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PLEASE VOTE FOR RTAC ENDORSED CANDIDATES FOR CTPF TRUSTEE



Walter Pilditch has been endorsed by the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago for his sixth term as a Pension Board representative. He has a record of 16 years service, six as an active employee and ten as a retiree. In addition, he has been a past president of RTAC and continues to serve on the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund.

Besides service as a vice president of the Pension Board for a term, he has served on several committees. At present he is on the Health Insurance Committee and heads the "Return to Work" Committee. For several years he has spoken to meetings of RTAC satellites in Florida and is scheduled to speak at two others in the future.

His goals for service on the Pension Fund include: researching material for meetings, monitoring the money managers, participating on committees and promoting desired bills in Springfield for the benefit of our Fund.



As an RTAC-endorsed CTPF retiree trustee, Mary Sharon Reilly monitors CPS contributions into the CTPF Fund so that the Fund can make the promised payments to its retiree annuitants, makes informed decisions related to the security and growth of the Fund's investment portfolio, and ensures that the Fund continues to provide affordable and consistent health insurance plans for its members

Mary Sharon Reilly will continue to address the funding challenge. Since 1995, when CPS diverted the pension levy to its general fund, Mary Sharon and the other RTAC-endorsed CTPF trustees, have worked diligently to maintain CTPF's viability for now and in the future. As of 2012, CTPF had only a 53.9% funding level. Mary Sharon is committed to restoring CTPF to the fully funded status of 1999.

As a retiree CTPF Trustee representative, Mary Sharon will strive to protect your pensions and your benefits.



James Ward is a professional manager who knows government accounting, law, and investments. He has been with the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund since 1967 and is a life-time union member now serving as Functional Vice President of the CTU Retired Chapter. He is a Past President and former Executive Director of the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago and a member of CORE.

During his term as manager of the CTPF he hired 50 money managers, a new investment consultant, a bank custodian, and a new attorney. He moved the entire operation to new quarters twice (1983 and 1992). The pension office now sends 27,000 monthly pension checks and keeps 50,000 member accounts.

He has been elected a retired trustee of the Pension Fund since 1997. During his tenure the CTPF went from \$200 million in 1967 to \$12 billion this past year.

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## VOTE FOR RTAC DIRECTORS AT OUR FALL LUNCHEON

**Sylvia Asllani** was born in Miami and raised in Chicago. Following graduation from Amundsen High School, she attended the University of Illinois and Roosevelt University, where she earned her BA in Philosophy and her M.A. in Education. Sylvia's CPS career included teaching at Ogden, J.A. Sexton and Franklin Elementary Schools and concluded with the principalship of Pickard Elementary. She has served on several committees at RTAC since she became a Board Member in January 2013. She uses her prior experience as an officer of the Peterson Park Improvement Association, the North River Commission, the North Park Village Advisory Board and the International Latino Cultural Center to address RTAC's commitment to CPS retirees.

**Roy Coleman** has been an RTAC Director for four terms. He also serves as RTAC's Webmaster and Assistant Editor of our *News Bulletin*. Roy was born and raised in Chicago where he attended Parker and Mt. Greenwood Elementary schools and Morgan Park High School. He earned degrees in Physics from IIT and DePaul. He returned to Morgan Park to teach Physics, Math and Computer Programming for over 40 years. Roy also taught at St. Xavier, Trinity Christian and IIT. He currently manages five websites including RTAC's ([rtac.org](http://rtac.org), [cpsscifair.org](http://cpsscifair.org), [roadrallye.org](http://roadrallye.org), [iit.edu/~smile](http://iit.edu/~smile) and [iit.edu/~smart](http://iit.edu/~smart)). Roy "believes strongly in RTAC as an INDEPENDENT watchdog over our pensions."

**Robert Cunningham**, a dedicated two term RTAC Board member, supports RTAC's mission "to serve as the primary advocate for retired teachers...with particular emphasis on the maintenance and enhancement of their pension benefits." In so doing he reaches out to political officials to support RTAC efforts, share the wisdom conveyed on issues brought to the Association, render full support to general meetings, luncheons, and ad hoc committees. In addition, Bob is a dedicated and committed member of RTAC's Service Committee which meets monthly to provide ongoing special recognition to our most senior members.

**Sherye Garmony-Miller** has served as an RTAC Director for three biennial terms. Currently, she chairs the Membership/Insurance Committee. Her goal is to increase RTAC's membership so that it is equal to that of the CTPF annuitants. During her 35 year career with the Chicago Public Schools, Sherye served as teacher, consultant, program administrator, principal, and region education-officer where she garnered a number of awards from a variety of organizations.

**John Garvey** began serving as an RTAC Director in 2009. Presently, he is a member of the Membership/Insurance Committee. He is committed to the concept that every CTPF annuitant should be an RTAC member. John's 38 years of experience as a CPS teacher and administrator combined with his service at CTU and CPAA inform his collaborative approach to engaging CTPF members who he believes should all be RTAC members.

**Ivry Hobbs** began serving as an RTAC Director in January 2013. Shortly after joining the Board, he became the chairperson of the Public Relations Committee. His goal in that capacity is to secure positive media recognition of RTAC and its accomplishments on behalf of all retired CTPF educators. His commitment to RTAC emanates from his 34 year career with CPS during which time he served as a classroom teacher, an Assistant Principal and culminated in his principalship of Hearst Elementary.

**Mary Sharon Reilly** has been a dedicated RTAC Director for five terms. She has been a member and/or chairperson of several RTAC committees. Her degrees from Mundelein College and Loyola University prepared her for her 34 year CPS career where she taught and served as a counselor. During that time and in retirement she has held several positions with the Chicago Teachers Union and the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, including nine years as its Board President. For the past five and half years she has served as one of three CTPF retiree trustees.

**Richard Tryba** has served as an RTAC Director for four two-year terms. During this period, he has been a member of the Legislative, Membership, Nominating, Real Estate and Social Committees. Currently, he is the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. In addition, he serves on the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund where he has reviewed the petitions of prospective CRTAF grantees. Richard is also very proactive in communicating with our legislators regarding the protection and enhancement of CTPF retirees' pensions and ancillary benefits.

# REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

By Marcella L. Morrison

June brings with it longer days, warmer weather and above all summer. As retired teachers the month of June was a special month, the end of a school year and the anticipation of a summer doing that which you basically enjoyed. Was it the enjoyment of gardening, going to Cubs and/or White Sox games, traveling, reading good books, or just staying at home relaxing with family or friends?

Just imagine as a retiree in 2013, there is the question will my retirement allow me to do the things I enjoyed doing on my summer vacation as a teacher? The answer to this question would be yes, if we had a pension check coming in monthly that we did not have to worry about along with not worrying about a cost of living allowance or cost of health insurance. Because of the situation in Springfield all RTAC members question what will be available for them as pensioners in the near future and beyond.

In many instances we ask ourselves how could the General Assembly allow the Chicago Board of Education to skip making payments to the CTPF when our employees' contributions were regularly submitted to CTPF? It is grossly unfair that CPS was allowed to forgo making its contributions to CTPF since 1995 by authority of the Illinois legislature. There are those who question how the Illinois General Assembly could allow the Chicago Board of Education to skip its obligations/responsibilities. As law-abiding Illinois residents, we expect to meet our obligations to pay our state, county, and local taxes. We know that if we fail to meet our obligations, we will be pursued for payment in full plus penalties. Why did our legislators excuse our former employer from meeting its obligations to us? I paid and you paid throughout our careers. Now it is up to the State of Illinois to bring this crisis situation to closure and address it in an equitable manner ensuring the solvency of the CTPF. As a female, I do not want to think that because 77% of CTPF members are females, that the male dominant General Assembly is insensitive to us and our plight as retirees.



Marcella L. Morrison

Good news is often hard to find, but RTAC is proud to provide an opportunity for its members to volunteer in AARP's Experience Corps. This program will begin in the fall of this year in Chicago. Currently it is operating in nineteen cities. The Experience Corps has its focus on: Literacy and Mentoring for high need students in grades first through third. If interested in volunteering in this program, please go to their web page at [www.aarp.org/experience-corps](http://www.aarp.org/experience-corps), check our RTAC web site at [www.RTAC.org](http://www.RTAC.org) or call the RTAC office.

Good news again, [www.RTAC.org](http://www.RTAC.org), provides good news for our members and friends, on RTAC's activities, the organization's goals and how to get involved with other retirees. The list goes on and on, and yes you will find something you can laugh about. Roy Coleman, RTAC's Webmaster and Arlene Crandall, Executive Director, have done a great job in keeping our members abreast of issues that impact upon us as retirees. If you have not been to our webpages please check it out at [www.rtac.org](http://www.rtac.org).

As you are well aware, the cost of everything is increasing. RTAC is not immune to the increasing costs of postage, supplies and other items. At the June meeting, the RTAC Board of Directors approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee, chaired by our Treasurer John Butterfield, to increase the dues beginning in 2014. Annual dues will be increased from \$30 to \$50. A Life Membership will increase from \$200 to \$300. You can still pay \$30 for your 2014 dues by December 2013 or purchase a Life Membership for \$200 until the end of 2013.

In closing, I offer the following by Jim Rohn:

### The Challenge

Let others lead small lives, but not you.  
Let others argue over small things, but not you.  
Let others cry over small hurts, but not you  
Let others leave their future  
In someone else's hands, but not you.

Marcella L. Morrison

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

*By Arlene R. Crandall*

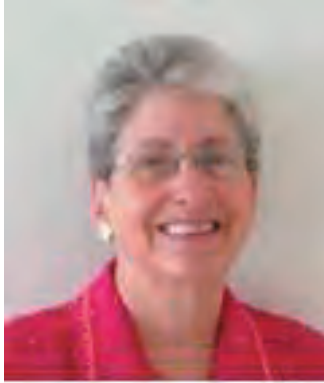
In my service as your Executive Director, I meet and interact with a number of individuals inside and outside the world of education. Many people are unaware of the mission of the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago and the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund. When they learn that we have been protecting the pensions and ancillary benefits of retired Chicago Public School educators since 1926, they are impressed.

The spring legislative session again demonstrated the power of a united group of individuals working collaboratively and cooperatively. Unfortunately, our Chicago Teachers Pension Fund is still owed over \$600 million by the Chicago Public Schools. However, because we acted together, we avoided the draconian measures which would have put all of us at risk. For now, our pension checks will continue.

However, we must become even more proactive in working with our legislators and other elected governmental representatives. They must be educated as to the dynamics of our situation. In short, they must learn that the educators who gave their lives to educate the youth of Chicago cannot be dismissed or harmed. Our Chicago Teachers Pension Fund must be made whole. It is now time to reconnect with our legislators and impress upon them the debt that they owe us for having committed our lives and our careers to the development of Chicago's youth. No one who has passed through our classrooms can deny that they are able to assume their positions in society because we worked tirelessly on their behalf and gave more than any other professionals do for the betterment of our community's youth.

You have made the difference before and you can do it again. One new initiative is to become a member of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund Pension Ambassador's Program. As a member of that program you will learn how to communicate effectively with your State Representative and State

Senator. Once you have completed the training you will be ready to go to your legislators and persuade them to do what is correct – reinstate the Chicago pension tax levy and ensure that our Chicago Teachers Pension Fund is made whole again. The training is free.



*Arlene R. Crandall*

On April 18 a small delegation of RTAC Board members, Chicago Teachers Pension Fund (CTPF) trustees, and Chicago Principals and Administrators Association (CPAA) Board members and I went to Springfield where we conducted 23 meetings with our representatives.

We are continuously astounded to learn that even with all of the attention that has been focused on the Illinois "pension crisis" that so many of them still lack a clear picture of our situation as retired Chicago educators. It is now time for all of us to move forward and raise our profiles with our legislators and in the media.

In 2012, we concluded the seven year long legal battle known as the Pay Period 13 case. RTAC spent over \$120,000 in legal fees to prevent the Chicago Board of Education from collecting \$32 million from 3,600 retirees whose pensions were in dispute. Every CTPF retiree affected by the case was protected.

Each and every member of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund needs to become a member of the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago. Our organization began in 1926 to protect the pensions and ancillary benefits of retired Chicago Public School educators. In good times and in bad, the organization has fought on behalf of its members.

We must remember that if we are to prevail in our quest to ensure that our pensions continue, we must act together as a unified group. With every retired Chicago Public School educator on our team, we will continue to succeed. If you are not yet a member, this is the moment to join us.

## WEB SITE REPORT

### ARE YOU BEING TRACKED ON THE WEB? YES!

*By Webmaster Roy Coleman*

Did you know that whenever you visit a web site you are most probably being tracked? The vast majority of sites track their visitors to glean information about both the visitors' habits and how they interact with the web site.

Using [RTAC.ORG](http://RTAC.ORG) as an example, we can tell that, after the home page, 43% of the visitors go to the 'Pending Bills' page, 10% go to the 'Volunteer' page and 8% go to the 'Fun' page. We can also see that 93% of the visitors are from the US, 3% from Canada and 2% from India (yup!).

Internet Explorer is the most popular browser, used by 41% of the visitors, FireFox is used by 20%, Safari by 19% and Chrome by 9%. We can also tell where people went when they left our site without closing their browser. The 4 most popular exits are 1) the Illinois legislature site, 2) CTPF (collectively),



*Roy Coleman*

3) Project Vote-Smart and 4) the New York Times article. The most popular time to visit our web site is between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Did you also know that most browsers can be set in a 'Do Not Track' mode? How you set that varies from browser to browser and version to version, but I would encourage everyone to investigate this option. You can also set 'Private Browsing' in many browsers. Unless you set your browser to 'Never Remember History' it is also possible for a web site to look at a person's browsing history and see the last couple of dozen (or more) web sites that they visited.

Be safe and browse safely by having a good anti-virus, anti-phishing program regardless of what equipment you are using.

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.

### THE VALUE OF A VISIT

(or why RTAC does not have 'robo-letters')

*By Roy Coleman*

Several members have asked why RTAC does not have 'robo-letters', letters on which you just sign your name and they are automatically sent to your legislators. The main reason is that they carry much less weight than a personal letter, call or visit.

A few years ago I was talking to the administrative assistant of a suburban legislator when she said they regularly set filters to block 'robo-letters' and never see them. She then gave me an interesting statistic: one personal visit carries as much weight as well over 100 'robo-letters' and a personal call, letter or e-mail was worth more than 50 'robo-letters'.

We at RTAC strongly encourage PERSONAL interaction with the legislators. Stop in, write a letter, send an e-mail or call with your own thoughts. These things are much more effective than 'robo-letters'. If you do use a 'robo-letter', reword or change the subject and add your own opening sentence or paragraph. Then it stands a much better chance of getting through and not being filtered.

If you live out of town, write a letter or call and remind the legislators that you still have many friends in the Chicago area. Remember, the PERSONAL touch will carry a lot more weight than a computer generated form letter.

# PENSION NOTES

## GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

*By Walter Pilditch*

During the first months of this year, the stock markets have risen well and they appear to be staying just above the 15,000 mark for the Dow Jones Measure. The “fiscal cliff” was avoided and foreign markets, especially those in Europe, have not had such a negative effect on our economy as they have in recent years.

The only exception to this financial progress seems to be the emerging markets as they recently had some negative results. In spite of all this news there is usually something in the near future and now it is the process of extending the debt ceiling, which seems to be at the call of our Washington legislature. At this writing this issue may arise again in July or August.

In addition the sequestration effect was slow at first and may have a stronger effect later this year as \$85 billion are being trimmed from the budget. Other measures of our economy are showing some progress: the housing sector is recovering, at least slowly and private sector employment is recovering, also slowly.

The Federal Reserve Board has continued to keep interest rates extremely low as they cite that there is still a risk to the current economic conditions. Long term, these present rates are expected to last until 2015. In addition the consumer price index is remaining at about 2.0 showing a continuation of a low level of inflation. All of this adds up to a very gradual improvement in economic conditions here.

### TEACHERS PENSION FUND COMMENTARY

Callan Associates, our overall investment consultants, report that our fund has exceeded our policy targets and we rank at the thirty-first percentile of large public funds. The best contributors to this progress are international equities, fixed income, real estate, and infrastructure investments. Specific funds included Zevenbergen, Ariel, Morgan Stanley and William Blair. The only negative figures in this

area included all three REIT managers. In this area of funding we have added DuPont and Earnest as emerging market managers. In looking at another measure of our progress, Callan notes that in terms of our assumed rate of return of 8%, both fixed income and private equity contribute well to above benchmark performance. Similar to our statements in the previous paragraph, slow but steady progress in the right direction is being made by our Fund.



*Walter Pilditch*

### CLOSING STATEMENT

The most important figures for our Fund in recent days include 39 for and 78 against! Most of you know these are the results of a vote in Springfield on the possibility of yet another pension holiday requested by the Chicago Board of Education.

As stated several times in this publication, the Board has known of the increased payments to the pension fund for many years and this “kicking the can down the road” has to stop. That decisive vote shows the direction that has to be followed.

I salute everyone who fought for this result and I can easily say this would include thousands of Chicago teachers sincerely interested in solid funding for our pensions. This bill (SB-1920) was introduced almost at the end of the legislative year, and an attempt was made to force it through the legislature at the last minute.

Thanks to efforts by RTAC and others, thousands of members were immediately notified to contact their representatives and declare their opposition to this bill. Through the web, this was done effectively and our lobbyists noted how this influenced the vote. Now the Board of Education needs to make the full payment scheduled for this summer and plan how to make the large payment due in 2014 on time, as well.

To all of you, WELL DONE!!

## PENSION NOTES

### TESTIMONY BEFORE THE ILLINOIS HOUSE PENSIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, MARCH 14, 2013

*By James F. Ward*

Dear Committee Members:

I am 75 years old and receive a pension from the 118-year-old Chicago Teachers Pension Fund. I am here in Springfield today to tell you a horror story. That story is the terror of being older and facing the possibility of not having health insurance during my golden years. Of course the hope of getting another job with benefits at age 75 in today's labor market would be laughable.

The General Assembly has done well by us since the late eighties when the Chicago Board of Education severed the retiree health plan from the working teachers plan. The General Assembly helped by repeatedly increasing the maximum the Pension Fund could defray health insurance costs for pensioners. But the law has not been adjusted since 2004 when we had 16,000 pensioners. Today we have 27,000 pensioners and the trustees of the plan have had to reduce the insurance subsidy from



*James F. Ward*

90% to 80%, to 70%, to 60%, and in 2014, to 50% of a pensioner's costs. HB 2789 will replace a cap with a 50% floor for most retirees. I retired thinking I would have insurance. Maybe I won't. That's a horror story.

Please vote "do pass" on HB 2789 before we lose more ground. Most pension reform proposals talk about "shared sacrifice." We retirees have already made ours.

Very truly yours,

James F. Ward,

Reply to [urokward@yahoo.com](mailto:urokward@yahoo.com) or 312-527-3338

(The Committee voted "do pass" by a vote of nine to zero. This is only a sample of how effective your written and oral testimony can still be.)

### WHY EVERY CPS RETIREE NEEDS TO JOIN RTAC

*By Mary Sharon Reilly*

As retired Chicago public school educators we have a sense of shared experiences and a commitment to our futures, I urge you to be a member and/or maintain your membership in the one organization that has dedicated itself since 1926 to protecting your pension and your ancillary benefits. If you know of a fellow CTPF annuitant who is not a member, please urge that person to join without delay. We are currently about 10,000 strong. However, we would be much stronger if each CTPF annuitant were a member.

In 2005, the Chicago Board of Education sued CTPF with the intention of securing \$32 million from 3,600 CTPF teachers who retired between 2000 and 2004. The Board claimed that these individuals had been awarded pensions that were erroneously calculated at a higher level than they believed were appropriate. The Board wanted CTPF to repay the funds by withholding payment from the affected annuitants whom they claimed

had been receiving pensions that were higher than they should have been.

RTAC unselfishly extended itself on behalf of all the annuitants, regardless of their membership in our organization. The cost to RTAC was \$120,000. None of the affected CTPF annuitants had to pay anything towards RTAC's legal expenses. Nor did they have to repay any of the funds which CPS was trying to recover from them. The attorneys indicated that without RTAC's intervention the case would probably have gone against the annuitants who would have had to repay the funds that CPS maintained they had been erroneously paid, through no fault of their own. The affected CTPF annuitants who may not be current members should commit themselves to joining RTAC without further delay. A life membership of \$200 is a small token of appreciation for not having to repay the large sums that CPS was trying to extricate from them.



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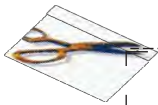
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Retired Teachers Association of Chicago Committee on Political Education (COPE)  
by David T. Peterson, 1st Vice President & COPE Chairperson

RTAC's Committee on Political Education (COPE) needs your help to oppose actions that are harmful to our pensions, such as the recently defeated infamous Amendment #49 which Illinois citizens rejected on November 6, 2012. Your support combined with your contacts to legislators are needed. Your financial assistance to RTAC's Political Action Committee will assist us in our efforts to maintain our pensions and the concurrent benefits and to counteract any and all attempts to reduce our pension benefits.

### RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO - COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION [COPE] DONATIONS

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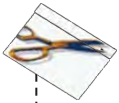
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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NEW City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.

Gloria Abularach	Elton J. Crim	Ingia Jackson	James McKee	Edward Rybicki
Edris Adams	Patricia A. Daley	Je Taun Jamerson	Jacquelyn McQueen	Maria Lina V. Santos
Darlene H. Alexander	John C. Davis	Marshall James Sr.	Mary M. Meike	Christine A. Saxine
Joseph P. Atria	Robert Deckinga	Leszek Jedlinski	Agueda Miranda	Gloria Shah
Asuncion Ayala	George Dittimore	Linda D. Jenkins	Jerel Morris	Alfrances Sharpe
Michaelle Bamberger	Colleen R. Dykas	Gloria Jewell	Linda M. Moza	Richard Simmons
Mildred C. Barnes	Mary V. Ector	Yvonne A. Jones	Linda Norby	Roberta M. Smith
Renee Bearak	Jacque B. Ehrlich	Brenda J. Jones	John F. O'Brill	Donna M. Soukup
Linda E. Bell	Bonnie Ennis	Lee V. Jordan	Ethel O'Neal	Darlene E. Stahl
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Lois M. Berman	Cynthia H. Fitzpatrick	Carol M. Lauber	Mara Puljic	Varese C. Swan
Linda Biancotti	Daniel A. Gajda	Beverly Liggans	Jean L. Pydo	Frances Szymanski
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### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

*Membership Fees Increase Effective*

*January 1, 2014*

*Annual Membership changes from \$30.00 to \$50.00*

*Life Membership changes from \$200.00 to \$300.00*

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Enclosed is my check or money order (payable to RTAC) for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RENEW MY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (January 1 - December 31) .....\$30.00

ENROLL ME AS A NEW MEMBER .....\$30.00

ENROLL ME AS A LIFE MEMBER ..... \$200.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Retired In Year \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number x x x - x x -- \_\_\_\_\_ (ONLY the last 4 digits)

Non-CPS E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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***TO AVOID THE FEE INCREASE, MAIL BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2013***

## FRIENDS GONE AHEAD

Requiescat in pace

Name	Date	School
Varkey Achettu	2/21/13	Manley
Helen Aguilera	9/11/12	Audubon
Loretta K. Ahern	3/1/13	Brennemann
Paul A. Alexander	1/26/13	Von Steuben
Esther Anderson	2/20/12	Douglas
Erline Arikpo	5/10/13	Marconi
Marian Arrington	3/23/13	Harper
Carl H. Barshop	4/14/13	Peabody
M. Earnestine Bee	1/22/13	Englewood
Edward C. Bennett	5/7/13	Copernicus
Zula Lucy Bennett	2/9/13	Pritzker
Renetta R. Beran	1/29/13	Peck
Evelyn Bernas	3/29/13	Bright
Alphons A. Bogen	1/22/13	CCC
Eloise Boone	1/9/13	Park Manor
Herbert C. Bradfield	5/9/13	Armstrong
Ralph D. Bressler	2/10/13	Central Office
Priscilla Brittin	3/22/13	Jenner
Juanita Brown-Warren	3/5/13	Nightingale
Richard D. Brown	4/26/13	Manley
Mamie Bryant	3/29/13	Mason South
Melva Bryant-Samuels	1/24/13	Metcalf
Raymond Buchanan	4/2/13	Dunbar
Lois J. Bullerman	5/18/13	Clinton
Milko B. Bunev	3/4/13	Substitute
Jeanette Burgin	3/18/13	Woodson South
Miriam Cajigas	1/21/13	Stockton
Tony Caithamer	2/28/13	Phillips
Claire Campbell	3/28/13	Carver Primary
William M. Canning	2/17/13	Pupil Service Ctr
Bennie C. Castiello	2/22/13	Kelly
Edward S. Cetinske	5/17/13	Roosevelt
Hymen M. Chausow	2/5/13	Substitute
Samuel Chunowitz	1/5/13	Steinmetz
Ernest V. Clements	3/18/13	CCC
Erma J. Cohen	3/27/13	Sherman
Lionel B. Collins	3/28/13	Gale
William F. Conroy	2/25/13	Central Office
Lorraine M. Considine	2/14/13	Mather
Barbara T. Cooper	3/30/13	Funston
Merle Cooper	2/14/13	Alcott
Mary Corcoran	5/9/13	Rosenwald
Isabelle Covey-Davis	2/4/13	Johnson
Dorothy B. Cressie	3/9/13	Harper
Emily Elizabeth Cutty	5/17/13	Dever
Frank Dantzler	4/4/13	Montefiore
Evelyn Y. Darling	1/12/13	Jenner
Dorothy Del Guidice	1/24/13	Armstrong
John Demczyk	1/18/13	Schurz
Addiebell Deveranz	1/8/13	Kipling
Paula V. Dixon	3/5/13	Citywide

Name	Date	School
Julia Dixson	5/10/13	Englewood
Peggy Dotson	2/4/13	Gershwin
Frances Duggan	1/27/13	Armstrong
James R. Duggan	2/13/13	Agassiz
Rose M. Dukes	5/8/13	Esmond
Harold V. Dwy	4/19/13	Austin
James E. Dwyer	4/23/13	Nansen
Mattie Inetha Epps	4/20/13	Kellogg
Linda Farber	1/1/13	Avondale
Estella Faulk	1/12/13	Carpenter
Dolores Feeney	2/17/13	Byford
Alma L. Fields	5/7/13	Goethe
Margaret Finucane	1/15/13	Tilton
Donna F. Florek	2/25/13	Bogan
John P. Flynn	3/19/13	Calumet
Lola Fobs	1/13/13	Chicago. Voc.
Preston Ford	2/23/13	Farragut
Ruby J. Ford	2/18/13	Region 6
Betty Forman	12/30/12	Lindblom
Joan Fox	4/19/13	Ogden
Lois M. Frantz	1/28/13	Penn
Laura Jean Fremouw	4/15/13	Hirsch
Mallorie Ann Garner	12/15/12	Jenner
Barbara A. Gaston	1/24/13	Bunche
Frances Gawell	4/22/13	Mather
George Georgiu	2/19/13	CCC
Salvatore A. Grasso	5/7/13	Washington
Harold Greenfield	3/14/13	Calumet
Carmella Guardi	1/13/13	Locke
Morris Haimowitz	3/23/13	Citywide
Helen M. Harmon	2/24/13	Clay
Philip J. Hansen	5/1/13	Res. & Eval.
Harvey Hartenstein	4/4/13	Whitney Young
Guy Morton Harvey	2/8/13	Substitute
Joanne Henderson	2/22/13	Parkman
Robt E. Herrndobler	1/19/13	Washburne
Antoinette L. Hewes	1/1/13	Bryn Mawr
Joseph T. Hill	2/8/13	Las Casas
Emlyann Hohman	3/29/13	Substitute
Kathleen Howe	1/7/13	Beethoven
Virginia Howland	1/27/13	Substitute
Chestine Hudson	12/10/12	Madison
Eddie Ingersol	2/22/13	CCC
Carol Diane Ireland	4/10/13	Beethoven
Frances Ivan	3/18/13	Marquette
Alma J. Jackson	3/1/13	Grissom
Marie James	1/23/13	Engelwood
Beth Joffe	5/13/13	Gale
Ernestine T. Johnson	2/2/13	Mayo
Lula Johnson	2/18/13	Edwards
Emogene Jones	5/7/13	Johns

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>
John J. Jones	3/31/13	Fulton
Albert P. Junengling	4/20/13	Lane Tech
Xandra C. Kaczala	3/7/13	Curie
Hubert A. Kalsch	5/3/13	Hubbard
Patrick J. Kane	1/22/13	Westinghouse
Julian B.Kanner	2/10/13	Altgeld
Mary Lou Kaplan	12/28/12	Mozart
Anita Kapsis	1/9/13	Mather
Philip M.Katz	5/2/13	Stockton
Kimiyo Kawasaki	3/18/13	Mather
Sylvia Kayser	2/19/13	Byrne
Leonard E. Kedzior	1/16/13	Near North
Grace Kelly	2/17/13	Substitute
Arnold V. Kendall	2/9/13	Sexton
Edna R.Kennedy	1/20/13	Coles
Mary V.Kirwan	4/9/13	Penn
Beverly A.Krall	3/9/13	Kenwood
Leonard Krasnowski	1/29/13	Bogan
Ralph J. Kriho	4/5/13	Whistler
Patricia Kucaba	2/21/13	Parker
Bernice Kyle	5/31/13	Bontemps
Dorothy H. Lanier	5/27/13	Ray
Thryl A.Latting	1/5/13	Chicago Voc.
Florine Lesht	4/8/13	Field
Stelle Lewandowski	2/15/13	Melody
Marilyn Link	1/28/13	Pulaski Acad.
Dorothy Lofquist	12/23/12	Byrne
Weda T. Long	1/8/13	Morse
Theodore Loomos	5/28/13	Lake View
Anne Loye	5/9/13	Hanson Park
William F.Luby	3/23/13	Gary
Phyllis F.Lucas	5/13/13	Libby
Shirley Ann Lynn	12/20/12	Haugan
Alexander Lysssenko	2/9/13	Burns
Albert A. Markowitz	3/7/13	Mather
Carrie O. Maultsby	3/5/13	Kershaw
Jelaine A. May	2/23/13	Hartigan
Milton E. Mayer	1/29/13	Pope
George A.McCoy	2/6/13	Substitute
Bernadette McDowell	5/3/13	Clinton
Dan L.Meier	5/25/13	Curie
Michele C. Meredith	12/12/12	CCC
Eileen Marie Meyer	5/10/13	Everett
Dorothy L. Meyers	4/14/13	Tilden
John Mochel	12/31/12	Greeley
Pearl Morgenstern	5/13/13	Talcott
Sylvia Morrison	5/12/13	Dpty. Supt. Bus.
Nana Lee Mozdzierz	2/12/13	Calhoun
Lelia G. Muldrow	1/31/13	Steinmetz
Anthony R. Muro	1/30/13	Burns
Mary Neely	2/22/13	Lawndale
Lorraine Newman	1/15/13	Rogers
Annette Nicholson	2/19/13	Melody

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>
Lloyd Norment	1/5/13	Chicago Voc.
Josie Nyirenda	3/18/13	Lincoln Park
Patricia O'Connell	11/27/12	Aldridge
Ethel O'Connor	3/14/13	Emmet
Albert O.Oldenberg	1/26/13	Hyde Park
Anna L. Osborne	1/31/13	South Loop
Lois Overpeck	12/31/12	Neil
Edward Peschel	1/17/13	Beaubien
Helen I. Peterson	4/25/13	West Pullman
Ida M. Phillips	3/7/13	Fernwood
Nevis Phillips	2/25/13	Div.Comm.
Mary Pierog	1/9/13	Smyth
Jerry Porter	5/24/13	Gage Park
Mildred Prendergast	3/23/13	J. N. Thorp
Adele Pryor	2/18/13	Burnside
Betty Lou Powers	5/14/13	Lindblom
Adeline Rafferty	3/28/13	Lyon
Helen M. Rankins	3/20/13	Corliss
Henry E. Ratajski	4/13/13	Tilden
Joan Marie Reed	4/11/13	Otis
Flossie E. Relf	2/4/13	Kelly
Leona T. Reynolds	1/8/13	Everett
Mildred Rhodes	5/3/13	Jenner
Louis A.Ricci	2/18/13	Kennedy
Miriam A. Roche	5/1/13	Rosenwald
Mary Louise Rodgers	11/11/12	McCosh
Virginia Rogers	1/3/13	Revere
Henry R. Romero	4/27/13	Central Office
Ruth Ross	5/27/13	Farragut
Kenneth A. Roznowski	2/2/13	Schurz
Maria H. Ryan	1/22/13	Howe
Jean Sachs	1/24/13	Adm. Serv.Ctr.
Janis P. Sakai	3/30/13	Yates
Frances B. Sanders	3/5/13	Chicago Voc.
Patricia A. Sanders	3/5/13	Whitney Young
Joan Schatzman	3/1/13	Pupil Serv. Ctr.
Lloyd W. Sched	3/1/13	Lincoln
Clovest Scott	3/3/13	Suder
Mirella Scully	1/13/13	A.O.Thorp
Yolanda M. Seabert	2/20/13	District Two
Queen E. Shackelford	2/17/13	Hughes
Irene Siedlecki	4/10/13	Corkery
Gloria C. Simms	4/2/13	Sbarbaro
Elizabeth Smith	3/19/13	Robinson
Mary E.Smith	2/27/13	Englewood
Van Douglas Smith	3/3/13	Clemente
Henry R. Smits	1/30/13	Farragut
Christine Snowden	3/1/13	Las Casas
William Southard	4/5/13	Carver
William Spellberg	2/2/13	Bowen
Theresa Stalder	5/17/13	Marshall
Lucille C. Staisiunas	4/18/13	Perry
Hazel B. Steward	2/27/13	Region Three

Name	Date	School
Daniel M. Stewart	1/19/13	Mather
Rosemary R. Stiglitz	1/17/13	Gunsaulus
Gerrie A. Stoakley	5/12/13	Jefferson
Jayne A. Stokes	1/9/13	Washington Plgd.
Oliver L. Stubbs	2/12/13	VanVlissingen
Judith A. Styczynski	1/23/13	Williams
Janis Sullivan	5/22/13	Sexton
Rosemary M. Supple	3/6/13	Nightingale
Frank J. Suszek	5/3/13	CCC
Zelda S. Sweet	3/11/13	Scammon
Marion C. Swensek	3/16/13	Dawes
Robbie J. Sykes	4/2/13	Bouchet
Carole J. Takiff	3/1/13	Graham
Esther R. Tanner	2/21/13	Orr
Juanita E. Thomson	4/10/13	Piccolo
Ralph B. Thompson	2/12/13	Marshall
Ruth Thurn	2/21/13	Lindblom
Alfred J. Thurner	12/18/12	Chicago Voc.
Carol A. Titus	3/28/13	Ross
Barbara J. Trinka	12/31/12	Donoghue
Albert E. Trock	2/28/13	Terrell
Edmund F. Utsch	3/11/13	Gage Park

Name	Date	School
Salvatore A. Vallina	3/19/13	Washington
Bernard A. Verwiel	4/21/13	Washington
Fe S. Villanueva	3/2/13	Manley
Rudolph Vogel	2/12/13	North Side Lrng
Elsie Walker	4/14/13	Jahn
Catherine C. Watters	2/18/13	Hubbard
Rayda Weiss	5/14/13	Carpenter
Hester M. Wheeler	12/21/12	Brown
Florena E. White	5/5/13	Willard
Leland A. White Jr.	2/3/13	Central Office
Alice Whitman	4/27/13	Delano
Virginia C. Willecke	4/26/13	District 16
Betty Williams	12/31/12	Hanson Park
Lucille S. Williams	3/6/13	Doolittle East
Jonnie M. Wilson	2/24/13	Farragut
Edward E. Winters	1/24/13	Bass
Helen Wolf	2/15/13	Nettlehorst
William R. Wolf	5/13/13	Amundsen
Virginia Wrobel	5/28/13	Andersen
Margie Young	2/3/13	Oglesby
Norma M. Zeilner	4/5/13	Marquette

*Guest Editorial*

**FAILING SCHOOLS**

*By Ned L. McCray*

In the controversy over school closings, we often hear the term “failing schools” used as a reason for closing a school

The use of this term is both degrading and insulting to the students, teachers, and parents of those schools.

A school is a reflection of the people in the school, most notably the students. If those students come to school lacking the skills and incentives that facilitate learning and fail to achieve certain scores on a test, they do not deserve to be demeaned with the tag “failure”.

Test scores were never meant to be used to create a caste system among schools and students. They were originally meant to give the teacher a starting point for instruction based on the student’s level of proficiency.

Using test scores and graduation rates to label schools good or bad is outmoded and undemocratic and needs to be done away with.

A school has no control over what the student brings to the table but there is absolutely no excuse for a school not to have the necessary resources to deal with whatever deficiencies students show up with.

[Ned L. McCray is the Retired Principal of Simeon High School and a Past President of RTAC.708 532-8997; [nedmccray@aol.com](mailto:nedmccray@aol.com)]



## SATELLITE DOINGS SOUTHWEST FLORIDA



**First Row L-R:** Jackie Mooney, Audrey Olsen, Gail Obie, Jack Klebba, Walter Pilditch, Roman Swiercz, Jean Wise  
**2nd Row:** Ed Ofarrell, Sharon Swiercz, Bonnie Anderson, Joanne Walsh, Carlene Lutz, Margie Malone, Sue Malone, Kathy Griffin, John Reidy, Rosemary McMahon, Al Blackman  
**Back Row:** Joyce Becker, Al Korach, Cindy Hajduk, Fran Fluke, Audrey Tuite, Jan Simon, Bob Griffin, John Bennett

Walter Pilditch addressed 32 RTAC Southwest Florida chapter members at their annual luncheon on February 19, 2013 at the Creekside Restaurant in Estero, Florida. Walter brought them up to date on the pension issues. Next year's event is scheduled for the same location on February 25, 2014.

## CENTRAL FLORIDA GROUP I



**Seated from left:** Ellen West, Dolores White, Freeda Marshall, Gloria Malmore, Doretha Coleman, Jacqueline Short, Cherribelle Byrd, Mildred Smith, Alice Saunders, Sandra Mason.  
**Standing from left:** Alvin Peterson, Lavinia Cross, Patricia Nichols, Walter Parker, Theresa Parker, William Marshall, Earlicious Parker, Betty Despenza Green, Annette Brown, Manford Byrd, Allen Smith, Ann Peterson, Marie Shelton, Marjorie Armstrong, Patricia Grissett, Nathaniel Mason.  
**Not pictured:** Michael and Faye Williams.

Forty RTAC Central Florida Group members and guests held their annual spring luncheon on March 7, 2013 at Hammock Dunes Golf Club in Palm Coast, Florida. In addition to the presentation Motown and Mo by City Lights, Dr. Manford Byrd shared information about the proposed school closings. Contact Nathaniel Mason at 8 Edgemont Lane, Palm Coast, Florida 32164 ~(386) 206-9154 for more information about the Central Florida Group. The March 2014 meeting will be in Lake Mary, Florida.



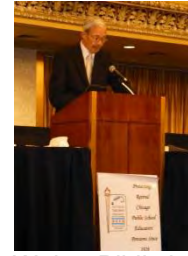
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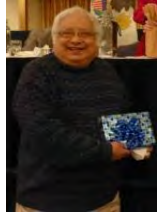
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## Some of our Door Prize Raffle Winners

Photos Compliments of Dianna Uchida

Join us on Thursday, October 17, 2013 for our 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Meeting and Luncheon.  
(See page 19 for more details.)

### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Retired Teachers Association of Chicago  
Dave Peterson, Bylaws Committee Chair

(To be acted upon at the Fall 2013 Luncheon and Business Meeting)

The RTAC Board of Directors recommends the adoption of the following amendments to our bylaws. The amendments are two new items added to the bylaws, all of which are related to meetings, both the RTAC Board Meetings and the two General Membership Meetings. First is the authorization of teleconferences or other electronic meetings for RTAC Board Committees and lastly, the prohibiting of proxy voting at both the RTAC Board Meetings and the General Membership Meetings.

**Amendment #1**--Permits teleconferences and electronic meetings by RTAC Board Committees, addition to Article V. Board of Directors - Section 3. Meetings - adding a new item.

**Add the following:**

d. Standing and special committees and subcommittees shall be authorized to meet by telephone or through other electronic communication media as long as a quorum of members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting.

**Amendment #2**--There is no Proxy Voting, nor Absentee Voting at Board Meetings, addition to Article V. Board of Directors – Section 3. Meetings - adding a new item.

**Add the following:**

e. A member shall vote in only one capacity. There is no absentee voting, nor voting by proxy.

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**Add the following:**

d. A member shall vote in only one capacity. There is no absentee voting, nor voting by proxy.

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“PROXY VOTING -- A proxy is a power of attorney given by one person to another to vote in his stead; the term also designates the person who holds the power of authority. Ordinarily it should neither be allowed nor required, because proxy voting is incompatible with the essential characteristics of a deliberative assembly in which membership is individual, personal and nontransferable.”

**Robert’s Rules Of Order Newly Revised**

(11<sup>th</sup> ed.), p. 428, II.28-30 and p.428, II.34-to p.429, II.2

## 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.

AARP Experience Corp	Chicago-Central	Myrna Torres	888-698-3335
AARP Illinois Center	Chicago	Beverly Moore	312-458-3604
Abraham Lincoln Center	Chicago Near South	Hannah Katz	773-451-3360
AgeOptions	Near West Suburbs		708-383-0258
American Lung Assn. of Chicago	Chicago Central	Alexis Lewis	312-628-0234
Centro Loyola	Chicago North	Daniel Loftus	312-226-7887
Chicago Botanic Gardens	Glenco	Judy Cashen	847-835-6800
ChildServe at Bryant E. S.	Harvey	Jennifer Collins	773-867-7362
Comfort Hospice & Palliative Care	Chicago-Northwest	Cheryl Cloh	847-983-8257
Consult 4 Kids	Chicago Area	Brandon Turner	661-322-4347
Corazon a Corazon (Heart to Heart)	Chicago Southeast	Amanda Koss	773-221-0620
Fabyan Villa Museum & Japanese Garden	Geneva	Lynn Dransoff	630-377-6424
Forest Preserve District	Western Suburbs	Deborah C. Brooks	630-933-7681
Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance	Chicago West	Kirsten Akre	773-638-1766x24
Howard Area Community Center	Chicago Rogers Park	Kirsten Pomykala	773-262-6622x264
Kids Voting	Chicago	Ellen Solomon	312-332-3107
Lincoln Park Zoo	Chicago Near North	Lauren Pike	312-742-2124
Link & Option Center, Inc. (Lit. tutoring)	South Suburbs	Twin Green	708-331-4880
Literacy Connection	Northwest Suburbs	Karen Oswald	847-742-6565
Madison School	Skokie	Hillary Schab	847-414-8920
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls	Chicago Central	J. Brown/E. Dordek	312-738-7554
Mercy Housing Lakefront	Chicago	LeKeeta Charley	312-913-1605x112
Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care	North Suburban	Elizabeth Grantner	847-556-1982
Misericordia Home	Chicago	Therese Loftus	773-273-4163
Oakton Community College	DesPlaines & Skokie	Rita Stewart	847-635-1434
Oriental Institute, U of C	Chicago Hyde Park	Cathy D or Terry F	773-702-1845
PAWS Chicago	Chicago Near North	Melissa Ziberna	773-687-4722
PetCare Curriculum	Chicago	Julie Smith	773-784-5605
Polish Museum of America	Chicago Near NW		773-384-3352
Prologue Adult Education (Lit. Tutoring)	Chicago North	Christina Mang	773-728-7221
Read to Learn	Northwest Suburbs	Lesley Goldberg	847-718-7224
Refugee Program (Lang. Tutoring)	Chicago North	Kaylee Sonnek	773-553-1930
Sierra Club's Inner City Outings	Chicago-North		847-274-0127
Spring Valley Nature Center	Schaumburg	Susan Findling	847-985-2100
Substance Newspaper	Chicago	C. Blumenthal	312-736-1702
Teen Parent Services	Chicago Near West	Sylvester Hughes	312-633-1664

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 web site may also list requests for volunteers for specific events like the Chicago Marathon, election workers and docents for various museums along with occasional requests for information on the history of the Chicago Public Schools.



Founded 1926

The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago invites you to join RTAC Friends & Board Members at the **87th Annual Fall Meeting/Luncheon**

Thursday, October 17, 2013

11:45 AM until 2:30 PM

**Doors will open no earlier than 11:00 AM**



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The RTAC Luncheon has a wonderful location:  
**THE HILTON CHICAGO GRAND BALLROOM**

720 South Michigan Avenue – Chicago

The Grand Ballroom is immediately inside the main hotel entrance and UP the staircase on your left.

An elevator is available for those who need it.

Convenient self-parking is easy; it is connected to the northwest corner of the hotel and is just \$15

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**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS**

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 Directors and bylaw amendments.**

*Many Door Prize winners will be called throughout the program.*

✂✂✂✂----- Complete, cut here and mail to RTAC today! ----- ✂✂✂✂

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 print 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 -- **C**hicken or **V**egetarian or **F**ish

Please, **NO** changes at the hotel!

Make your check payable to: RTAC 2013 Fall Luncheon

Mail this form and remittance to:

Retired Teachers Association of Chicago

111 N. Wabash Ave., Suite 2010, Chicago IL 60602-2949

For additional information call: 312-750-1522

**Tickets will NOT be mailed but will be available as you enter the luncheon.**

Sorry, **NO refunds** for any reason. **FINAL DEADLINE: October 11, 2013**

**WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE WALK-INS!**

**We urge you to make early reservations**

**NOT AN RTAC MEMBER AND STILL WANT THE SPECIAL LOWER RTAC MEMBER PRICE? JOIN TODAY!**

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Chicago, IL 60602



This edition of the RTAC Bulletin is being sent to all retired CTPF annuitants. Those of you who are as yet not RTAC members should join us now! Your membership will strengthen our efforts on behalf of all CTPF retirees. **A membership application is located on page 12.**

## *Helen Johnson receives 2013 Armstrong Award*



*RTAC President Marcella L. Morrison presented the 2013 James Armstrong Award to longtime RTAC member and Past President Helen Johnson. Director David Peterson, chairman of the Armstrong Award Committee, looks on. The award is given annually to the RTAC member who has made outstanding contributions to the organization.*

*This Certificate of Appreciation Is Awarded  
To Honor and Laud  
Helen P. Johnson  
for her  
Outstanding Commitment and Dedication  
to the  
Retired Teachers Association of Chicago  
and the  
Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund, Inc.  
which have as their mission  
the protection of  
Retired Chicago Public School Educators'  
Pensions and Benefits.*

*The 2013 James E. Armstrong Award is  
presented to  
Helen P. Johnson  
whose exemplary service has  
honored the memory of  
our founder and first president,  
James E. Armstrong*

*Marcella L. Morrison  
Marcella L. Morrison, President  
Awarded this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2013*