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Ralph Martire to Speak at RTAC Spring Luncheon

The Spring 2015 RTAC Membership Luncheon being held on Friday, May 22, 2015, will feature a presentation by Ralph M. Martire, Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability. See page 15 for luncheon information.



Ralph M. Martire

Martire has been a featured speaker and panelist on local television and radio news programs focusing on tax policy. He is a distinguished lecturer on public policy at Roosevelt University and has taught fiscal policy seminars for various universities and the International Fulbright Scholar Program. His work on education policy reform and commitment to equal educational opportunities has been acknowledged with numerous awards.

RTAC members will find his insights important, interesting, and timely.

INSIDE: IMPORTANT BC/BS HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE SEE PAGE 5.

Spring into Action: Support HB 3695

AT PRESS TIME: RTAC has learned that Illinois State Representative Marcus C. Evans, Jr., is sponsoring **House Bill 3695**. This critical legislation reinstates the pension tax levy diverted from the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) in 1995 to fund the CPS operating budget.

Until 1995 CTPF had a dedicated pension levy which provided guaranteed funding and ensured stable retirements. If this bill becomes law, it would be a significant step toward achieving our goal of guaranteed funding for our pensions, and would be a critical step toward improving CTPF's funded ratio which is currently 51.5%.

A TOUGH BATTLE AHEAD

This bill will face a tough battle and we need your help to address the challenge. **RTAC is asking all 8,500+ Illinois Resident Members** to contact their state legislators and persuade them to support **HB 3695**. It is essential that each and every RTAC member do his/her part to share this critical information now.

JUST THE FACTS (SHEET) INSIDE

The center of this *News Bulletin* includes a **Legislative Fact Sheet for HB 3695**. The sheet provides the background and history leading to the introduction of **HB 3695**. Please



RTAC member Dr. Frank M. Lacey discusses health insurance and pension issues with Illinois State Senator Don Harmon during a visit at Senator Harmon's local office.

complete the top portion of the form and deliver, e-mail, or send it to your Illinois Legislators to convey our need for their support. Download additional copies at www.rtac.org.

WHO'S WHO?

A link on the RTAC website at www.rtac.org can help you locate names and contact information for your legislators. All legislators have local offices. The Spring recess (around Easter) is a great time to schedule an appointment or consider visiting a local office during walk-in hours.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

After you meet with, speak to, write or e-mail your legislators, please let us know. Drop us an e-mail, call, or write to let us know that you did your part. Find RTAC contact information on page 2.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Our strength is in our numbers. We are counting on you to share your voice and make the difference.



RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO (RTAC)

111 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2010, Chicago, Illinois 60602 ■ www.RTAC.org

Since 1926, the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago (RTAC), an independent, non-profit, 501(c) 4 organization, has worked to protect the pensions of retired Chicago Public School (CPS) educators. RTAC is not governed by or a part of CPS, the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) or the Chicago Teachers' Union (CTU).

RTAC NEWS BULLETIN

The *News Bulletin* is distributed free of charge to RTAC members three times per year. RTAC welcomes submissions on topics relevant to members. Material will be published as space allows, and may be edited. Send typed submissions to office@rtac.org.

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Lifetime Membership \$300

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CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR 2016-2017 RTAC DIRECTORSHIPS

Applicants are being sought to apply for the eight RTAC director positions for the biennium 2016-2017. RTAC is led by a five member Executive Board and 16 Directors. Eight directors are elected each year. The Executive Board directors are elected for two year terms in even numbered years. In 2015 eight directorships will be open. Any RTAC member in good standing may apply for a directorship.

Candidates for the directorships are expected to electronically submit:

1. an application form, and
2. the completed 'Conflict of Interest' statement.

Materials must be submitted on or before April 30, 2015, to Arlene R. Crandall at ArCrandall@rtac.org. Both the application and the 'Conflict of Interest' statement are available at the RTAC website www.rtac.org

Candidates for the Directorships need to:

1. Possess computer competency (either Windows or Macintosh).
2. Have regular access to the Internet to send/receive information.
3. Be prepared to work collaboratively.
4. Attend monthly meetings (generally the first Wednesday of the month).

5. Engage new and current CTPF retiree annuitants to join RTAC.
6. Offer constructive ideas to support the organization's goals.
7. Participate in activities which focus upon the organization's mission.

The Nominating Committee will interview the candidates in late spring 2015. The slate that is selected will be announced in the summer 2015 RTAC *News Bulletin* for consideration and election by the members in attendance at the October 2015 Membership Luncheon meeting.

Service Committee Honors Senior Retirees

The RTAC Service Committee members meet monthly to prepare birthday cards with a personal note which is sent to our members age 85 and above. During the course of 2015, we anticipate sending birthday greetings to 1,800 members. We also send each senior RTAC member a holiday greeting card in December. This is a Herculean task; but great reward comes from knowing that we are cheering some of our former colleagues with a thoughtful gesture. Some of them respond with heart-warming notes to acknowledge the care and dedication of fellow members who take the time and make the effort to express their respect and

consideration for our senior members. Following are some excerpts from the appreciative notes we have received:

"Thank you for your lovely birthday card every year. I am now 89. I never dreamed about living this long. So many good memories. I loved my students and life."

"Thank you for the lovely card for my 93rd birthday. With the dear family scattered and my contemporaries disappearing, it's nice to be remembered."

"I really appreciate your thoughtfulness."

"Thank you again for remembering me. I wish I could do it all over again. I miss the children more everyday."

"Thank you all for the birthday card and the sweet comment."

"Thank you so much for remembering my birthday. I thank God for such good friends like you all."

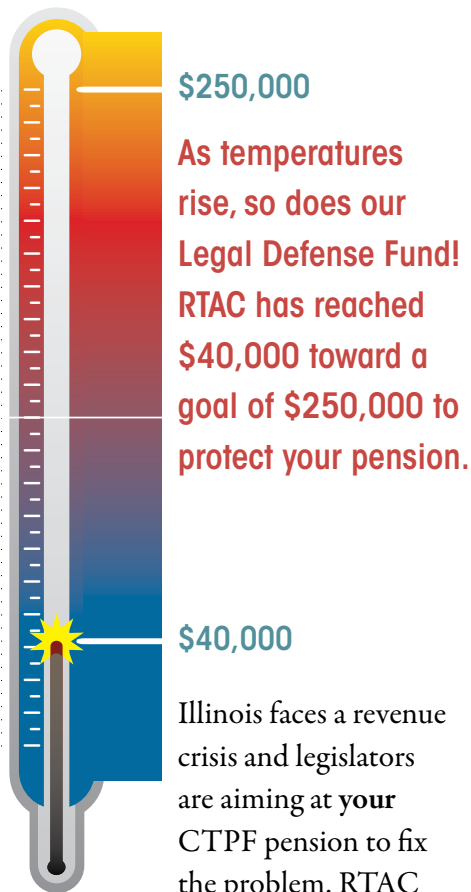
"Thank you for the many greetings over the years and each year at birthday time. It takes time to write the notes and I know all of us retirees appreciate your kind thoughts."



Interested in lending a hand? Call the office 1-312-750-1522 to volunteer.



LEGAL DEFENSE FUND UPDATE



launched a Legal Defense Fund last spring to prepare for legal action if the Illinois legislature passes legislation to reduce pension benefits. With your generous support, RTAC is well on its way to meeting a \$250,000 goal.

Donors

Find a listing of current donors including President's Circle members on page 11.

Your Support Matters

Your ongoing support is vital. Please make a gift today. Donors are listed in the *News Bulletin*, and gifts of \$100 or more are listed in the President's Circle. Find a donation form on page 10.

2015 ARMSTRONG AWARD NOMINATIONS

RTAC seeks nominations for the 2015 James Armstrong Award. The award is named in honor of RTAC's founding President, James E. Armstrong. Armstrong, together with a small group of concerned Chicago Public School retirees, established RTAC in 1926 to preserve and protect retired Chicago public school educators' pensions.

Any RTAC member in good standing can nominate another member in good standing to be acknowledged for his/her outstanding commitment, dedication, and service to RTAC and/or the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund, Inc. The previous Armstrong Award honorees were Nate Blackman – 2012, Helen P. Johnson – 2013, and Vaughn J. Barber – 2014.



The nomination form is available at www.rtac.org. Nominations are due to Louella B. Preston, RTAC First Vice President, by April 1, 2015. Submit your nomination c/o office@rtac.org. The 2015 Armstrong Award will be presented during the 2015 RTAC Spring Luncheon on Friday, May 22, 2015. A luncheon invitation appears on page 15 of this RTAC News Bulletin and at www.rtac.org.



CTPF TRUSTEE ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS

On November 6, 2015, Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund retirees will elect three CTPF retiree trustees to represent the Fund's retired Chicago Public School educators.

Applications will be available from the CTPF office beginning May 1, 2015.

Candidates who want to pursue the RTAC endorsement for their candidacies will be required to:

1. Submit a one page professional resume; and
2. Provide a personal statement of 300 words or less in which she/he outlines the specific goals and objectives which the candidate expects to undertake during his/her term of office as a trustee representing retirees. A candidate who has previously served as a retiree representing either active or retired members should include information about his/her previous accomplishment at CTPF.

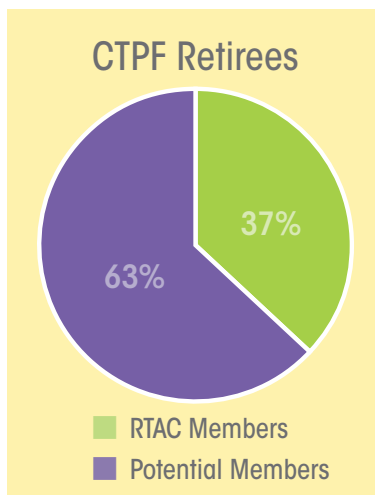
The above items need to be submitted electronically to Arlene R. Crandall, RTAC Executive Director, on or before April 30, 2015, at ArCrandall@rtac.org.

In addition, the candidates seeking RTAC's endorsement are expected to appear in person and make a three minute presentation to the RTAC Executive board and Directors at the June 3, 2015, RTAC Board meeting.

RTAC RECRUITMENT

Your Opportunity to Win!

RTAC's membership fluctuates at approximately 10,000 members. There are about 27,000 Chicago Teachers Pension Fund retirees who are receiving a pension. It is our goal to have each and every retired Chicago public school educator become an RTAC member. There are about 17,000 CTPF pension recipients who have as yet to join our organization.



Membership Contest

RTAC has launched a membership contest. Members who recruit friends through April 30, 2015, will be entered into a raffle to win a substantial gift card. Participating is easy. Just ask your non member CTPF annuitants to join RTAC. The application form is on page 9 of this RTAC News Bulletin and available online at www.rtac.org. When your friend/former colleague completes the application he/she should list your name as the referring member. The more new paid members you refer the better your chances are to be the winner. The winner of this competition will be acknowledged and awarded at our Spring 2015 Luncheon on May 22. See page 15 for information.

MetLife



RTAC Dental Insurance

RTAC members in good standing are eligible to access one of RTAC's MetLife Dental insurance plans. Option 1 offers comprehensive services and Option 2 offers a lower-cost option with limited coverage.

Both plans cover primary services such as oral exams and biannual cleanings. Dependent coverage is available

RTAC MetLife Dental program members can also access a free vision care service plan which includes discounts on eye exams, corrective lenses, laser vision correction and non-prescription sunglasses.

Contact RTAC at 1-312-750-1522 for information.

CTPF MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE

RTAC members enrolled in the CTPF Blue Cross Medicare Advantage PPO insurance program, please note:

1. BLUE CROSS MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PPO

is a type of Medicare plan, called Part C, that is offered by Blue Cross through a contract with Medicare to provide you with all of your Part A and Part B benefits. Your medical providers will submit claims on your behalf directly to Blue Cross. Your level of benefits is the same that the combination of original Medicare and the Blue Cross Supplemental plan provided in 2014.

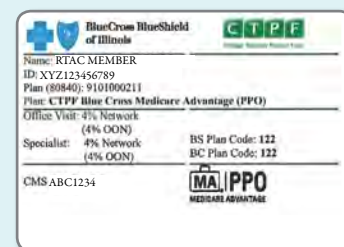
This plan covers all providers who accept Medicare. You can find a letter to share with your provider with more information about claims online at www.ctpf.org on the Health Insurance Central page.

2. Express Scripts is still your drug coverage provider. Please refer to the *CTPF Open Enrollment Handbook* for information about prescription costs and coverage.

3. You should have received your new insurance card which shows the Group Plan 80840. This card is to be used exclusively as a replacement for your Medicare card and your previous Blue Cross/Blue Shield supplementary insurance card.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about your claims submission or payment, call BCBS at 1-877-299-1008.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



President David T. Peterson

RTAC is well on its way to completing nine decades of protecting retired Chicago Public School educators' pensions and ancillary benefits.

Throughout the nine decades RTAC has been advocating on behalf of the retirees to receive what they earned and were promised. During these nine challenging decades RTAC focused upon:

- ensuring that CPS pensioners are appropriately represented as trustees on the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund;
- continuously educating and reeducating members of the Illinois State legislature;
- evaluating proposed legislation to ensure the integrity of our pensions.

“RTAC HAS BEEN ADVOCATING ON BEHALF OF THE RETIREES TO RECEIVE WHAT THEY EARNED AND WERE PROMISED.”

Your willingness to contact and interact with your Illinois State legislators, aldermen and other elected officials has enhanced and supported the effectiveness of RTAC'S Board of Directors and its Executive Committee. As we address the challenges of 'Pension Reform,' we will prevail with your ongoing participation and support.

Our successes have been substantial; but they are the result of the active and engaged participation of RTAC members. Going forward we need to grow our membership to ensure that our previous successes are replicated in the future.

Presently, our membership only includes about 40% of the 27,000 retired Chicago Public School educators receiving pensions. If we are to maintain a strong and vital presence, we need to recruit and engage our non member former colleagues. If each member were to bring in a new member, we would be stronger and more powerful. We have begun a campaign to increase our membership with a substantial prize. Please see page 5 for more information about this initiative.

“OUR SUCCESSES ARE THE RESULT OF THE ACTIVE AND ENGAGED PARTICIPATION OF RTAC MEMBERS.”

Your financial support as dues paying members, contributors to the Legal Defense Fund, the Committee on Political Education, our General RTAC fund as well as contributions to the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago Aid Fund enable your Board to pursue our organization's mission to protect our pensions and other benefits.

I look forward to working with you in 2015 and 2016 when we celebrate our 90th Anniversary. Please continue to work with us, to advise us, and support us as our organization continues to grow in influence and membership.

“... WE WILL PREVAIL WITH YOUR ONGOING PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT. . . PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US, TO ADVISE US, AND SUPPORT US . . .”



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Arlene R. Crandall



Spring 2015 presents the perfect opportunity to fulfill our mission to engage our State of Illinois Representatives and Senators to convey our ongoing concern about our pensions. Now is the ideal time for each RTAC member to meet with both his/her State of Illinois legislators (Senator and Representative). Their current contact information is available on our website – www.rtac.org. We have two primary initiatives that we are promoting.

First, we need our legislators to increase the amount of funding for our health care subsidy. We are all aware of the fact that the current amount is shrinking in terms of what is provided for each pensioner. There are three factors causing this:

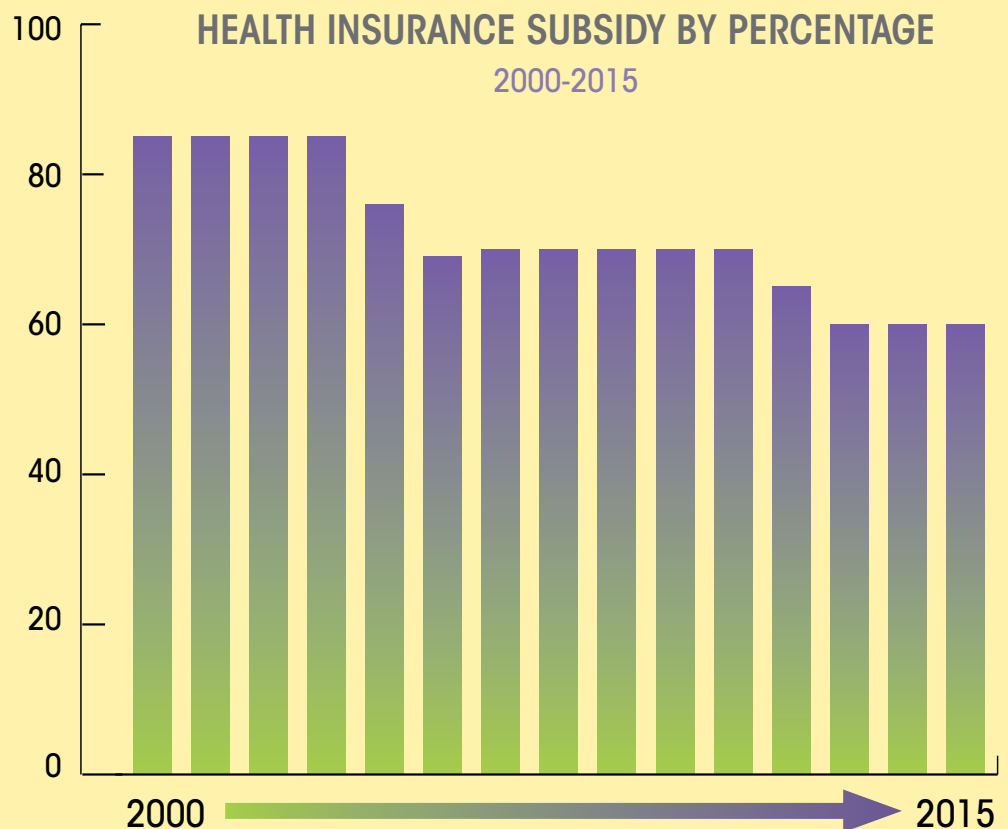
- the \$65 million cap enacted by the Illinois legislature in 2004,
- the growth in the number of retirees, and
- the increasing cost of health care.

In the early 2000s we had an 85% subsidy. In 2004 it was reduced to 70%. In 2011 it was reduced to 60% and now in 2015 it has been reduced to 50%. Going forward, our health care subsidy will continue to be reduced if no additional funds are allocated for this purpose by the Illinois legislature.

Second, we need our legislators to restore the pension tax levy which they diverted in 1995 away from the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund to the Chicago Public Schools operating fund. The loss of those pension levy contributions have caused the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund to experience a severely diminished funding ratio – from almost full funding in 2002 to 51.5% as of June 30, 2014.

This is a critical moment. We must meet our legislators face-to-face in their local offices and confront them with the reality of the revenue shortfall the Illinois legislature created. Their

action has placed our pensions and our future security in jeopardy. It is clear that if we are to prevail, each and every one of us must extend the effort to engage our legislators in meaningful dialogue which leads them to rectify the error they made two decades ago when they eliminated the pension levy. They also must be persuaded to increase the health care subsidy as escalating health care costs require a higher level of subsidy funding. Please do your part to 'educate' your legislators. Factual information has been provided to everyone in the CTPF 119th *Popular Annual Financial Report* which accompanied your CTPF Winter 2015 *Pension News* publication. Your pension and health care subsidy are vital to your fiscal, physical and emotional security. Now is the moment for all RTAC members to step forward to protect their most important assets.



I THINK MY E-MAIL HAS BEEN HACKED!

True stories of accidents and mishaps along the information superhighway



Webmaster Roy Coleman



When I got home the other evening I found a message on my answering machine that started out “I think my e-mail has been hacked.” (Answering machines are much harder to hack than voice mail). It was one of RTAC’s Directors who I will refer to as Anonymous Director (AD). The rest of the message explained that he was getting calls from people he knew asking him if an e-mail they received was really from him. The text of the e-mail was ‘Click here and enter your information to receive an important document.’

One person sent Anonymous Director an e-mail message asking if the original was really from him (AD) and received a reply that it was - but the reply was full of typo’s, grammar errors and was signed by a nickname that the Anonymous Director has never used. (This is a good sign that the hacker was inside AD’s e-mail and knew his password).

I looked at my e-mail and found a similar message and let my cursor hover on the ‘here’ in the message. Using my Linux computer (non-Windows operating system) to avoid the possibility of getting hit with a virus, I found the target was a *Google Docs* link designed to collect e-mail addresses, passwords, names, ages, and a couple of other things useful to an identity thief. Needless to say I deleted the message. I then talked to AD and suggested he change his password (which he had already done) and send a message ‘TO:’ himself and include everyone else in his e-mail address book as a ‘BCC:’ or ‘Undisclosed Recipient’ warning them to delete the message.

**If you have trouble finding the BCC: function try using the HELP feature or F1 and search BCC*

How Does This Happen?

Hackers have many ways of acquiring passwords and e-mail addresses, and new ways are constantly being invented. How his e-mail was hacked will probably remain unknown, but this is at least the third RTAC Director to whom this has happened and the 4th or 5th friend of mine that has been hacked.

What can you do?

This experience reiterates my STRONG suggestion that, when sending an e-mail to multiple people, unless an e-mail sender wants EVERYONE to see ALL of the responses, mass e-mails should be handled as follows:

1. send it ‘TO:’ yourself and
2. put all of the other recipients in the BCC: or Undisclosed Recipients list.*

It also reinforces my suggestion that, before clicking any link in an e-mail, let your cursor hover over the link and look at where the link actually takes you. In addition, it is a good argument for using strong, unique pa55w0rds – see my article on page 8 of the March, 2014 RTAC *News Bulletin*.

Computer Safety Workshop

On April 14, 2015, I will present a **Computer Safety Workshop** from 10:00 a.m. - noon for RTAC members. The program will include hints, tips, and trivia for beginners along with a limited number of ‘Geek Speak’ ideas.

Reservations are required and space is limited so please call 1-312-750-1522 today to register.



RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

Membership Application

Please use this form to:

- Join the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago (RTAC)
- Renew your annual membership

GENERAL INFORMATION: PLEASE PRINT

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Retired in Year: _____ Position: _____

From: _____

(name of Chicago Public School)

Social Security Number: xxx-xx-____ _

(last 4 digits only for verification purposes — your confidentiality is assured.)

Non-CPS e-mail address: _____

(Your CPS e-mail address terminates when you retire)

Did a current RTAC member refer you? Yes No

If yes, please list name of referring member: _____

JOIN OR RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP

Enclosed is my check number _____ dated _____ made payable to RTAC.

Enroll me as a new annual member \$50

Enroll me as a life member \$300

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If the address listed above is new, please complete the section below:

Please note effective date for new address:

(date: mm/dd/yy) _____ / _____ / _____

Please return this form and a check to: RTAC, 111 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2010, Chicago, IL 60602

MAKE A DONATION: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A donation to the Legal Defense Fund, Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund (CRTAF), RTAC, or the Committee on Political Education (COPE), is a meaningful way to show your support for your pension or to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one. There is a \$20 minimum donation per honoree for all funds. Return this form with your payment to: RTAC, 111 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2010, Chicago, Illinois 60602.



NEW! RTAC LEGAL DEFENSE FUND (LDF) DONATION

RTAC established a Legal Defense Fund to pay legal fees for a lawsuit when the Illinois General Assembly enacts legislation which diminishes CTPF pensions or ancillary benefits. *Donors contributing \$100 or more are acknowledged as President's Circle Members in the News Bulletin.* LDF donations are **NOT** tax deductible.

Enclosed is my check number _____ amount \$ _____ dated _____ payable to RTAC.

Donor's Name: _____ Check box if this gift is anonymous

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

CHICAGO RETIRED TEACHERS AID FUND (CRTAF) DONATION SEE: WWW.CRTAF.ORG

CRTAF is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization established in 1951 to assist retired CPS teachers and administrators in challenging financial circumstances. CRTAF donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. \$20 minimum donation per honoree.

Enclosed is my check number _____ amount \$ _____ dated _____ payable to CRTAF.

Donor's Name: _____ Check box if this gift is anonymous

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate purpose of gift congratulate celebrate memorialize general purposes

Honoree's Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (RTAC) DONATION

RTAC is a 501 (c) 4 organization established in 1926 to protect and enhance the pensions of retired CPS educators. RTAC donations are **NOT** tax deductible. \$20 minimum donation per honoree.

Enclosed is my check number _____ amount \$ _____ dated _____ payable to RTAC.

Donor's Name: _____ Check box if this gift is anonymous

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate purpose of gift congratulate celebrate memorialize general purposes

Honoree's Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL EDUCATION (COPE) DONATION

COPE is organized to support political efforts designed to educate legislators and protect pensions. Gifts to the COPE Fund are **NOT** tax deductible.

Enclosed is my check number _____ amount \$ _____ dated _____ payable to COPE.

Donor's Name: _____ Check box if this gift is anonymous

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

NEW LIFE MEMBERS, NOV. 1, 2014 - JAN. 31, 2015

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LEGAL DEFENSE FUND GIFTS, NOV. 1, 2014 - JAN. 31, 2015

RTAC has established a legal defense fund for the purpose of initiating legal action to protect CTPF Pension benefits. Gifts of \$100 or more are acknowledged as President's Circle members. For more information about the RTAC Legal Defense Fund, see page 1. Find a donation form for the legal defense fund at the top of the donations sheet on page 10.

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERS (DONATIONS OF \$100 OR MORE)

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Beckman, Mary C., BVM	Fitzpatrick, Edward W.	Kochman, Rose-Marie	Rayburn, Martha	Slavitt, Marlene	Webster, Jean E.
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Bruska, Robert & June	Hutchinson, Juanita	Noonan, William &	Schnettler, Shirley	Tauchman, Charles A.	Wrenn, Michael P.
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PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERS OMITTED FROM SPRING PRINTED BULLETIN

The following individuals should have been listed in our Presidents Circle in the Spring issue. We apologize for the omission, and will list these members in our printed edition of the Fall 2015 Bulletin.

Albrecht, Jack A.	Gorham, John P.	Kroll, Ann	Lieberman,	O'Neill, Daniel James	Ruyack, Edward J.
Anderson, Donald A.	Graudins, Juris	Lattyak, Dorothea &	Carl & Alice	Paetsch, Edward H.	Sanders, Richard H. Jr.
Brown, Melverline A.	Hart, Dennis J. &	Jerome	Lyles, John & Bonita	Perlin, Jack & Lila	Socha, Sandra J.
Browne, Felicia G.	Sylvia	Lee, Augustine H.	Maxey, Marita J.	Quanbeck, JAQ	Tate, Phyllis O.
Cook, Nina M.	Keenan, Wiliam J.	Lee, Cecilia	Moscinski, John &	Renz, Mark	Wendorff, Francine
Glapa, Barbara T.	Kopfstein, Kurt	Lee, Joseph W.	Donna	Ronan, Patricia M.	Wolfe, Jean A.

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Allen, Elizabeth	Carter, Wilhelmina	Fetes, Dolores	Mitchell, Edward B.	Rzeminski, Stanley V.	Van Steen, Edith D.
Ammons, Arrie Jr.	Casey, Mary Ann	Gray, Helene A.	Murphy, Robert A.	Sanders, Joan E.	Waldron, Robert E.
Anderson-Bryant,	Catania, Thomas F.	Grimes, Joan M.	Nach, Lillian S.	Shay, Leatrice R.	Walsh, Carole A.
Brenda	Cestar, Ronald J.	Grist, Robert W.	Nesterowicz, Paul J.	Shepard, Barbara S.	Ward, Angela P.
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Sharon Lee	Chinn, Crystal	Howard, Melanie J.	Paulick, Virginia	Smith, Marie W.	White, Frankie W.
Bannister, Annie P.	Corcoran, James H. &	Jackson, Geraldine	Projansky, Charlotte	Stalder, Robert A.	White, Richard R.
Barry, Maureen	Dorothy	Kilzer, Vivan C.	Roberson, Carolyn	Stangel, George &	Williams, Virginia A.
Besemer,	DiCristofano,	Lyman, Robert D. Sr.	Romanek, Walter	Theresa	Wilson, Phyllis M.
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Abram, Carl	11/09/14	Morton	Gemske, James R.	12/31/14	Amundsen H.S.
Akhibi, Lenora D.	11/29/14	Sullivan H.S.	Gladney, Celestine	11/05/14	Bass
Anderson, Vivian A.	11/20/14	Penn	Gray, Annie L.	01/18/15	Attucks
Bahr, Jan	10/31/14	Gale	Grey, Margaret N.	10/17/14	Wadsworth
Banko, Anastasia J.	11/09/14	Volta	Grossman, Sandee M.	01/12/15	Stewart
Barron, Denise E.	12/27/14	Gage Park H.S.	Hainey, Oliver C.	11/02/14	Collins H.S.
Bax, Mary Ellen.	11/24/14	Sheridan	Hand, Elizabeth A.	01/09/15	Harte
Baxter, Doris M.	12/02/14	Carver	Harkenrider, Anna C.	11/10/14	Ryder
Bentley, Mary V.	10/21/14	Mayer	Harper, Sandra	11/08/14	Armour
Bertsos, Kanela	12/09/14	Hamlin	Hayes, Marie B.	11/05/14	Healy
Bollero, Veronica	08/31/14	Wentworth	Haynes, Patricia H.	01/10/15	Monroe
Bonner, Robert L.	11/01/13	Du Sable H.S.	Henderson, Sharon D.	11/29/14	Carver Middle
Brady, Regina M.	01/03/15	Gershwin	Higgins, Florence T.	11/02/14	E.F.Young
Brett, Laverne M.	01/23/15	Bowen H.S.	Hinton, Richard N.	11/18/14	C-W Spec. Svcs.
Brockman, Carol G.	11/25/14	Herzl	Hoffman, Geraldine.	12/19/14	Goudy
Brown, Hatti D.	01/17/15	Abbott	Hoffman, Raymond.	11/09/14	Reavis
Bulawa, Frank J.	11/14/14	Schurz H.S.	Holland, Laura K.	12/13/14	Central Office
Calderon, Ramona.	10/09/14	Clemente H.S.	Hood, Robert C.	11/03/14	Von Steuben H.S.
Capulos, George	01/15/15	Clemente H.S.	Hook, Irene	01/12/15	Hay
Casselle,Corene.	12/06/14	Substitute	Hyson, Norma E.	12/19/14	Edison
Chandler, James R.	11/19/14	Substitute	Inge, Charles H.	11/11/14	Dunbar Voc H.S.
Chavez, Abraham	01/10/15	Burns	Jankowski, John W.	12/30/14	Bogan H.S.
Cignetto, Carl	11/09/14	Cook Elem.	Jenifer, Veronica	11/22/14	Nash
Clauson, Lynn D.	01/03/15	Senn H.S.	Jensen, Lenore M.	01/10/15	Burnside
Cole, James E. Jr.	11/04/14	Clemente H.S.	Johns, Edna T.	11/30/14	Ward
Connelly, Elizabeth	12/11/14	Grimes	Johnson, Janice W.	11/20/14	Sheridan
Conrad, Carolyn T.	12/29/14	Substitute	Jones, Alice E.	01/22/15	Woodson North
Craig, Edgar H.	12/22/14	Melody	Jones, Evelyn V.	12/17/14	Ross
Crawford-Cain, Cassandra	01/29/15	Swift	Jones, Mamie H.	12/16/14	Jensen
Dane, Florence F.	01/17/15	Spalding H.S.	Kagami, William	12/25/14	Taft H.S.
Davis,Gloria A.	12/21/14	Nash	Katzberger, Carol Jean.	01/12/15	Kellogg
DeCaro, Donn A.	11/09/14	Oglesby	Kellberg,Robert A.	11/26/14	Dewey
DeFlorio, Bernice	12/02/14	Gladstone	Kelly, Rosemary G.	11/29/14	Locke
Denye, Mollie B.	12/01/14	Tonti	Knight, James R.	01/14/15	Curie H.S.
Domer, Vasiliki D.	12/11/14	McCutcheon	Komiak,Walter J.	12/21/14	Kelly H.S.
Domingo, Darletta.	12/20/14	Nobel	Koran,Thomas R.	12/09/14	Von Steuben H.S.
Dooley, Joseph J.	11/01/14	Flower Voc.	Korner, Joseph W.	11/06/14	W.Young H.S.
Doxas, Eugenia S.	11/23/14	Peabody	Kremen, Harriet G.	01/21/15	Austin H.S.
Dunbar, Judith	12/08/14	Bond	Lagattuta, Michael J.	12/07/14	Inter American
Dunkin, La Donna R.	10/05/14	Jahn	Lewis, Etha C.	01/10/15	Bouchet
Dwyer, Marie P.	01/18/15	Stock	Lewis, Ronnie C.	12/03/14	Harlan H.S.
Dziopek, Wanda F.	12/21/14	Locke	Lind, Esther F.	11/23/14	Westinghouse Voc.
Edmond, Jessie B.	01/08/15	Carroll	Loftus, Mary Susan.	12/08/14	Hedges
Edwards, Joseph	01/01/15	Taft H.S.	Logalbo, Joseph A.	11/12/14	Dunbar Voc.
Farley, Florence S.	10/31/14	Talcott	Lowe, Maxine	12/02/14	Tilden
Franklin, Helen J.	10/25/14	Sullivan H.S.	Luczak, Grace M.	12/20/14	Portage Park
Flaws, Barbara E.	01/25/15	Coles	Maibenco, Rosalie L.	01/02/15	Crane H.S.
Frye, Richard M.	11/15/14	Andersen	Maguire, Alice	12/18/14	Calumet H.S.
Gaines, Sharlynn V.	12/06/14	Jenner	Marse, Betty J.	01/15/15	Lake View H.S.
Garcia Berlanga, Anna.	01/10/15	Kennedy H.S.	McHale, Linda R.	12/26/14	Wells H.S.
Garcia, Ofelia D.	12/21/14	Jackson	McAloon, Thomas S.	12/21/14	Penn
Garner, Anne E.	11/01/14	Region 4 Office	McCloskey, Mary Lou.	01/21/15	Schubert
Gebauer, Raymond P.	11/06/14	Farragut H.S.	Mednick, Marjorie	12/05/14	Hay

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Meehan, Lorraine I. 12/17/14	Fulton	Shub, Leah 10/27/14	Brentano
Mehlinger, Dianne A. 12/02/14	Libby	Siebert, Louise 11/19/14	South Shore H.S.
Mellon, Claire M. 11/25/14	Clark	Sifel, Edward J. 12/01/14	Curtis
Merkin, Julia G. 12/22/14	Melody	Simon, Sara L. 11/24/14	Goudy
Miller, Bernice J. 11/29/14	Washington	Slack, Iva N. 12/29/14	Price
Mitchell, Annyce V. 11/21/14	Kohn	Srbeny, Donald D. 11/12/14	Goethe
Mitra, Sheila 11/27/14	Lyon	Steele, William B. 11/24/14	Hughes
Mooney, Jacquelyne J. 01/05/15	Carroll	Steen, Martha J. 01/05/15	Carver H.S.
Moresi, Bixio 11/16/14	Darwin	Stein, Eric S. 11/08/14	Bogan H.S.
Murray, Louis A. 05/08/14	Dunbar H.S.	Stein, Janice B. 11/04/14	Logandale Middle
Nakamoto, Walter W. 12/01/14	Grant	Stewart, Beverly J. 11/24/14	Frazier
Navarro, Blanca D. 11/26/14	Peirce	Strba, Josephine 12/28/14	Dever
Nicholson, James A. 01/19/15	Simpson	Sutherland, Angeline. 12/06/14	Substitute
Nielsen, Reecie R. 12/06/14	Price	Talley, Fannie H. 01/11/15	Oglesby
Nino, Concepcion A. 12/15/14	Goethe	Taylor, Alice. 01/10/15	Audubon
Norris, Elmus M. 11/06/14	Phillips H.S.	Tell, Clara R. 11/16/14	Smyth
Novakovic, Mary V. 01/12/15	Cooper Primary	Thompson, Rosa 11/03/14	Ruggles
O'Brien, Arlene A. 01/05/15	Hay	Tomaras, Harry 12/14/14	Simeon H.S.
O'Brien Jean V. 01/19/14	Burbank	Triblet, Nancy L. 01/09/15	Harvard
O'Callaghan, Mariellen J. 12/17/14	Stewart	Turner, Ann W. 01/02/15	Doolittle East
O'Neill, Marion P. 11/01/14	Morrill	Vanderhiden, John P. 12/08/14	Schurz H.S.
Parker, Herbert 01/14/15	Westinghouse H.S.	Vinson-Romero, Johnnye. 01/03/15	Holmes
Pasterski, James D. 01/02/15	Senn H.S.	Walsh, Daniel J. 12/14/14	McCormick
Perlman, Sue A. 11/05/14	Steinmetz H.S.	Washington, Effie M. 12/29/14	Goudy
Potter, Patricia C. 01/27/15	Price	Watanabe, Melvin M. 12/10/14	H.S. Development
Pratt, Dennis W. 10/31/14	Farragut H.S.	Watts, Earl L. 11/09/14	Clemente H.S.
Rapoport, Celeste. 12/14/13	Henry	White, William C. 01/13/15	Sullivan H.S.
Rosa, Manuel. 11/13/14	Clemente H.S.	Wiemann, Ruthmarie A. 12/19/14	Hitch
Roszkewycz, Olha 11/02/14	Sayre.	Wilcox, Vera D. 01/07/15	Sayre
Rothfuchs, John M. 12/12/14	Bogan H.S.	Williams, Lydia E. 06/25/14	Funston
Rousseau, Eva C. 01/08/15	Shakespeare	Williams, Mattie A. 01/15/15	Central Office
Rousopoulos, John. 10/16/14	Lane Tech H.S.	Willingham, Percy 12/07/14	Lane Tech H.S.
Rucker, Barbara B. 09/21/14	Beale	Wilson-Epps, Joan 01/11/15	Mollison
Santamarina, Francisco J. 12/07/14	Von Humboldt	Wingfield, Henry M. 11/22/14	Arai Middle
Savoy, Maryann. 11/21/14	Pritzker	Wooten, Helen C. 12/13/14	Vanderpoel
Sayre, William R. 12/04/14	Bryn Mawr	Young, Georgia M. 12/19/14	Cook Cnty Juv. Ctr
Schmitt, Patricia J. 11/26/14	Dunbar H.S.	Youngberg, Shirley. 01/21/15	Le Moyne
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Shackter, June G. 12/14/14	Decatur	Zook, Norbert. 01/08/15	Tilden H.S.
Shapiro, Arthur M. 11/16/14	Spalding H.S.	Zygmunt, Frank 01/08/15	Marshall H.S.
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RTAC DIRECTOR HELEN BRYANT WOOTEN

The RTAC Executive Board and Directors regret to inform you that RTAC Director Helen Bryant Wooten passed away in her sleep on December 13, 2014, following a prolonged illness.

Ms. Wooten was a lifelong educator whose final Chicago public school position was the principalship of the Vanderpoel Magnet Elementary School. In addition to serving as an RTAC Director since 2007,

Ms. Wooten was also a member of the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association and Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc.

Ms. Wooten's passing was acknowledged during the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Old St. Mary's Church on Saturday, February 7, 2015. Our sincere condolences are extended to Ms. Wooten's family, friends, and former colleagues.





RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO (RTAC) 89 TH ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

You are cordially invited to join RTAC friends and Board Members

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015

11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (doors open at 11:30 a.m.)

HILTON CHICAGO GRAND BALLROOM

720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605

The ballroom is immediately inside the main hotel entrance and up the staircase to your left. An elevator is available. Convenient self-park (\$15) is located in the northwest corner of the hotel.



Guest Speakers

The luncheon will feature a presentation by Ralph M. Martire, Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability. In addition, representatives from CTPF, the National Retired Teachers Association (RTAC is a charter member), and RTAC lobbyists have been invited. We hope you will join us to learn the latest information on the status of pensions, and to spend an afternoon with your former colleagues. Door prizes will be called during the later part of the program.



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Not a member but want the member rate? Complete the form on page 9 and return it with this reservation form and your payments for membership and the luncheon. Need additional information? Call 312-750-1522.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Many retired teachers find working for a worthy cause as a volunteer extremely satisfying. The following organizations are among those who have asked us for help in recruiting. RTAC does not endorse any organization.



JOIN OUR SERVICE COMMITTEE

NOTE: Please consider joining our Service Committee. This committee meets monthly to write notes on the birthday cards RTAC sends to our members age 85 and above. If you have clear penmanship and like to write, call us at 312-750-1522 and ask for the Service Committee's schedule.

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AARP Illinois Center	Chicago	Beverly Moore	312-458-3604
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Blind Service Association	Chicago Central	Theresa Togtman	312-236-0808
Centro Loyola	Chicago North	Daniel Loftus	312-226-7887
Chicago History Museum	Chicago Near North	Marne Bariso	312-642-4600
Chicago HOPES (Homeless Sprt.)	Chicago	Arifa Boyer	773-553-2242
Chicago Youth Centers	Chicago Central	Michelle Gauthier	312-762-5655
ChildServe at Bryant E. S.	Harvey	Jennifer Collins	773-867-7362
Corazon a Corazon (Heart-Heart)	Chicago Southeast	Amanda Koss	773-221-0620
Council for Jewish Elderly	Chicago	Anne. L. Simon	773-508-1000
Crown Family Playlab at Field Mus.	Chicago Central	Kate Cary	312-665-7307
DuPage Historical Museum	DuPage County	Mary Johnson	630-682-6746
Erie Neighborhood House	Chicago-Central	Cassie Griffith	773-542-7617
Forest Preserve District	Western Suburbs	Deborah C. Brooks	630-933-7681
Gads Hill Center (Mentoring)	Chicago	Lisset Gonzalez	312-226-0963x231
Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance	Chicago West	Kirsten Akre	773-638-1766x24
Gary Comer Youth Center	Chicago South	Reggie Tucker	773-358-4088
Glessner House Museum	Chicago Near South	Clare Schaecher	312-326-1480
Howard Area Community center	Chicago Rogers Park	Kirsten Pomykala	773-262-6622x264
Ill. Volunteers of America	Northeastern Illinois	Peggy Schweiger	312-707-8707

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The "Other Opportunities" page on the RTAC website 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 Chicago Public Schools.

Agency	Location	Contact Person	Phone
Kids Voting	Chicago	Ellen Solomon	312-332-3107
Madison School	Skokie	Hillary Schab	847-414-8920
Metropolitan Family Services	Chicago/Midway	Dee Speich	773-884-2267
Midwest Palliative & Hospice	North Suburban	Lisa Dye	847-467-7423
Misericordia Home	Chicago	Therese Loftus	773-273-4163
National Latino Ed. Inst.	Chicago-West	Adrienne Lesof	773-247-0707
Oakton Community College	DesPlaines & Skokie	Rita Stewart	847-635-1434
PetCare Curriculum	Chicago	Julie Smith	773-784-5605
Polish Museum of America	Chicago Northwest		773-384-3352
Prairie Avenue House Museum	Chicago Near South	Michael Soet	312-326-1480
Prologue Adult Ed. (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
Spring Valley Nature Center	Schaumburg	Susan Findling	847-985-2100
Substance Newspaper	Chicago	C. Blumenthal	312-736-1702
TEC Tutoring	Chicago	Konora Maxwell	773-374-2363
The Learning Center	Chicago Lawn-dale	Sr. M. Kavanaugh	773-277-3111
The University of Illinois Extension	South Suburbs	Karen Meyer	708-449-4320
Travelers & Immigrants Aid	Chicago	Brian Harvey	312-629-4500x5011
Triton College (Literacy)	River Grove	Carol Di Fatta	708-456-0300x3407
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To serve as the primary advocate for retired Chicago Public School teachers and to empower them by engaging in activities and services that will promote their well-being with particular emphasis on the maintenance and enhancement of their pension benefits.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT: SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS

Now is the time for RTAC members to engage their Illinois legislators (both Senator and Representative) and inform them that you are an RTAC member and you want them to vote in favor of the following legislation:

Illinois Senate Bill 783 provides the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund with greater flexibility in facilitating and administering health care coverage options for pensioners.

Illinois Senate Bill 1235 increases the amount of money which CTPF can use to subsidize pensioners' health care from \$65 million to \$80 million per year.

House Bill 3695 reinstates the Chicago Board of Education's pension tax levy to fund the employers' contributions to CTPF.

The RTAC Board of Directors has endorsed these legislative initiatives. If enacted, these bills would have a significant impact in ensuring your financial security now and in the future. It is imperative that you add your individual voices to RTAC's leadership by calling, writing, e-mailing and visiting your legislators in their home offices now. Please go to our website www.rtac.org to see the full text of the proposed legislation.

RTAC EVENTS CALENDAR

April

- 14** Computer Safety Workshop with Roy Coleman. Reservations required, call 312-750-1522.
- 22** 2015 RTAC Armstrong Award nominations due, see page 3.
- 30** Applications for 2015-2016 RTAC Directorships due, see page 3.
- 30** 2015 CTPF Trustee Election endorsement applications due, see page 4.

May

- 22** 89th Annual RTAC Spring Luncheon, see page 15.



**Save the Date! RTAC's Fall Luncheon
will be October 16, 2015**