life in retro style.

Thru 8/27

MUSEUM of SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

57th & Lake Shore Dr.

773-684-1414

<http://www.msichicago.org>

The museum has touched the lives of nearly 170 million people since the doors opened in 1933. For seven decades they have developed one-of-a-kind exhibits that spark the imagination. The idea to develop and encourage scientific exploration; a hands on Museum in Chicago, first belonged to visionary Julius Rosenwald, the philanthropist who pledged \$3 million dollars toward the creation of the museum. Today some of the most popular exhibits include: Adventures in Flight, the Silver Streak Zephyr, Colleen Moore's Fairy Castle, the U-505 Submarine, the Coal Mine, etc. A tribute to Chicago by far-sighted Julius Rosenwald.

Ongoing Daily

Frogs! A Chorus of Color. Examine the endless amazing varieties of these remarkable amphibians. Explore their biology, natural history, their importance to ecosystems, and the peril they face as humans pollute their environment.

Thru 1/07

Leonardo da Vinci: Man, Inventor, Genius. He extended into science, engineering, and was a prolific inventor. During his lifetime he produced thousands of sketches, inventions, and designs, exploring topics such as human flight, warfare, and the natural world. In the exhibit more than 60 wooden models of his most innovative designs and inventions, including flying wings, bridge structures, tanks, pulley systems, underwater breathing devices. See a re-creation of his workshop and information about the myths and legends surrounding him, as well as a digital re-creation of his sketches, the *Codex Atlanticus*.

Thru 9/04

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7/27 – 7/30

THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE MUSEUM

1155 East 58th Street

773-702-9520

http://www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/MUS/OI_Museum.html

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The Institute's Collection is rich in artifacts showing the development of the written word in the first city of Uruk. Traders needed to keep track of transactions and did so at first by devising systems of tokens and, later, photographic symbols pressed into wet clay. The symbols were drawn to denote sheep, cattle, grain and other goods. Eventually these evolved into more abstract symbols much like individual letters, called cuneiform writing, developed for commercial record keeping. The exhibit brims with other artifacts both prosaic and profound. There are the earliest wheels ever found, excavated by the Field Museum in the ruins of Kish, as well as toys, potter's wheels, weapons, jewelry, cooking utensils and other accoutrements of developing urban life from Uruk, Ninevah and Babylon.
Wonderful Things The discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun. An exhibition of photographs that document the excavation of the tomb. Ongoing Thru 10/8

PEGGY NOTEBAERT NATURE MUSEUM Chicago Academy of Sciences 773-549-0606
2430 N. Cannon Dr. (Lake Shore at Fullerton) <http://www.chias.org/>

A museum where science comes alive and the urban world meets the natural world thru the Museum's six permanent interactive exhibits and outdoor gardens that examine the relationship between people and nature. 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.

Jin Lee. A contemplative photographic study of prairie plants. Thru 7/9
Mysteries of the Marsh: An Exploration of Midwestern Wetlands. Ice Age mammals. Thru 9/18

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Kraft Kids Concerts	Various programs. Fridays.	11:00 am, 7/1, 8, 22, 29 8/11, 26, 9/2
Chicago Symphony Orchestra	Various programs, soloists, times	7/1, 9, 12-15, 21-24, 28-30, 8/4-6, 9, 11-13.
Los Lonely Boys	James Hunter	7:00 pm, 7/2
ABBA: The Ultimate Tribute Band		7:00 pm, 7/4
Leon Fleisher Piano Recital		8:00 pm, 7/5
Sibling Ivory The 5 Browns		8:00 pm, 7/6
Sweet Honey in the Rock	Ladysmith Black Mambazo	8:00 pm, 7/10
Mozart and More		8:00 pm, 7/11
Etta James & The Roots Band		7:00 pm, 7/16
Emerson String Quartet		8:00 pm, 7/17
The Steve Miller Band	The Mauds with Jimmy Rogers	8:00 pm, 7/18
Michael Feinstein & Linda Eder	Two for the Road	8:00 pm, 7/19
Breaking the Silence	Schulhoff Showcase	8:00 pm, 7/20
The Beach Boys		8:00 pm, 7/25
Patti LaBelle		8:00 pm, 7/26
Singing Sensation Debut		8:00 pm, 7/27
One Score, One Chicago	Schumann Showcase	8:00 pm, 7/31
Martinis at the Martin		8:00 pm, 8/1, 21, 9/10
Trisha Yearwood	Billy Currington	8:00 pm, 8/2
Violin Virtuosity		8:00 pm, 8/3
Keyboard Virtuosity		8:00 pm, 8/7
Christopher O'Riley's Radiohead		10:30 pm, 8/7
Tokyo String Quartet		8:00 pm, 8/8

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A Felicitous Debut		8:00 pm, 8/14
Tallis Scholars	From Dresden to Innsbruck	8:00 pm, 8/15
Ruth Page Festival of Dance		8:00 pm, 8/16, 9/12
Romantic Impressions		8:00 pm, 8/17
Boston Pops '70s Show	with Rockapella	8:00 pm, 8/18
B.B. King	The 80th Birthday Celebration Tour	7:30 pm, 8/19
Ravinia Birthday Celebration		12:00 pm, 8/20
Buddy Guy	The Robert Cray Band	7:30 pm, 8/22
Lalah Hathaway	Take 6	8:00 pm, 8/23
Los Lobos	Jackie Greene	8:00 pm, 8/24
Latin Dance Night: Las dos Alas		7:30 pm, 8/26
Peter, Paul & Mary		7:00 pm, 8/27
Beethoven's Sonatas	Various choices	8:00 pm, 8/28-9, 9/5-6
"Gotta Dance"		8:00 pm, 8/30
Amy Grant		8:00 pm, 8/31
Tony Bennett		9/1-2
Hershey Felder as Monsieur Chopin		8:00 pm, 9/7
Lyle Lovett In Concert		8:00 pm, 9/8
YEA! Highland Park	Hootie & The Blowfish	7:30 pm, 9/9
One Score, One Chicago	New Scenes from Childhood	8:00 pm, 9/13
Music Theatre Workshop	The Princess and the Black-Eyed Pea	8:00 pm, 9/15

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Ongoing

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Luncheon

Appetizer...



Barbara Smith, Rita Berry (partially hidden), Yvonne Jenkins, Geraldine Qualls, Mattie Jones, Edith Smith, and Hazel White (partially visible). (Photo by Chestine Allen)

Spring Luncheon 2006

On a beautiful April 28, 2006, about 550 RTAC members and guests crowded the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House for the 80th anniversary Annual Spring Luncheon.



CTPF President **John O'Brill** presents the state of the fund. (Staff photo)

The festivities were started by Executive Director Bob Bures, who introduced Director Dr. **Mae Hunter** to give the invocation. Mae read the prayer known to Catholics as the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. After the invocation, the crowd sang God Bless America, accompanied by Director **Selma White** on the piano.

Next came the call to order, welcome and opening remarks by

President

Walter

Pilditch. He praised the Letter-A-Month Club and its allies for their part in defeating the latest effort to "borrow" from the Pension Fund. He said that many legislators had called and asked that we tell our members to stop telephoning, emailing, writing and faxing them. Presumably, this was because they were not able to give other matters the attention they are usually given, because they had to think about us instead. Walter did not seem overly sympathetic to their plight.



Directors **Marcella Morrison** (left) and **Veronica Chemers**. (Helen does get the most fascinating expressions!) (Photo by Helen Johnson)

Walter next updated the assemblage on the situation as far as moving the office was concerned. After many visits to many build

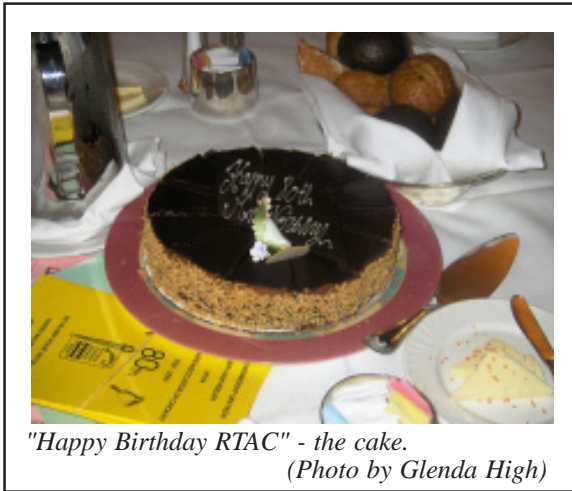
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The relaxed dignity of **Estell Black** and Professor **William Black** won third prize for this photographer. (Photo by Konora Maxwell)



Konora Maxwell discovers the Grand Ballroom makes an ideal photo studio. (Submitted by Konora Maxwell)



"Happy Birthday RTAC" - the cake.
(Photo by Glenda High)

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ings and much anguished study, the latest thinking favors moving to the second floor of our present building, 220 S. State St. This is by far the most economical alternative.

Walter described how the Aid Fund had helped the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Aid Fund officers contacted teacher organizations in the state, and donated heavily where help was most urgently needed.

He said that celebration proclamations for RTAC's 80th birthday had not yet arrived, but were expected in time for the Fall Luncheon. A congratulatory message was received from the National Retired Teachers Association (a division

of AARP), urging us to "stay strong." Walter also urged guests to take part in the Photo Contest.

Bob Bures announced the presence of 7th District State Senator **Pete Kuser** at the luncheon.

Next, **Marion Hoffing** conducted a drawing, awarding a number of door prizes.

Past President **Ned L. McCray** then spoke on the role of retirees. He urged all to help promote civility by performing everyday courtesies. He established a way of honoring former presidents and those who have made significant contributions to RTAC by dedicating one office wall to pic-



The strain under which **Walter Pilditch** (l) and **Kevin Huber** work really takes a terrible toll on both men...
(Staff photo)

tures of all of RTAC's president. Another became the Wall of Fame, to recognize others who have made major contributions to the Association.

Marion Hoffing nominated the late **Clementine Skinner** to Wall of Fame status, along with the late **Charles Pall**. Marion said Clem's father owned a bookstore on the South side, and that before she could read Clem would go there and open a book and imagine what was in it. This may have influenced her first job choice, a librarian. Marion spoke to her sons

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Winner Table From Left: **Mable Carlidge, Ida Reed, Warriene Curry, Maxine Stuttley & Narcissa Roberts** (back).
(Photo by Glenda High)



RTAC Lobbyist Dick Lockhart explains Springfield to his listeners. He should know; he's been analyzing things there for 47 years...

(Staff photo)

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at some length – fine boys. (Marion; that's **MEN!**) Her sons confided that Clem had seemed uncharacteristically tired near the end.

Past President Bob Konen spoke next. In nominating Charles Pall to the Wall of Fame, Bob paid tribute to Charles' past. Charles graduated from Chicago Teachers College in 1942. The year 1948 saw his first regular assignment at the Colman school. Eleven years later, while at Jones, he was posted to Tonti on the south side as principal, and he next began a lengthy series of short-term administrative responsibilities. He retired

in 1985 after 38 years of service, and later joined RTAC. After joining the RTAC Board, he became active with the Aid Fund and the Pensions Committee. As a Board member, Charles contributed a voice of caution and deliberation, and of deep concern for disadvantaged retirees.

Walter then introduced Charles' widow, the mother of his seven children. After that, he thanked the office staff, and asked the Directors

to stand and be recognized.



If your view of the luncheon was like this, maybe you should consider buying an alarm clock..

(Photo by Mary Leatherman).

He said the Fund wants State funding but not State control. Chicago regularly gets 65 million; the downstate Teachers Retirement System



Raffle winner Lynn Rone seems pleased with her trophy

(Photo by Mary Leatherman)

Next was Pension Fund President **John O'Brill**. He said the Fund is doing well, with this year's return at 9 %. He said that equities represent 65% of its investments, real estate 35%, and fixed income securities 30% He thanked RTAC for its letters and visits to Springfield, and said our funds are safe. He congratulated RTAC on its 80th birthday.

John was followed by **Kevin Huber**, Executive Director of the Chicago Teacher's Pension Fund.



Jewel T. Sims (l), and Marcella L Morrison. That Marcella really gets around, doesn't she?

(Submitted by Jewel Sims)

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gets far more. He noted that, while CTPF Investments are doing well, benefits are getting somewhat shaky.

Our healthcare rebate, as we all know, is now at 70%, when it used to be 85%. Our Social Security benefits are reduced, and in some cases eliminated, because of our teaching pensions. There are always attacks being mounted on teacher retirement income, things that we must defend ourselves against. Be sure to watch the newspapers for the latest moves by the CPS, or for news of increasing demand for ever higher pensions. Write the newspapers to protest these whenever you see them, and be sure to send copies to RTAC and the CTPF.



Lillian Sharp and Carlota N. Goodon (Photo by Jewel Sims)



Director Nancy Makowski seems suspicious of husband Tom's mood... (Staff photo)

CTPF health care should ignore those Medicare D warnings. The plans offered by the CTPF do NOT have a "donut hole."

He urged retirees to continue pressing Congress for an end to the penalties on Social Security benefits because of having taught. He asked members to get the word out, and raise the pressure on members of Congress.

In the absence of a Letter-A-Month Club Coordinator, Walter Pilditch suggested that interested members talk to any director about joining.

Next came RTAC Lobbyist **Richard Lockhart**, who has been in Springfield for 47 years. He ex-
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Kevin reported that the CTPF funding level has now dropped to 79%, and is predicted to continue dropping. There are very serious problems in Springfield that will require action on the part of every retiree. Pension contributions by teachers are now at 9%, while the Board contributes nothing. Annuitants who retired before 1980 are now at \$18,000, and have very real problems meeting health care premiums. He again noted the loss of the minimal real estate tax that was switched to the Chicago Public Schools in 1995, and which has now caused the CTPF a total cash loss of \$1.25 billion. Kevin urged that the tax be restored.

He also reemphasized that retirees who have



Joyce (Mrs. Walter) Pilditch & Bob Konen dine together. (Photo by Helen Johnson)

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pressed lavish thanks for help received from Bob Bures, Editor **V. K. Brown**, Trustee **Jim Ward** and Legislation Chair **Ethel Philpott**. He urged everyone to let legislators know you will be watching how they do and don't vote on teacher pension issues between now and November. Legislators keep count of phone calls received, and what they are about.



Ann Markus, Elizabeth Taus, Dolores Graziadei and Lorraine Stepanek enjoy the Spring Luncheon. (Submitted by DoloresGraziadei)



*Past President **Bob Konen** remembers **Charles J. Pall** warmly.*

(Staff photo)

wrote three bills for the General Assembly. He supports them and thinks teachers should also. **HB 4578** (Molaro) sets healthcare reimbursement at 75% and removes other limits; **HB 4576** changes \$65 million to \$75 million that can be used for health care because funds are running short, and **HB 4689** restores the minimal real estate tax.

New Pension Fund Retiree Trustee **Vaughn Barber** thanked members for their votes, and reported he's learning and working hard for the group.

Special Events Chair **Veronica Chemers** urged guests to join the Lincoln Museum trip. Walter Pilditch then thanked all for coming and adjourned the meeting.

Bob Bures said RTAC sent 88,000 post cards to legislative leaders. Walter Pilditch recognized **Frank Gardner**, President of the Board of Education, who was among those assembled.

Aid Fund President **Audrey Mivelaz** presented the Aid Fund report, and expressed thanks to the contributors. Monthly supplements are given recipients when needed. Help was also given to animals and people still suffering from Katrina-related problems. In her role as co-chair of the Social Committee, Audrey reported a tentative attendance of 549 at this luncheon.

Pension Fund Trustee **James F. Ward** told those present that he

FRIENDS GONE AHEAD

Requiescant in pace

ABBEY, MARION C.

Neé Werili. Marion died on March 7, 2006, at the age of 95 years. She retired from the Beard school in 1965 after a career of 20 years.

ADAMS, MARY ANN.

Please see Adams-Harp notice.

ADAMS-HARP, MARY ANN.

Neé Adams. When she left Haines Elementary in 2003, Mary Ann put a 32 year career to an end. Her life ended on March 3, 2006, at the age of 58.

ALLEN, GENEVA.

Please see Wallace notice.

ANDERSON, GORDON W.

After a career of 1 year in the Chicago Public Schools, Gordon retired in 1998. He expired on January 27, 2006, at the age of 79.

APELAND, CHARLOTTE.

Please see Pocius notice.

AUSTIN, IDA M.

Please see Miller notice.

BALZARET, LUCILE N.

Please see Guffey notice.

BENTLEY, ANNE K.

Anne resigned in 1993 after 3 years. She was 76 when she expired on March 5, 2006.

BERRY, LORI.

Neé Walker. Lori's career of 19 years came to an end as she left Las Casas High School in 2003. When she passed away on March 29, 2006, she had reached the age of 58.

BISSON, WILLIS C.

Willis was at Richards High School when he retired in 1996. His career spanned 37 years, and he succumbed at the age of 74 on March 20, 2006.

BONNETT, MARY G.

Neé Grealis. Mary died on April 11, 2006, at the age of 95. Her career of 29 years ended when she retired from the Mt. Greenwood school in 1968.

BOWMAN, FARISTEEN M.

Faristeen ended a 40 year career by resigning from the Hirsch High school in 2001; and on March 29, 2006, expired after reaching 69 years.

BROWN, HELEN J.

Please see Mayes notice.

BRUCE, FRANK E.

When he left Lindblom Tech High School in 1983, Frank put a 14 year career to an end. His life ended on April 21, 2006, at the age of 85.

CANN, HELENE.

Neé Yakinow. After 26 years in the Chicago school system, Helene retired from the Burley school in 1987. When death took her on March 15, 2006, she was 86 years old.

CARTER, HELEN C.

Please see Heard notice.

COHN, BEATRICE R.

Please see Sacks notice.

DENNISON, THEODORE R.

Theodore resigned from the Libby school in 1989 after 30 years. He was 83 when he expired on March 10, 2006.

DESILVA, NELLY.

At the close of her life on November 23, 2005, Nelly was 73 years old. A teacher for 12 years, she retired from the Goudy school in 1996.

DOHERTY, JEANNE M.

Jeanne resigned in 1994 from Oglesby, ending a 36 year time span in the Chicago system. She was 76 at the time of her death on March 29, 2006.

DOPKE, JOANNE M.

Please see Stumpf notice.

DUDEK, CHARLOTTE.

A teacher for 29 years, Charlotte was at Schurz High School when she retired in 1988. She passed on at the age of 75 on February 23, 2006.

DYKES, FRANCES K.

Neé Killian. Frances was 99 years old at her death on April 1, 2006. She resigned as a Counselor at Kelvyn Park High School in 1971 after 25 years in the Chicago Public Schools.

FLYNN, VERONICA.

Please see McCann notice.

FOOTE, ELIZABETH A.

Neé Glynn. Elizabeth was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 16 years when she retired from the Stagg school in 1999. At the time of her death on April 3, 2006, she was 74 years of age.

FOY, ALICE G.

Neé Green. Her 40 year teaching career ended when Alice retired from Green in 1991. She was 85 when her life ended on March 20, 2006.

FROST, CHARLOTTE C.

After a career of 2 years, Charlotte retired from Melody in 1979. She expired on March 28, 2006, at the age of 89.

GAJEWSKI, FRANKE M.

Franke's career of 36 years came to an end as he left Burney in 1978. When he passed away on January 27, 2006, he had reached the age of 88.

GLYNN, ELIZABETH A.

Please see Foote notice.

GRAVEN, JOHN P.

John expired on April 8, 2006, at the age of 82. His career of 38 years ended when he retired from the position of Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Dept. of Operation Services in 1988.

GREALIS, MARY G.

Please see Bonnett notice.

GREEN, PRISCILLA.

After 22 years, Priscilla resigned from Reavis in 1994. Death took her on April 23, 2006; she was 80 at the time.

GREEN, ALICE G.

Please see Foy notice.

GUFFEY, LUCILE N.

Neé Balzaret. When Lucile retired in 1968 from Hamilton as Assistant Principal, her career had lasted 41 years. Her life ended at the age of 100 on February 26, 2006.

HALPIN, BERNICE L.

Bernice succumbed at age 102 on March 10, 2006. She taught for 43 years before retiring from Perry in 1970.

HAMILL, JAYNE B.

Please see Hibberd notice.

HAMPTON, LEONARD.

After 30 years in the Chicago school system, Leonard retired from the Principalship of Van Vlissingen school in 1986. When death took him on March 15, 2006, he was 78 years old.

HARRINGTON, AUVERN J.

At the close of his life on February 11, 2006, Auvern was 71 years old. A teacher for 38 years, he retired from the Whittaker school in 1994.

HEARD, HELEN C.

Neé Carter. Helen retired from the Doolittle West Primary school in 1986 after a career that lasted for 38 years. She expired on February 1, 2006, at the age of 83 years.

HENDERSON, LUCILLE S.

Lucille was at Lindblom when she resigned in 1985 after 23 years in the Chicago Public Schools. She was 91 on March 25, 2006, when she passed on.

HIBBERD, JAYNE B.

Neé Hamill. When she retired from Special Education in 1981, Jayne ended a career that included 38 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed her on February 23, 2006, at the age of 87.

HILL, IRENE H.

Please see Windstrup notice.

HORWITZ, ELEANOR.

Please see Mellick notice.

HOWELL, HOPTON.

Resigning from the Community High School school in 1976 after a career that lasted 2 years, Hopton passed on at the age of 95 on November 5, 2005.

HUGHES, CLARENCE E.

Clarence resigned in 2005 from Westinghouse High School, ending a 10 year time span in the Chicago system. He was 64 at the time of his death on March 9, 2006.

HUMES, CYNTHIA L.

In 1997, Cynthia retired as Principal from Sexton after a career of 34 years. On March 10, 2006, she passed on at the age of 74 years.

HUNTER, BERNICE C.

Neé Wojnowski. When she retired in 1979 from the Pierce Elementary school, Bernice had taught for 24 years. She was 94 years of age at her death on March 28, 2006.

ISBAN, LAVERNE E.

Laverne retired from Belding in 1988 after teaching for 26 years. On April 3, 2006, she died at age 83.

JONES, LESTER O.

A teacher for 36 years, Lester was at Harlan Community Academy when he retired in 1992. He passed on at the age of 75 on February 22, 2006.

KARPECK, JOHN.

John was 85 years old at his death on February 1, 2006. He resigned from Wright College in 1990 after 7 years in Chicago.

KILLIAN, FRANCES K.

Please see Dykes notice.

KOWAL, LILLIAN.

Please see Tomlin notice.

KRATKY, MINERVA.

Neé Schlicht. In 1993, when she retired from Corliss High School, Minerva ended her 26 year career with the Chicago school system. On April 2, 2006, her life ended after 73 years.

LAHEY, VIRGINIA R.

Please see Mullen notice.

LEONARD, MARY A.

Neé Simmons. A 30 year career in Chicago schools came to an end for Mary when she left the DuBois Elementary school in 1993. She died on April 4, 2006, at the age of 71 years.

LEVENHAGEN, RETTA.

Retta retired in 1993 while at Roosevelt High School, ending a 27 year career, and passed away on March 9, 2006, at the age of 75.

LITTIG, DELLA.

Neé Williams. A teacher at Senn High School when she resigned in 1972, Della had served for 27 years. She was 99 on the date of her passing, March 23, 2006.

LODA, ALICE C.

Neé Ropa. Ending a 3 year career, Alice left Penn Elementary in 1994. When she died on March 13, 2006, she was 73 years of age.

LOWRY, JOHN L.

John was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 30 years when he retired from the Medill Center in 2004. At the time of his death on April 22, 2006, he was 55 years of age.

MAJORS, FREDERICK.

His 26 year teaching career ended when Frederick retired from Englewood Academy in 2000. He was 70 when his life ended on February 18, 2006.

MARTIN, FLORINE W.

Neé Williams. Florine had taught for 28 years before she retired in 1981 from the Carver school. She was 89 when her life ended on March 24, 2006.

MARTINI, CLARE J.

When she resigned after 8 years in 1991, Clare was a Professor at Truman College. On November 11, 2005, she died at the age of 77.

MATHEWS, HELEN W.

Neé Ramm. Life ended for Helen at the age of 104 on February 22, 2006. She retired as a Principal at School Dist #12 in 1966, at the end of a 15 year career.

MAYES, HELEN J.

Neé Brown. After a career that lasted 23 years, Helen retired from Neil in 1981. She was 81 when she died on February 6, 2006.

MAYS, MURIEL J.

Muriel resigned from the Parker Academy in 1987 after a 25 year career. She was 81 years old when she died on March 20, 2006.

MCCANN, VERONICA.

Neé Flynn. Veronica succumbed on March 8, 2006, at the age of 89. She served 37 years, resigning from the Ravenswood school in 1982.

MCCONICO, CLEMENTINE.

Please see Skinner notice.

MCNELLIS, DOROTHY.

On March 22, 2006, Dorothy passed away at the age of 80 years. She retired as Assistant Principal of Scanlan Elementary in 1983 after 35 years of teaching.

MELLICK, ELEANOR.

Neé Horwitz. Eleanor left the Schneider in 1982 after a career that spanned 20 years. She expired at the age of 89, on March 9, 2006.

MILLER, IDA M.

Neé Austin. In 1994, Ida left the Terrell school after a career that lasted 24 years. When her life ended on February 14, 2006, she was 76 years old.

MOORE, MIRIAM M.

Please see Roberts notice.

MOSER, HANNAH S.

Hannah was associated with the Chicago schools for 29 years, the last at Whitney Young High School, where she was when she retired in 1987. She was 85 years old when death took her on February 22, 2006.

MULLEN, VIRGINIA R.

Neé Lahey. After a career of 4 years, Virginia retired from the Mannierre school in 1991. She died on February 19, 2006, at the age of 79.

MULLIGAN, MARION M.

Please see O'Rourke notice.

MULVIHILL, BETTY J.

Neé Stanton. On March 3, 2006, Betty passed on, at the age of 85 years. She had spent 31 years in the schools when she resigned from Lewis in 1979.

MURFF, WAZELLE.

Wazelle resigned from Clemente High School in 1994 after a 38 year career, and died on March 10, 2006, at the age of 75 years.

O'CONNELL, MARY B.

Please see Ryan notice.

OLSHAN, SANFORD.

After 28 years, Sanford resigned from Roosevelt High School in 1991. Death took him on April 23, 2006; he was 80 at the time.

O'MALLEY, WILLIAM V.

When William retired in 1993, his career had lasted 7 years. His life ended at the age of 75 on January 2, 2006.

O'ROURKE, MARION M.

Neé Mulligan. When she retired from Armstrong in 1976, Marion ended a career of 31 years. She was 93 when her life came to a close on April 7, 2006.

PALL, CHARLES J.

Charles ended a 38 year career when he left Shakespeare Elementary as Principal in 1983. When he died on February 6, 2006, he was 88 years of age.

PILLER, JACK H.

Jack succumbed at age 80 on March 28, 2006. He taught for 35 years before retiring from Westinghouse High School in 1986.

POCIUS, CHARLOTTE.

Neé Apeland. After 25 years in Chicago schools, Charlotte retired from the Holden Elementary school in 1986. She was 83 when she expired on April 8, 2006.

PODOROWSKY, PEARL.

Please see Robbins notice.

RAMM, HELEN W.

Please see Mathews notice.

ROBBINS, PEARL.

Neé Podorowsky. Pearl ended a 17 year career when she resigned as a Psychologist from the Pupil Service Center North in 1982. At her death on March 6, 2006, she was 90 years old.

ROBERTS, MIRIAM M.

Neé Moore. Her career of 26 years ended when she left the Gresham school in 1969, and Miriam died on March 28, 2006, at the age of 97.

ROPA, ALICE C.

Please see Loda notice.

RYAN, MARY B.

Neé O'Connell. Last assigned to Mt. Greenwood, Mary retired in 1965 after 31 years of service. She passed away on March 27, 2006, at 97 years of age.

SACKS, BEATRICE R.

Neé Cohn. When she resigned from Solomon in 1992, Beatrice capped a 32 year career. She was 80 when she died on March 11, 2006.

SANTANA, ADA A.

Ada was at Funston School when she retired in 2002 after a 25 year career. She was 66 when she died on February 9, 2006.

SAVICKAS, DOMINIC G.

Dominic retired from the Skinner school in 2003 after a career that lasted for 33 years. He expired on March 19, 2006, at the age of 66 years.

SCANLON, MARGARET M.

Margaret ended a 39 year term in the Chicago system when she retired in 1966 from Falconer. At her death on March 9, 2006, she was 100 years old.

SCHLICHT, MINERVA.

Please see Kratky notice.

SCHMATZ, ROBERT F.

Robert was at Greene when he resigned in 1989 after 34 years in the Chicago Public Schools. He was 82 on March 6, 2006, when he passed on.

SIMMONS, MARY A.

Please see Leonard notice.

SKINNER, CLEMENTINE.

Neé McConico. Clementine was assigned to South Shore High School when she retired in 1982 after 21 years in the Chicago system. She was 89 when she went to her reward on February 27, 2006.

SMITH, CHARLES E.

When he retired from Truman College in 1983, Charles ended a career that included 5 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed him on February 18, 2006, at the age of 89 years.

STACY, GEORGIANA S.

Please see Vey notice.

STANTON, BETTY J.

Please see Mulvihill notice.

STUMPF, JOANNE M.

Neé Dopke. After teaching 30 years, Joanne resigned from the Mt. Greenwood school in 2001. She was 73 when death took her on March 4, 2006.

SULLIVAN, KATHLEEN J.

Kathleen's 37 year career in the Chicago schools ended when she retired from Bogan High School in 1993. On March 18, 2006, at the time she succumbed, she was 66 years old.

SWAIN, ELLA S.

Please see Watson notice.

THOMPSON, WILLIAM.

In 1981, William retired from Donohue after 26 years of teaching. On April 15, 2006, he passed on at the age of 90 years.

TOMLIN, LILLIAN.

Neé Kowal. Death came for Lillian on December 20, 2005, when she was 87 years old. She ended her career at Nansen in 1978, after 30 years.

TRENHAILE, VIOLA.

Viola was a teacher at Jenner when she resigned in 1984 after a 12 year teaching career. Her life ended at the age of 93 on March 12, 2006.

ULRICH, CHARLES.

When he retired in 1989 from the Sheridan school, Charles had taught for 32 years. He was 77 years of age at his death on April 9, 2006.

VENTURA, CHARLES.

Charles retired from Schurz in 1986 after teaching for 23 years. On March 11, 2006, he died at 81.

VEY, GEORGIANA S.

Neé Stacy. Georgiana was at the Armstrong school when she retired in 1979 after a 22 year teaching career. She was 88 at the time of her death on March 10, 2006.

VOGLER, GUNTER W.

In 1999, when he retired from the Montefiore school, Gunter ended his 6 year career with the Chicago school system. On April 22, 2006, his life ended after 69 years.

WACH, EDWARD R.

A 31 year career in Chicago schools came to an end for Edward when he left Hubbard High School in 1983. He died on March 8, 2006, at age 90.

WAHLE, DONALD W.

A teacher at Peterson when he resigned in 1988, Donald had served for 33 years. He was 78 on the date of his passing, April 25, 2006.

WALKER, LORI.

Please see Berry notice.

WALLACE, GENEVA.

Neé Allen. At the age of 80, Geneva passed away on April 24, 2006. She was at Frazier Elementary in 2000 when she ended a 28 year career in the Chicago system.

WATSON, ELLA S.

Neé Swain. In 1996, Ella resigned from the Washington school after a 33 year career. When she expired on March 28, 2006, she was 75 years old.

WERILI, MARION C.

Please see Abbey notice.

WILLIAMS, ELMARY.

A 31 year career in the Chicago Public Schools ended when Elmary, who expired at the age of 74 on March 26, 2006, retired from Washington High School in 1991.

WILLIAMS, DELLA.

Please see Littig notice.

WILLIAMS, FLORINE W.

Please see Martin notice.

WINDSTRUP IRENE H.

Neé Hill. On April 21, 2006, life came to a close for Irene at the age of 89. She had been at the Shields school, retiring in 1977 at the end of a 33 year career in the schools.

WOJNOWSKI, BERNICE C.

Please see Hunter notice.

YAKINOW, HELENE.

Please see Cann notice.

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*This picture, which features (seated): **Joyce Seidel** (left), **Celeste O’Dea**, **Celeste Nellis** and **Marie McDonough**, was awarded second prize in the Spring 2006 Luncheon Photo Contest. Standing were **Elma Douglas** (l) and **Elaine Sweet**.*

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