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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RTAC

Since the most important and immediate issues currently facing RTAC are legislative, in this issue the President's message is combined with the Legislation report.

First, we are pleased to report that the **lawsuit filed by the CPS**, seeking repayment of part of some recent retirees' pensions, **has failed**. We are told that RTAC's intervening counsel was a determining factor in the Court's decision.



*Ethel Philpott*

A big thanks to each of you who voted in the Pension Trustee election. Many of the candidates had previous experience, expertise, and knowledge. As an organization we are fortunate to be able to choose from so many capable persons who are willing to serve on our vitally important Pension Fund.

Welcome to successful candidates **James Ward, Walter Pilditch** and **Mary Sharon Riley**. We look forward to their continued success as guardians and sentinels protecting the pensions of Chicago's retired teachers. Their work is cut out for them: As mentioned in the October 2007 Bulletin, pension funds with their enormous cash reserves have been attracting increasing attention among the ethically challenged. Many corporations, with the blessing of the courts and Congress, have either savaged the pension plans of hard working middle class workers, or wiped them out entirely. We are very lucky indeed in having our pensions guaranteed by the 1970 Illinois Constitution. You probably know that there is currently a serious movement afoot to call a new Illinois Constitutional Convention, using the innocuous-sounding rationale of providing the opportunity for simplifications or revisions of pensions and tax codes. We see this development as **very ominous**: Any and all

pension guarantees would be at risk—they might or might not be continued in any new Constitution. Many tens of billions of dollars (including ours!) would be in play here. Clearly, both we and our representatives must be extraordinarily vigilant and proactive. We must make certain that we are not 'simplified' or 'revised' into poverty or homelessness...

The California-based coalition which led the charge for repeal of the GPO and WEP Social Security penalties (of which RTAC was part) has been regrouping since the death of its chair, **Ed Ely**. More about that effort in a later issue.

Our **2008 Legislative priorities** are: (1) a minimum pension of \$18,000 annually for retired teachers with 20 or more years of service; (2) a rebate of 75% (NOT a fixed sum of \$75 million, as is true now) of retirees healthcare premiums; (3) restoration of the 0.1% city property tax that was taken away from the Pension Fund about 20 years ago; and (4) a fourth retiree on the Pension Board, to better reflect the ratio of active teachers to annuitants.

**2008 is an election year.** Primary elections in Illinois for both state and federal offices will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>. It is not generally appreciated that primaries are **almost always more important than general elections**. In most districts, nomination on the majority party ticket virtually guarantees election in November. It is only in the primary that no candidate has that overwhelming party advantage. If you want to have any real voice in selecting a winning candidate, then, you must get involved in his or her primary campaign. It is particularly important for us that we support (not just  
(See President's Report p. 5)

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## RTAC WELCOMES TWO NEW DIRECTORS

The staff of the RTAC News Bulletin welcomes our newly elected Board of Directors Members **Sherye Garmony-Miller** and **John Tintiangco**. They start their terms Jan. 1.

Sherye's career included, besides classroom teaching in both Evanston District 65 and the CPS, numerous administrative positions, including school principal, educational consultant, and region education officer. Most recently, she established a consulting firm to provide professional services that focus on increasing education, knowledge and growth for individuals, companies and organizations.



Sherye said in a recent interview: "I have always been an advocate for teachers because of the role they have in the lives of children. That concern [for teachers] does not go away when they have ended their careers. I will continue to advocate for teachers respectful of what they've done and what they can continue to do."

She added, "I don't just talk about what others are supposed to be doing. I will work to make things better."

With four advanced degrees, including a doctorate in Ancient Mediterranean and Aegean History, John Tintiangco is a scholar as well as a world traveler. Three summers in Egypt "doing my

field work" as well as canoe trips down the Amazon and numerous other trips and excursions, establish his credentials.

Still, his heart returns to the Lorenz Brentano School on Chicago's Near Northwest Side where he and many family members including his mother, a great-aunt who graduated in 1897, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins received their elementary educations.

It's not surprising that John would return to Brentano and teach there for 13 years. He also taught at Ulysses S. Grant School and ended his teaching career at Oriole Park School where he also served as Local School Council teacher representative.

After taking early retirement in 1993, John has had several consultant positions both with CPS and other agencies, such as the Lake County Sheriff's Dept.

John said in a phone interview that he ran for RTAC director at the urging of Executive Director **Bob Bures**, a longtime friend. He also felt that, being retired, he had the time. "I have to give back all I've reaped over the years," he said. "Also, it's a means of locating old friends."

Service is very important to John. "Nothing is as important as making the personal effort."

## FAREWELL, DIRECTOR SELMA STEWART-WHITE

RTAC wishes a fond farewell and hearty "thanks" to **Selma Stewart-White** who is stepping down from her position after six years' service. Most recently Selma has been on the Real Estate Committee, which is seeking an appropriate new location for RTAC headquarters.

A native of Texas, Selma was a music teacher, her last assignment



was at Bowen High School from 1980 to 1993. A gifted pianist, Selma has played the piano for many RTAC occasions over the years.

"Selma has a strong mind and a strong will," said **Past RTAC President Mae Mc Donald Hunter**. "That is why I recommended her to be on the Board." Selma will be greatly missed at RTAC!

# REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Robert F. Bures

Happy New Year! 2008 sure got here fast ... faster than I ever thought. The years since I retired in 1993 seem to go so quickly ... I bet you feel the same. The refrain I hear a lot these days is "How did I ever have time for work!?!?" Resolutions abound—from diet promises, to exercise pledges, to cleaning out that spare room and giving all those old clothes and books to the Am Vets! Maybe you and I will actually do one or two of these promises this year.

2008 is going to bring us lots of exciting events.

In Illinois, the legislature changed the Primary Election date to February 5th! After you heard all the explanations for doing this, the real reason was to give our Illinois "favorite son" Barak Obama an edge by having the election early so that he can show he has substantial support from his home state. Regardless if you are for or against Senator Obama, that is a political fact. Remember, the various candidates, on both sides, will enter the political ring of their respective parties' Conventions later in the year with delegates locked for the initial vote there.

In addition to this being the reason for the Primary Election's being early, the other candidates face primary challenges for State Representatives, State Senators in many districts, US Congress, US Senator, Cook County States Attorney, many local judges and many party posts. It will be a job just to keep up with the electioneering. November will bring the General Election and election for President and the other offices will take place. RTAC is a not-for-profit organization and we cannot make endorsements...but if you call me, I'll try to fill you in as best I can on the positions of the candidates and you can make up your mind.

Illinois voters will also have to face the question of deciding whether to have another Illinois Constitutional Convention (remember Con-Con?)

to review and possibly change parts or all of our present state constitution.



Our present constitution, which was adopted in 1970, includes a provision for asking the public every 20 years if they wish to re-examine the constitution. In 1990, Illinois citizens said NO! Now coming up is the question for 2010! RTAC recommends considering voting NO! Even though there are issues with our current constitution, like how schools are funded, for instance, we believe that other issues vital to our

membership might be altered.

Remember, once a convention is called, the whole constitution is open to change. The one change we do NOT want addressed, the one we do NOT want tampered with, is the constitutional guarantee of our pension never being reduced! Yes, that is in the Illinois Constitution and we do not welcome any mischief taking place with our pension! An overwhelming number of public employee unions, organizations and spokespersons urge you to vote NO when this issue comes up. No date has been set for this 2008 special election, but watch out! As our faithful lobbyist, Richard Lockhart points out, "No man's life, liberty and pension is safe while the General Assembly is in session!" Although this may be a little exaggerated, the idea is sound and only too possible.

Related to the Constitutional Convention question is the matter of making sure we elect our friends in the Primary Election on February 5 and the General Election in November. Keep watching our web site [www.rtac.org](http://www.rtac.org), read our News Bulletins and call for updates!

Speaking of politics in 2008 -- RTAC had established three legislative initiatives we want and will work toward getting introduced and then voted upon in the Illinois General Assembly.

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1) Raise the minimum pension for our oldest annuitants to a minimum of \$18,000.00 per year. This is a sad state of affairs when our oldest annuitants have to scrape and scrape again for the money for rent and food and medical insurance. This would not cost much, not even money from the state, since the Pension Fund just needs the state's permission to do this. The Pension Fund wants to do this but they need permission! You can figure it out for yourself—this eldest group continues to get smaller and smaller each year—deaths, you know—and the cost would also be diminished each year as well.

Sometimes this provision is called *Ad Hoc Lite*, a legislative term, so let's get behind it when it is introduced by our friends in the legislature.

2) Change the formula for calculating the health insurance rebate from the state from \$75 million to 75 PER CENT of the cost of the health insurance. This would allow the Pension Fund to plan for the rebate realistically and calculate the true cost of insurance. We plan to have our legislative friends introduce this bill and then support its passage.

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(PRESIDENT'S REPORT continued from p. 1) vote for!) those lawmakers and legislators who, at all levels, have initiated and supported legislation for retired seniors.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE BE BOTH INFORMED AND POLITICALLY ACTIVE!

Please reread the article by our lobbyist, **Dick Lockhart**, in the October 2007 *News Bulletin* for additional information. Stay informed, active, and well.

Continue reading this issue, for some very exciting information.

3) Impose a .1% tax on the real estate property in Chicago with the revenue going directly to the Pension Fund. This actually requires two bills, one to create the tax and another to impose it, that is, make sure the revenue goes to our Pension Fund. Those of you with long memories might remember that prior to 1995 and Mr. Vallas, we DID HAVE this special pension tax. It was taken away and now we want and need it back. The monetary loss to our Pension Fund *exceeds \$1 billion*. This will be a tough one, but if we work on it, it will happen!

This is a very ambitious legislative program! We have other minor initiatives in hand as well that we will be working on. If you want to know who you might assist in this legislative effort, i.e., legislators, just call me. I'll give you the straight scoop!

2008 is a crucial legislative and election year! Let's all work together to make it work for US!

Sincerely,

*Bob Bures*

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## NEW OFFICES FOR RTAC SOON

As many of you know, during 2007 the 220 South State Street Building was sold to the U.S. Government Department of Homeland Security. Although we all thought we would have plenty of time to make a decision on moving, the government most recently set a deadline of April 30, 2008 as our moving date!

RTAC is actively entertaining several nearby buildings with appropriate space to rent. Please be assured that we will make the move smoothly and will keep you informed at all times. We plan on somewhat larger offices with more member conveniences.

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## EXERCISE MAY EXORCISE ARTHRITIS IN OLDER WOMEN

According to an Australian study, the more time older women spend exercising, the less likely they are to suffer from aches and pains associated with arthritis.

Walking, swimming, tai chi and light weight training under proper supervision and using proper technique, are all excellent forms of exercise.

Source: *Arthritis Research & Therapy* (3/29/07)

## RTAC MOURNS THE DEATHS OF TWO DIRECTORS

*"When sorrows come, they come not single spies but in battalions." (Hamlet, Act IV, scene v)*

So it was for the members of the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago along with the families, friends, former students and associates of two esteemed Directors of our organization, **Andrew C. Miller** and **Arthur A. Cervinka**, who passed away during the last quarter.

Andrew C. (Andy) Miller, the former assistant principal of the little-known Chicago Public High School at Cook County Jail, passed away Saturday, Sept. 22, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. He was 83.

Andy was born in Memphis in 1924. In 1933, Andy's family joined the throng of African-American families who moved from the South to Chicago. Enrolled in Chicago public schools, Andy set his sights on becoming a teacher at an early age.

After graduation from Englewood High School, Andy attended Woodrow Wilson Junior College and then Chicago Teachers College where he earned his bachelor's degree in education in 1946. His first teaching assignment was at the Fuller School where he taught for 10 years.

Andy continued his studies while teaching, earning a Master of Arts degree from DePaul University in 1953. Three years later, he started teaching at the high school at Cook County Jail.

Andy devoted much of his career to teaching the most troubled students in the city. In 1979 Andy was appointed assistant principal. He retired in 1988, after a 32-year stint at the Jail School.

"Anyone who could teach there that long must have been a saint," said Marion Hoffing who knew Andy through her acquaintance with his wife Jeanne who taught at Wells High School.

Among his many accomplishments at the school, Andy greatly expanded the GED program. "He saw to it that everyone who got out had a GED," Marion said. "We don't even do that today." As part of his legacy, Andy leaves many memories

of chance meetings with his former students who said their lives were profoundly changed because of his influence.

**Mae Hunter**, RTAC Past President, remembers Andy as a great PR man with a beautiful singing voice. "He was the official greeter at RTAC luncheons, welcoming members, reaching out to so many," Mae said. "He created good will, everyone felt so good about coming to the luncheons." She praised Andy's "loving manner....He was the esprit d'corps. He was easy to hug."



Arthur A. (Art) Cervinka, who was about to complete his first term as an RTAC director, passed away October 25 in his home in St. Joseph, Mich. He was 71.

A 1959 graduate of the University of North Dakota, Art earned his master's degree from Chicago State University in 1969. He devoted his life and considerable energies to the Chicago Public Schools as a teacher and as an administrator for more than three decades.



*Art Cervinka*

graduate of North Dakota, Art earned his master's degree from Chicago State University in 1969. He devoted his life and considerable energies to the Chicago Public Schools as a teacher

and as an administrator for more than three decades. For many years Art was an administrator first on the South Side in District 15 and later on the North Side in District 31. In these positions he had the opportunity to meet many teachers. "He loved to help people in the schools," said his wife **Betsy Cervinka** who was an English teacher at Lane Tech until her retirement.

In 1987, he became principal of Mather High School on the Far North Side. There he quickly became known as a "hands-on" principal. He was especially determined to improve the after-school sports program at the school. During his tenure,

Mather won the Chicago Public League football championship and the Prep Bowl in 1992, defeating Brother Rice in a very memorable Soldier Field

**Eddie Miller** who was the coach of that 1992 team told the Chicago Tribune that it was Art Cervinka and his tremendous support of the team that made that victory possible.

Other Mather teachers remember Art as being out of his office most of the time, walking the halls and shouting encouragement and generally seeing to it that everything was running smoothly. “Art believed our whole reason for being in the schools

was the kids,” Betsy Cervinka said. “He always put the kids first. He really and truly cared about the kids.”

Art was principal of Mather for 10 years before he retired in 1997. Art’s successor at Mather, **John Butterfield**, told the Tribune that Art Cervinka “gave his life to Chicago schools. . . . he did ‘most everything in the system and did it well.’”

After his retirement, Art immediately joined RTAC. “He always looked forward to the lunches and talking and reminiscing about the good years he had in the Chicago Public Schools,” Betsy Cervinka said.

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Enclosed is a poem Art wrote a few weeks ago. We hope it’s a way of sharing his beautiful soul with you.

Fondly,  
Betsy

### ***AUTUMN, WINTER, AND MAYBE SPRING***

*Fall came early this year, or so it seemed.*

*The older branches found their way to the ground,  
And were soon buried in an autumn rainbow of leaves.*

*The sun, which only a short day ago set far to the north,  
Has rushed along the horizon—  
Much sooner to the south.*

*The sky is no longer blue, but gray,  
And the nervous clouds with wintry shapes and colder colors  
Move swiftly with the wind.*

*The waves throw sand upon the beach and their height and power  
Crush below the bluff.*

*The sparrows linger, but seem confused.  
The robins are gone, while the cardinals fight for the remaining berries.*

*The squirrels hoard what the oaks will give.  
The sprinklers are off and mowers are silent.  
Animals are slipping away,  
And perennials weep,  
Fading from too much sun, no water,  
And now, the cold.*

*Children leap in the leaves and toss about,  
Laughing at life, for there is so much of it now,  
and to come.  
They think ahead to snow, snowballs, and snowmen.*

*The old sit back and wonder  
Why the seasons are going faster  
And why the years do too.*

*We wonder about our winter, and  
Hope for another spring.*

# THE FALL LUNCHEON 2007

## BUSINESS . . .



*Vaughn Barber*

*RTAC Trustees updated members on the state of our pension.*



*CTPF Executive Director Kevin Hu-*



*Walter Pilditch*



*James Ward*



*Lobbyist Dick Lockhart*



*John O'Brill, President of the CTPF Board of Directors, Kevin Huber and Lobbyist Dick Lockhart*



*Helen Wooten, an RTAC Director*

The Fall Luncheon was held October 4 in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Palmer House. Even better-attended than the Spring Luncheon, close to 700 RTAC members journeyed from all over Chicagoland to meet with current friends and long-lost colleagues for a delicious meal and the camaraderie that prevails when teachers, especially retired teachers, come together.

First on the day's agenda was the honor bestowed upon the late **Dr. Marita Hogan**, former Executive Secretary of the RTAC office. Director **Ned McCray** presented the posthumous honor, praising Marita who, he said, was "small in stature but huge in ability and talent." During her 42-year career with the Chicago Public Schools, Marita taught Latin at Lindblom High School. Executive Director **Bob Bures** and the late RTAC Board Member **Art Cervinka** were among her students.

Later she served as principal of several schools. After retiring, Marita ran the RTAC office for 17 years. The motion to place her photo on the Wall of Fame in the RTAC office was unanimously adopted.

Lobbyist **Dick Lockhart** who has worked tirelessly on RTAC's behalf since 1991 and who was instrumental in promoting the passage of many bills favoring the retired teachers of Chicago gave an update on the then-stalemated situation in Springfield.

In addition to our three trustees who also serve on the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund Board, Executive Director **Kevin Huber** also gave an optimistic outlook for the future of our Pension Fund. However, while our Pension is guaranteed by the State Constitution, constant vigilance is needed to preserve our pension and health insurance benefits, he said.



... AND PLEASURE



*Christine McCray, an unidentified guest, and Helen Johnson*



*President Ethel Philpott and President John O'Brill*



*Mary Weisells (left), Aretas Collymore (Center) and Narcissa Roberts, Senior Olympics players*



*Ned McCray (left), Kevin Huber (center), and Vaughn Barber (right) continue discussion between courses.*



*Jon L. Hawkins, former Assistant Principal of South Shore High School and CTU Field Rep*



*Bob Abson and Marion Hoffing.*



*Richard Tryba, RTAC Director*

# PENSION NOTES

From Walter Pilditch, Trustee

## The Market

Economic growth was stronger than expected during the third quarter and showed a GDP of 3.9%. Troubling signs showed the labor market weakening, consumer confidence dropping and the housing market continuing to decline. The federal fund rate was cut a half of one percent and inflation was up only 0.1% for the quarter. All of the equity markets were affected by the problems mentioned but the federal cut in rate in September sparked a stock rally in that month.

Domestically, large cap stocks performed the best. The index measure for fixed income performance is the Lehman Brothers and it indicated a growth of just about 2% to 3% for the various measures.

The international equity market results were affected by the depreciation of the U.S. dollar throughout the quarter. The one bright spot in this area continues to be emerging markets showing, on the average a 14.5% increase. Other assets showed average gains similar to the first two quarters of 2007. Overall the best gainers for domestic equity were Exxon-Mobil for a quarter gain of 10.8% and General Electric for a plus 8.8%. As expected, the largest negative losers represented the housing industry: Countrywide Financial with a quarterly loss of 47.3% and American Standard Construction with a - 39.3% quarterly record.

## Chicago Teacher's Pension Fund

Our total fund rose to \$12.8 billion on September 30 showing an increase of \$45.7 million for the three months. Overall the returns showed 2.0% increase, somewhat an underperformance compared to expectations. Domestically, Waddell and Reed, Zevenbergen, Harris, Lombardia and Seligman performed the best. Internationally the best of the show was Earnest Partners for equity and LM Capital for fixed income results.

In looking at areas of strength for the third quarter, energy, materials, health care technology and utilities led the way. Looking at the specific investments in minority and/or woman-owned funds, Attucks and Northern Trust were above the Russell 3000 Index used to measure progress in this field. As already mentioned, Earnest Partners did very well in our international equity investments along with Acadian (Japan and Australia) and Lazard. Other funds scoring well were United Investment Managers and William Blair. Concluding with the fixed income segment, LB Asset Management and Smith Graham scored the best of this group. Looking at the future a new asset class, infrastructure, will be added soon with the search process already started.

Every best wish for a great new year of 2008.

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## THANK YOU

. . . for permitting me to serve your interests during the past two years as a trustee of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund. I especially thank those who voted to retain me in that position.

As an attorney, coupled with the knowledge I acquired as a trustee of the fund, I promise to continue to fight for the protection of our pension and to hold decision makers accountable. We, as pensioners, are 20,000 strong and therefore collectively represent a strong voice both in the state legislature and with the investments being made.

I am gratified that the three members of RTAC who have been chosen to represent the interests of retired teachers will continue the work which has begun.

*Vaughn J. Barber*

*Editor's Note: Although Vaughn will no longer serve on the Chicago Teacher Pension Fund, he will continue as RTAC Treasurer and Trustee. We thank him for his diligent and capable efforts, and wish him every success as he continues his service to the members of RTAC.*

## PENSION NOTES

From James F. Ward, Trustee

### Pensioners and Taxes

It is late October. Headlines are screaming. Local, county, state, and federal officials are calling for tax increases. As retirees on fixed incomes, we might be against new taxes. We no longer are in the work force where salary raises are possible, nor are we in business where new costs can be passed on to customers or deducted on tax returns. Such issues are never simple, but it is understandable for retirees to shun new taxes.

There is one important exception. For about three years RTAC (Retired Teachers Association of Chicago) has introduced a bill in the Legislature to modestly restore a local tax for Chicago teacher pensions. It was repealed in 1995. You likely have heard of the calculated loss the Pension Fund has sustained without the tax since 1995. With interest, the calculation grows every year to a huge number.

I, for one, take exception to such back projec-

tions. While interesting, they only repeat the same complaint, that “our tax was repealed.” We were smart (or lucky) enough to introduce a restoration bill well before the current shark fest of new tax proposals. I fear our small request may go unheard in the chorus of new tax ideas coming from all quarters. Still, I believe we should press on, because we are going to need the money to continue the health insurance rebate into the future.

This year we will spend the entire \$65 million allowed under the law. The Pension Fund will continue the 70% rebate in coming years only by spending down unused allocations of previous years. That is a limited resource and won't last forever, particularly as the CPS continues offering large career-end retirement incentives to teachers, thus swelling the number of retirees sharing the limited rebate allocation.

By the time you read this the holidays will have passed. I hope yours were wonderful and further I hope our tax restoration idea has your support in 2008.

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### 5 WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

1. Turn off equipment like televisions, stereos and computers when you're not using them. Even on standby, they're still using power, and that contributes to global warming.

2. Save water by turning off the tap when you brush your teeth.

3. Take your own bags to the shops to carry home your groceries and other shopping items.

4. Choose biodegradable cleaning products that have a less negative impact on the soil and water system.

5. Recycle everything—paper, glass, plastics, cans, batteries, and printer cartridges. Call your local government to see if it offers a collection service.

### ATTITUDE

*The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.*

*Attitude, to me, is more important than fact. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearances, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, or a home.*

*The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.*

*I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our Attitudes.*



# HEALTH NOTES

## DIABETES AND YOUR ORAL HEALTH

If you have diabetes, taking care of your teeth and gums is an important part of staying healthy. According to the National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse, people with diabetes are at risk for mouth infections, especially periodontal (gum) disease. Periodontal disease can damage the gum and bone that hold your teeth in place and may lead to painful chewing problems. You could even lose your teeth! Some studies suggest that untreated severe periodontal disease is associated with hard to control blood glucose (blood sugar).

Diabetes can also cause such problems as dry mouth and a fungal infection called thrush. Dry mouth happens when you do not have enough saliva—the fluid that keeps your mouth wet. Diabetes may also cause the glucose level in your saliva to increase. Together, these problems may lead to thrush, which causes painful white patches in your mouth.

Take steps to keep your mouth healthy. Call your dentist when you notice a problem, and remember these tips:

- Control your blood glucose.
- Brush and floss every day.
- Visit your dentist regularly, and remember to

tell your dentist that you have diabetes.

- Talk to your dentist if your dentures do not fit right, or if your gums are sore.
- Be sure to tell your dentist about any medications you are taking.

Ask your dentist about any problems or issues you are experiencing.

Your dentist is an important part of your healthcare team in helping to manage your diabetes.

### Did You Know?

- *Periodontal (gum) disease is more common in people with diabetes. Among young adults, those with diabetes have about twice the risk of those without diabetes.*

- *Almost one-third of people with diabetes have severe periodontal disease with loss of attachment of the gums to the teeth measuring five millimeters or more.*

By controlling your blood glucose, brushing and flossing every day, and visiting a dentist regularly, you can help prevent periodontal disease.

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## SOME GUM IS GOOD FOR TEETH

According to a recent *Wall Street Journal* article by Health Reporter Jim Ritter chewing gum is good for our teeth—as long as that gum is sugarless.

The American Dental Association, the nation's largest dental group, has released a statement confirming that chewing sugarless gum 20 minutes after each meal can reduce tooth decay. The ADA has given its Seal of Acceptance to three Wrigley sugarless brands: Orbit, Extra and Eclipse.

Chewing gum increases the flow of saliva, which neutralizes and washes away the acids produced when bacteria in plaque break down food. These acids are the culprits that cause tooth decay. Saliva also strengthens tooth enamel by bathing teeth in calcium, phosphate and fluoride.

Sugarless gum seems to have taken hold in the U.S. Last year, about 73 percent of the \$2.2 billion sales of gum went for sugarless brands.



## 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.

Adler Planetarium	Chicago	Hannah Katz	312-322-0514
Alex Haley Academy	Chicago – Far So	Karen Demots	773-371-3661
Anixter Center Literacy Pgm	Chicago – Near N	Sara Kohl	773-929-8200x265
Aquinas Literacy Center (ESL)	Chicago - South	Alison Altmeyer	773-927-0512
Boys/Girls Clubs	Chicago - South	Desiree McIntosh	312-285-5009
Brookfield Zoo	Suburbs - W	Regi Mezydlo	708-485-0263x366
Catholic Charities (Tutor)	Chicago	Albert Curtis Jr.	312-655-7412
Chicago Academy Sciences	Chicago - All	Susan Carlson	773-549-0606x2026
Chicago Architectural Found	Chicago - All	Barbara Hrbek	312-922-3432x225
Chicago Youth Centers	Chicago - West	Michelle Gauthier	312-762-5655
Child Services	Cook/Lake/DuPg	Greta Nielsen	773-693-0300
Child Services	Chicago - RogPk	Michelle Genarro	773-973-3662
Council for Jewish Elderly	Chicago - All	Anne L. Simon	773-508-1064
Court's Special Advocate	Cook	Imogene Harris	312-433-6997
CPS Student Science Fair	Chicago	Rita Nelson	773 553-6318
Cycle	Chicago - Near N	Melinda Brand	312-664-1194x14
Evanston NorthWest Healthcare	Evanston	Ronna Jacobson	847-570-2840
Field Museum	Lakefront Museum	Mary Ann Bloom	312-665-7505
Forest Preserve District	DuPage	Chris Linnell	630-942-6169
Friends of the Parks	Chicago - All	Laura Ronneberg	312-922-3307
George Armstrong School	Chicago - Near W	Kim Bendig	773-534-2150
Ginkgo Organic Gardens	Chicago - North		773-404-7114
Grandma, Please	Chicago - All	Kathy Slover	773-561-3500
Graue Mill	Oak Brook	Sandy Brubaker	630-920-9720
Heartland Alliance Vista	Chicago - Loop	Carol McNeill	312-696-4500x4085
Ill. Action for Children	Chicago - Loop	Rebecca Klipfel	312-986-9591
Ill. Parents Anonymous	Chicago - All	Melinda Crosby	312-649-7301
Ill. Volunteers of America	Chicago - All	Peggy Schweiger	312-707-8707
JCB School	Chicago - N	Amber Egelston	773-467-3746
KIPP Ascend Charter School	Chicago - West	Sheri Barrette	773-261-9972
Little Bros Friends of Elderly	Chicago	Geri Mead	312-455-1000
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls	Chicago - All	J. Brown/E. Dordek	312-738-7554
Metro Family Services	Mt Greenwood	Dee Speich	773-298-5065x345
Museum Science & Industry	Chicago - South	Penny Aulston	773-753-2595
N Shore Senior Center	Suburbs – N	Paul J. Luzwick	847-784-6000
Naperville Settlement	Suburbs – W	Diane Ernst	630-420-6010
Nat'l Runaway Switchboard	Chicago – North	Molly Billette	773-880-9860x218
Oakton Comm College	Suburbs – NW	Rita Stewart	847-635-1434
Peace Corps	International	J. Ostermeier	312-353-7716
Salvation Army Group Home	Oak Park	Frank Massolini	312-455-8059x200
Spring Valley Nature Center	Schaumburg	Susan Findling	847-985-2100
Swedish-American Museum	Andersonville	Tina Harris	773-728-8111x28
School Childrens Aid Society	Chicago - West	Margaret Paul	773-247-1311

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**Please mark this box  if these instructions apply every year.**

*Please mail this completed form to the RTAC office (address on next page).*

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### AN EXPERIENCED EDUCATOR JOINS PEACE CORPS

Rose Marie LaRocca wasn't old enough to volunteer when she first heard about the formation of Peace Corps in 1961, but founder John F Kennedy's inspiring words to work overseas helping others to help themselves stayed with her.

Like many retirees, Rose Marie at age 55 was ready for a change, but not ready to stop sharing her skills and knowledge. She decided it was finally the right time to apply for Peace Corps, and in 2003, she arrived in Uganda to begin her work as an elementary teacher trainer.

As a former elementary teacher in the Chicago area, Rose Marie used her experience to bring updated teaching techniques to Ugandan teachers. "I worked with a counterpart from Uganda, named Alice, who was in her fifties. We covered 18 schools, visiting a couple different schools every week to work with other teachers. As an older volunteer, people would look to me for answers before approaching a younger volunteer because they valued my age and experience," says Rose Marie.

With Rose Marie's education background and teaching experience, she was able to contribute to one of the greatest needs worldwide and largest Peace Corps program area – Education. Education volunteers introduce innovative teaching methodologies; encourage critical thinking in the classroom; and teach subjects such as English, math and science, business, IT, special education, health education, environmental awareness and skilled trades. Many also work in curriculum or materials development and train teachers informally or formally in conversational English, academic subjects, or methodology.

Peace Corps volunteers often pursue secondary projects outside of their main duties. When Rose Marie wasn't teaching, she wrote requests for grant funding and received money to start a poultry farm for the women in her community and improve a school in need of repairs. She also worked with a medical doctor to provide more

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## NATE BLACKMAN RECEIVES AQUIN GUILD SERVICE AWARD

RTAC Board member **Nathaniel (Nate) Blackman** received the Outstanding Service Recognition Award of The Aquin Guild, the official Catholic Archdiocesan Organization for men and women working in education, September 29. Immediately following 10:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, the annual award luncheon was held at the Gold Coast Room of the Drake Hotel.

An active member of St. Dorothy Catholic Parish in Chicago, Nate has been an integral part of the Holy Name Society. He also serves as financial secretary of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Alumni Association.

A Chicago native, Nate earned three degrees from DePaul University: a Bachelor's Degree in Education, a Master's Degree in Administration and a Specialist Degree in Administrative Supervision. After teaching a number of years, Nate became an assistant principal and then assistant to the area and district superintendents. His first principal assignment was at the Walter Reed Elementary School. After distinguishing himself there, he went

on to the Chicago Public High School for Metropolitan Studies, the nation's premier "school without walls." His final assignment was as Principal of the Cook County Jail School. He retired from the Chicago Public Schools in 1992.



*Nate Blackman awaits his turn at Aquin Guild Award Dinner*

Since retirement, Nate has become a noted consultant and lecturer in the area of alternative education sharing his knowledge and expertise and relating his experiences at Metro High School and the jail school in presentations to school districts throughout the country as well as

to the National Teachers Corps. Most recently he has served as Supervisor of Student Teaching at DePaul University, Administrative Consultant for the Center for Urban Education and Probation Manager at South Shore and Orr High Schools.

Many RTAC directors and members attended the ceremony to congratulate Nate on his many accomplishments and wish him well.



*Joan Sassano, CTU Fashion Show Director, networks with Carol Bures and RTAC President Ethel Philpott.*



*Vice President Steven Kailes chats with Executive Director Bob and Mrs. Carol Bures. Bob nominated Nate for the award.*



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# THE CHICAGO SCENE

to enjoy during January, February, and March

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 1300 South Shore Dr. 312-922-STAR  
 MAPPING THE UNIVERSE  
 Ancient and contemporary views of the constellations, moon, and the cosmos, with Historic Charts and instruments as well as the latest scientific visualizations will help visitors understand the place of maps in the exploration of the universe.

ALLSTATE ARENA 6920 N. Mannheim Rd., Rosemont 847-635-6601  
 STARS ON ICE - OLYMPIC, WORLD and NATIONAL CHAMPIONS  
 PHONE 312-559-1212 2/23 7:30 P.M.

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO Michigan at Adams 312-433-3600  
 "GIRLS ON THE VERGE"  
 Portraits of Adolescence, photos that explore--with empathy--the line between girl and grown-up in Western Society. Thru 2/24

CENTRE EAST 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie (847) 679-7945  
 JACKIE MASON 1/17 7:30 P.M., 1/18 8 P.M., 1/19 5 P.M. & 8 P.M.  
 CAPITOL STEPS 1/20 3 P.M.  
 HAL SPARKS 2/23 8 P.M.  
 SMOTHERS BROTHERS 3/8 8 P.M.

DU SABLE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY 740 E. 56<sup>th</sup> Pl. 773-947-0600  
[dusablemuseum.org](http://dusablemuseum.org)  
 IN THE HANDS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COLLECTORS - The personal treasures of Bernard and Shirley Kinsey, art and artifacts reflecting the spectrum of the African American experience in this country. Penny Cinemas scheduled for specific days and times to be announced.  
 THE LEGACY OF DOCTORS PERCY AND ANNA JULIAN, FROM DREAMS TO DETERMINATION  
 This exhibition brings to the forefront their obscure footnotes in American History and honors the fascinating legacy of two important African Americans whose lives impacted ALL of humanity. Thru 2/2

FIELD MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore Dr. 312-922-9410  
[www.fieldmuseum.org](http://www.fieldmuseum.org)

Maps - Finding Our Place in the World  
 Jointly developed with the Newberry Library, this rare exhibition of more than 100 of the world's greatest maps features exquisite art and interactive high-tech displays. You'll see maps created by traders and navigators, by scientists, visionaries, and internet pioneers. You'll learn how early maps were made, see how the science and art of cartography changed throughout the centuries and discover the latest in digital map-making. Presented by Navteq.



FIELD MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY continued.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER - An exhibition of this extraordinary man who used his gifts to become a groundbreaking scientist, educator and humanitarian with a lifelong mission: to bring practical knowledge to those in need. You will hear oral histories from people whose lives were touched by Carver and meet some modern-day Carvers working to develop the potential of plants in modern medicine and space exploration.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH The Field Museum has a charming exhibition celebrating women opening Friday, February 29, 2008, in time for Women's History Month.

GENESEE THEATRE	203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan	847-782-2366
BILL ENGVALL		2/2 8 P.M.
ANNIE "A VISUAL AND LYRICAL TREAT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY		2/21 7:30 P.M.
RAIN THE BEATLES EXPERIENCE		2/27 7:30 P.M.
CHICAGO - LIVE: MUSICAL - "THE OLD RAZZLE DAZZLE!"		3/15 8 P.M.

GOODMAN THEATRE	170 N. Dearborn St.	312-332-3800
	<a href="mailto:BoxOffice@GoodmanTheatre.org">BoxOffice@GoodmanTheatre.org</a>	
SHINING CITY by Conor mcPherson, directed by Robert Falls		Starts 1/12
THE TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL by Horton Foote directed by Harris Yulin		Starts 3/1

HARRIS THEATRE FOR MUSIC AND DANCE	205 E. Randolph Drive	312-334-7777
Col. Stanley R. McNeil Family Series		
Passport to World Music with Fulcrum Point New Music Project		2/16 3 P.M.
GARTH FAGAN DANCE		3/7 11 A.M.
DAN ZANES & FRIENDS - in partnership with CHICAGO CHILDREN'S THEATRE		3/16 1 P.M. & 4 P.M.

ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM CHICAGO GALLERY	100 W. Randolph	312-814-5322
GRAMMAR OF LANDSCAPE: Eleven Photographic Visions of Illinois		
A kind of topological map of the ecioitic system of the state is formed by young, mid-career and master photographers including ROBERT THLL, MICHAEL McGUIRE, BARBARA CRANE and ART SINSABAUGH.		
		Thru 1/25

LA SALLE BANK THEATRE -	8 West Monroe Street	312-902-1400
JERSEY BOYS - THE STORY OF FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS		
Best Musical 2006 - Tony Award Winner		Thru 4/13/08

LYRIC OPERA of CHICAGO	20 N. Wacker Drive	312-332-2244 ext. 5600
DOCTOR ATOMIC Music by John Adams, Libretto & Direction by Peter Sellars		
"Los Alamos, New Mexico, 1945. Explosive - some of the most powerful and haunting music ever written."		1/12, 1/15, 1/19

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART	220 E. Chicago Ave.	312-280-2660
For Tickets Please Call 312-397-4010		
ALEXANDER CALDER in FOCUS		
Features the artist's mobiles, drawings, and paintings made between 1927 and 1968.		Thru 4/1

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS 1949-2007  
A SHOWCASE OF SOME OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WORKS IN THE MUSEUM'S collection, including works by Vito Aaconci, Francis Bacon, Rene Magritte, Ed Paschke, Robert Tauschenberg, Andy Warhol, H.C. Westermann, Chris Burden, Chuck Close, Jeff Koons, Matthew Barney, Ellen Gallagher and Jeff Wall.  
Thru 6/8

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY of Columbia College 600 S. Michigan Ave. FREE

JAN THEUN VAN REES and BEATE GUTSCHOW

REE'S work, *One wall away: Chicago's Hidden Spaces* explores the inner workings of structures such as MILLENNIUM PARK'S "CLOUDGATE."

GUTSCHOW'S pictures are montages consisting of up to 100 different images assembled together digitally.

Thru 1/12

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY 57<sup>TH</sup> & Lake Shore Dr. 773-684-1414

[www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org)

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAPS TOOLS FOR ADVENTURE

This dynamic exhibit invites families to become explorers, chart new territory and plan their own adventures, while learning more about explorers such as Zahi Hawass and Amelia Earhart. This exhibit was developed by the Children's Museum of Indianapolis in cooperation with the National Geographic Society.

CANARY PROJECT - A Photo Series documenting the effects of climate change.

Thru 2/24

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF MEXICAN ART 1852 W. 19th St. 312-738-1503

EL PUNTO FOCAL: NUESTRA COMUNIDAD MEXICANO EN CHICAGO

A half century's worth of photos documenting the local Mexican Community in the Rubin & Paula Torres Center Gallery

Opens 2/3

PARK RIDGE CIVIC ORCHESTRA PICKWICK THEATRE 5 S. PROSPECT, PARK RIDGE

"VIETNAMESE OPERA FAVORITES - Selections from "THE MAGIC FLUTE," "THE MERRY WIDOW," DIE FLEDERMAUS," "TOSCA," and others.

2/10 2:30 P.M.

"LOTSA BEETHOVEN" with JOHN GOODWIN and the PARK RIDGE CIVIC ORCHESTRA CHOIR

3/9 2:30 P.M.

PERFORMING ARTS OF MAINE WEST HIGH SCHOOL 1755 S. Wolf Rd., Des Plaines 847-827-6176

HAYDN'S CELLO CONCERTO NUMBER 2 IN D MAJOR. Other works on the program include BEETHOVEN'S SYMPHONY NUMBER 7 IN A MAJOR and JOHN CONGLIANO'S "PROMENADE OVERTURE."

3/16

SHAKESPEARE THEATRE ON NAVY PIER 312-595-5600

OTHELLO directed by Marti Maraden

February - April 2008

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS directed by Barbara Gaines

April - June 2008

SHEDD AQUARIUM 1200 S. Lake Shore Dr. 312-939-2426

[www.sheddaquarium.org](http://www.sheddaquarium.org)

IT'S A BOY! New on view a BELUGA CALF born in August 1907 to Mama Manyak. The world's largest indoor Aquarium also includes a Caribbean Reef where divers hand-feed sharks and sea turtles and the Oceanarium lizards and the popular KING KOMODO, who will reside in the Aquarium until next summer.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO 5550 S. Greenwood Ave. 773-702-0200

SMART MUSEUM OF ART

"LOOKING AND LISTENING IN 19TH CENTURY FRANCE"

Prints, paintings, sculptures and music that examine audiences for visual works.

Thru 3/23 FREE

## A THANKS AND GOOD-BYE ... AND A COUPLE OF HELLOS

Longtime Office Manager **Venetta LeRoy** whose voice greeted many an RTAC caller and whose grace and charm adorned our office has decided to take it easy at home.

Venetta worked for RTAC for some seven years. She said she was recruited for the job by **Dr. Mae Hunter**, a past president.

RTAC is not sure she will be taking it so easy, however. With her elderly mother still quite active, her church work taking up a lot of her time, her work with various charitable boards and beautiful children and those wonderful grands--not much rest for Venetta.

The Board of Directors recently honored Venetta LeRoy at a tearful farewell. Good-bye, good luck and Godspeed, Venetta!



*Longtime Office Manager Venetta LeRoy*

At the same time, several new names were introduced to RTAC. **Effie McHenry** and **Eleanor Nangle** are new to the RTAC Staff. Stop by and say "hello" whenever you are in the Loop.

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health awareness. Rose Marie held community workshops and taught life skills to younger people, as well as teaching everyone how to prevent HIV/AIDS and other STDs.

Safety and security of volunteers is top priority when considering placement in foreign countries. Peace Corps goes to great lengths to educate volunteers and provide training and support to keep them safe and healthy. Upon arrival in a foreign country, volunteers undergo three months of training and live with a host family. They receive living expenses, health coverage, vacation days and over \$6,000 upon completion.

Rose Marie feels that the incredible camaraderie and support she received from Peace Corps staff overseas formed the foundation of such a meaningful experience. She continues to promote a better understanding of others through her Peace Corps experience by giving class talks and discussing her cultural experience with anyone who will listen.

To learn more about Peace Corps education programs and other service areas, attend a local information presentation: 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 525, held monthly every third Thursday at 6 p.m. Also, visit us online at [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov) or call 1-800-424-8580 to speak with a Chicago recruiter who served in Peace Corps.

*RTAC has Peace Corps Connections*

*Former RTAC **President Zygmunt "Ziggy" Sokolnicki** and his wife served in the Peace Corps in their 60s in Jamaica.*

*· Current RTAC **Executive Director Bob Bures** met with the Peace Corps Deputy Director last summer, and Peace Corps representatives hosted an information table at the fall RTAC luncheon.*

*· Peace Corps service for Illinois teachers can be purchased back.*

## SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The members of the Service Committee have written 1,192 birthday cards in the year 2007. Twenty of the members were celebrating age 100. Other celebrants include 13 members celebrating 101 years, three celebrating 102 years, two celebrating 103 years, two celebrating 104 years, and one celebrating 106 years.

If you didn't receive a birthday card from RTAC it's because you have not yet celebrated your 85th birthday. Please contact the Service Committee if you are 85 or better and have not received a birthday card.

The Service Committee meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. in the RTAC office. Please feel free to join us.

The current members of the Service Committee are: **LIDUINA BARBANTINI, CONNIE BARBANTINI, NATHANIEL BLACKMAN, LORRAINE CAMPER, RALPH CHILDS, MARY KIRBY, ROSE KOPERNIAC, BERNICE KYLE, NANCY MAKOWSKI, MARCELLA MORRISON, JOLINE NAKAYMA, MARY ANNE NARDI, PENELOPE ROBINSON, GRACE SCIPIO, MARY SLATTERY.**

## WEBSITE YEAR IN REVIEW

A year-end review of RTAC Website activity released by Webmaster **Roy Coleman** reveals that: Forty-four employment opportunities were added to the JOBS page and 12 were removed due to length of time on the list or because the positions were filled.

Thirty-seven new volunteer opportunities were posted and contact information was updated for an additional 21.

The Volunteer Page was redesigned, as was the Events Page; a new Home Page is still in the works.

There were frequent "RED BOX" changes to keep members informed about significant information in a timely manner.

New jokes were added to the fun page.

On the average, three to four emails were responded to each week.

Website usage spikes (increases) after each News Bulletin is published.

The website averages 500 visits each day. Are you one of those visitors?

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*Looking for a new (ad) venture?*

### CHECK OUT RTAC'S WEBSITE FOR JOBS, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There is no reason for any RTAC members to have time on their hands, according to RTAC Webmaster **Roy Coleman**. Roy reports that the front page of the RTAC website, [rtac.org](http://rtac.org), is currently listing almost 100 volunteer requests along with many full- and part-time paid job opportunities. Listings are for positions all over the city and suburbs.

"There are so many ways our members can spend time helping out," Roy observed. "There are also several interesting job offers, including one for

principal of a Montessori school in Beijing, China. Air fare and moving expenses will be paid," he added. Closer to home, the Kohl Children's Museum is seeking part-time coordinators, which is a paid position.

Many schools are seeking volunteer judges for science fairs right now. "There are lots of opportunities," Roy said.

An interesting and fulfilling new position and/or pastime, whether volunteer or paid, is just a mouse click away for RTAC members at [rtac.org](http://rtac.org).



# *New Life Members*

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

Henry Adams	Mary Alice Cuny	Eileen M. Kelly	Frank A. Scapellato
Martha S. Alexakos	Ronald W. Daniels	Susan Kriesman	James E. Schlatter
Bruce M. Allman	Gloria P. Dasko	Christine M. Krupa	Joan T. Sheehy
Jane Ameer	Voyia Davis	Maureen L. Lai	Dolores A. Sillins
Mary B. Anderson	Beverly J. Davis	Willie Legardy	Diane T. Simpson
Johnnie M. Anderson	Mary Davlantes	Lillian H. Lehman	James R. Sirois
Shirley Antwi-Barfi	Harjinder S. Dhaliwal	Arlene Lewis	Joanne Slonim
Lesia Babij	Eloise Dillon	Clara Littau	Patricia A. Smith
Gerald H. Bailey	Shari DuBoff	William C. Long	Mee G. Soo Hoo
Carolyn A. Ball	Brenda F. Duncan	Mona F. Love	Jo Ann Sroka
Angie A. Bartoszek	Barbara Egan	Emma Julia Lowe	Daniel J. Starnicky
Annie A. Beckman	Sam English	Rudy Joan Lubov	Rita Stasi
Hazel Belle	Margaret A. Fashing	Jean Magee-Moore	Francine M. Stout
Lawrence R. Beverage	Donald J. Feinstein	Catherine Majeske	Agnes A. Streeter
Frances L. Booth	Sallie M. Fladger	Thomas McGuire	Jay F. Swanson
Routhy M. Braden	Maria L. Fonseca	Maudestine McLeary	Phyllis O. Tate
Leroy W. Brazier	Jeffrey A. Frishman	Nancy A. Moran	Cora J. Torrez
Ora S. Brown-Walker	Janet A. Fuji	Patricia G. Nichols	Mary Elizabeth Usher
Marilyn Bulmash	Eileen R. Gardner	Les Novak	Diane V. Vaselopoulos
Hermione G. Burnett	Gayle R. Gibbons	Edith O'Dell	Angela M. Volpe
June E. Burnette	Charlotte Goldwater	Patricia C. O'Halleran	Beverly H. Walker
Donald Butler	Margaret A. Goodwin	Barbara Pahlke	Julia Watkins
Dortha D. Butler	Diane Marie Goubeaux	Carmen L. C. Palmer	Jill Wayne
John A. Butterfield	Curtis Gunderson	Dyann Pettigrew	Myron D. Weigle
Barry C. Camp	Maureen S. Haas	Linda Pierzchalski	Norma J. White
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Adrian W. Collins	Laurel Kaeser	Madeline Rossetti	Joan Wolff
Susan H. Coop	Aldona Katos	Paula Rossino	Susan Marie Zak
Ellen C. Courtney	Matthew J. Kelleher	Patricia E. Ryan	Joe Zale
			Mary L. Zeltmann

# DONATION FORM

## 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):

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

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## TEACHER AID FUND GETS MANY REQUESTS

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

The Chicago Retired Teacher Aid Fund (CTAF) has received the largest increase in applications in years. Many of these people are what may be classified as middle class. These so-called better-off retired teachers, whose pension benefits actually fall below the poverty line because they retired so long ago, are overwhelmed with the increasing expenses of medications, heating and housing costs.

We are fortunate in having former RTAC presidents who prepared for this possibility. Our Association owes much to **Audrey U. Milevaz** and **Dr. Mae McDonald Hunter** and their predecessors for their foresight.

Under the recommendation of RTAC President **Ethel Philpott**, Treasurer **Vaughn J. Barber** and Grants Committee Chairmen **Robert Konen** and **Walter Pilditch** the Board continued a long-standing tradition of budgeting in December an additional grant to our clients for the enhancement of their holidays.

The Donation Form above is **not** just for honoring our deceased colleagues. By checking off the second box above and enclosing a check to the Retired Teacher Aid Fund, you can help RTAC to help our oldest living friends.

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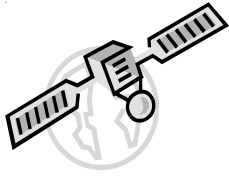
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## **SAN DIEGO SATELLITE TO MEET APRIL 8**

By Sam Dolnick

On Tuesday, October 9, 2007, the San Diego Satellite was fortunate enough to have 14 participants at its luncheon/business meeting, down from the forty-two at the first meeting in 1985. As noted in the last issue of the *BULLETIN*, with decreasing attendance, there was a possibility that the satellite would have to disband. However, the participants present voted to continue meeting.

The fourteen attendees were **Jack and Fran Blumenthal, Wesley Buchwald, Sam Dolnick, Sylvia Kayser, Nancy Lewis, Linda and Paul Mooney, Ellen Perry, Evalyn and Arthur Schiff, Irene and Angelo Sharres, and Vlasta Williams**. Retirees, who could not attend for various reasons, were **Dorothy Benshop, Yvonne Crute, Louise Daugherty, Layah Golden, Ruth Harris, Florence Nemkov, Barbara Perkins, Zelda and Henry Sweet, and Harriet Tuve**. We hope that they are doing well. The individuals named above would appreciate hearing from their friends in other parts of the country. **Sam Dolnick, 619-697-4854** may be contacted for the addresses or phone numbers.

**Linda Mooney** volunteered to act as liaison for making arrangements for the facility at which the luncheon/business meetings would be held.

**Sam Dolnick** agreed to act in his capacity as treasurer and sending the notices out in a timely fashion. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at noon, at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 11555 Carmel Mountain Road, San Diego, CA.

It was noted that the 2008 BlueCross/Blue Shield of Illinois health premium for a single retiree increased by 8.5%. It was also noted that 70% of the premiums would continue to be reimbursed in 2008. Both RTAC and the pension board were applauded for their efforts in retaining the 70% reimbursement.

Again, everyone was pleased that the BlueCross Rx is sending monthly information about the medications that were ordered and the amount paid. This will make it much easier for those who take medical expenses off their income tax to document their deductions. Other than one complaint about a change in the prescription formulary, everyone was pleased with the improvements by PrimeMail Therapeutics in sending out the medications ordered in a more timely manner.

We hope that all our colleagues had a pleasant Thanksgiving and we wish all a very happy and **HEALTHY YEAR TO COME**.

## **MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR S.W. FLORIDA SATELLITE**

RTAC members who live or spend winters in southwestern Florida (near Fort Meyers, Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero, Marco Island, North Fort Meyers) and would like to meet with former Chicago teachers, please call Gail Obie (239) 948-9423 or JoAnne Walsh (239) 985-9578. They are trying to organize a luncheon in February to plan future events for those interested.

Joanne and Gail live halfway between Ft. Meyers and Naples. They are located close to the airport in the fastest growing area in Florida where

shopping centers abound.. You can also email Gail at [cng817@comcast.net](mailto:cng817@comcast.net) or JoAnne at [JoanneWalsh@comcast.net](mailto:JoanneWalsh@comcast.net)

### **Central Florida Satellite to meet**

Annette Brown reports from Palm Coast in North Central Florida between Gainesville and Orlando that members of the already existing RTAC satellite there are tentatively planning to meet on or about the first Monday in March. Please contact Annette at 352-347-2407 for exact time and place.

## **FRIENDS GONE AHEAD**

*Requiescant in pace*

### **ADAMS, JOSEPHINE.**

Josephine died on September 30, 2007, at the age of 78 years. She retired from the Smyth School in 1985 after a career of 24 years.

### **ALKARAKI, MAUREEN A.**

Née Capraro. When she left Reinberg in 2007, Maureen put a 35-year career to an end. Her life ended on August 12, 2007, at the age of 59.

### **ANTHONY, OTHO.**

On September 13, 2007, Otho passed away at the age of 77 years and retired from Williams School in 1993 after 38 years of teaching.

### **ARENA, MARGARET S.**

Née Shogrin. Margaret resigned from Steinmetz High school in 1983 after 10 years. She was 85 when she expired on October 21, 2007.

### **AVEZUELA, AMERICA R.**

Resigning from the Pulaski School in 1994 after a career that lasted 25 years, America passed on at the age of 90 on August 17, 2007.

### **AZARK, IRENE S.**

Née Shalgos. Irene's career of 28 years came to an end as she left Bogan High school in 1982. When she passed away on September 19, 2007, she had reached the age of 89.

### **BAIRD, LORRAINE B.**

Née Bransfield. Lorraine died on October 28, 2007, at the age of 95. Her career of 35 years ended when she retired from the Tarkington School in 1972.

### **BALDASSARRE, HERMAN.**

After a career that spanned 30 years, Herman retired from District 7 in 1984. He expired on October 9, 2007, at the age of 83.

### **BALTINS, VIVIJA N.**

After 10 years in the Chicago School system, Vivija retired from the Fulton School in 1990. When death took her on September 30, 2007, she was 82 years old.

### **BARNES, DORIS H.**

Née Hoffman. At the close of her life on October 4, 2007, Doris was 71 years old. A teacher for 38 years, she retired as Principal of the Jenner School in 1993.

### **BARNES, ROSALE.**

Please see Key notice.

### **BASKIN, HATTIE LOUISE.**

Please see Key notice.

### **BECK, ERMA B.**

Née Bloch. Erma resigned in 1992 from her position as Psychologist in a Transitional Unit, ending a 27-year time span in the Chicago system. She was 85 at the time of her death on July 28, 2007.

### **BENDITZSON, RUTH J.**

Née Simon A teacher for 33 years, Ruth was at Stone Academy when she retired in 1992. She passed on at the age of 71 on August 24, 2007.

### **BERGMAN, ESTHER E.**

Esther was 94 years old at her death on October 13, 2007. She resigned from Morrill School in 1973 after 27 years in Chicago.

### **BLAYLOCK JR, SYLVESTER.**

Sylvester was at Henderson when he retired in 2007. His career spanned 25 years, and he succumbed at the age of 59 on August 17, 2007.

### **BLOCH, ERMA B.**

Please see Beck notice.

### **BLUMBERG, ANN B.**

Née Joffe. Ann was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 10 years when she retired from the Goudy School in 1979. At the time of her death on September 20, 2007, she was 90 years of age.

**BRANSFIELD, LORRAINE B.**

Please see Baird notice.

**BRAZIER, MARY M.**

Née Mitchell. Her 30-year teaching career ended when Mary retired from Jackson in 1993. She was 70 when her life ended on August 18, 2007.

**BRESSLER, ESTHER.**

Née Schwartz. After a career that spanned 31 years, Esther. retired as a Substitute Teacher in 1977. She expired on September 26, 2007, at the age of 94.

**BROWN, WYNONA.**

Née Tillman. After 34 years, Wynona resigned from Sayre in 2007. Death took her on August 12, 2007; she was 59 at the time.

**BROWNSTEIN, HAROLD.**

When he left Senn High School in 1996, Harold put a 37-year career to an end. His life ended on August 12, 2007, at the age of 71.

**BRULAND, LINDA.**

Please see Weinsheimer notice.

**BURKE, ROSE M.**

When Rose retired in 1999 from Copernicus, her career had lasted 44 years. Her life ended at the age of 85 on July 17, 2007.

**BURTON, MICHAEL H.**

Michael resigned from the Orr High School in 2001 after 39 years. He was 69 when he expired on October 9, 2007.

**CAMPBELL, BLONZELLA C.**

Née Coleman. Blonzella succumbed at age 64 on August 21, 2007. She taught for 33 years before retiring from 1994 in CVS High school.

**CAPRARO, MAUREEN A.**

Please see Alkaraki notice.

**CARBONARO, DOROTHY R.**

Dorothy retired from the Perez School in 2002 after a career that lasted seven years. She expired on October 14, 2007, at the age of 78 years.

**CERVINKA, ARTHUR A.**

Arthur's career of 38 years came to an end as he left Mather High School as Principal in 1997. When he passed away on October 25, 2007, he had reached the age of 71.

**CHAPMAN, JOSEPHINE.**

Josephine was at Depriest when she resigned in 1998 after 27 years in the Chicago Public Schools. She was 64 on October 2, 2007, when she passed on.

**CHARNES, ALVIN E.**

Alvin expired on October 24, 2007, at the age of 87. His career of 41 years ended when he retired as Principal of the Hilliard School in 1982.

**CLEMONS, GLORIA J.**

Please see Douglas notice.

**CLERKEN, MARGARET L.**

Née Laporte. When she retired from Lloyd School in 1991, Margaret ended a career that included 38 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed her on August 22, 2007, at the age of 79 years.

**COLEMAN, AUGUSTINE C.**

Please see Kennerly notice.

**COLEMAN, BLONZELLA C.**

Please see Campbell notice.

**COLLINS, KENNETH F.**

After seven years in the Chicago School system, Kenneth retired as a Substitute Teacher in 2005. When death took him on September 1, 2007, he was 51 years old.

**COLLORD, DALE F.**

Dale retired in 1998 while at Bogan High School, ending a 35-year career, and passed away on September 17, 2007, at the age of 70.

**CONNER, PHYLLIS E.**

In 1982, Phyllis retired from Lane Tech High school after 22 years of teaching in Chicago and two years outside the CPS. On September 8, 2007, she passed on at the age of 87 years.

**CONROY, VINCENT J.**

At the close of his life on October 3, 2007, Vincent was 96 years old. A teacher for 38 years, he retired from District 3 in 1974.

**CONWAY, JOANN.**

Née Pawlus. When she retired in 2006 from her position as a School Social Worker in District 9, Joann had been associated with CPS for 27 years. She was 73 years of age at her death on September 3, 2007.

**COWAN, JUANITA E.**

Née Edwards. Juanita retired from Fiske in 1981 after teaching for 23 years. On October 22, 2007, she died at age 89.

**CREACH, LOUISE M.**

In 1986, when she retired from the Coleman School, Louise ended her 32-year career with the Chicago School system. On September 10, 2007, her life ended after 87 years.

**CRIBBEN, STANLEIGH.**

Stanleigh resigned in 1980 from Rohn Elementary, ending a 16-year time span in the Chicago system. He was 89 at the time of his death on September 17, 2007.

**DABBOUSEH, JOYCE I.**

Née Molnar. A 37-year career in Chicago Schools came to an end for Joyce when she left Roosevelt High school in 2005. She died on October 16, 2007, at the age of 72 years.

**DALY, PAULINE D.**

Please see McCoo notice.

**DAVIDSON-MCKAY, CORLISS.**

Née Peterson. A teacher at Esmond when she resigned in 2005, Corliss had served for 32 years. She was 59 on the date of her passing, October 9, 2007.

**DOUGLAS, GLORIA J.**

Née Clemons. Ending a 33-year career, Gloria left Williams in 2000. When she died on September 30, 2007, she was 71 years of age.

**DUNIGAN, CARY M.**

A teacher for 10 years, Cary was at Pablo Casals School when he retired in 2003. He passed on at the age of 71 on October 18, 2007.

**DUNPHY, RUTHANNE S.**

Née Stevens. Ruthanne had taught for 17 years in Chicago and three years outside the CPS before she retired in 1970 from the Farnsworth School. She was 92 when her life ended on July 10, 2007.

**EDWARDS, JUANITA E.**

Please see Cowan notice.

**ELLIS, MAIZIE R.**

When she resigned after 23 years in Chicago and eight years' teaching elsewhere in 1975, Maizie was at the Williams School. On September 3, 2007, she died at the age of 95.

**EVANS, LINNIE M.**

Née Mallory. Life ended for Linnie at the age of 72 on July 27, 2007. She retired from Tanner in 2000, at the end of a 41-year career.

**EWING MARY M.**

Née Young. After a career that lasted 20 years, Mary retired from Cooper in 1984. She was 86 when she died on August 18, 2007.

**FINLEY, LULA E.**

Lula resigned from the Lathrop School in 1998 after a 34-year career. She was 72 years old when she died on August 10, 2007.

**FLETCHER, ANNIE M.**

Née Harris. Annie succumbed on September 19, 2007, at the age of 81. She served 26 years, resigning from the Woodson School in 1981.

**FOWLER, CLARA L.**

Please see Moeller notice.

**FOX, LAURA P.**

Née Pierce. On August 4, 2007, Laura passed away at the age of 94 years. She retired from Farragut High school in 1968 after 30 years of teaching.



**FOX, MARY.**

Née Riordan. Mary left the Schubert School in 1976 after a career that spanned 25 years. She expired at the age of 97 on September 21, 2007.

**FREEDMAN, ESTHER D.**

Née Mallach. In 1977, Esther left the Reinberg School after a career that lasted 10 years. When her life ended on September 3, 2007, she was 94 years of age.

**FRENCH, JAMES A.**

James was 102 years old at his death on October 5, 2007. He resigned as Assistant Principal of Dusable High school in 1970 after 44 years in Chicago.

**FRYISON, BRENDA.**

Née Stokes. Brenda was associated with the Chicago schools for 29 years, the last at the Dusable High school where she was when she retired in 1997. She was 64 years old when death took her on August 9, 2007.

**FUKUDA, AYAKO.**

Née Saiki. After a career of 30 years, Ayako retired from the Trumbull School in 1993. She died on October 5, 2007, at the age of 78.

**GIPSON, MARGARET.**

Please see Webb-Daniel notice.

**GOODMAN, JULIA.**

Please see Underwood notice.

**GREDE, KATHLEEN.**

Née O'Donnell. On September 16, 2007, Kathleen passed on at the age of 88 years. She had spent 21 years in the Chicago schools when she resigned from Sawyer in 1978.

**GREENFIELD, MARILYNN.**

Née Kinsella. When she retired from Dawes in 1982, Marilynn ended a career of 36 years. She was 81 when her life came to a close on September 26, 2007.

**GROSSCUP, DIANE H.**

Please see McDade notice.

**HARDIMAN, MARY A.**

After 37 years in Chicago schools and one year outside Chicago, Mary retired from the Rosenwald School in 1986. She was 81 when she expired on September 10, 2007.

**HARRIS, ANNIE M.**

Please see Fletcher notice.

**HAYES, JOYCE K.**

Née McConnell. Joyce ended a 38-year career when she resigned from the Dept. of Academics in 1993. She died on July 19, 2007, at the age of 68.

**HAYES, JULIE P.**

Née Zadek. Her career as a School Psychologist ended when she left the Gavin School in 2004, after 17 years of service. Julie died on September 10, 2007, at the age of 64.

**HEINECK, AIMEE H.**

Please see Rupert notice.

**HERNYCH, MARILYN.**

Please see Scalzitti notice.

**HOFFMAN, DORIS H.**

Please see Barnes notice.

**HOWLAND, FRANCES E.**

Last assigned to Marshall High school, Frances retired in 1975 after 24 years of service. She passed away on July 26, 2007, at 98 years of age.

**ISAAC, MARGRETHE G.**

When she resigned from Northeastern Illinois University in 1994, Margrethe capped a 17-year career. She was 81 when she died on August 14, 2007.

**JACKSON, EVASTON J.**

Evaston resigned from Crane High School in 1993 after a 38-year career, and died on October 9, 2007, at the age of 82 years.

**JACKSON, ISORA.**

Née Perdue. Isora was at Chalmers School when she retired in 1985 after an 11-year career. She was 90 when she died on September 22, 2007.

**JOFFE, ANN B.**

Please see Blumberg notice.

**JOLLEY, ELSIE C.**

Née Ullmeyer. Elsie ended a 14-year term in the Chicago system upon her retirement in 1977 from Crown. At her death on October 17, 2007, she was 96 years old.

**JONES, CHARLES N.**

Charles was affiliated with the Chicago School System for two years when he retired from the City College in 1996. At the time of his death on September 7, 2007, he was 73 years of age.

**JUNITZ, CATHERINE.**

Please see Krause notice.

**KARPEN, DORIS.**

Doris was assigned to Bowen High School when she retired in 1974 after 28 years in the Chicago system. She was 99 when she went to her reward on July 20, 2007.

**KENNERLY, AUGUSTINE C.**

Née Coleman. After teaching 37 years, Augustine resigned from the CVS High school in 1993. She was 74 when death claimed her on August 15, 2007.

**KEY, HATTIE LOUISE.**

Née Baskin. Hattie's 31-year career in the Chicago Schools ended when she retired from Lawndale in 2007. On September 28, 2007, at the time she succumbed, she was 65 years old.

**KINSELLA, MARILYNN.**

Please see Greenfield notice.

**KOZUCH, JACQUELINE.**

Née Lrye. Death came for Jacqueline on October 22, 2007, when she was 95 years old. She ended her career at Disney in 1977, after 20 years in Chicago Schools and two years outside Chicago.

**KRAUSE, CATHERINE.**

Née Junitz. Catherine was a School Nurse in District 9 when she resigned in 1993 after a 25-year career. Her life ended at the age of 86 on September 8, 2007.

**LAPORTE, MARGARET L.**

Please see Clerken notice.

**LAWS, OTHELLO W.**

Née Wesley. Othello was at the Bryn Mawr School when she retired in 1985 after a 39-year teaching career. She was 83 at the time of her death on September 20, 2007.

**LEE, YOLANDA T.**

Née Tin Wong Tong. At the age of 74, Yolanda passed away on October 30, 2007. She was at Lane Tech in 1998 when she ended a 36-year career in the Chicago system.

**LEONARDI, MARY P.**

Née Piraino. In 1994, Mary resigned from Clemente High school after a 35-year career. When she expired on September 8, 2007, she was 68 years old.

**LEVIN, JACOB L.**

His 17-year teaching career ended when Jacob retired from his position of Psychology Professor at Chicago State University in 1985. He was 81 when his life ended on September 3, 2007.

**LEYDEN, WALTER F.**

After 35 years, Walter resigned as Principal of Clay School in 1989. Death took him on October 8, 2007; he was 82 at the time.

**LOWE, ANNA.**

On August 15, 2007, life came to a close for Anna at the age of 54. She had been at the Delano School, retiring in 1981 at the end of a 12-year career in the Chicago Public Schools.

**LRYE, JACQUELINE.**

Please see Kozuch notice.

**LUKAS, LINDA L.**

A teacher in the Byrne School when she retired in 2004 after 29 years, Linda passed away on September 21, 2007, at the age of 60 years.

**LYMAN, ALETHIA M.**

Née Wilkins. Alethia retired in 1979 from the Ferguson School ending a two-year career. At the end of her life on December 6, 2003, she was 78 years old.

**MACK, JOAN M.**

Please see Smith notice.

**MAINOR, ANTOINETTE.**

Please see Olive notice.

**MALLACH, ESTHER D.**

Please see Freedman notice.

**MALLORY, LINNIE M.**

Please see Evans notice.

**MAUERSBERGER, YUDITA C.**

Née Yunkeris. At her death on August 12, 2007, Yudita was 73 years old. Her 29-year career in Chicago with one year of teaching outside the system ended when she resigned from Lane Tech High school in 1990.

**MCCONNELL, ARTHUR B.**

When Arthur retired in 1996 from Crane Tech High School, his career had lasted 35 years. His life ended at the age of 76 on September 9, 2007.

**MCCONNELL, JOYCE K.**

Please see Hayes notice.

**MCCOO, PAULINE D.**

Née Daly. Pauline resigned from Wirth School in 1996 after 44 years. On October 10, 2007, she passed on at the age of 79 years.

**MCDADE, DIANE H.**

Née Grosscup. In 1984, when Diane was at the Hitch School, she retired after 36 years. She was 87 years old when she expired on July 13, 2007.

**MCLAUGHLIN, MARY M.**

Please see O'Connor notice.

**MILLER, ANDREW C.**

Andrew succumbed at age 83 on September 22, 2007. He taught for 41 years before retiring as Assistant Principal of the School of the Cook County Jail in 1988.

**MILLER, JOAN D.**

Joan was a Teacher Nurse in District 1 when she retired in 1993 after 37 years. She was 76 when she succumbed on August 4, 2007.

**MITCHELL, MARY M.**

Please see Brazier notice.

**MODEROW, DORIS J.**

Née Smith. Doris retired in 1987 from the Norman Bridge School after teaching 25 years. Her life ended on September 30, 2007, at the age of 83 years.

**MOELLER, CLARA L.**

Née Fowler. At the age of 87, Clara passed away on October 6, 2007. After 38 years in the system, she resigned from Kohn in 1985.

**MOLNAR, JOYCE I.**

Please see Dabbouseh notice.

**MURRAY, EMMA L.**

Emma retired from Nicholson in 2000 after a 31-year career. Death came for her at age 70 on September 27, 2007.

**MUSGRAVE, BETTY W.**

Née Worst. Betty was 101 at her death on July 1, 2007. She ended her 43-year career when she retired from Simeon High school in 1971.

**NORMAN, JESSIE L.**

A six-year career in the Chicago Colleges ended when Jessie, who expired at the age of 72 on October 12, 2007, retired in 1996.

**O'CONNOR, MARY M.**

Née McLaughlin. After teaching 14 years, Mary resigned in 1976 from Sherwood. She succumbed at the age of 97 on August 8, 2007.

**O'DONNELL, KATHLEEN.**

Please see Grede notice.

**OLIVE, ANTOINETTE.**

Née Mainor. Antoinette passed on at age 86 on September 9, 2007. She resigned in 1986 after a 30-year career in Chicago that ended at Dulles. She also taught six years outside the Chicago system.

**ORENSTEIN, ALBERT.**

Albert retired as Principal of the Kilmer School in 1991 after a career that lasted for 39 years. He expired on July 31, 2007, at the age of 81 years.

**PAWLUS, JOANN.**

Please see Conway notice.

**PEOPLES, JAMES Y.**

James was in Illinois StateTRS when he resigned in 1992 after 12 years in the Chicago Public Schools. He was 75 on April 11, 2007, when he passed on.

**PERDUE, ISORA.**

Please see Jackson notice.

**PETERSON, CORLISS.**

Please see Davidson-McKay notice.

**PICHT, BETTY M.**

Please see Stelloh notice.

**PIERCE, LAURA P.**

Please see Fox notice.

**PIRAINO, MARY P.**

Please see Leonardi notice.

**POSNER, JOHN A.**

When he retired from Chopin School in 1994, John ended a career that included 22 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed him on August 18, 2007, at the age of 61 years.

**PRINCE, LILLIE.**

Her 22-year career ended at the Price School in 2007 when Lillie retired. Death came for her on October 26, 2007, at the age of 61.

**PRZYBYLOWSKI, LUCILLE H.**

Please see Weaver notice.

**QUEENAN, JOHN T.**

In 1985, John retired from Rock Valley College after 10 years of teaching. On September 5, 2007, he passed on at the age of 86 years.

**REISINGER, ROBERT G.**

When he retired in 1993 from the Dirksen School, Robert had taught for 38 years. He was 72 years of age at his death on July 21, 2007.

**REYES, HELENE EVELYN.**

After a nine-year career as an Administrator, Helene retired from Von Linne in 2006. She died on October 27, 2007, at age 58.

**RICE, ROSALE.**

Née Barnes. Rosale retired from the Lavizzo School in 2004, ending a 34-year career. On October 17, 2007, when she passed on, she was 63 years old.

**RINKER, HOWARD.**

Howard retired from Farragut High School as Assistant Principal in 1970 after teaching for 43 years. On September 30, 2007, he died at age 102.

**RIORDAN, MARY.**

Please see Fox notice.

**ROSENBERG, ESTHER.**

Please see Savit notice.

**ROSENTHAL, RUTH.**

Please see Sanes notice.

**RUDD, ELIZABETH.**

Please see Thomas notice.



**RUPERT, AIMEE H.**

Née Heineck. Aimee served the Chicago Public Schools for 27 years, retiring from Bowen High school in 1971. She was 100 when death took her on September 9, 2007.

**RUTZKY, ANITA R.**

When Anita retired from King High school in 1991, she ended a 35-year career. She expired on July 10, 2007, having achieved the age of 79 years.

**RYAN, PRISCILLA.**

Priscilla's 30-year career ended in 1993 when she resigned from Bateman. Death claimed her on September 2, 2007, at the age of 74.

**SAIKI, AYAKO.**

Please see Fukuda notice.

**SAMPSON BROWN, PATRICIA KATHLEEN.**

Née Sampson. Death came for Patricia on September 6, 2007, at the age of 59 years. She ended her 25-year career at the Wentworth School in 2007.

**SAMPSON, PATRICIA KATHLEEN.**

Please see Sampson Brown notice.

**SANES, RUTH.**

Née Rosenthal. Ruth was 83 years old when she died on October 10, 2007. She was at Trumbull when she resigned in 1986 after a 26-year career in Chicago and two years' teaching outside the CPS.

**SAVIT, ESTHER.**

Née Rosenberg. When her life ended on August 1, 2007, Esther was 86 years old. Her retirement in 1987 from District 35 marked the end of a 3-year career.

**SCALZITTI, MARILYN.**

Née Hernych. When she retired from Cregier High school in 1987, Marilyn's career spanned 23 years. At the end of her life on September 2, 2007, she was 77 years of age.

**SCHOOLER, VIRGINIA.**

Virginia had reached 85 years of age when her life came to a close on September 30, 2007. Her 26-year career ended when she resigned from Lane Tech High school in 1983.

**SCHWARTZ, ESTHER.**

Please see Bressler notice.

**SHALGOS, IRENE S.**

Please see Azark notice.

**SHEA, EDWARD W.**

In 1990, when he retired from Bowen High School, Edward ended his 38-year career with the Chicago School system. On July 29, 2007, his life ended after 86 years.

**SHOGRIN, MARGARET S.**

Please see Arena notice.

**SIMON, RUTH J.**

Please see Benditzson notice.

**SMALL, ROSEMARY G.**

Rosemary retired from District 7 in 1993, after a 38-year career as a School Nurse. She succumbed on July 27, 2007, at the age of 83.

**SMITH, DORIS J.**

Please see Moderow notice.

**SMITH, JOAN H.**

In 1998, when she resigned from Abbott, Joan completed a 37-year career. She was 75 when she died on July 9, 2007.

**SMITH, JOAN M.**

Née Mack. Joan's 27-year teaching career ended when she retired from Piccolo in 1991. She passed away on September 7, 2007, at the age of 70 years.

**SMITH, JOHNNIE L.**

Née Smith. Johnnie was at Gompers School when she retired in 1983, terminating a 32-year career in Chicago schools and three years' outside Chicago. At her death on October 21, 2007, she was 90 years of age.

**SMITH, JOHNNIE L.**

Please see Smith notice.

**SONSINI, MARGARET.**

Margaret left Gallistel in 1977 after teaching for 37 years. She left us at the age of 90 on August 6, 2007.

**STELLOH, BETTY M.**

Née Picht. On July 23, 2007, when she was 79, death claimed Betty. She had taught 8 years as a Professor when she resigned from the City Colleges in 1989.

**STEPHENS, EDNA R.**

Née Wilkinson. Edna was at District 16 until she retired in 1986 after nine years. On August 17, 2007, she passed away at the age of 86.

**STERLING, ALBERT.**

A 38-year career in Chicago Schools came to an end for Albert when he left the Stagg School as Principal in 1998. He died on September 14, 2007, at the age of 72 years.

**STEVENS, RUTHANNE S.**

Please see Dunphy notice.

**STOKES, BRENDA.**

Please see Fryison notice.

**STUELAND, BOYD R.**

Having ended a 15-year career at Westinghouse High School by resigning in 1986, Boyd expired on September 1, 2007, at the age of 78 years.

**SULLIVAN, JOHN F.**

A teacher at Lane Tech High School when he resigned in 1993, John had served for 38 years. He was 73 on the date of his passing, August 28, 2007.

**SULLIVAN, KEVIN.**

Kevin ended a 23-year career when he left Sayre in 1983. When he died on September 29, 2007, he was 84 years of age.

**SUTTON, JULIUS O.**

Julius had taught for 23 years before he retired in 1981 from the Spaulding High School. He was 91 when his life ended on June 22, 2007.

**TAYLOR, PRISCILLA D.**

Priscilla's 29-year career ended when she left O'Keefe as Assistant Principal in 1996. She was 77 years old when she died on August 31, 2007.

**THOMAS, ELIZABETH.**

Née Rudd. Assigned to McCosh when she resigned in 1986 after 26 years, Elizabeth passed away at the age of 87 on September 23, 2007.

**TILLMAN, WYNONA.**

Please see Brown notice.

**TIN WONT TONG, YOLANDA.**

Please see Lee notice.

**TRENT, HENRY W.**

When he resigned after 32 years in 1988, Henry was at King High School. On July 30, 2007, he died at the age of 78.

**ULLMEYER, ELSIE C.**

Please see Jolley notice.

**UNDERWOOD, JULIA.**

Née Goodman. A teacher for three years when she retired in 1992, Julia's life closed on August 31, 2007, at the age of 79 years.

**VAN DAM, THOMAS E.**

Life ended for Thomas at the age of 84 on October 13, 2007. He retired as Principal of Englewood High School in 1987, at the end of a 16-year career.

**VANDERMEY, RUTH G.**

Ruth had taught for 43 years when she retired as Assistant Principal in 1982 from the Neil School. At the end of her life on September 16, 2007, she was 92 years of age.

**WALLS, BONNIE JEAN.**

Bonnie died on September 20, 2007, at the age of 61 years. She retired from the Wentworth School in 2006 after a career of 33 years.

**WARD, BEATRICE D.**

Beatrice passed away on July 31, 2007, at the age of 95 years. She retired from the Morrill School in 1977, ending a career that spanned 17 years.

**WEAVER, LUCILLE H.**

Née Przybylowski. A teacher for 38 years, Lucille was at Decatur when she retired in 1993. Her life came to a close at the age of 76 on September 8, 2007.

**WEBB-DANIEL, MARGARET.**

Née Gipson. After teaching 26 years, death came for Margaret on August 1, 2007, when she was 71 years old. She ended her career at Haley in 2001.

**WEINER, PHYLLIS.**

On September 8, 2007, at the age of 83 years, Phyllis died. She retired from Schurz High school in 1990 after 22 years in Chicago Schools and eight years outside Chicago.

**WEINSHEIMER, LINDA.**

Née Bruland. After a career of 26 years with the Chicago Public Schools and one year elsewhere, Linda passed away on September 11, 2007, at the age of 95. She retired from Goethe in 1977.

**WESLEY, OTHELLO W.**

Please see Laws notice.

**WILKINS, ALETHIA M.**

Please see Lyman notice.

**WILKINSON, EDNA R.**

Please see Stephens notice.

**WILLIAMS, JACQUELINE.**

Jacqueline’s career lasted for 40 years, until she resigned from the Morse School in 1999. She was 76 when she died on July 29, 2007.

**WOOD, ROBERT P.**

After a career that lasted nine years in Chicago and nine years elsewhere, Robert retired from District 25 in 1975. He was 76 when he died on January 5, 2007.

**WORST, BETTY W.**

Please see Musgrave notice.

**YOUNG, MARY M.**

Please see Ewing notice.

**YUNKERIS, YUDITA C.**

Please see Mauersberger notice.

**ZABINSKI, BRUNO J.**

Bruno resigned from the Hubbard School in 1983 after a 30-year career. He was 89 years old when he died on October 1, 2007.

**ZADEK, JULIE P.**

Please see Hayes notice.

**ZAJICEK, JERONYM.**

Jeronym succumbed on October 5, 2007, at the age of 81. He served eight years, resigning from the City Colleges in 1996.

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*Norman Vincent Peale*

**RETIREE AUTHORS BOOK FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

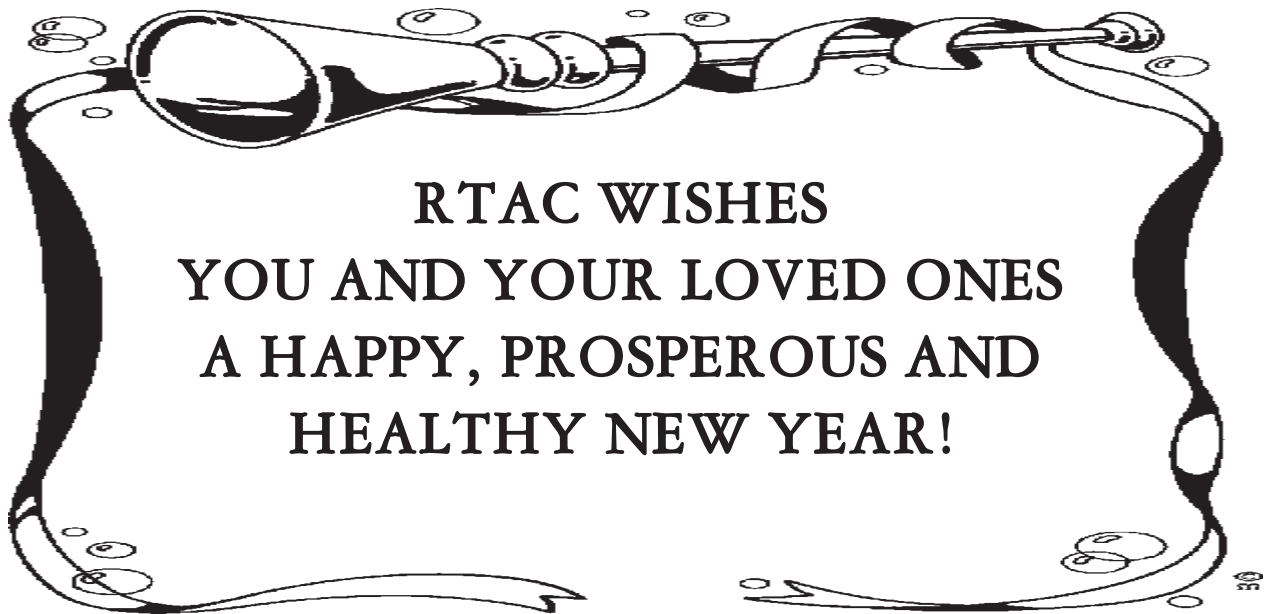
RTAC member **Donald E. Socha** writes from his home in Prescott, Ariz., that he has authored an “upbeat book of fiction for young adolescent readers ages 10 to 14.”

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