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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RTAC

No matter how much we might prefer otherwise, you and I are not merely spectators watching this badminton game called politics from the sidelines. We are in the very center of the court; indeed, sometimes we seem to be playing the part of the bird. Remember that in the final analysis, we are the *only citizens in Illinois* who have a direct interest in safeguarding the financial stability of the state's retired teachers. If we do not rise to this challenge, who is left to do so?



Ethel Pholton

While these facts require us to focus on those issues that we confront in our daily lives as seniors and retirees, I have also been feeling increasingly uneasy. Aided by incredible advances in information technology, we have moved from an industrial society to an information society. Television and the Internet provide instant real-time coverage of what is happening around the world, but increasingly it appears that access to this flood of information is being ever more tightly controlled by a very few. Apparently a handful of super rich multinational corporations and/or individuals can now determine what news we ordinary citizens are permitted to receive. In recent years, many articles and books have been written along these lines, and as a librarian I read a great many of them. Recollect, if you will, *1984* by George Orwell, *Future Shock* and *The Third Wave* by Alvin Toffler, *Megatrends* by John Naisbitt, *Silent Spring* by Rachael Carson, *No Easy Victories* by John W. Gardner, *The Rise of the Computer State* by David Burnham, *Family and Nation* by Daniel P. Moynihan, and many others. While technology has done much to improve the conditions and solved many of the problems faced by our forebears, it has also spawned hordes of would-be leaders who spew forth their unrelenting half-truths, propaganda, misinformation and hate in order to further their own agendas, line their pockets

and mold the minds of our children and youth to suit themselves. Little or no concern is shown for the damage being done to the values of our country, the world, and even to our planet Earth.

On April 11, 2007, I had the privilege of attending the Second Annual City Showcase of After School Matters (ASM), initiated, encouraged and supported by **Maggie Daley**, wife of Mayor **Richard M. Daley**, and sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois and a host of public partners and agencies, at the historic Chicago Theatre. is The largest after-school initiative of its kind in the country, the ASM has grown from nine programs in three high schools serving 180 teens in the fall of 2000, to over 700 programs in 58 high schools, with the capacity to serve 28,000 teens during the 2006-2007 academic year. It showcases the talents and skills of performers and apprentices as they displayed the best of their work in the culinary arts, video making, robotics, dancing, web-site design and many other diverse disciplines. As the event wound down, Mayor Daley asked the question that many of us in the audience had been asking each other: **"Where is the media?"** We all hope and trust that there is nothing sinister about the answer to that question...

As retired educators, opportunities abound for us to continue to participate in molding the minds of future generations in a positive manner, for a future of responsible individuals and responsible societies, and possibly to save our planet. We don't usually think of history as being shaped by silence, but, as English philosopher **Edmund Burke** put it, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Each and every one of us should particularly heed those words.

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SPRING LUNCHEON EXCITEMENT

This year's Spring Luncheon held in the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House Hilton Hotel was a joyous event filled with many exciting surprises.

Executive Director Bob Bures announced that attendance was an all-time high: 650. Many, no doubt, came to honor retiring editor V.K. (Ken) Brown. (See story and photos next two pages.) What the attendees did not expect was the appearance of Judge Richard Elrod who brought his first grade teacher Ms. Daisy Driss, to the gala luncheon. (See photo and story below.)

To add to the excitement, RTAC Director John W. Craig announced that he has been elected Village President (Mayor) of Oak Brook, Ill. Second Vice-President Veronica Chemers ably assisted in Director Craig's campaign (see photo Page 6.)



A bird's eye view of the overflow crowd of 650 members and guests.

JUDGE ELROD REMEMBERS HIS FIRST GRADE TEACHER

Little did the young first grade teacher Daisy Driss suspect when she accepted a dinner invitation from then-7-year-old student Richard Elrod's mother that one day many years in the future Richard would be accepting an invitation to speak at a ceremony marking his first grade teacher's 100th birthday.

Dr. Raphael Juss, a longtime neighbor of Daisy's, invited her to the Spring Luncheon in honor of her 100th birthday. "It isn't often that retirees who are 100 years of age are able to attend our luncheons," Dr. Juss said. Then he thought of contacting Judge Elrod to request a letter from him that could be read at the luncheon. Instead Judge Elrod asked to attend in person and he presented Miss Driss with a tiny sculptured apple engraved "To my favorite teacher."

"He couldn't have been nicer," Dr. Juss said. The following Sunday, Judge and Mrs. Elrod took Daisy to an opera at the Harris Theatre in Millennium Park. Judge Elrod also plans to have Daisy reunite with his siser who was also her student.



A mini-reunion took place between Daisy Driss (l) and former Cook County Sheriff Judge Richard J. Elrod, once a student in Daisy's first grade classroom at the Gregory School. RTAC Director Dr. Raphael Juss (standing), Daisy's neighbor, invited Ms. Driss to the luncheon.

Daisy Driss is no stranger to notoriety, however. Last January 1, the actual date of her 100th birthday, CBS News televised a segment at her party at the Drake Hotel and aired it on the 10 p.m. news.

RETIRING EDITOR V. K. BROWN HONORED AT SPRING LUNCHEON

V. K. (Ken) Brown made it official at the RTAC Spring Luncheon May 22. After 15 years as editor of the RTAC News Bulletin, he is relinquishing the reins to enjoy a well-deserved rest.

RTAC Past President Helen Johnson actually hired the newly retired South Shore High physics teacher for the editor's job. V.K. had been referred to Helen by Ron Patterson, a fellow RTAC Board member. When Helen visited Ken's home office and saw for herself the extensive array of computers and printers he used, she and RTAC Executive Secretary, the late Marita Hogan, hired Ken immediately.

Fittingly, Helen introduced V.K. noting his many outstanding efforts in producing the News Bulletin since January 1993 and his many contributions to the legislative goals of the RTAC organization.

From the start, V.K. composed and produced every quarterly News Bulletin entirely on his own computer. Immediately, he won over his readership with one little change: he increased the print size from 10 to 12 points. Every issue from then on kept members informed of the state of our pension, changes in insurance benefits, and "Friends Gone Ahead." Computer tips, humorous anecdotes and Satellite News from California and Florida retirees kept readers in tune and in touch.

In 2000, Ken guided RTAC's purchase of the web site that became RTAC.org, and in 2003 Ken introduced the Letter-a-Month Club, which has become a tremendous tool for contacting and influencing legislators on behalf of RTAC objectives. Even in retirement Ken will continue to be the guid-

ing force behind this most important political force for Chicago Public School retirees.

Before 650 of the 10,000+ friends Ken has made during his editorship he was presented with a wristwatch bearing the RTAC logo, a framed resolution marking his outstanding accomplishments and a \$500 honorarium.

Thanks for an outstanding job, V.K.!



Attending to Ken's remarks are (from left) President **Thilpau**, 2nd Vice President **Vernonica Chermers**, his wife **Betty**, Ken, past President **Helen P. Johnson** (who supervised Ken's hiring 15 years ago), and Executive Director **Bob Bures**. (Photo by Gil Brown)

LETTER TO KEN

Dear Ken,

Thank you for all the years of pleasure and enjoyment you brought to us as editor. I was just sorry to hear of your leaving, but I wish you the best of everything.

Sincerely,

Andrew C. Miller, 1993 retiree from the School of the Cook County Jail

RTAC CELEBRATES 'V.K. DAY'



*The new and the — ah — veteran,
RTAC Editors.*



From left: RTAC President Ethel Philpott, Gil (V. K. III) Bown, MD, PhD, V. K. (Ken) Brown, outgoing Editor, and RTAC Past President Dr. Mae M. Hunter.



Betty Brown, the Editor Emeritus' charming wife, is a familiar face at RTAC functions.



Chicago's first two A. P. Physics teachers, V.K. (Ken) Brown and Roy Coleman compare notes and cameras at the RTAC Spring Luncheon. Ken and Roy were also the first and second RTAC Webmasters, respectively.

SALUTING ONE OF OUR OWN



RTAC Director **John Craig** holds a plaque commemorating his election as Village President (Mayor) of Oak Brook, IL. (Photo by V. K. Brown)



Newly elected Oak Brook Mayor **John W. Craig** and 2nd Vice-President **Veronica Chemers** celebrate his victory at Spring Luncheon. Veronica was a volunteer poll watcher and canvasser for John's campaign.

(Below) RTAC Secretary **Marcella Morrison** (left) congratulates **John Craig** on his election as Village President of Oak Brook, IL, while President **Ethel Philpott** looks on. John was officially recognized at the June RTAC Board of Directors meeting at RTAC headquarters.

From the Webmaster

WEB SITE EASIER TO USE NOW

RTAC Webmaster Roy Coleman wants to remind RTAC members that our web address is RTAC.org. No http, no www, not even any backslashes. The whole process of reaching our web site is much simpler, and Roy is working on redesigning and simplifying the RTAC Home Page.

So don't be afraid to use this powerful communication tool. It is especially useful for contacting our legislators and expressing our views on issues that directly affect our well-being, such as our insurance and our pensions.

While many members have been and are very diligent in contacting their congressmen and senators about issues important to the retired teachers community, especially via the Letter-a-Month Club (did you know that some Springfield officials actually asked RTAC to stop the pressure after a recent letter-writing campaign?) it will be so much easier to do so via the RTAC web site.



The RTAC web page has a direct link to Project Votesmart, a link which will send notes directly to legislators both in Springfield and in Washington, D.C.

Best of all, if, like almost all of us, you are not quite sure of your legislators' names or your district numbers, or where to contact them, you can get this information on Votesmart as well. All you need is your 10-digit zip code. Votesmart will take care of the rest and will even give you letter-writing lessons and sample letters to assist you. (See **Web Site** p. 10)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Robert F. Bures

My report to you is being written in mid-May in order to meet the printer's deadline. Sooooooooooooo...

The Illinois General Assembly is still in session and although May 31 is the scheduled date of adjournment, it is likely to go on and on and on and on! There are many things on the General Assembly's plate - a Gross Receipts Tax on mid and large size businesses, a tax "swap" for real estate taxes for schools versus an extra income tax for schools, taxing OUR PENSIONS - just to name a few. Issues related to US are sort of on the back burner at this time. BUT ... we are cautiously optimistic on increasing the ability of our pension fund to spend more on health insurance for us and we are also cautiously optimistic on increasing the pensions for the oldest, lowest paid of annuitants. Everyone must remain vigilant about legislation under consideration. Remember, when needed, YOU must write, call, email, fax, or even visit your legislators. Don't know who they are?! It's easy. Call 1 - 888-868-3762. It's a free call to Vote Smart, an agency that will help you with this information for FREE! If you have the internet, simply visit our web site - www.rtac.org - and when the



Robert F. Bures

site comes up, click on the word Legislators on the left hand side of the screen and help will be on its way. Just be prepared to give your 9 digit postal zip code.

By the time you read this, we'll already have had our Spring '07 Luncheon at the Palmer House. At this writing we have over 600 reservations ... a great crowd is expected. If you have never attended, grab a couple of former colleagues and come to our Fall Luncheon. Watch your mail for details.

Welcome to Rosemary Tirio, our NEW editor of this publication. VK Brown, our former editor and web master retired after many, many years of faithful service. Everyone at RTAC knows VK's shoes will be hard to fill. Look for exciting new sections to our *News Bulletin* in the near future. Good Luck, Rosemary, and Godspeed. VK!

The summer is upon us and everyone is reminded to have a safe and healthy vacation. If you are on a trip - near or far - take the time to drop us a postcard and we'll post it in the next *News Bulletin*!

Bob Bures

KEEPING YOU POSTED...

By V. K. Brown

Usually, our now-and-then tips are aimed at the low-intensity computer user. Just to prove you can't predict us, today we shift gears a bit.

Do you remember the U. S. Postal Service? The one that used to be your main means of communication with out-of-town friends and relatives? Well, they're still here, although a mite disheveled from the massive changes in their business. And as you know, whenever the USPS is jostled, they change their rates. But this time it's different.

Unsurprisingly, the one ounce first class letter

has gone up 2c, to 41c. But the first surprise is this: Those 41c stamps will ALWAYS be enough to mail a first class letter - *forever*. No matter what future rates may do! Should be a great investment.

Another major innovation is the invention of the **flat**. A flat is similar to a letter except for size. The familiar 9" x 12" envelope is a flat (unless it is too thick or it has uneven contents). In fact, any envelope that exceeds EITHER 6" in height OR 11½" in width is a flat. Flats go for 80c for the first ounce, but just like letters, the second ounce and each ounce afterward is just 17c. (See **Posted**, p. 9)

PENSION NOTES

1. From James F. Ward, Trustee

We Chicago retired teachers may sometimes feel alone in our continuing battle for benefits and funds. But we are not alone. Here is a look at our fellow public employee retirees in the nation.

Public Pension Plans are in Good Financial Condition. The National Council on Teachers Retirement is a group of 77 retirement systems in the USA. The NCTR reports that as a group, state and local pension systems have nearly 90 cents for each dollar they owe in liabilities. These assets are professionally managed and invested on a long-term basis using sound investment policies. The \$2.89 trillion (in real assets, not IOU's of local and state governments) held by these plans are an important source of liquidity and stability for the nation's financial markets.

State and Local Pension Funds Earn Competitive Investment Returns. For the 10- and 20-year periods ended June 30, 2006, public pension funds generated strong investment returns of 8.5% and 9.5%, exceeding investment benchmarks and closely tracking returns generated by corporate pension plans.

The Bulk of Public Pension Benefit Funding Is Not Shouldered by Taxpayers. On a national basis, employee (taxpayer) contributions to state and local pension systems make up only one-fourth of all public pension revenue. Earnings from investments and employee contributions comprise the remainder. In 2005, investment earnings accounted for 74 percent of all public pension revenue; employee contributions were 17 percent. Unlike corporate workers, most public employees are required to contribute to their pension plans.

Comprehensive Oversight. While private sector plans are subject solely to federal regulation, state and local government plans are creatures of state constitutional, statutory and case law and must comply with a vast landscape of state and local requirements, as well as industry accounting standards.

2. From Walter Pilditch, Trustee

The Pension Fund and the Winter Quarter

In spite of the obvious weaknesses during the quarter (high energy prices, rising inflation, and problems with the housing market), job growth was better than expected. In addition our fund gained \$137 million for a new total of \$12.26 billion. This represents a 2.5 percent increase while the GDP growth was only 1.3 percent.

Specifically, the two best performers in the domestic equity were New Amsterdam Partners and Piedmont Investments. International equity saw the best performers as Morgan Stanley and MFS. Additionally, Zevenbergen did the best in growth equity and Chicago Equity Partners did the best as a mid cap equity manager.

Value managers Harris, Lombardia and UBS did the best while Seligman outpaced the others in small cap equity. Our fund has several managers in minority- and woman-owned firms and the two best in this area were Attucks and Progress.

Mercer Investment Consulting does all of the computing on these results each quarter and publishes a special report. In the fixed income area Lehman Brothers (formerly Lincoln Investments) led the index by ten basis points. Regarding asset allocation, most of the segments were within one or two percent as far as policy and actual figures are concerned. The greatest changes in the winter quarter were large cap equity (down by five percent) and international equity (up by five percent). We often get questions on which individual stocks did the best during the quarter and the five best were: Medico Health, Valero Energy, Kroger Company, Yahoo, and Corning Incorporated.

As of this writing in early May our main point of interest in the legislation in Springfield is the bill that will increase the amount for our health insurance by \$10 million. This has just passed the House and is slated to be voted on in the Senate soon. Unless there are some surprises, this is the only pension bill making progress at this time. More on all this next quarter.

PENSION NOTES

3. FROM VAUGHN J. BARBER, TRUSTEE

The Illinois General Assembly was unable to meet its May 31 deadline to sine die [indefinitely]. The Chicago Teachers Pension Board (CTPB) is happy to report that in this austere budget time for Illinois, CTPB was able to preserve the \$65 million which is appropriated from the Education Assistance Fund to the Public School Teachers Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago. This is now a continuing appropriation.

Though CTPB presented a very aggressive legislative program for 2007, HB 1123 was the only bill that passed both houses and which is now on the governor's desk for signature. In March, CTPB successfully moved HB 1231 through the House, but it met with opposition when presented to the Senate. The bill would increase the maximum total payments for health insurance rebate to \$75 million or \$3,400.00 per capita. The bill does not ask for new money but allows CTPB to reallocate funds to better serve its members. CTPB will continue its efforts to pass this legislation, as the bill will help CTPB members to cope with rising healthcare costs.

The Chicago Teacher's Pension fund is solvent. Through its contributions and solid investment returns, CTPB has enjoyed a well funded ratio. Given the issues on the horizon and our funding ratio declining and funding sources threatening to default on their obligations coupled with increasing costs to members, CTPB believes the state must do its share to secure retirements for Chicago's Teachers.

We are 60,000 strong. CTPB will continue to fight for its members. Your help is also needed. Any opportunity you may have to speak with a legislator, thank them for their continued support and remind them that with increasing the number of retirees, sky rocketing health insurance costs and changing membership demographics, we need their continued help to remain solvent.

Should you wish information regarding your legislator or suggestions as to how you can help to preserve our pension fund, feel free to contact me at vjbarber@earthlink.net

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Total RTAC membership as of June 2007 is 10,643. Ten years ago in June 1997 membership was 8,497, a net increase of over 2,100 members. Of that total, 8,248 are Life Members. RTAC is alive and growing. We anticipate many new members who retired this year. Welcome!

Posted, con't.

There are many other important new changes at the USPS. We suggest you check them out; their web site probably makes it easiest. (Just enter USPS as a computer search term.)

And when do these changes take effect? *They already did, on May 14th!* Don't say they never give you a break!

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



VAUGHN J. BARBER



WALTER PILDITCH



JAMES F. WARD

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

SERVICE COMMITTEE KEEPS THOSE BIRTHDAY CARDS A-COMIN'

Nancy Makowski of the Service Committee reports that in the first quarter of 2007 sixteen retirees turned 100!

Jerry Clarizio of Chicago sent a thank you note for his birthday card and made a favorable comment about this year's poem. We thank him for that!

Eve M Bronaugh of Burlington, WI. wrote to the Committee Members "Thanks much for the Birthday Card. It went straight to My Heart! Wish you Joy on Your Birthday too!" We thank you Eve for your good wishes.

Lorraine Thomas of Chicago writes she is "divinely blessed at 96...still doing most everything for herself, still likes to cook, plays bridge every week and her 30 years of retirement have been fantastic." Yes Lorraine, you certainly have been divinely blessed.

Martha Clausen (age 91) of Green Valley, AZ, sent us an atypical poem about an Arizona Christmas, along with ten song titles to decipher. Thanks Martha we had a fun time getting the answers.

Ellen Beyer of Evanston, IL, wrote "Thank you for your birthday greeting. It's like a diploma for reaching a certain age." What a nice analogy Ellen.

Feeling lucky?

(BACKGROUND) CHECK ILLINOIS ONLINE

According to an article in *Crain's Chicago Business*, a new Illinois database provides background information, from bankruptcies to divorces to arrests, for a payment of \$5.

Check Illinois, <http://consumer.public-record.com>, is a compilation of public records from 15 Illinois counties which are now just a click away online. These records are already available to the public if you have the time and energy to look for them in courthouses and other official places.

Kaneville-based **Record Information Services** has been supplying the same kinds of information to government and corporate clients for 16 years. **Check Illinois** is designed for more casual client who would use the service only occasionally.

Entering a name into the website's search engine will result in a list of records. Records may be purchased for \$4.95 apiece.

(Web Site cont.)

For those who prefer writing to their legislators, the very helpful Illinois Legislative Directory 2007-2008 is available free of charge from the Illinois Society of Association Executives. For free copies call the ISAE at 217-529-6838 or write to ISAE, 3085 Stevenson Drive, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62791-1058

TEN TIPS FOR HEALTHY EATING

The Center for Science in the Public Interest recommends the following list of 10 super foods for better health.

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|------------------------|--|
| 1. Sweet Potatoes | 6. Crispbreads |
| 2. Grape Tomatoes | 7. Microwaveable or "10-minute" Brown Rice |
| 3. Fat-free or 1% Milk | 8. Citrus Fruits |
| 4. Broccoli | 9. Diced Butternut Squash |
| 5. Wild Salmon | 10. Pre-washed, Pre-cut Bags of Greens |

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

By Ethel Philpott

Continued best wishes for your health and prosperity. With the energies of our elected representatives focused/scattered on a wide variety of issues (if we are to believe the media), we must continue to stay informed and in an action mode.

If published reports are accurate, the tax caps limiting property tax assessment increases for homeowners has not been renewed. Recall, that Assessor James Houlihan warned that if not renewed, future property tax bills could cause increasingly widespread hardships, especially for those on low or fixed incomes. An update on the status of bills is published in the April 2007 issue of our *News Bulletin*.



Ethel Philpott

HB 1227 (Bradley), HB 604(Saviano) have all been re-referred to Rules Committees. See your April 2007 *News Bulletin* for a short description of these bills

If you have not done so, contact and remain in communication with your elected representatives. Volunteer your assistance where possible, and remind them that you look forward to working with him/her to maintain a fair and workable Illinois environment for retirees

By the time you receive this Bulletin, you will have been 'called to action', regarding **HB 1231 (Molaro)**.

At the time of writing this Report, RTAC received word that it had just, by a slim margin, been passed by the House. See *RTAC News Bulletin*, April 2007, p.4 The bill would allow Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund to increase by \$10,000, payments to annuitants to defray their health insurance costs. You were also urged to support **SB 1132** as amended, for a similar increase, for the pension system for "downstate" Illinois teachers (TRS). We hope that you were one of the many who 'heeded the call.'

Our long-time editor is still 'in action,' and has re-activated the **Letter-a-Month Club**. His email address is now Xeditor@RTAC.org and the club still needs YOUR help.

Stay well – informed –and in an action mode.

HR 82 and S 206 The Social Security Fairness Act of 2007, the bill to repeal the GPO and WEP provisions of the Social Security Act remains in the House Ways and Means Committee, Subcommittee on Social Security, as of the last published action, January 11, 2007.

HB 750 (Miller) April 27, 2007 Third Reading/ Final Action Deadline extended to May 3, 2007

SB 750 (Meeks) March 14, 2007 Committee Deadline extended to March 30, 2007

Remember, this is the third time this bill has resurfaced. It rewrites, revises Codes, laws, etc. and, would impose State taxation of our pensions. **HB 1229 (Bradley), HB 1510 (Raoul),**

AID FUND

By Steven A. Kallies

President, Teachers Aid Fund, Inc.

Our RTAC President Ethel Philpott has been concerned about the plight of our CPS retired teachers who may be losing their homes (title must be held in their name) to predatory lenders.

With the guidance of our Treasurer Vaughn J. Barber, and Grants Committee Chair and former President Waller Pilditch, the Aid Fund has en-

tered into negotiations with some leading prime lenders

As a result, we may, depending upon the individual circumstances, be able to help them save their homes. If you know of such a person please have them call our Executive Director Bob Bures immediately at our office (312) 939-3327.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Many retired teachers find that working for a worthy cause as a volunteer is extremely satisfying. The following organizations are among those who have asked us for help in recruiting. A more complete list appears on our web site at <http://www.rtac.org>. The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago **does not endorse any organization**; potential volunteers must make their own judgments.

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
Glenkirk	Suburbs - North	Roberta Rekus	847-400-8569
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
Learning Center, The	Chicago - Cntrl	Sr Monice Kavanaugh	773-277-3111
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
Literacy/Volunteer - Comm. Educ	Suburbs - North	Leslie Goldberg	847-718-7720
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	Jennifer Labows	773-755-5141
PetCare Curriculum	Chicago - North	Julie Smith	773-784-5605
Polish Museum of America	Chicago - Nr N		773-384-3352
Swedish-American Museum	Andersonville	Tina Harris	773-728-8111x28
TEC Tutoring	Chicago - All	Konora Maxwell	773-374-2363
Teen Connection	Chicago - Pilsen	Sara Manewith	312-226-0963x234
Travelers/Immigrants Aid	Chicago - All	Brian Harvey	312-629-4500x5011
Triton College (Literacy)	Suburbs - W	Carol Di Fatta	708-456-0300x3407
U of Chicago Hospitals	Chicago - South	Nancy Frazier	773-702-5673
WITS	Chicago	Barbara Pace	312-751-9487
Woman Made Gallery	Chicago - Nr So	Pamela Callahan	312-328-0038
Youth Service Proj	Chicago - NW	Esther Prins	773-772-6270

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Volunteer Opportunities, Cont.

CROWN PLAYLAB NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Engaging docents are needed to help children ages 2-6 in the **Crown Family PlayLab at the Field Museum** discover the wonders of nature, connect to other cultures, and learn to think like a scientist. Weekday docents volunteer regularly one day a week, weekend docents volunteer two half days a month. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:30 or 12:30-4:30. Docent training will be held in August. Contact Krystal R. Villanosa, 312.665.7533 (phone) or 312.665.7401 (fax.) email kvillanosa@fieldmuseum.org

IGNATIUS LAY VOLUNTEER CORPS

Retired? Eager to "give something back?" The Ignatius Lay Volunteer Corps is accepting volunteers age 50+ to work with the poor in the Chicagoland area two days each week. Contact: George P. Sullivan 773-975-6871 or (cell) 847-848-0504. email gsullivan@ilvc.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

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

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

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

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

- ☐ Political Education Fund (**not** tax deductible; make check payable to **RTAC COPE**)
- ☐ Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund (Federal tax deductible; make check payable to **C.R.T.A.F.**)
- ☐ Retired Teachers Association of Chicago (**not** tax deductible; make check payable to **R.T.A.C.**)

Donor's name(s) _____

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

This donation is made (please check below):

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- ☐ In honor of _____
- ☐ Happy birthday/anniversary to: _____
- ☐ Celebrating: _____
- ☐ Just on general principles.
- ☐ Anonymously; please do NOT publish my name.

OPTIONAL: Please notify

Name: _____ Address: _____

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that this donation has been made.

Know your Insurance Benefits

JUST A REMINDER...

By Arthur E. Keegan, RTAC Director

If you are in the insurance plan and are taking a long-term regular medication such as Lipitor, Hydrochlorothiazide, Zocor, etc., in other words, a daily medication, you are eligible to receive 90 days' worth of medication at the 30-day price. Walgreens, Osco, CVS and other pharmacies in the Chicago area participate in this program.

You must have your physician write out the prescription(s) for a 90-day supply. It can be refilled three times (270 days). Your physician can call the pharmacy or you can discuss this with your pharmacist about further details.

More good advice comes in from Roy Coleman, RTAC Director and official Webmaster.

According to Roy, if your prescription is for generic drugs, i.e., federally controlled drugs approved by the FDA, you can get the very best prices at Sam's Club and Costco, and **you don't have to be a member.**

If you take Cumudin, for example, your cost could be as much as \$100 for a 30-day supply. If your doctor gives you a prescription for the generic equivalent, however, your cost could be as low as \$30 for a 100-day supply. Roy said his blood pressure medication cost him \$15 for a 30-day supply until he took his prescription to Costco. Now he pays only \$6 for a 100-day supply.

Taking advantage of these tips will eliminate extra drug fees and cut down on trips to the pharmacy for maintenance medications.



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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.

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

TimeSpace-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 1 Moon landing and man's first steps on the Moon, and a leap into the future to 3001. The new permanent exhibition highlights the exciting stories of space exploration and North America's bold plans to return to the Moon. Discover the dangers and thrills of being an explorer and imagine your own future in space. Shoot for the Moon!

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO Michigan at Adams 312-433-3600
www.artic.edu

France in the 18th Century: The Allure of China and Persia. A collection of prints explores the influence of Chinese and Persian luxury items on French artists. Thru 10/1

JEFF HALL – artist – Vancouver-based, born 1946, Hall is one of the most noted artists of his generation, and this exhibition of his photographs presents a comprehensive overview of Hall's nearly 30-year career. Thru 9/30

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe 847-835-5440
<http://Chicago-botanic.org>

For what's in bloom visit www.ohwow.org

The Chicago Botanic Garden is an enchanting place with 23 unique gardens from the lush English Walled Garden to the evocative Sensory Garden to the romantic Evening Island. From sunrise to sunset, there are events, activities and classes for every age. Start your day with a stroll through the Aquatic Garden and end it by taking in the spectacular sunset and the lights on Evening Island.

Discover the Model Railroad Garden, where model trains wind past miniature landmarks and small scale gardens. Come on Sundays for model sailboat races and special family activities. Dine at the Garden Café, shop at the Garden Store and much more. For information and accommodations, call 847-835-5440.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 220 S. Michigan Ave. 312-294-3100
www.cso.org

BOLERO

Sunday, September 16, 3 p.m.

Ricardo Muti, Conductor

Prokofiev *Symphony No. 3, Folia Suite No. 3* from "The Three-Cornered Hat"

Ravel *Rapsodie Espagnole*

Ravel *Bolero*

TCHAIKOVSKY
 Ricardo Muti, Conductor
 Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 6 (Pathétique)*
 Hindemith (*Nobilissima Visions*)
 Scriabin *The Poem of Ecstasy*

Friday, September 21, 1:30 p.m.

DU SABLE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY 740 E. 56th Pl. 773-947-0600
dusablemuseum.org

The Girl from Chicago *Screen Gems* *Separate Cinema* *Chicago's Black Film History*

The exhibition of vintage movie posters highlighting Black Actors and Entertainers who weathered the racial storms of the 20th century to break into the movie business. Chicago's South Side played a major role in Black film beginning in 1913 with the short film "The Railroad Porter."

Thru Labor Day

From Dreams to Determination: The legacy of Doctors Percy and Anne Julian

This exhibition brings to the forefront their obscure footnotes in American History and honors the fascinating legacy of two African-Americans whose lives impacted all of humanity.

Thru 10/28/07

FIELD MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore Dr. 312-922-9410
www.fieldmuseum.org

THE ANCIENT AMERICAS – Step into the windswept world of Ice-Age mammoth hunters. Walk through a replica of an 800-year-old pueblo dwelling and imagine your entire family cooking, eating and sleeping in one small room. Explore the Aztec Empire and its island capital, Tenochtitlan, a city of more than 200,000 people and an extraordinary feat of engineering for any era. Discover what Field Museum scientists and others have learned about Americans who lived here before us and how it's changing nearly everything we thought we knew. Discover how and why the early Americans developed farming, created new forms of artistic expression, and forged mighty empires. See more than 2,200 artifacts, amazing reconstructions, and dozens of videos and interactive displays, and come to understand the ingenuity with which ancient peoples met the challenges of their times and places as we meet ours today.

NEW PERMANENT EXHIBITION

GARFIELD PARK CONSERVATORY 300 N. Central Park Ave. 312-746-5100
www.Garfield-Conservatory.org/

OUTDOOR ART – From Jazz Musicians to World Religions, "Niki in the Garden" is a festival of interactive sculpture. A total of 34 of Niki de Saint Phalle's sculptures, including several that beg to be climbed on, are located throughout Garfield Park in the exhibit. Many of the animal sculptures, like the Nikigator, are completely and directly for children to interact with and appreciate.

The unconventional DeSaint Phalle was born in France but raised in New York. She was the only female member of the New Realist Art Movement. In the '50s she lived in Spain where she was introduced to the works of Antonio Gaudi. His "Garden in the Park" made a big, favorable impression on her. One of her favorite pieces, "Church of All Religions" is on display. An unusual and fun display for young and old.

Thru 10/31

GRAUE MILL AND MUSEUM

3800 S. York Rd. at Spring Rd., Oak Brook

630-655-2090

www.grauemill.org**WEEKEND Events at Graue Mill****Antiques and Vintage Fair – “A Day in the Country”**

On the Oak Brook Polo Field, rain or shine. Adult Admission \$7; children under 10 free. Free Parking. This festive outdoor event has developed into one of Chicago's top antique venues.

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

Weekends 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scavenger Hunt at the Mill – Learn the art of *papel picado*, a traditional Mexican folk art used for holidays and celebrations. Make beautiful banners and other decorations from brightly colored tissue paper. Representatives from the National Museum of Mexican Art will be at the Museum to teach both children and adults this interesting technique.

Sunday, August 12 Noon to 4 p.m.

Annual Civil War Encampment

A favorite annual activity at Graue Mill celebrates 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. Complete with authentic clothing, weapons and tools, this event will truly take you back to the time. There is excitement for all ages, including black powder firing demonstrations and drills, cooking and crafts. President Abraham Lincoln may pay a visit to the troops. The members of the regiment are excellent performers who pay attention to accuracy and are extremely dedicated to creating a unique and unforgettable experience.

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 1, 2 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Graue Mill's 5th Annual Cornfest

Celebrate the beginning of Fall with an old-fashioned family picnic. This popular event has food, fun and excitement for everyone. Lots of food will be provided by Uncle Bub's BBQ along with roasted corn on the cob, delicious homemade pies and sweet taffy apples. We've planned plenty of entertainment including games, races and a fishing tournament for kids of all ages and music for adults. The giant woodpile will also be back so kids can use hammers, nails and paint to create whatever they want.

Sunday, Sept. 16 – 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO

2200 N. Cannon Dr.

312-742-2000

OPEN 365 DAYS OF THE YEAR**FREE**www.webmaster@lp

Amazing animals, lush gardens and buildings designed with the earth in mind make Lincoln Park Zoo one of the greatest scenes in the city. By preserving the world's wildlife we can continue to see the green around us. Take a safari through Africa, have a splashing good time at the sea lion pool, see the big cats in the Lion House, visit the chimpanzees and gorillas, reptiles and birds and much more in the 35 acres of the Lincoln Park Zoo in the heart of Chicago.

In recent years, Lincoln Park Zoo has rebuilt or renovated nearly every habitat, developed one of the finest conservation and science programs in the country, educated millions of children about the natural world, and provided a welcoming place where families can spend time together.

ONGOING

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART 820 N. Michigan Ave. 312-915-7600
www.luc.edu/luma/

A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the People of Israel
 Exhibit depicts the story of World War II, the life of the Pope and his friendship with the Jewish people through photographs, text, artifacts and videos.

Thru 8/12

LYRIC OPERA OF CHICAGO 20 N. Wacker Dr. #860 312-332-2244
www.lyricopera.org

Saturday, September 8, 2007 7:30 p.m.

ATTEND A SPECIAL EVENT! **Stars of Lyric Opera at Millennium Park**

Lyric Opera of Chicago will present a star-studded free outdoor concert as its pre-season gift to the city. This free concert will feature a spectacular selection of overtures, arias, and ensembles. The outdoor performance will take place with the breathtaking backdrop of the Frank Gehry-designed Jay Pritzker Pavilion and the Chicago skyline at dusk and twilight.

Lyric's Music Director Sir Andrew Davis will lead the Lyric Opera Orchestra and an array of soloists including the star of Lyric's season opening night production, Elizabeth Futral.

Saturday, September 29, 2007 6:30 p.m.

ATTEND OPENING NIGHT: Lyric will open its 53rd season with **Verdi's *La traviata***. In keeping with this Opera's setting, this glamorous evening reflects PARIS at its glittering best. The finest champagne, delectables, décor and more. Chicago's most beautiful gala.

MC ANINCH ARTS CENTER AT COLLEGE OF DU PAGE 425 Fawell Blvd. 630-942-4000
www.cod.edu

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble – *Sharks & Dancer* July 5 to 18

DuPage Theatre *La Bohème* July 20, 21, 27, 28

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART 1852 W. 19th St. 312-7381503
 (Formerly the MEXICAN FINE ARTS CENTER & MUSEUM) www.nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org

JAVIER CHAVIRA: Features mixed media paintings by the local artist.

Thru July

MEXICAN WOMEN ARTISTS: THE FRIDA YEARS

This exhibition showcases and brings to light the artistic works of nearly 25 women that were producing art since the beginning of the 20th century. All of these women utilized different artistic languages, providing a view of modernity through different approaches. Contemporaries, they were both muses and creators. They were exceptional women whose expressions were not limited to the visual arts but rather included works of literature, music, theater and cinema.

Thru Sept. 2

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

57TH & Lake Shore Dr.

773-684-1414
www.msichicago.org

See, feel and experience the wonders of science. Take an on-board tour of the legendary **U-505 Submarine**, a National Historic Landmark and the only German U-Boat captured in World War II. Immerse yourself in the amazing story of the vessel as you journey through the 35,000 sq. ft. exhibit featuring more than 200 artifacts and dynamic interactives.

ROBOTS LIKE US - You are about to meet a "far-out" collection of robots and space toys from the mid-twentieth century. The future is now, and the kids who first played with these toys are all grown up. And guess what? Robots have grown up too! Check out the cutting-edge real robots of today and learn about the latest innovations in robotic development and design.

Or learn the secret of DNA and far away places in the museum's **Omnimax Theater**, Chicago's only live-story domed, wrap-around movie screen. If you're ready for a fun-filled visit, call 773-684-1414.

PEGGY NOTEBAERT NATURE MUSEUM 2430 N. Cannon Dr. (Lake Shore at Fullerton)

Chicago Academy of Sciences

773-549-0606

www.chias.org/

Thinking Green from the Ground Up - a model of ecosystem and energy conservation. The building and grounds feature extensive rooftop gardens, solar panels, a resourceful water use system and a restored prairie.

RIVER WORKS - an interactive water play exhibit with hands-on activities including building dams and changing water oxygen levels to illustrate the importance of river ecology.

"Mysteries of the Marsh" highlights one of the Midwest's most unique ecosystems through hands-on activities.

PERMANENT

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM THEATER 50 E. Congress Pkwy

312-922-2110

www.auditoriumtheatre.org

A BLESSING TO ONE ANOTHER

Organized by Xavier University (Cincinnati) this exhibition illustrates the life of Paul John Paul II and his friendship with Jerzy Klínger, a young Jewish friend in Wadowice, Poland.

Thru 8/22

SHEDD AQUARIUM

1200 S Lake Shore Dr

(312) 939-2426

www.sheddaquarium.org

Grand Cayman Iguana Exhibit - Found only on Grand Cayman Island, a spot of land in the Caribbean south of Cuba, the blue iguana species is thought to be the world's most endangered lizard. Fewer than 25 of the dragon-like blue iguanas, which can grow to five feet in length, survive in the wild. Ten zoos and aquariums in the U.S. are trying to breed them in captivity to send offspring back to Grand Cayman Island for reintroduction to the wild. The Shedd has built an elaborately engineered exhibit case as part of the breeding effort.

Take a trip around the globe from Lake Tanganyika in Africa to our own Lake Michigan. More than 300 species and approximately 80 habitats offer windows into the world's aquatic ecosystems.

Trek to the heart of the rain forest, one of the most diverse areas of the world. The Amazon harbors nearly a third of the earth's species. Piranhas, sting rays, turtles, lizards, electric eels, cock roaches, spiders, frogs, bullet ants and many more call Amazon River home. Enjoy all at the Shedd.

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DONOR:	OCCASION:
Helen F. Lee	Congratulations to my sister, Sandra Sok Fun Lee (same as Sandra S. Lee) a Special Ed Teacher '06 from Schmid.
Eugene Jerkatis	In honor of: All Chicago Board of Education Employees who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States.

A very special thanks to **Sharonjoy A. Jackson** for her extra generous donation to the Aid Fund in honor of her late husband Mel and parents, Alice and Lee.

SPECIAL DONATION

The following members of The Phi Delta Kappa Organization of Chicago State University made Contributions to the Retired Teachers Aid Fund :

*Ms. Irene Wilson
Mr. James Z. Chrones
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Ms. Fay F. Ward McDuffie*

RTAC gratefully acknowledges the generosity of these individuals.

EYL New Members

TEACHERS AID FUND ASSISTS RETIREES

The Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund, Inc. (CRTAF) was established by RTAC in 1986 to assist retired Chicago Public School teachers who find themselves in difficult financial circumstances.

Eligibility requirements are few and easy to complete. Applications for yourself or a colleague may be obtained by writing CRTAF, Suite 2100, 220 South State St. Chicago, IL 60604-2180 or by calling the RTAC office at 312.939.3327.

CRTAF also welcomes donations.

CTC PLAQUE DEDICATED

A ceremony dedicating the Chicago Teachers College Memorial Plaque was held Wednesday, June 27, at RTAC headquarters. More in the October issue.

ERRATA. . . WE'RE SORRY

In the list of 1,176 New Life Members published in the April News Bulletin Bonnie **Jean Walls'** name was incorrectly listed as "Walls." We regret the error and thank her for alerting us to it.

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Diane Stamper

SATELLITE DOINGS



(New Life, cont.)

Nemira M Stauskas
Tommie J Stokes
Barbara Stratton
Stanley Strom
Leo D Suggs
Shirley Swain
Dorothy V Swiatkowski
Barbara A Tchaou
Barbara A Temple Baker
Bernadine C Thomas
Cassie L Thomas
Donald Thompson
Alfred J Thumer
Ann B Tuohy
Irwin Turen
Alan Tutzer
Patricia Uba
Joann M Valentine
Ted Vaver
Carmen Velez
Angela Vilasuso
John Waksmundski
Bonnie Jean Walls
Dorothy Ann Walsh
Kathleen M Walsh
Kay Ward-McDuffie
Margaret Warshawsky
Johnnie M Washington
Joyce A Washington
David Jr Watkins
George Watkins
Harry Watson
Morris Webb
Alice M Weinand
Sylvester Williams
Wilma Williams
Carmelita H Wilson
Margaret Wilson
Constance Wilson-Smith
Augustine C Witt
Virgie L Woods
Deonne B Wright
Phyllis S Wright
Peter Zaccagnini

Sam Dolnick, Treasurer of the San Diego RTAC Satellite reported in a letter to Executive Director Bob Bures that their April meeting had to be cancelled because of the death of their president, Rita Evoy, and his own disability following back surgery.

He added that attendance has been falling due to members leaving the area and the inability of others to drive to meetings.

From Florida Group
Annette Brown reports that their annual luncheon meeting was held last March 14. The passing of two members, Ferdinand Barclay, group president for 13 years, and member Luke Helm.

Dr. Allen Smith, former CPS Administrator and retired Superintendent of Maywood Public Schools, spoke about Florida high school requirements.

Dr. Manford Byrd and his wife Cherie attended the 100th Birthday Celebration for Dr. Virginia Lewis, former CPS District Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

The following officers were elected: Nathaniel Mason, President, Alvin Peterson, Vice-President, Annette Brown, Secretary/Treasurer and Theresa Parker Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

The next meeting will be March 2008 in Palm Coast, Fla. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Annette Brown or Theresa Parker.

Thanks for your reports, Sam and Annette!

RTAC members who plan to relocate are encouraged to seek out other RTAC members so that our organization will remain united.

BEWARE JURY DUTY SCAM

Most of us take those summonses for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty that a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced. Fall for it and your identity could be stolen, reports CBS.

In this con, someone calls pretending to be a court official who threateningly says a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you

didn't show up for jury duty. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant.

Give out any of this information and bingo! Your identity just got stolen. The scam has

been reported so far in 11 states. This scam is particularly insidious because the perpetrators use intimidation over the phone to bully people into giving information by pretending they're with the court system.

The FBI and federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites warning consumers about the fraud.

FRIENDS GONE AHEAD

Requiescant in pace

AMORUSO, JOSEPH D.

After 20 years in the Chicago school system and 4 years outside Chicago, Joseph retired from Westinghouse High School in 1984. When death took him on February 3, 2007, he was 88 years old.

ANDERSON, DOROTHY A.

Please see Lowry notice.

ANDERSON, ANNA K.

Née Armbruster. At the close of her life on December 25, 2006, Anna was 93 years old. A teacher for 21 years, she retired from the Sheridan school in 1983.

APOLLO, CARLTON I.

Carlton expired on January 30, 2007, at the age of 69. His career of 34 years ended when he retired as Deputy Superintendent of Business in 2003.

ARMBRUSTER, ANNA K.

Please see Anderson notice.

AULIE, RICHARD P.

Richard was a Substitute when he retired in 2003. His career spanned 5 years, and he succumbed at the age of 80 on December 11, 2006.

BELL, LETTIE M.

Née Abernathy. When Lettie retired in 1990 from Carver Middle School, her career had lasted 33 years. Her life ended at the age of 77 on January 26, 2007.

BENEDIX, KEITH R.

Keith was 73 years old at his death on February 20, 2007. He resigned from Foreman High School in 1995 after 34 years in Chicago schools.

BENN, OPRA.

Please see McIntosh notice.

BILLECK, JOAN.

Joan resigned from the Brennemann school in 1991 after 38 years. She was 79 when she expired on November 18, 2006.

BODIAN, ADELINE.

Adeline ended a 31 year term in the Chicago system upon her retirement in 1970 from Einstein. At her death on February 27, 2007, she was 92 years old.

BORSIC, VERA B.

Please see Sherbula notice.

BREEN, ELIZABETH.

Please see Conlon notice.

BRENNAN, AGNES A.

Agnes had taught for 42 years before she retired in 1974 from the Sawyer school. She was 99 when her life ended on February 9, 2007.

BROWN, FRANCES B.

Please see Holliday notice.

BROWN, ANN M.

Née McNally. Her career of 26 years ended when she left the Morgan school in 1995. Ann died on February 23, 2007, at the age of 69.

BROWN, ROSYE M.

Rosye retired in 1997 from Martin Luther King High School, after teaching 32 years. Her life ended on March 9, 2007, at the age of 77 years.

BURIAN, AUDREY C.

Née Cooper. Audrey resigned in 1987 from Farnsworth, ending a 35 year time span in the Chicago system. She was 79 at the time of her death on December 27, 2006.

BUSH, FRITZ E.

Resigning from Bowen High School in 1986 after a career that lasted 21 years, Fritz passed on at the age of 90 on December 27, 2006.

CAMPBELL, JOHN P.

John was an Assistant Principal at Morgan Park High School when he resigned in 1983 after 19 years in the Chicago Public Schools. He was 83 on March 12, 2007, when he passed on.

CONLON, ELIZABETH.

Née Breen. Elizabeth resigned from Falconer in 1976 after 40 years. On March 8, 2007, she passed on at the age of 96 years.

COOPER, AUDREY C.

Please see Burian notice.

CORDIER, JUNE S.

Née Stamm. In 1971, June retired from Chicago City College-Wright after 33 years of teaching. On January 31, 2007, she passed on at the age of 97 years.

COURTNEY, MILDRED.

Please see Whittier notice.

DEACY, PATRICIA.

Please see Gleason notice.

DENTLEY, MINNIE.

Née Harrell. When she retired from Parker Community Academy in 1999, Minnie. ended a career of 2 years. She was 73 when her life came to a close on February 19, 2007.

DONALDSON, HOWARD.

At the close of his life on February 11, 2007, Howard was 95 years old. A teacher for 11 years in Chicago and 5 years outside Chicago, he retired from the Lafayette school in 1977.

EARL, DAVID R.

When David retired in 1972 from the Industrial Skill Center, his career had lasted 40 years. His life ended at the age of 96 on March 2, 2007.

ECHOLS, BERTHA E.

Please see Smith notice.

EISENSTADT, ANN.

On February 12, 2007, Ann passed away at the age of 102 years. She retired from Penn in 1967 after 40 years of teaching.

ELAM, SALLY A.

Née Merritt. Sally was assigned to Nixon when she retired in 1993 after 24 years in the Chicago system. She was 77 when she went to her reward on February 27, 2007.

FABIAN, SAMUEL A.

Samuel ended a 24 year career by resigning from Lane Tech High School in 1977; on December 27, 2006, he expired after reaching 94 years.

FAYER, RHODA B.

Please see Ross notice.

FOCACCI, LENORE P.

Please see Yaccino notice.

FRANK, HELEN F.

Please see Lueck notice.

FRASE, ALICE A.

Née Heale. Alice retired in 1982 from the Eberhart ending a 24 year career in Chicago with 1 year outside Chicago. At the end of her life on March 7, 2007, she was 91 years old.

GIESE, ELEANOR J.

Death came for Eleanor on March 1, 2007, when she was 97 years old. She ended her career as Assistant Principal at Peterson School in 1971, after 32 years.

GILCHRIST, KATIE S.

Née Rogers. Katie was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 9 years when she retired from the Johnson school in 1987. At the time of her death on January 19, 2007, she was 84 years of age.

GLASS, JEROME J.

His 23 year teaching career ended when Jerome retired from Farragut High School in 1993. He was 81 when his life ended on February 24, 2007.

GLEASON, PATRICIA.

Née Deacy. After teaching 22 years, Patricia resigned from the Reed school in 1985. She was 80 when death claimed her on February 27, 2007.

GONSKA, HELENE J.

In 1982, when Helene was at the Columbus school, she retired after 20 years. She was 89 years old when she expired on March 8, 2007.

GOODRIDGE, JUNE G.

When she retired as Assistant Principal in 1987 from the Smyth school, June had taught for 25 years. She was 90 years of age at her death on January 31, 2007.

GRACE, ANNIE P.

Please see Hildreth notice.

GRAUSEN, MILDRED.

Please see Joransen notice.

GREGORY, WILLIAM P.

A teacher for 1 year, William was at Marshall High School when he retired in 1986. He passed on at the age of 85 on February 17, 2007.

GREY, MARGARET A.

When she resigned from Eberhart in 2000, Margaret capped a 33 year career. She was 62 when she died on February 24, 2007.

HALE, ROBERT.

Robert's career of 11 years came to an end as he left his position as Administrator at the State Board in 1990. When he passed away on January 10, 2007, he had reached the age of 83.

HALLER, FRANK J.

Frank resigned from Fenger High School in 1972 after 2 years. He was 97 when he expired on January 6, 2007.

HAMMONS, ANN H.

Please see Nelson notice.

HARRELL, MINNIE.

Please see Dentley notice.

HARRIS, BERNADETTE.

Née Moutossamy. Bernadette's 22 year career in the Chicago schools ended when she retired from Bryn Mawr in 1984. On February 28, 2007, at the time she succumbed, she was 84 years old.

HEALE, ALICE A.

Please see Frase notice.

HICKS, MARYE H.

Please see Petrie notice.

HILDRETH, ANNIE P.

Née Grace. When she left Robinson in 1993, Annie put a 34 year career to an end. Her life ended on October 17, 2006, at the age of 70.

HILL, ELIZABETH .

Née Wolfrum. When she resigned after 24 years in 1982, Elizabeth was at the Avondale school. On February 9, 2007, she died at the age of 87.

HIXSON, ETHEL R.

Née Rhodes. On February 18, 2007, Ethel passed on, at the age of 89 years. She had spent 35 years in the Chicago schools and 3 years teaching outside Chicago when she resigned from Vanderpoel in 1983.

HOLLIDAY, FRANCES B.

Née Brown. At the age of 79, Frances passed away on March 3, 2007. She was a Manager at Central Service Center when she ended a 31 year career in the Chicago system in 1993.

HOLZBERGER, JANET D.

Please see Tansey notice.

IRVIN, ROSE.

Please see Wysup notice.

IVEY, MYRTLE.

Her 32 year career as a Guidance Counselor ended at Chicago Vocational High School in 1986 when Myrtle retired. Death came for her on March 19, 2007, at the age of 76.

JOHANSEN, LORRAINE.

A teacher in Kelly High School when she retired in 1975 after 30 years' teaching in Chicago and 5 years outside the Chicago system, Lorraine, passed away on March 5, 2007, at the age of 89 years.

JOHNSON, ANNIE M.

Please see Patch notice.

JORANSEN, MILDRED.

Née Grausen. After a 10 year teaching career, Mildred retired from Dunne in 1977. She died on March 19, 2007, at age 95.

KALISH, DIANE K.

Née Karbelnig. At the age of 80, Diane passed away on March 9, 2007. After 21 years in the system, she resigned from Schneider in 1990.

KARBELNIG, DIANE K.

Please see Kalish notice.

KASZUBOWSKI, OLGA.

In 1991, Olga resigned from the Hanson Park school as Assistant Principal after a 39 year career. When she expired on March 4, 2007, she was 75 years old.

KIMBALL, VIRGINIA.

Please see McNorton notice.

KOLINSKY, MURIEL.

Please see Kolinsky notice.

KOLINSKY, MURIEL.

Née Kolinsky. Muriel was an Assistant Professor at Kennedy-King College when she retired in 1990 after a 4 year career. She was 83 when she died on February 26, 2007.

KOLSKI, STEVEN E.

Steven succumbed at age 65 on March 6, 2007. He taught for 30 years before retiring from Mary Mapes Dodge Elementary in 1993.

KOMIAK, JOSEPHINE.

Née Migdal. After 21 years in Chicago schools, Josephine retired from Simeon Vocational High School in 1986. She was 81 when she expired on February 22, 2007.

KOPULSKY, BARBARA.

Née Michaelson. Barbara was at the Bateman school when she retired in 1987 after a 29 year teaching career. She was 75 at the time of her death on March 2, 2007.

LAPINS, JUHL.

A 29 year career in the Chicago Public Schools ended when Juhl, who expired at the age of 85 on January 30, 2007, retired from Lakeview High School in 1978.

LENARD, VERONICA J.

Ending a 22 year career in Chicago with 3 years outside the Chicago system, Veronica, left Tilden High School in 1980. When she died on February 8, 2007, she was 87 years of age.

LEONE, PALMER P.

Palmer ended a 39 year career by resigning from the Funston school in 1998; and on November 3, 2006, expired after reaching 72 years.

LETCHER, EVELYNE M.

After 30 years, Evelynne resigned from Dulles Elementary in 1987. Death took her on January 25, 2007; she was 86 at the time.

LOMBARDO, JOSEPH R.

Joseph retired from the George Schneider school in 1990 after a career that lasted for 5 years. He expired on March 10, 2007, at the age of 91 years.

LOWRY, DOROTHY A.

Née Anderson. Dorothy succumbed on February 10, 2007, at the age of 92. She served 15 years in Chicago and 6 years outside Chicago, resigning from Austin High School school in 1976.

LUBAS, MARIE.

Her 37 year teaching career in Chicago and 4 years outside Chicago ended when Marie retired from Orr High School in 1984. She was 85 when her life ended on January 21, 2007.

LUECK, HELEN F.

Née Frank. In 1959, when she retired from the Roosevelt High School school, Helen ended her 37 year career with the Chicago school system and 4 years outside Chicago. On February 3, 2007, her life ended after 109 years.

LYNCH, RICHARD F.

When he retired from Lane Tech High School in 1989, Richard ended a career that included 37 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed him on March 13, 2007, at the age of 74 years.

MARCELLA, LUCILLE.

Please see Zegers notice.

MARTIN, HARRIET E.

After 17 years in the Chicago school system, Harriet retired from the Stewart school in 1997. When death took her on December 11, 2006, she was 75 years old.

MCALEER, VIRGINIA.

Virginia retired from the Ebinger school in 1974, ending a 37 year career. On March 19, 2007, when she passed on, she was 98 years old.

MCCAULEY, MARIE E.

Please see McElliott notice.

MCELLIOTT, MARIE E.

Née McCauley. Life ended for Marie at the age of 88 on February 9, 2007. She retired from Stevenson in 1974, at the end of a 21 year career.

MCINTOSH, OPRA.

Née Benn. After a career that lasted 30 years in Chicago with 7 years outside Chicago, Opra retired from DuSable High School in 1992. She was 80 when she died on February 9, 2007.

MCNALLY, ANN M.

Please see Brown notice.

MCMAMARA, MARION.

Death on February 26, 2007 at age 89 was the final event of Marion's life, after resignation from Lowell in 1979 ended a 37 year career.

MCNORTON, VIRGINIA.

Née Kimball In 1994, Virginia left her position as a District 4 Social Worker after a career that lasted 27 years. When her life ended on February 14, 2007, she was 77 years of age.

MERRITT, SALLY A.

Please see Elam notice.

MICHAELSON, BARBARA.

Please see Kopulsky notice.

MIGDAL, JOSEPHINE.

Please see Komiak notice.

MIREE, WILHELMINA.

Née Warfield. Wilhelmina's career as a Social Worker of 13 years in the Chicago schools and 23 years outside Chicago came to an end as she left the Pupil Service Center in 1981. When she passed away on November 24, 2006, she had reached the age of 92.

MOORE, ROBERT H.

After 30 years, Robert resigned from Dunbar Vocational High School in 1992. Death took him on March 1, 2007; he was 78 at the time.

MOUTOSSAMY, BERNADETTE.

Please see Harris notice.

MULQUEEN, MARGARET.

After death on March 7, 2007, Margaret was 97 years old. Her 36 year career ended when she resigned from Burbank in 1972.

MUNDT, JOHN P.

John was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 18 years with 15 years outside Chicago when he retired from the Lowell school in 2003. At the time of his death on February 23, 2007, he was 61 years of age.

MURDOCK, ANGELA MATHIS.

Angela passed on at age 58 on March 15, 2007. She resigned as Assistant Principal in 2006 after a 37 year career that ended at Clemente Community Academy.

MYERS, DOROTHY R.

On March 4, 2007, life came to a close for Dorothy at the age of 74. She had been at the Betsy Ross school, retiring in 1988 at the end of a 29 year career in the schools.

NELSON, ANN H.

Née Hammons Ann retired from Einstein in 1985 after a 26 year career. Death came for her at age 83 on March 9, 2007.

O'CONNELL, HELEN C.

Helen was 95 at her death on March 9, 2007. She ended her 39 year career when she retired from Dawes in 1977.

O'CONNOR, ODYL.

Née Weseman. Odyl left Foreman High School in 1980 after a career that spanned 27 years. She expired at the age of 89, on February 13, 2007.

OLSZOWKA, CAROL A.

Please see Pilas notice.

OVERTON, JEAN Y.

At the age of 70 years, on March 21, 2007 death took Jean, who had retired from DuSable High School in 2001 after serving 27 years.

PARKER, ROBERT L.

After a career that spanned 15 years, Robert retired from DePriest in 1985. He expired on November 1, 2004, at the age of 56.

PATCH, ANNIE M.

Née Johnson, Annie retired from Ross in 2001 after teaching for 36 years. On January 31, 2007, she died at age 72.

PENTECOSTE, THELMAREE J.

Having ended a 29 year career at Sheridan by resigning in 1985, Thelmaree expired on February 9, 2007, at the age of 87 years.

PERA, SUE M.

Sue retired from the Reilly school in 1982 after a career that lasted for 31 years. She expired on January 29, 2007, at the age of 83 years.

PETRIE, MARYE H.

Née Hicks. Marye was a teacher at Ruggles when she resigned in 1970 after a 23 year teaching career. Her life ended at the age of 100 on March 1, 2007.

PILAS, CAROL A.

Née Olszowka. Carol served the Chicago Public Schools for 27 years with an additional 4 years outside Chicago, retiring as a Counselor from the Cameron school in 1984. She was 88 when death took her on March 20, 2007.

RECHENDORFF, EVA.

Please see Sigrid notice.

REXINIS, THEANO T.

Née Tomaras. Theano was at Linne when she retired in 1984 after 31 years. She was 82 when she succumbed on March 8, 2007.

RHODES, ETHEL R.

Please see Hixson notice.

ROGERS, KATIE S.

Please see Gilchrist notice.

ROSS, RHODA B.

Née Fayer. After a career of 24 years, Rhoda retired from the Darwin school in 2003. She died on February 16, 2007, at the age of 73.

RUNDLE, HENRIETTA.

Née Wedertz. Henrietta was at Stevenson when she resigned in 1981 after 40 years in the Chicago Public Schools. She was 90 on January 29, 2007, when she passed on.

SANDERS, NETTIE.

Née Solbel Nettie ended a 24 year career when she resigned from the Stone Academy in 1989. At her death on February 22, 2007, she was 88 years old.

SCHNEIDER, MARY A.

A teacher for 43 years, Mary was at McPherson when she retired in 1972. She passed on at the age of 100 on January 3, 2007.

SHAVERS, MOZELL.

Mozell was at DePriest at retirement in 2000 after a 25 year career, and died on March 20, 2007 at age 70.

SHERBULA, VERA B.

Née Borsic. After teaching 27 years, Vera resigned in 1989 from Lafayette. She succumbed at the age of 78 on March 13, 2007.

SIGRID, EVA.

Née Rechendorff. Eva succumbed at age 101 on January 26, 2007. She taught for 10 years before retiring from Ella Flagg Young in 1972.

SLOWIK, THEODORE.

In 1994, Theodore retired from Wells Community Academy after 32 years of teaching. On March 23, 2007, he passed on at the age of 85 years.

SMITH, BERTHA E.

Née Echols. When she retired from Wacker school in 1987, Bertha ended a career that included 27 years in the Chicago system and 8 years outside Chicago. Death claimed her on January 29, 2007, at the age of 81 years.

SOIBEL, NETTIE.

Please see Sanders notice.

SORENSEN, RUTH K.

After a career that spanned 37 years, Ruth retired from Gray in 1987. She expired on January 23, 2007, at the age of 89.

STAMM, JUNE S.

Please see Cordier notice.

STEVENSON, JUNIUS.

Junius retired in 1982 while at the Mason School, ending a 21 year career, and passed away on December 31, 2006, at the age of 90.

STRAKA, EDWARD C.

Edward resigned in 1992 from Curie High School, ending a 24 year time span in the Chicago system. He was 85 at the time of his death on February 16, 2007.

SWIFT, JOAN W.

Née Weedcock. Joan was 88 years old at her death on January 18, 2007. She resigned from her position of Vice President at the City Colleges in 1983 after 1 year in Chicago.

TANSEY, JANET D.

Née Holzberger. Janet retired in 1987 after 6 years of service. She passed away on February 23, 2007, at 81 years of age.

THOMAS, RUDOLPH W.

When he retired in 1980 as Assistant Principal from Austin High School, Rudolph had taught for 27 years. He was 93 years of age at his death on March 23, 2007.

TOMARAS, THEANO T.

Please see Rexinis notice.

WARFIELD, WILHELMINA.

Please see Miree notice.

WATTS, COALINE M.

Resignation in 1999 from Harper High School ended Coaline's 28 year career. Death came on March 10, 2007, at the age of 70 years.

WEDERTZ, HENRIETTA.

Please see Rundle notice.

WEEDCOCK, JOAN W.

Please see Swift notice.

WESEMAN, ODYL.

Please see O'Connor notice.

WHITTIER, MILDRED.

Née Courtney A 15 year career in Chicago schools and 10 years of teaching outside Chicago came to an end for Mildred, when she left the Stone school in 1963. She died on February 3, 2007, at the age of 99 years.

WILLIAMS, JOYCE R.

Joyce died on November 29, 2006, at the age of 82. Her career of 20 years ended when she retired from the Harlan High School in 1993.

WOLFRUM, ELIZABETH.

Please see Hill notice.

WYSUP, ROSE.

Née Irvin. Rose had been associated with the Chicago schools for 20 years as an Accountant with the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, when she retired in 1972. She was 93 years old when death took her on February 14, 2007.

YACCINO, LENORE P.

Née Focacci. Lenore resigned from the De Diego School in 1993 after a 38 year career. She was 74 years old when she died on February 9, 2007.

ZEGERS, LUCILLE.

Née Marcella. A School Psychologist when she resigned in 1982, Lucille had served for 20 years in Chicago with an additional 10 years' service outside Chicago. She was 94 on the date of her passing, February 6, 2007.

ZIMMERMAN, SUSAN.

Susan died on October 3, 2005, at the age of 56 years. She retired from the Mozart school in 2001 after a career of 10 years.

PARENTHESIS

We are living in the time of the parenthesis, the time between eras.

Those who are willing to handle the ambiguity of this in-between period and to anticipate the new era will be a quantum leap ahead of those who hold onto the past. The time of the parenthesis is a time of change and questioning.

Although the time between eras is uncertain, it is a great and yeasty time, filled with opportunity. If we can learn to make uncertainty our friend, we can achieve much more than in stable eras.

In stable eras, everything has a name, and everything knows its place, and we can leverage very little.

But in the time of the parenthesis we have extraordinary leverage and influence--individually, professionally, and institutionally--if we can only get a clear sense, a clear conception, a clear vision of the road ahead.

My God, what a fantastic time to be alive!

--John Naisbitt

Megatrends: Ten New Directions Transforming Our Lives

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