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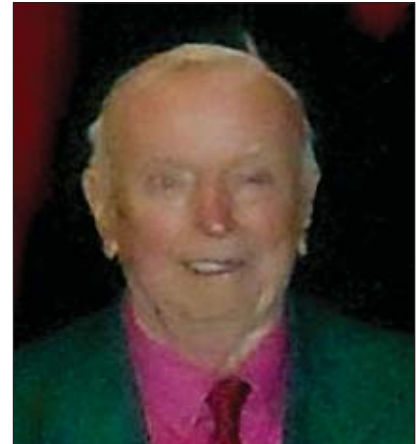
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Steven A. Kailes

These have been rough and trying months for us CTPF retired pensioners. The media is having a field day in its portrayals and highlighting of some abusers of the pension system as well as giving the impression that most of us are collecting checks of \$100,000. annually. In addition they continually leave an impression that the money allocated to CTPF is similar to the money allocated to the State Retirement Systems .



of CPS educators' pensions and benefits. RTAC's Board is proud of the experienced, knowledgeable and dedicated team it has put in place.

We have three excellent Trustees on the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, Walter Pilditch, Mary Sharon Reilly, and Jim Ward who are ably representing all of us retirees.

What has been constitutionally written, what has been guaranteed, what has been promised, and what has been contracted is now in jeopardy. We are in this situation now because for years the Legislature has underfunded the Pension Systems.

We have John Butterfield and David T. Peterson deeply involved in all legislative matters. We have the benefit of the counsel of 3 excellent attorneys—Vaughn J. Barber, Louella Preston, and Ziggy Sokolnicki.

Some of the proposed solutions to this "crisis" call for limiting or completely abolishing our COLA (cost of living allowance) and/or limiting benefits or increasing our payments to our health plans.

We have the strategies of our lobbyists Dick Lockhart, John D. Carr, and Bukola M. Bello with the added plus of their connections in Springfield. And we have the advantage of having the exceptional Webmaster, Roy Coleman, and *News Bulletin* editor Rosemary Tirio

Since 1926, for 86 years, RTAC has been the only organization devoted exclusively to the concerns

INTRODUCING NEW RTAC DIRECTOR

Sylvia Asllani has been chosen by the Nominations Committee to fill the position of David Peterson who is running for 1st Vice President.

Sylvia began her teaching career at the Ogden School and was soon transferred to J.A. Sexton School and then to the Franklin School. Later, she became principal of the Pickard School in the Pilsen neighborhood. She served there for 13 years before retiring in 1997.

Sylvia is active in the Peterson Park Improvement Association. "We have used students from area high schools who need service points to deliver our newsletter," she said.

"I believe in the mission of the organization



Sylvia Asllani

[RTAC]. I want to act as an advocate to preserve all we have worked so hard to get," she said is her main reason for becoming a candidate. The *News Bulletin* staff welcomes Sylvia Asllani.

**RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO
GENERAL ELECTION OF RTAC OFFICERS AND ONE DIRECTOR
OCTOBER 23, 2012**

RTAC Bylaws (Article VII) state that elections of Officers and Directors shall be held at the annual Fall Association Meeting and that the elected Officers (Executive Board) and Directors shall take office January 1 of the following year for a two-year term. In addition, Article VII states that “Nominations for any position may be made from the floor, provided the nominee has filed a signed nomination form with RTAC’s office a week prior to the Fall Association Meeting. Failure to provide such a form disqualifies the nominee.” Further, “Only those who consented to serve if elected shall be eligible for nomination, either by the Committee or from the floor.

Candidates are as follows.

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1st Vice President – David T. Peterson

2nd Vice President – Arthur E. Keegan

Treasurer – Steven A. Kailes

Secretary – James F. Ward

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Helen C. Wooten*

* Current Board Member

** New Member Nominee

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

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FOR PRESIDENT

Marcella L. Morrison has served on the RTAC Board since 2005 as Director, Secretary, Second Vice President and currently First Vice President.

She is currently the chair of RTAC's Service and Bylaws Committees, and is a member of the RTAC Aid Fund. She also serves as Parliamentarian and Bylaw authority.

In 1998 she retired, after 36 years' employment with the Chicago Board of Education. She has taught at Aldridge and Du Bois Elementary Schools, served as assistant principal at Cameron Elementary School and counselor at Du Bois, Poe Classical and Dunne Elementary Schools.

She feels the leadership of RTAC is at a crossroad in which our collective efforts are needed to ensure the pensions we all have worked for and have put funds into over the years will be available to us on the first of each month. In essence, we should take nothing for granted regarding our future as retirees; we must be heard and must be visible.

FOR 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

David T. Peterson has been an RTAC member since 1993 and is currently serving on the Governing Board, Finance and Legislative Committees.

He was a student, parent, teacher and principal in Chicago having retired after 36 years as a teacher (Grant El-

ementary, Marshall and Prosser High Schools) and principal (West Garfield Park UGC and Sullivan and Wells High Schools)

Since retiring he has taught at Roosevelt and Loyola Universities, and served as the assistant to the president of the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association.

FOR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Arthur E. Keegan taught at Jones Commercial High School 30 years, retiring in 1991. He taught accountancy, data processing, business law, business math and chaired the department for some of his years at Jones. He coordinated the Office Occupations program and prides himself on having written the CTU contract article governing occupations programs like O.O., Distributive Education and Industrial Cooperative Education.

Art joined RTAC shortly after retiring at the invitation of James Ward. He was elected as a director and in 2008 he was elected Treasurer. He is nominated for 2nd Vice President.

Art would like to get more retirees to join RTAC, and his plan to attract them is to offer travel opportunities for the members like the trip to Cuba that he organized several years ago. Art himself is a world traveler extraordinaire. He has visited no less than 68 countries. "You name it [a country] and I've been there." He is currently looking forward to a trip to Thailand next March.

FOR SECRETARY

James F. Ward started teaching accounting in 1963 at Kelvyn Park High School. He was executive director of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund for 30 years. He was then elected to the CTPF Board of Trustees. Later James was elected to the post of functional Vice President of the Chicago Teachers Union, Retired Chapter.

In 1999 to 2002 he was appointed the first Executive Director of RTAC before resigning the position to serve as president of RTAC where he continues to serve as legislative chair and recording secretary. He is also recording secretary and investment chair at the CTPF. He has an MBA in accountancy and is a chartered financial analyst.

FOR TREASURER

Steven A. Kailes graduated from Chicago Public Schools elementary and high, and then received his college degree from the University of Chicago.

He volunteered during Viet Nam. Upon discharge, he was cited for his efforts and contributions to America.

He taught at Beidler Elementary for about 30 years. He retired in 1993 (with the 5+5) and joined RTAC that same year. He quickly became involved and soon was elected to the Board of Directors. He has served on almost all Committees and chaired several. He served as President for the 2011-2012 term.

WEBSITE REPORT

By Webmaster Roy Coleman

RTAC.ORG WEBSITE REPORT

The RTAC.ORG website has been relatively calm since the Illinois legislature adjourned at the end of May.

Prior to the end of the session, the "Pending Bills" page was updated weekly, if not daily to reflect the current status of any legislation that might affect our pensions. Since the end of May there have been some employment opportunities and requests for volunteers posted on the "Jobs" and "Volunteer" pages.

We are confident that things will become quite a bit more active during the veto session in the fall.

Please be aware that RTAC is NOT part of CTPF, CPS or CTU. We are an INDEPENDENT watchdog organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of your pension.

RETIREES SAFE SO FAR, BUT....

According to the RTAC Director and our lobbyists, **NONE OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS WILL AFFECT ANYONE CURRENTLY RECEIVING A PENSION.** Your 3% COLA is safe!



The proposed changes will affect **ONLY** current and future employees, **NOT** RETIREES!

However, please stay alert. Should things change, we will send an alert for action immediately.

E-MAIL SCAMS ALERT

By Roy Coleman

Please be alert to various e-mail scams and phishing. The latest one is an e-mail from someone you know that is just one or two lines with a brief message similar to "You have been invited" or "This is interesting" or "I hope you find this helpful" and a link to some web site. There may or may not be a subject but most do not have anything in the subject line and none are signed by the sender.

BEWARE OF THESE. What usually happens if you click on the link is that a copy of the message is then sent to everyone in your address book or in box AND information from your computer is sent to an unknown third party. If you think it is a valid message, e-mail the sender and ask about it. **DO NOT** reply, compose a new message.

Three to four times a week the RTAC.ALERT e-mail network receives one of these messages and, when we do, we compose a new message to the sender asking about the original message.

When you send an e-mail message, make sure

that you have a clear subject and that your name is at the end of your message. If you are including a link to a web site or an attachment, try to explain exactly what that link or attachment is going to show.

If you receive a message from a bank or credit card company asking you to verify any information, do not click on any of the links. Go directly to their home site by typing in the address (**DO NOT** just copy and paste any links in the message).

On most browsers you can place the cursor over the link without opening it by not clicking the mouse button and the browser will show the target address in the lower left corner. Be **VERY** suspicious if it doesn't match the text on your screen.

In many cases you can go to the bank or credit card home page and find a link to their fraud department. Copy and paste that link into your e-mail reader and forward the bogus message to them. They are usually quite thankful for the information and, in many cases, are able to trace the source of the bogus e-mail.

YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FINAL MESSAGE

By Robert F. Bures

A Grateul Thank You and a Fond Farewell

It's been ten years since I started at RTAC and wrote my first Executive Director's Message. Forty messages later, twenty semi-annual luncheons later, one hundred Board meetings later and met thousands of you, our RTAC members, at various functions, meetings, lunches, conventions and the like--nevertheless, ten years moves along very quickly.

I want to thank all of you for your generosity of spirit when talking with me, your personal kindness when writing me and your very sensible thoughts when discussing your pension, politics, the Board of Education, government in general and Illinois government in particular. We were always on the same wave length that we all had earned our pensions, and that we had to make sure we protected our pensions. We all believed that the main task of RTAC is to protect our pension.

My ten years were very happy ones at RTAC. Our leadership was always sensitive to our mission--protecting our pension and enhancing our lives! I believe that RTAC will always continue supporting these values. I know that they are the correct ones for us!

You gave me the opportunity to serve you through RTAC and I thank you for that opportunity. I hope you will allow me a personal but political note that we must continue to fight. The really BIG issue coming up takes place on November 6th! There will be a vital constitutional question posed to all of us and IT IS ON THE BALLOT.



This Amendment (number 49), if it passes, will fundamentally and forever, change the protections to our pension! YOU must vote NO--YOU must tell everyone you know to vote NO. You must call your neighbors and friends to vote NO on this question! Remember, there is a great deal of pension envy out there; there is very little sympathy for public employees and plenty of citizens would be happy to change the structure of public pensions! YOU must do your job now : defeat Amendment 49 in November!

Thank you for allowing me this space to talk about these important issues. Even as I leave I hope to see all of you at our October 23rd Fall General Meeting and Luncheon at the Hilton.

Please say "Hello" when we meet again. In the near future I plan to be more involved in politics. We'll see how that goes! Let's keep in touch.

Lastly, none of us were ever afraid of WORK! After all, teaching was really WORK! It will take WORK to save our pension. Please remember that the "original" Mayor Daley told us that there are three words that define success in politics:

Thanks for everything!

Best personal regards for your future!

Bob Bures

LOBBYING TEAM WARNS OF AMENDMENT 49

Dear RTAC Members:

Your rtac legislative lobbying team wants to inform you of an important initiative that will be on the general election ballot november 6. Citizens across Illinois will decide whether or not to ratify House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49. This resolution proposes to amend the general provisions of the Illinois Constitution to place greater restrictions on pension and retirement benefit increases.

During the spring legislative session RTAC, along with 16 other organizations, opposed the bill on the bases of constitutionality, fairness and the unforeseen unintended consequences to retiree benefits. Unfortunately, despite unified opposition from education and labor unions, associations and coalitions, House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49 was adopted by the Senate and House on may 3.

Amendment 49 has four subsections: 1) requires a super-majority* of each house of the general assembly to pass a bill increasing any pension benefit; 2) requires a super-majority vote of any unit of local government or school district for the passage of any ordinance, resolution, rule, or other action that provide an emolument increase to an official or employee that results in an increase in

the pension or annuity of that official or employee; 3) requires a super-majority vote of the governing body of any state pension or retirement system or any unit of local government or school district for any beneficial determination that is contrary to or supersedes a prior interpretation and results in an increased pension or annuity benefit, or results in a person becoming eligible for a pension or annuity benefit; and 4) enables governing bodies to enact laws or rules that even further restrict pension and retirement benefit increases.

If house joint resolution constitutional amendment 49 is ratified by voters on november 6th, the amendment will go into effect on january 9, 2013. We urge you to spread the word about this harmful piece of legislation and vote "no" to jouse joint resolution constituional amendment 49 on november 6.

Sincerely,

RTAC Legislative Lobbying Team

Bukola Bello, John Carr, Richard Lockhart

*A super-majority requires a 3/5th vote instead of a simple majority. Thirty of the 50 Chicago aldermen would have to vote for an issue to pass it.

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

1) The Amendment would impose a mandate on every school district, city, county, township and special Districts such as the Fire Protection, Public Health, Mental Health. It would require local pension issues to be treated differently than all other local issues.

2) This Amendment would result in costly and endless litigation in local, State and Federal Courts.

3) The Amendment gives great powers to the "governing body" although there is no definition for that term.

4) The Amendment would be a serious impediment to attracting and retaining quality researchers, scientists and educators to Illinois, resulting in

loss of future economic development at many levels.

5) At the end of the Amendment, there is the mysterious par. (d). It reads:

"(d) Nothing in this Section shall prevent the passage or adoption of any law, ordinance, resolution, rule, policy, or practice that further restricts the ability to provide a "benefit increase," "emolument increase" or "beneficial determination" as those terms are used under this Section."

Why should public employees and public employment retirees be the only ones who would be penalized when they are the only ones who have paid their share and complied fully with the law every year?

ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED

Arlene R. Crandall has been appointed the Acting Executive Director of RTAC. Along with several other candidates, Arlene submitted her very impressive resume and was interviewed on by the Nominations Committee.

Beginning her career as a Spanish teacher at Lake View High School, Arlene has served in many capacities for the Chicago Public Schools including Coordinator, Administrator, Principal (Jackson Adult Education Center), Department Chair and Teacher.



Arlene was awarded several fellowships and speaks Spanish and German fluently. She has been the recipient of many awards and has coordinated many programs and projects. She has also written grant proposals resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars being awarded to various CPS programs.

The *News Bulletin* staff welcomes Arlene Crandall and wishes her a successful tenure as RTAC's next Executive Director

HOW TO LOBBY YOUR LEGISLATORS

By Arlene R. Crandall, Acting Executive Director

1. The most effective way to lobby a legislator is to visit him/her in his/her local office. You can find your local legislator's name by entering your address or your nine digit zipcode at the following site: <http://www.elections.illinois.gov/DistrictLocator/DistrictOfficialSearchByAddress.aspx> , then click on your legislator's name for a local office address.

2. When you talk to the legislator, make it personal. Tell them that when you started teaching you were told that you would be entitled to a reasonable pension when you retired. Remind the legislator that most teachers do not receive Social Security benefits and many are not covered by Medicare. We have all contributed 9% of our annual salary to our own pension. (Workers under Social Security contribute only 6%). We have faithfully paid our pension throughout our careers

3. The state legislature has allowed the CPS to make substantially less contributions to our pension fund than what was prescribed in the School Reform act of 1995. From 1995-2005 CPS was able to redirect \$2 billion dollars that should have gone to the Pension Fund. The CPS was given an additional \$1.2 billion in funding relief by the legislature in 2010. Pensioners have never missed paying their contribution to CTPF. CPS and the general assembly cannot the same.

4. Further, pension reform legislation in 1995 noted that since the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund

represents approximately 20% of the state teachers, it should receive 20% of the pension funding that the Teacher Retirement System (suburban and downstate system) gets. This year the legislature appropriated \$2.4 billion for the TRS and \$10.5 million for the CTPF. (less than 1% of the state allocation.) Those of us that live in Chicago are paying property taxes for our CTPF and we also pay income, sales, and other taxes that provide for funding for TRS. Suburban and downstate taxpayers are paying very little for CTPF.

5. Remind the legislators that pensioners are vital to a community's economy. We are no longer members of the work force and thus have provided employment for another individual. Studies show that for every \$1 earned in pension benefits support \$1.72 in total economic activity.

Again, the best way to get our message across is to visit legislators in their local office. Tell them of your concerns. Call their office and make an appointment. You may also have the opportunity to talk to them at neighborhood fairs, block parties and other community events. Let them know who you are that you, your family and friends vote regularly.

Only if you can't do the above, write your legislators a note or an email mentioning the above. Calling is not as effective as a personal visit. Make time and visit your legislator's office. Our future pension depends on it.

MEMBER'S LETTER 'SAYS IT ALL' IN THE *SUN-TIMES*

[Editor's note: Claire Murray submitted the letter below to the News Bulletin for approval of facts and emphasis. We thought it such an excellent example of the letter every retired teacher could be writing to newspapers and to their legislators that we reprint it here with Claire's permission. The Sun-Times editor also thought it was excellent and published Claire's letter on Thursday, August 23.]

Dear Editor:

After reading the articles about Governor Quinn's special session of the Illinois Legislature last Friday on Pensions, I just had to write and stress how important it is that the Chicago Public Schools pay its bill to the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund each year and on time. This used to happen and when it did, we were close to 100% funded.

Over the last fifteen years or so, the Chicago Public Schools have kept over \$2 billion that should have gone to the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund. Because of this, the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund is funded today at only 60% instead of 100%.

I don't think most people know that we earned our pensions by paying 9% out of each and every paycheck we received. (People who contribute to Social Security pay only 6%.) Chicago teachers do not receive any Social Security, so our pensions are all we have to live on when we retire.

Every dollar a retired Chicago teacher spends each month when we receive our pensions and pay our mortgages, buy food, clothing, etc., results in \$1.72 in total economic activity for the city of Chicago. Thus, we are good for our local merchants and neighborhoods. We are their customers.

The current financial problems are not caused by too generous pensions, but because the Chicago Public Schools and the State of Illinois have not paid their fair share, or sometimes any share, for far too many years.

I hope everyone who reads this letter will phone, e-mail, fax and write to their state representative and senator, demanding that they make the Chicago Public Schools pay its bill to the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund each year and on time.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Claire Murray

[Claire Murray began teaching in 1966. She transferred to Disney Magnet School in 1973 where she was a Team Leader, Counselor and Case Manager. In 1990 she won the Oppenheimer Award for Guidance and Human Development. She retired in 2002. "It was a wonderful job and I enjoyed it thoroughly," she said.]

PENSION NOTES

WALTER PILDITCH

CURRENT ECONOMY CONDITIONS

Just about three years ago now marks the anniversary of the post-financial market rally. Measures all point to a slow recovery in progress and as you may have noticed, the road back is somewhat bumpy. The U.S. Federal Reserve continues with a near zero interest rate policy and the chairman maintains this rate will continue through 2014. The troubles in Europe continue, and these conditions seriously affect our economy here. Specifics on the European situation were announced for the past quarter: The worst posting was for Spain with a negative balance; the best progress belongs to Germany with a rise of 20.9% increase.



Just recently downgrades on credit ratings have been announced for France and Austria. While we have experienced rather high prices at the gasoline pump, the price of natural gas has been declining. In the area of the stock market, financials and technology have led the way to about twenty percent increases over the past quarter. The financial experts have all resisted making any firm forecasts due to the uncertain conditions in our economy.

NOTES ON CHICAGO TEACHERS

PENSION FUND

The performance of our fund over the past quarter is that we outperformed our benchmark. We still rank favorably related to large public pension funds. Most of the money managers have improved, especially as compared to the final quarter of last year. Callan Associates, our overall money manager reports we are changing our asset allocation to favor international small cap value equities. In addition we are working on a search for an emerging markets equity manager. At the end of the past quarter our fund measured \$9.8 billion in value. This is an increase of \$791 million dollars over the end of 2011 figure. How-

ever, as we have reported recently, we have to withdraw funds for benefit payments. During the first quarter that figure was \$246 million dollars. Over all of 2011 the complete figure for this withdrawal was just over one billion dollars. We have to do this because of the lack of adequate funding for our fund from the levels of government, especially the Chicago Board of Education.

MY COMMENTS

For my comments for this issue, I am making remarks about the series of articles in the Chicago Tribune. In early May they wrote about the series of steps our former mayor went through to enhance his pension. As a result he now has a pension worth just about the same level as when he was mayor, in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

In addition the article reported aldermen of Chicago retire on a pension calculated on the rate of pay of their final day in office. This is compared with most Illinois pensions that use a four-year figure to set the pension amount.

If that isn't enough it was learned in Springfield that several pensions, including our legislative and judicial pensions, give a five percent reduction in their cost of health care insurance for each year of service. This means that if a person has twenty years of service, which is common, they receive free health care for the rest of their life.

Compared to the rank and file workers in the rest of the state, counties, townships, police and fire departments, etc., this is outrageous. There is a bill in the legislature now as this article is being written to stop this obvious raid on the state treasury. Given what we have learned about pension abuses, is it any wonder why legislators have such low esteem in our state?

PENSION NOTES

JAMES F. WARD

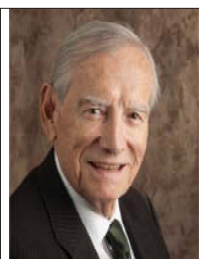
WHENCE THE STATESMEN?

Thanks for the kind messages I received when under the weather last January and February. It is great to be back working on retiree issues.

Perhaps most evident at the Pension Fund is the many new members and their renewed energy and creativity in handling Fund Affairs. President Jay Rehak, Vice President Lois Ashford, Financial Secretary Tina Padilla, Pension Laws and Rules Chairman Raymond Wohl, Jeanne Freed, and Jeffrey Blackwell have been newly elected by teachers in the last five years. We have two newly elected members of the Board of Education, Rodrigo Sierra and Andrea Zopp. Welcome aboard all! We all are facing some real challenges.

The recession and financial markets collapse affected our Pension Fund. From a high of \$12 billion, the Fund declined to less than \$8 billion. It has recovered substantially with assets hovering around \$10 billion in 2012. Economists, including Ben Bernanke of the Federal Reserve, report that this is a very slow economic recovery. Furthermore, the Fund's ratio of assets to liabilities has shrunk from 100% in 1998 to less than 60% in 2012. The decline is because of the dramatic reduction of employer contributions since 1995.

In 1895 when the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund (CTPF) started, it was funded by teacher contributions and a local tax levy. Unionist Margaret J. Haley and Pension Board President Jane Addams (of Hull House fame) fought to collect those taxes. City fathers did not want to pay them. Margaret and Jane prevailed and the taxes were paid under various formulae until 1995 when the CTPF tax levy was repealed and a new tax in the same amount was created for the CPS. Since the 50's we also received funds from the State of Illinois. By statute the Fund re-



ceived about a third of what was appropriated for the Teacher Pension System (TRS) of Illinois. The state law was also repealed. Instead the CPS must finance employer contribution so that we are back at 90% by 2059. Alas, they cannot pay it and passed an infamous law in 2010 that reduced their contributions substantially for three years.

Has the government deserted us? But we are the government, or I thought we were. For over a century lawmakers and public employees have been on the same side. Now we have city and state authorities that seem to be against us. Teachers are the very people who make a most important contribution to what the government is. That contribution is the job of passing on our culture, mores, rules, and laws to younger generations assuring continuity of our nation and our democratic and inclusive traditions.

It is almost enough to cause us to lose heart. Wait, though. There are signs that our politicians are starting to act like statesmen. Anyone who watched the brouhaha and histrionics of the closing days of the spring session of the Illinois General Assembly in May can see that, however difficult and partisan they are, lawmakers are finally seriously taking up pension reform in Illinois and Chicago. So, as I have been saying for the last thirty years, we must put our trust in our elected lawmakers. It is their job to deliberate and compromise and see to it that the employees of the city and state receive what is statutorily promised them and that the machinery of state continues through proper financing. They cannot "kick the can down the road" any further. We put our trust in them when we voted for them. Will they be trustworthy and act honorably and responsibly? I believe they will. They must, if Illinois (and Chicago) are to continue into the 21st century. JFW. urokward@yahoo.com

PENSION NOTES

MARY SHARON REILLY

HEALTH CARE AND RETIREES

In recent years the medical community has recognized the value of incorporating wellness programs and preventive services in health insurance plans.

In 2012, Medicare began covering a “wellness” exam every year at no charge. All CTPF health insurance plans also cover preventive services at 100 percent (check with your insurance carrier to verify coverage level). In addition to yearly exams, some recommended screenings include those for weight and body mass index, blood pressure, colon cancer, diabetes and hearing. Recommended immunizations include tetanus booster and those for flu, shingles and pneumonia.

There are also screenings that are specific to males and females. Consult with your doctor to determine which screenings he or she recommends.



Preventive care focuses on evaluating your current health status when you are symptom free. Preventive care allows you to obtain early diagnosis and treatment and helps you avoid more serious health problems. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that almost one of every two adults has at least one chronic illness, many of which are preventable. When you receive regular preventive care, such as immunizations and cancer screenings, you maintain better overall health and lower health care costs. Better health helps you retain your independence which in turn helps promote and maintain positive mental and emotional health.

Having the availability of preventive services is a wonderful benefit for all members. Health and wellness will ensure a long, productive, and happy future. Do avail yourself of these services.

Guest Editorial

JUST A LITTLE BIT OF RESPECT

By Ned L. McCray

All the Chicago Public School teachers want is a little bit of respect and a seat at the table when major decisions are made that affect them and the children they teach.

Is this asking too much for those who are in one of the most—if not the most—demanding jobs in society? A job that entails passing on knowledge and values from one generation to the next.

Instead of respect, what the teachers get is a mayor, who, upon his election, stated that the children of Chicago had been shafted. A clear inference that teachers are to blame for the state of affairs in the system. Did the students, parents, previous CEO's, previous Boards of Education come in for a share of the blame? Not at all.

Since then, the teacher bashing has continued with other measures that affect the working condition of teachers. All of these decisions are coming from a mayor and a majority of Board of Education

members who have not taught a day in their lives and a mayor who chose to send his children to a private school.

What the mayor and the Board needs to understand is that the interaction between parents, teachers, students and the central office is what education is all about. For this interaction to be smooth and successful, there must be collaboration, teamwork and respect between all parties. Teachers cannot and should not be scapegoats for the shortcomings of society that are thrust upon the schools

Teachers are not adversaries in the educational process, but are equal partners and should be treated as such. JUST A LITTLE BIT OF RESPECT.

[Ned L. McCray is the Retired Principal of Simeon High School, 69 Odyssey Drive, Tinley Park, Ill. 60477 708 532-8997]

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AID FUND REPORT

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

THE PERSON BEHIND THE BEQUEST

RTAC recently received a sizable bequest from the estate of the late Elberta Pruitt who passed away in 2001 at the age of 78. Since her nephew Scott Pruitt, a resident of Hawaii, enclosed a nice note with the bequest, a small investigation revealed some interesting details about this generous RTAC donor.

Elberta Pruitt had been the principal of the Bell School to which she also gave a large bequest. She later served as Superintendent of Special Education. "Elberta was some lady," her nephew Scott said. "She was well known for her work with the deaf and the blind. She lived at Lunt and Sheridan near the

lake. She enjoyed the arts and was patron of many things and went on many lecture tours."

A graduate of Northwestern University, Elberta also attended Harvard. "She was very generous and always concerned with children," he said. "She gave a similar amount to the Baptist Children's Home and the Jewish Children's Bureau."

The Aid Fund is grateful for her generous gift and the *News Bulletin* thanks Scott Pruitt for this remembrance of a wonderful woman and educator, Elberta Pruitt.

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We thank the following for their large bequests and contributions to the Aid Fund.

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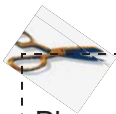
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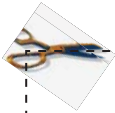
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The RTAC Committee on Political Education (COPE) needs your help to oppose actions that are harmful to our pension, such as **Constitutional Amendment 49**, which Illinois citizens will be asked to accept or reject on the General Election ballot November 6.

If passed, this Amendment could place greater restrictions on increases in pension and retirement benefits, including our health care benefits and our annual cost of living adjustment (COLA).

Your financial assistance to RTAC's Political Educational Fund (COPE) will assist us in our efforts to maintain our pension and counteract any and all attempts to curtail our pension benefits. . Please use the donation form on this page to make a tax deductible donation to RTAC COPE. Any amount will help! Thank You! *David T. Peterson--RTAC COPE*



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'SCHOOL ON WHEELS' DELIVERS LITERACY TO WESTERN SUBURBS

[Editor's Note: RTAC member Maureen Toner has continued her 35-year teaching career by volunteering with the School on Wheels, a one-on-one mobile literacy program started by the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph in 1993. Since its founding, the School on Wheels has trained 1,700 tutors who help limited English speakers and other adults with low literacy skills improve their ability to speak, read and write English. The program boasts four full-time staff members, two drivers and more than 300 volunteers who help carry out its mission of turning lives around through literacy.]

RTAC VOLUNTEER KEEPS SCHOOL ON WHEELS ROLLING

By Maureen Toner

Almost 20 years ago, Sister Marybeth McDermott, CSJ, persuaded her order, the Sisters of St. Joseph, to buy a used bookmobile from a library and have it fitted out on both sides of the bus with small tables each with a chair on either side so that each student could work one-on-one with a tutor.

In the back of the bus is a space with children's books and toys where the children of School on Wheels students can read and play. Sometimes, both mother and father are ESL students and the whole family walks to the bus at a shopping mall or church parking lot in one of seven locations throughout the western suburbs from Cicero to Lombard to Woodridge, where the bus stops on a regular basis during the daytime and in the evening.

Because of School on Wheels' unique one-on-one approach to teaching ESL to adults, a tutor can begin with a student on his level and move on from there. Some students who join the program speak very little English and had little opportunity for education in their native country. Many want to learn more English so that they can help their own children with their homework. Others hold degrees in engineering, business or education from universities in their former homeland but want to improve their English to qualify for a job here or to be successful on the U.S. citizenship exam.

Funding for the program is provided by a grant from the Illinois State Library, a division of the Illinois Secretary of State, using state funds designated for literacy. Donations and grants also help.

Many retired teachers are tutors for the School on Wheels and love what they are doing. just as I do. There is always a need for more tutors. Look on the web for "School on Wheels + LaGrange" or call the School on Wheels at 708- 354-9200, ext. 5080 for more information or to volunteer.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR....

For a couple of years just out of college, I taught at Biedler and Cameron grade schools. I then stayed home for 21 years with our 11 children. Then when I returned to teaching I taught a year at Mother Guerin High School and two at Lockport Township before returning to CPS in 1982.



Maureen Toner

After teaching a year at Steinmetz High School and Metcalfe Magnet School, I was assigned to Bogan High School from 1984 to 1988 and then taught at Jones College Prep from 1988 until I retired in 2008. At Bogan and at Jones College Prep I taught AP US History and all Latin classes--from Latin I to AP Latin and Literature and loved every minute of it. Since retirement I "sub" for Hinsdale High School District 86 and tutor for the School on Wheels two evenings a week.

SPRING LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS



Leann Despotes (right) won the "Name that Picture" contest in the April News Bulletin. Gloria Fremont (left) was the first to respond and had all but one answer correct. They both received tickets to the Luncheon. See page for another challenge.



Chef Mario Garcia takes a bow for another spectacular luncheon menu.



Lobbyist Bukola Bello credited increased communication by RTAC members with their legislators for a more positive attitude toward Chicago pension relief in Springfield. "The seed has been planted and watered by people in this room as we continue to develop relationships with our representatives. Many [legislators] have stood up for Chicago. They are willing to demand that the Chicago Pension Fund receive its fair funding."



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Pension Fund Executive Director Kevin Huber described the lack of funding of our pension as "the highjacking of our money.... Any pension reform has to start with funding, not with benefits [reduction]." Concluding on a high note, Kevin said, "The Pension Fund is not going anywhere. The trustees, staff and organizations like RTAC and the CTU are going to fight on your behalf."



Marcella Morrison, first vice-president, read a poem that she composed in honor of Bob Bures' outstanding 10-year leadership of RTAC.



The Spotlight is on....

BOB BURES, RETIRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



RTAC President Steven Kailes (Center) praises retiring Executive Director Robert F. Bures (right) along with his wife Carol Bures. "Ten years is a long time," Bob said. "I was glad I was able to serve." Steven presented the "Other Half Accolade" to Carol Bures "for all the time and effort she has put into the organization. We owe a lot of thanks to them both," Steven said..

NATE BLACKMAN FIRST ARMSTRONG AWARD WINNER



Former RTAC Director Nathaniel Blackman Jr. received the very first James Armstrong Award. Named for the first president of RTAC, the award is presented for outstanding service to the organization. Nate's 20 years of service as a director and supportive member of many committees made him the overwhelming choice of those who voted. Director David Peterson (far right) presented the award. Nate received a plaque, \$100 and a gold watch acknowledging his long and faithful service to RTAC. "I'm proud to be the first recipient,"



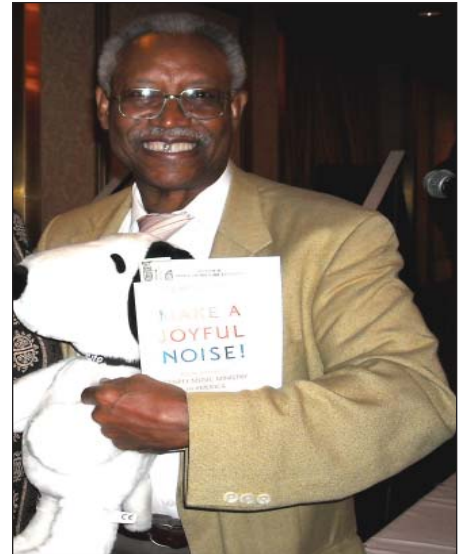
"I'm proud to be the first recipient," Nate said. He retired from his RTAC directorship earlier this year.



RETIRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AWARDS FINAL PRIZES



Making the final awards of his memorable ten-year term as RTAC Executive Director, Bob Bures presents the Weekend at the Hilton prize to Maddie Ballard who served CPS as a School Nurse in District 16 for 24 years.



Benny W. Johnson who retired from Westinghouse won a book titled Make a Joyful Noise, a Brief History of Gospel Music Ministry in Chicago by Katherine Kemp, a Snoopy autograph dog and a \$100 bill.

WERE YOU THERE?



More than 800 of your fellow retirees attended. The Fall Luncheon will take place October 23 at the Conrad Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. Parking in the building is just \$15.

New Life Members

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

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[Contributed by Kathie Hertel]

MEMBER ENJOYS CHINA TRIP FEATURED IN NEWS BULLETIN

"If I hadn't seen it in the *News Bulletin*, I would not have known about it," said Mary Wilburn about the trip to China she enjoyed from March 14 to the 28th.

Mary, who retired from Tilden after 22 years of service, said she saw an article about the trip to China in a 2010 *News Bulletin*. She wasn't ready to go just then, but she cut out the article and saved it. She said she wanted to let the *News Bulletin* staff know how happy she is that she was able to take the fabulous trip.

A total of eight retired teachers from all over the country made the trip, and all of them had learned of it through their respective retiree organization newsletters. The trip included air fare, all tours led by bilingual tour leaders, three domestic flights between Chinese cities and all meals, which Mary described as "delicious." The group visited Beijing, Xian, Shanghai, Chong Qing and Suzhou.

Among the memorable sites they visited were the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Terra Cotta Museum, the Forbidden City, and the Panda Zoo in Chong Qing. Another highlight of the trip was their three-day cruise on the Yangtze River.

Mary described the trip as something she'd always wanted to do and a great opportunity.

If anyone is interested in more information about the trip, you can do what Mary Wilburn did, contact Jennifer Chan, CACBC (Chinese American Cultural Bridge Center) Program Director at 847-902-7229 or www.cacbc.org.

THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE
DON'T NECESSARILY
HAVE THE BEST OF EVERYTHING;
THEY JUST MAKE
THE BEST OF EVERYTHING
THEY HAVE.



Mary lingers at the Lingering Garden in Suzhou. It is a very beautiful garden with many paths and beautiful rock formations, where one might want to linger as the name suggests. This used to be a private garden owned by a government official in China, but it is now recognized by the UNESCO as a world heritage site.



Mary paused for a photo at the Temple of Heaven, where the emperors of China would go to pray for good harvest. The high structure behind her is made entirely of wood without any metal nails. The site was registered on UNESCO heritage site in 1988.

RTAC MOURNS LOSSES

Since April, RTAC has said 'farewell' to three longtime members and directors.

Past RTAC President Arthur R. Lehne passed away April 30 at the age of 90. A Chicago *Tribune* obituary eulogized Art as a "hard-driving former World War II commander of a

submarine chaser," as a passionate teacher and administrator, who "reached the top of his field in education" who finally became Assistant Superintendent of Schools. "After his retirement in 1984, Art continued to serve Chicago Teachers as President of RTAC.

Below we reprint an article written by the late V.K. Brown, former editor of the *News Bulletin*.

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW ART LEHNE

Nearly everyone with 20 or more years with the Chicago Public Schools has at least heard of Dr. Arthur R. Lehne. A thoroughgoing gentleman of the old school, Art progressed from elementary and high school teacher to principal to District Superintendent to Assistant Superintendent to Associate Superintendent of Schools.

His rapid rise through the ranks and skill at grasping new ideas, along with his courtly manner and unfailing courtesy, have made Art one of those people whom one is proud to know.

But even his friends may not know of Art's nautical past. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard during

World War II, and his rise there was rapid, as well. He was soon sent to the Coast Guard Academy/ Then the Academy decided there was nothing more they could do for him. So they gave him his officer's commission and put him in command of his own ship, a sub chaser. When D-Day, June 6, 1944, rolled around, Art was put in command of an entire rescue flotilla and sent to participate in the invasion of Normandy. By this time, Art was an old salt of 23 years. In the summer of 2007, Art was contacted by Coast Guard officials--they had discovered Art's old command, the sub chaser, in a Seattle mothball fleet location. They invited Art to take part in a reunion, which he gladly did. [Reprinted from the *News Bulletin* of October 2007

DIRECTOR SAM ALTSHULER

Samuel Altshuler passed away June 2. Sam was an active director from his retirement in 1986 until just two years ago.

Sam began his career as a math teacher but then took a sabbatical leave, studied for a Master's Degree in Administration and took the principal's exam in 1961.

His first school as principal was Kershaw on the South Side. Later he would become principal of Tuley and then Senn.

Sam and his wife Sue have ten grandchildren, two of whom have become teachers.

CAROLE NOLAN PUT WBEZ ON MAP

Carole Nolan, who started as a chemistry teacher and went on to manage Radio Station WBEZ, passed away July 5 at the age of 80.

Described by coworkers in a *Sun-Times* obituary as "visionary," brilliant," "kind, compassionate and loyal," Ms. Nolan ran the station for 25 years, starting in 1971. She is credited with transforming the station by improving its broadcasting signal and by engineering a transition from ownership by the Chicago Board of Education to a community governing board and moving the station to Navy Pier.

She also served as a trustee on the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund and as an RTAC director. "We're really going to miss her," said RTAC Director and Pension Trustee Walter Pilditch.

FRIENDS GONE AHEAD

Requiescant in pace

Name	Date	Age	School	Yr. Retired	CPS Service
Carey V. Adams	May 31	67	Julian	2011	26
Rubena (Mitchell) Adams	May 20	84	Van Vlissingen	1986	28(7)
Mary D. (Edmonds) Adkins	March 30	84	Depriest	1984	21
Lois H. Adler	June 8	88	Heffernan	1989	33
Agostino A. Alagna	April 9	81	Healy	1993	38
Barbara J. Aguirre	May 6	71	Calhoun North	2001	29
Constantine E. Alexakos	June 18	84	District 1	1993	27(6)
Samuel Altshuler	June 2	87	Hamilton	1985	36
George L. Armstrong	March 31	70	Green	2002	36
Gerald Louis Bagnowski	May 31	62	Edgebrook	2008	36
Hazel (Williams) Baker	May 3	89	Flowers	1983	22(4)
Dolores (Frazier) Beckham	June 30	86	McCosh	1986	38
Keith A. Beecher	April 28	78	Ind. Skl. Ctr	1993	35
Hershell Berg	July 12	86	Clemente	1991	24
Kenneth M. Bergen	July 22	68	Von Humboldt	2000	35
Donald P. Biernat	April 15	76	Pickard	1997	37
Martin Billing	June 11	88	Substitute	1995	7
Charles W. Black	March 29	95	Dvorak	1983	13
Marion M. (Fishman) Block	July 1	81	Byrd	1993	23
Ollie T. Boddie	April 9	82	Kenwood	1993	31
Jimmy L. Bradley	May 19	79	Jensen	1997	38
Marjorie (Appleby) Bratman	May 14	93	O'Toole	1985	13(15)
Agis Bray	June 25	80	Fam Guid Ctr	2000	43
J. Quinn Brisben	April 17	78	Harlan	1989	27(3)
Viola G. (Perrin) Brown	March 25	88	Thorp	1987	15
Mary H. (Owens) Burke	July 19	78	Manley	1998	18
Florestine Burnett	July 15	63	Cook	2006	34
Phillip Carr	May 12	72	Calumet	2003	34
Theodore R. Clay	May 6	81	Cregier	1987	25
Edith (Perry) Cook	April 8	84	Harlan	1983	30
Rita M. Cooney	May 14	90	Dept. Career Ed.	1983	39(1)
Catherine (Taheny) Cunnea	April 2	90	Gary	1982	30(1) \
Mary Beth Cusack	May 5	86	Garvey	1991	16
Richard E. Davis	May 31	82	Substitute	1985	6
Marie L. Derwinski	April 12	94	South Shore	1988	30
Hazel J. (Anthone) Devereaux	April 29	91	Beaubien	1985	37
Ruth E. Diaz-Rose	April 22	72	York	2002	9
Leo L. Dillon	June 21	83	Fenger	1988	38
Dorothy R. Donovan	April 29	92	Taft	1993	28
Richard Bernard Doran	April 20	63	Libby	2007	34
Ellen M. (Foreman) Drake	July 1	80	Dyett	1992	36
Evelyn (Weiss) Drucker	July 27	92	Scammon	1982	22
Jesse H. Dunn	July 6	92	Forman	1984	19
Bert Ellis	July 10	89	Senn	1978	26
David R. Fenlon	July 15	71	Christopher	2001	39
Thomas A. Fineberg	May 27	89	Harlan	1986	36
Ernestine (Burrell) Franklin	July 15	86	Fermi	1993	38

[Numbers in parentheses indicate service outside CPS.]

Name	Date	Age	School	Yr. Retired	CPS Service
Carol A. (Meister) Gaul	April 9	69	Field	2005	16
Winfred L. Gibson	July 9	80	Sheridan	1991	37
Uretha (Payne) Gilbert	May 1	81	Garvey	1994	38
Dorothy (Chesler) Glickman	June 4	100	Field	1978	36
Allan S. Goodkind	May 21	70	Clemente	1998	34
Stanford Gradman	June 24	78	Lane Tech	1995	37
Bertha (Torrence) Graves	June 6	88	Aldridge	1983	27
Deena M. (Kotzin) Green	May 7	79	Waters	1988	30
Lorraine (Cahill) Greenock	June 13	91	Smyser	1979	26
Ruth E. (Kaplan) Grossman	July 17	81	Pulaski	1992	28
Shirley (Mitchell) Guidry	June 12	71	Hendricks	2004	38
Sharon Ann (Sullivan) Haggerty	July 15	70	Carson	2007	15
Reba J.(Hardwick) Haliburton	April 9	94	Holmes	1983	23
Helene H. (Szpara) Harvey	May 5	87	Drake	1981	25
William M. Hays	June 19	79	Senn	1994	38
Geraldine (Felters) Henderson	July 15	77	Ryerson	1997	27
Hazel B. (Watson) Hill	June 21	87	Tilden	1993	35
Jacquette B. (Lynch) Hoffman	July 3	75	McCorkle	1998	32
Alecia (McCullough) Holloway	March 29	72	Goodlow	2003	15
Donna Ruth Horsmann	March 31	73	Fenger	1993	38
Lucille E. (Hyatt) Hubbard	July 12	87	Senn	1981	22
Augusta (Jones) Hudson	July 24	78	Gale	1997	23
George T. Hunter	May 8	83	Hirsch	1984	24
William J. Jackson	May 15	64	Corliss	2003	31
Anne M. (Borucki) Jakob	April 1	79	Dirksen	1994	38
Sherwin Janis	May 19	83	Hayt	1992	38
Eleanor (Nebel) Jewett	June 2	92	Morgan Park	1984	23
Charles Johnson	April 10	101	Lindbloom	1976	40
Janet L. Johnson	May 5	80	McKay	1998	25
Lawrence Jones	March 31	84	Central Office	1989	38
Kathryn (Lee) Jones	May 5	81	Grant	2005	51
Justo J. Juliano	June 15	80	Lane Tech	1993	38
Edwin V. Kelley	April 10	87	Curie	1980	30
Lorraine A. (Gorsch) Kimmey	June 8	88	Christopher	1986	14
Catherine M. (Sheehan) King	April 6	85	Kelly	1993	34
Julius F. Klose	June 19	84	Curie	1994	28
Josephine (Pellegrini) Koprcina	April 27	84	Healy	1988	35
Hazel (Harris) Kott	May 3	101	Henry	1972	21
Dorothy G. Kozeluh	April 26	86	Oakenwald	1991	17
Carl V. Kristan	June 13	81	Orr	1992	39
George Leddy	June 8	87	Lane Tech	1987	38
Arthur R. Lehne	April 22	91	Central Office	1984	42
Gladys (Mendelsohn) Leichenko	July 12	84	Ericson	1993	32
Theodis R. Leonard	April 8	78	Paderewski	2001	38
Lucille (Rubin) Levine	June 12	88	Central Office	1991	27
Rena (Posner) Levy	July 21	86	Von Steuben	1987	23
Beatrice M. (Groves) Lites	May 7	93	District 3	1992	45
Ellen L. (Matthews) Lowman	April 25	85	Waters	1982	27
Miriam C. Lykke	March 27	90	Senn	1989	38

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Alice K. Mahoney	July 24	97	Hitch	1981	34
Barbara (Zerbial) Marozas	May 3	70	Curie	1998	34
Margaret M. (Nelligan) McMaster	July 12	80	Duprey	1995	39
Margaret (Harper) Mendez	April 6	84	Pullman	1994	25
Mary C. (Burgan) Meyer	July 19	89	Kipling	1983	37
Noreen Moran	June 25	75	Disney	2002	22
John P. Muellner	May 9	76	Schneider	1993	38
Margaret (Harper) Mendez	April 6	84	Pullman	1994	25
Mary B. (Carter) Monroe	March 24	70	Dulles	2003	35
Jesse Orville Moore	July 8	81	Tilton	1993	38
Dorothy Moriarty	March 23	93	Substitute	1983	21(2)
Francis Mulconrey	July 24	87	Greene	1985	35
Dawn R. Nance	May 1	85	Penn	1989	31
Manja Narret	July 6	84	McCutcheon	1994	26
Gilbert D. Newchurch	April 22	79	Kelly	1999	39
Elizabeth (Eubanks) Niedzielski	May 28	83	Lozano	2006	35
Carole R. Nolan	July 5	80	Telecom. Bur.	1990	37
Helen M. Nugent	April 30	102	Owen	1974	40
Mary E. (Taylor) Olupitan	May 17	71	Anderson	2004	35
Harue (Kawano) Ozaki	June 1	84	District 2	1988	20
Adele C. O'Grady	April 13	78	Gray	1991	36
Fuller M. O'Malley	April 13	100	Burbank	1972	32
Helen (Antof) Pavichevich	April 17	81	Thorp	1992	35
Edward P. Pfingston	March 28	91	Gresham	1988	38
Elfriede (Gerdei) Pergams	June 19	80	Cather	1995	27
Ann (Sarko) Piatniza	July 10	90	Thorp	1983	22
Edward J. Polainer	July 26	82	Dunbar	1993	25
Zenobia Posey	April 29	93	Substitute	1987	6
Ruth (Ament) Posternack	March 18	94	Kilmer	1985	28
Bettye A. (Garcia) Powell	May 27	95	Lane Tech	1994	31
Eileen (Klein) Rasofsky	July 22	83	Armstrong	1993	38
Margaret (Weberg) Ratchford	April 12	95	Peterson	1982	29
Linda C. Rathey	May 29	65	Woods	2008	36
William H. Rhoden	April 19	95	Tcher Personnel	1979	37(1)
Ronald C. Robinson	May 28	82	White	1990	31
Madeline F. Roche	April 5	85	Kilmer	1984	34
Margaret Rohwer	June 24	96	Belding	1978	37
Shirley M. (Ward) Ronan	July 17	82	Dett	1992	29
Shirlee (Streicker) Rubin	July 8	88	Carpenter	1988	22
Maybelle T. Ryan	April 8	81	Kennedy	1993	40
Elaine (Cohen) Samsky	June 18	80	Chase	1999	30
Eugene P. Sattelman	May 31	73	Harper	2005	24
Mamie P. Scott	June 28	86	Coles	1993	30(7)
Adele (Olson) Sexton	July 12	92	Ryford	1985	38
Mildred (Stallman) Sherer	June 14	92	Substitute	1981	12
Paula Y (Frederick) Simpson	May 11	87	Drake	1994	38
Mabel D. (Brown) Sims	July 6	82	Lincoln Park	1994	38
Alma L. (Sellers) Sissac-Porter	May 9	90	Pulaski	1987	26
Loris (Zubb) Skunicki	June 7	81	Healy	1994	39
Helen (Dimentberg) Sloan	June 3	89	Stowe	1985	8

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James E. Smalley	April 20	76	Earle	2003	16
Bettye (Mosley) Smith	July 9	72	Byrne	1999	34
Vashti (McSwine) Smith	July 16	86	Dewey	1993	28
Robert L. Sneed	July 24	72	Lane Tech	2002	18
Rosemary A. (Harty) Sterk	April 29	85	Beethoven	1988	24(2)
Joanne G.(Richards) St. Angelo	April 27	75	Cameron	1999	12
Burnette (Bransom) Stamps	April 3	92	Willard	1981	33
Henry B. Stein	April 11	85	Stagg	1982	30
Margaret (Finnegan) Stevens	July 21	94	Norwood Park	1984	39(1)
Gerl A. Sweda	June 19	69	Schubert	2010	21
Norman J. Swenson	June 22	79	Washburne	1998	13
Audrey V. (Alix) Taffs	May 20	88	Reilly	1993	29
Pembroke W. Taylor	March 14	84	Amundsen	1990	15
Lucille (Brown) Thervil	June 19	65	Washington	2011	13
Edith (Wilder) Thomas	July 12	76	Frazier	1994	31
Vera (Shane) Thompson	May 13	93	Corliss	1985	33
Dorothy (Wilburn) Trussell	May 6	86	Young	1987	25
Ralph J. Vesecky	April 13	90	Spry	1989	18
Marie T. (Woods)Wackrow	March 30	87	Howe	1993	34
Kathryn L. (Williams) Walker	July 20	71	Dett	2000	35
Robert J. Walker	April 3	90	Sub	1992	12
Allan J. Wertheimer	May 11	76	Mayer	1977	38
Darlene A. White	March 19	65	Shoop	1998	12
Juanita (Baskin) Whitman	March 23	83	Young	2000	24
Elmond Q. Williams	May 9	91	Price	1986	30
Leroy Williamson	June 27	63	Howe	2009	27
James A. Wilson	July 12	92	Phillips	1989	22
Franklin D. Wood	July 6	96	Hirsch	1980	9(11)
Christine Woodward-Harris	June 12	83	Kelly	1993	13
Lois (Degrange) Zajdel	May 29	83	Substitute	1991	10

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APOLOGIES

Thelma Greene Dozier passed away August 30, 2011, at age 95. She taught for 20 years outside the Chicago system and 27 years in Chicago schools, the last being Carter. Her name was omitted from earlier bulletins.

Marion Shore, who was listed in the "Friends Gone Ahead" section of the April News Bulletin is, we are happy to report, very much alive. Marion said the mix-up may have occurred when she reported a good teacher-friend's death to the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund. The friend was listed correctly, but then Marion's name and information was entered in error. The staff of CTPF regrets this unfortunate incident as does the Staff of the RTAC News Bulletin.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FALL LUNCHEON



The English are feeling the pinch in relation to recent events in Syria and have therefore raised their security level from “Miffed” to “Peeved.” Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to “Irritated” or even “A Bit Cross.” The English have not been “A Bit Cross” since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from “Tiresome” to “A Bloody Nuisance.” The last time the British issued a “Bloody Nuisance” warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from “P----- Off” to “Let’s get the Bastards.” They don’t have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

The French government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from “Run” to “Hide.” The only two higher levels in France are “Collaborate” and “Surrender.” The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France’s white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country’s military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from “Shout Loudly and Excitedly” to “Elaborate Military Posturing.” Two more levels remain: “Ineffective Combat Operations” and “Change Sides.”

The Germans have increased their alert state from “Disdainful Arrogance” to “Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs.” They also have two higher levels: “Invade a Neighbour” and “Lose.”

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The Spanish are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from “No worries” to “She’ll be all right, Mate.” Two more escalation levels remain: “Crikey! I think we’ll need to cancel the barbie this weekend!” and “The barbie is cancelled.” So far no situation has ever warranted use of the last final escalation level.

Regards,

John

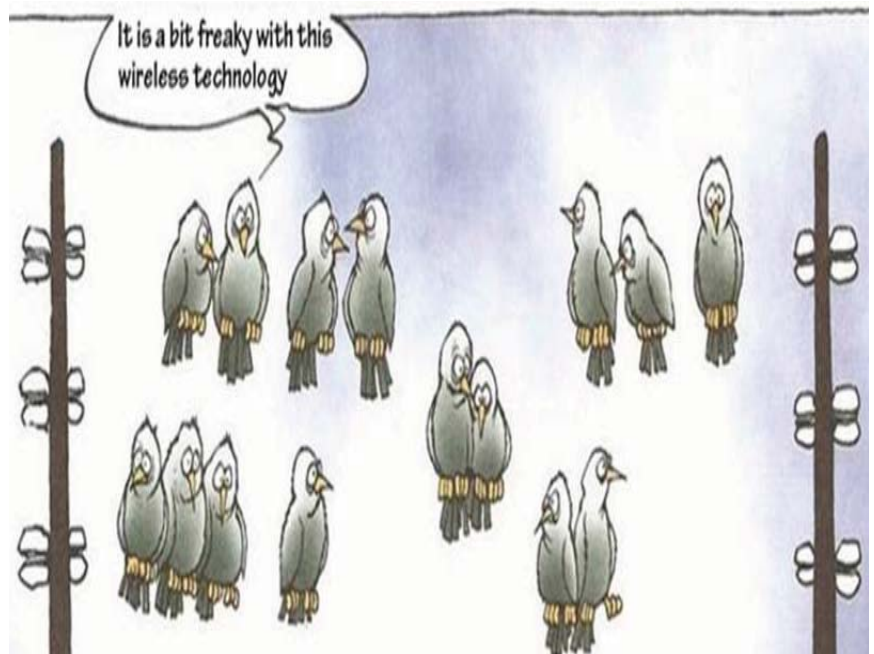
John Cleese, British writer, actor and tall person

[Submitted by Marlene L. Salk]

DO YOU THINK THIS DOG IS INBRED?



[Submitted by Charlotte Kaiser]



[V. K. Brown, posthumously]

BRIDGE, ANYONE?

The Midwest Bridge Unit of the American Bridge Association (ABA) has extended an invitation to RTAC members to consider duplicate bridge as a leisure activity. People who have previously played Bid Whist or Spades or have card sense generally are particularly suited for the game of duplicate bridge.

The playing site for metropolitan Chicago is 1429 East 87th Street in Chicago. Games are played at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. There is an opportunity for regional and national travel to compete in bridge tournaments and the ABA also sponsors bridge cruises. There is something of interest for everyone. Where else could you experience hours of stimulating enjoyment for less than the cost of a movie ticket? Free beginner lessons are also available. Classes are held Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 773-375-0422.



SHOO FLIES WITH ZIP LOCK BAG

We went with friends to a restaurant on Sunday for lunch and sat in the patio section beside the store. We happened to notice zip lock baggies pinned to a post and a wall. The bags were half filled with water, each contained 4 pennies, and they were zipped shut. Naturally we were curious.

The owner told us that these baggies kept the flies away. So naturally we were even more curious. We actually watched some flies come in the open window, stand around on the window sill, and then fly out again. And there were no flies in the eating area!



ANOTHER AWARD FOR RTAC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to RTAC Director Hubert C. Jackson, Jr. He was awarded the "Educator of the Year" award on Tuesday, July 31.



Central City Productions nominated Hubert and CVS Drug-stores sponsored him.

"I've received more awards after I retired than when I was teaching," Hubert quipped.



"I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?"

[V. K. Brown, posthumously]



Plan for unexpected dental care costs with dental benefits for RTAC Members.

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SATELLITE DOINGS



SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

The new Southeast Florida Satellite already boasts 32 members, according to Leland and Yvonne White, the organizers of the second Florida satellite.

It is located near Fort Lauderdale. Of the Southwest Florida Satellite, Leland said, "They know us. We're looking forward to having an exchange."

If any members want to join Leland and Yvonne, you can obtain registration forms by calling Leland at 708-748-5335 May through October or 954-739-9068 October through April.

Among the RTAC members who have joined the newest satellite are Paul and Marilyn

Anderson, Joyce Clark, Robert Jones, Theresa and Carl Smith, Barbara Gordon and a celebrity mom, Hattie Burton, Channel 7 Newscaster Cheryl Burton's mother. "Sheryl Burton went to school with our kids," Leland added. "Her mother was a teacher."

Leland said he and Yvonne ("She taught 40 years," he said) plan to return to Florida in the latter part of October and will likely hold an ad hoc meeting in January.

We haven't set dates for our activities yet, but we're trying to get things together. We started last December, then returned [to the Chicago area] in March. We left an ad hoc committee that has been working on it."

MEDCO DEFRAYS COST OF TRAVEL INOCULATIONS

A very thoughtful RTAC member, Sam Wiener, called to share some information that other members may want to know about.

He and his wife are planning a trip to Africa. They are required to get many inoculations before they leave. Although they obtained the necessary shots, paying for them themselves, Sam thought he'd call Medco and he learned that Medco would reimburse them 70% of the cost.

"I was pleasantly surprised," Sam said, "and

they were very prompt [to send the reimbursement] once we got the forms in."

Sam was assistant principal at Jahn School before he ended his career at Central Office. "I thought other people might be planning trips to China or somewhere out of the country," he added.

The *News Bulletin* thanks Sam and encourages anyone with a helpful hint to email or phone it into the editor.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN LAWNSDALE

Retired teachers are needed to volunteer in an after-school program at William Penn Elementary School, 1616 S. Avers Ave., for at-risk children having issues in reading, science and math.

The program is being run by the non-profit organization Family Focus Lawndale, 3517 W.

Arthington. The after-school classes will be in session Mondays through Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you can help, contact Lorenzo O'Bryant, program coordinator, at 773-722-5057. For more information, go to their website, Family-Focus.org .

Volunteer Opportunities

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

A. C. E. S.	Chicago	Eric Werge	773-535-6922
AARP	Chicago	Loretta Hilsher	847-571-5514
AHS (Adult ESL and Literacy)	Chicago Northside	Robbin Kotajarvi	773-293-8139
Alex Haley Academy	Chicago South	Karen Demots	773-371-3661
Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House	Chicago Near NW	Lizzie Smithy	773-327-9921x126
Alzheimer's Association	West Suburban	Erin King	847-779-6952
Anixter Ctr. Literacy Pgm (Literacy Tutoring)	Chicago North	Sara Kohl	773-929-8200x265
Aquinas Lit. Center (ESL)(Literacy Tutoring)	Chicago Near South	Alison Altmeyer	773-927-0512
Burr Oak School	South Suburbs	Natashia Harris	708-388-8010
Cabrini Connection (Mentor Tutor)	Chicago Near North	Daniel Bassill	312-467-2889
Catholic Charities (Tutor)	Cook & Lake Counties	Albert Curtis Jr.	312-655-7412
Chicago Distance Classic	Chicago Central	Dani Chitwood	217-390-1163
Chicago Lights (Tutoring)	Chicago Central	Regina D. Grant	312-981-3560
Child Services	Cook, Lake & DuPage	Greta Nielsen	773-693-0300
Christopher House (Tutoring/Literacy)	Chicago North	Cortney DeArmond	773-472-1083x3067
Court's Special Advocate (Child Advocacy)	Cook County	Imogene Harris	312-433-6997
Evanston NorthWestern Healthcare	Evanston	Ronna Jacobson	847-570-2840
Field Museum	Chicago	Mary Ann Bloom	312-665-7505
Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust	Chicago, Oak Park	Kent Bartram	708-848-1976
Ginkgo Organic Gardens	Chicago North		773-404-7114
Heartland Alliance Vista	Chicago Central	Carol McNeill	312-696-4500x4085
Ill. Action for Children (Children's Advocacy)	Chicago Central	Rebecca Klipfel	312-986-9591
Ill. Parents Anonymous (Parent Counseling)	Chicago	Melinda Crosby	312-649-7301
International Visitors Center of Chicago	Chicago	Lexy Sobel	312-254-1800x102
KIPP Ascend Chtr. Sch. (Tutors & Mentors)	Chicago West	Sheri Barrette	773-261-9972
League of Women Voters	Chicago Central	Courtney Balok	312-939-5935
Literacy Volunteers of DuPage	DuPage County	Tana Tatnall	630-416-6699
Loyola Museum of Art	Chicago Near North	Ann Meehan	312-915-7604
McCormick Tribune Freedom Mus.(Guides)	Chicago	Danielle Estler	312-222-5963
MetroMentors	Wheaton	Gregory O'Donnell	630-784-4810
Museum of Science & Industry	Chicago Jackson Park	Penny Aulston	773-753-2595
Naper Settlement	Naperville	Josh Charteier	630-420-6010
National Hellenic Museum	Chicago Central	Hannah Imber	312-655-1234x27
National Runaway Switchboard	Chicago North	Molly Billette	773-880-9860x218
Red Cross	Chicago Area		312-729-6100
Salvation Army Group Home	Chicago Central	Frank Massolini	312-455-8059x200
School on Wheels	West Suburban	Debbie Brandt	708-482-5060
Science Fair (Judges)	Chicago	B. Dubielak-Wood	773-553-6319
University of Chicago Hospitals	Chicago Hyde Park	Nancy Frazier	773-702-5673

The above list is only a part of the full list of volunteering opportunities available to RTAC members. For a full list visit [HTTP://RTAC.ORG](http://RTAC.ORG) and surf to "volunteers." The "Other Opportunities" page on the RTAC website also lists requests for volunteers for specific events like the Chicago Marathon or election workers along with requests for information on the history of the Chicago Public Schools.



The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago invites you to join RTAC Friends & Board Members at the **86th Annual Fall Meeting/Luncheon**



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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Gov. Patrick Quinn has accepted our invitation to speak to us.

(subject to a last minute cancellation)

Kevin Huber from CTPF, Walter Pilditch, James Ward and Mary Sharon Reilly will speak along with reports from the RTAC lobbyists in Springfield.

OTHER GUESTS FROM THE PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION AND THE LEGISLATURE HAVE BEEN INVITED!

The business session will include the election of Officers and one Director.

Many Door Prize winners will be called throughout the program.

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Enclosed find: \$_____ for _____ member tickets at \$45 each and

\$_____ for _____ guest tickets at \$50 each

NO PRICE INCREASE SINCE 2008!

Although downtown costs have gone up significantly, RTAC still maintains the same price!

(Please **PRINT** the following information.)

Member's name _____ (meal- **C, V, F?**) Phone # _____

To assist in an RTAC survey, please tell us the year you retired: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

PLEASE give RTAC your e-mail address: _____ @ _____

Paid Guests' names: _____ (C, V, F); _____ (C, V, F);

_____ (C, V, F); _____ (C, V, F)

Be sure to circle each person's meal option -- Chicken or Vegetarian or Fish
NO changes at the hotel!

Make your check payable to: RTAC 2012 Fall Luncheon

Mail remittance **and a stamped self-addressed envelope** to:

Retired Teachers Association of Chicago

20 East Jackson Blvd. Suite 1500 Chicago, IL 60604-2235

For additional information call: 312-939-3327

Sorry, **NO refunds** for any reason. **FINAL DEADLINE: October 15, 2012**

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We urge you to make early reservations

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