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## CPS Makes Full FY 2015 Payment

Thanks in large part to RTAC members who lobbied for full funding, the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) completed its pension payment for Fiscal Year 2015 on June 30. Employer contributions for 2015 were approximately \$681 million following a \$585 million contribution in 2014. The Board of Education subsequently engaged the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) Trustees in discussions regarding a possible payment plan for FY 2016-17. RTAC opposed this, and discussions ended shortly thereafter. A payment of \$675 million is due for 2016. RTAC continues to insist on full funding.

## Legislative Update

This past spring and summer RTAC focused efforts on persuading Illinois legislators to pass HB 3695. The bill would reinstate the pension levy which provided funding for CTPF until 1995 when the funds were diverted to the CPS budget.

Representative Marcus C. Evans, Jr., (D-Chicago) introduced HB 3695, and House Speaker Michael J. Madigan and Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie signed on as Chief Co-Sponsors after lobbying from RTAC. Other co-sponsors included John D'Amico (D-Chicago), David Harris (R-Mt. Prospect), Anthony DeLuca (D-Chicago Hts.), Camille Y. Lilly (D-Chicago), Christian L. Mitchell (D-Chicago), Elgie R. Sims, Jr. (D-Chicago), Joe Sosnowski (R-Rockford), and Arthur Turner (D-Chicago).

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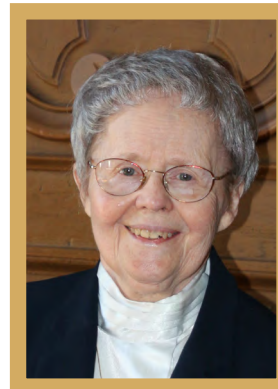
## VOTE for RTAC Endorsed CTPF Trustee Candidates

Wednesday, June 3, 2015, the RTAC Executive Board, Directors, and Past Presidents interviewed six Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) Pensioner Trustee Candidates. RTAC's Board voted to endorse three candidates: **Ivry J. Hobbs**, **Patricia Kubistal**, and **Mary Sharon Reilly**. All candidates will work to maximize CTPF's resources and secure the most appropriate health insurance options for our membership. CTPF will mail ballots to all eligible pensioners in mid-October. Completed ballots must be postmarked on or before November 6, 2015. We urge you to vote for the RTAC endorsed candidates.



### IVRY J. HOBBS

Ivry J. Hobbs' career extended from the classroom to the principalship during a full CPS career. Hobbs also served as a CTU delegate and taught at Northeastern Illinois University. Following his retirement, he completed his Doctorate in Education at Loyola University-Chicago. In retirement, Hobbs continues to be active in a variety of professional and civic organizations.



### PATRICIA KUBISTAL

During her extended CPS career, Patricia Kubistal developed a wide range of expertise in school administration, finance, federal, and state regulations. She completed her doctorate and served as a university professor at four local universities. In 2015, Kubistal joined RTAC as a Director, and currently serves as chair of the insurance committee. As a CTPF trustee representing



### MARY SHARON REILLY

Mary Sharon Reilly had a full CPS career during which she served as a school counselor and CTU delegate. She represented active CTPF members as a trustee from 1991 to 2002, and she served as President of the CTPF Board of Trustees from 1993 to 2002. Reilly has served as Pensioner Trustee for the past 8 years, and serves on several CTPF committees.

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# RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO (RTAC)

111 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2010, Chicago, Illinois 60602 ■ [www.RTAC.org](http://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](mailto:office@rtac.org).

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Annual Membership \$50

Lifetime Membership \$300

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## 89TH ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

May 22, 2015, RTAC held its annual spring luncheon in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Chicago Hotel. The program's keynote speaker was Ralph Martire, Executive Director of the Center on Budget and Tax Accountability, who explained to the almost 500 attendees the realities which our Illinois General Assembly is addressing as it confronts the "fiscal cliff" currently impacting Chicago and Illinois. Myrna Torres, Executive Director of AARP's Midwest Office spoke about the success of the over 100 tutors who worked in the AARP Experience Corps program, and Charles A. Burbidge, CTPF's new Executive Director was introduced. Louella B. Preston, RTAC's First Vice President announced that the 2015 James E. Armstrong Award winner was James F. Ward, who was recognized for his longstanding service. An extensive selection of photos taken during the event are posted at our website [www.rtac.org](http://www.rtac.org).



**1.** RTAC president Dave Peterson opens the meeting. **2.** Nearly 500 members attended the luncheon in the beautiful ballroom at the Hilton Chicago Hotel. **3.** Mary Louis Jackson, Richard Richardson, and Sandra Trish enjoyed the afternoon. **4.** Beatrice and Henry Readus were among the attendees. **5.** RTAC Service Committee members had a special table at the luncheon. These volunteers work throughout the year to support RTAC efforts and programs. **6.** Ralph Martire Executive Director of the Center on Budget and Tax Accountability gave the keynote speech. **7.** Friends attending the event send greetings to RTAC retirees.

**THE FALL LUNCHEON WILL BE OCTOBER 16, 2015. FIND AN INVITATION ON PAGE 15 OR AT [WWW.RTAC.ORG](http://WWW.RTAC.ORG).**

## New! HEAR in America Free Program Available

RTAC members are now able to access the Hear in America Hearing Discount Program.



Hearing loss can happen at any age, and untreated hearing loss can impact the quality of life for all family members. Unfortunately, most health plans do not cover the cost of treating hearing loss. The Hear in America Plan provides a range of services for RTAC members without an enrollment fee or additional cost.

RTAC members are eligible for the following: free annual hearing screening, 30%-70% discount on hearing aids from nine major manufacturers, 3-year warranty, 3-year loss and damage coverage, 3 years of free hearing aid batteries, 3 years follow up care. There are 2,200+ HEAR in America providers across the USA. For further information, call 1-312-750-1522.

## 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 prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, laser vision correction, and non-prescription sunglasses. Contact RTAC at 1-312-750-1522 for information.

# RTAC PRESENTS FALL ELECTION SLATE

The 2015 RTAC Nominating Committee announces its slate of candidates for the position of Director for the Biennium 2016-2017. The attendees at RTAC's 89th Annual Fall Luncheon on October 16, 2015, will be able to vote for the slate.

RTAC Director Linda R. Williams chaired the 2015 Nominating Committee. The candidates were interviewed in June.

Any RTAC member in good standing who seeks to self nominate, must complete and electronically submit an application form

and signed copy of RTAC's Conflict of Interest Statement by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2015. Contact Arlene Crandall at 1-312-750-1522 for more information.



## SLATED DIRECTORS

### ROY COLEMAN

Roy Coleman has been an RTAC Director for five terms, and serves as RTAC's Webmaster and Assistant Editor of the *News Bulletin*. A lifelong Chicago resident, Roy graduated from Morgan Park High School and earned degrees in Physics from IIT and De Paul. He enjoyed a 40-year career as a teacher at Morgan Park H.S., and taught at St. Xavier, Trinity Christian, and IIT. He currently oversees five websites including the RTAC and CRTAF sites and manages the RTAC alert system. He works with the Chicago Science Fair and the annual Physics Bridge Building project. Roy believes RTAC must be an independent watchdog for pensions, and wants to engage more members via social media.



### JOHN GARVEY

John Garvey served CPS as a teacher and ultimately as a principal during a 38-year career. He became a RTAC Director in 2009, and is committed to the concept that every CTPF annuitant should be an RTAC member. John's service as a CPS teacher and administrator combined with his service at Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) and Chicago Principals and Administrators Association (CPAA) helped form his collaborative approach to engaging CTPF members. He has been elected to represent the RTAC Directors on the CRTAF Board.



### JUANITA JORDAN

Juanita Jordan, joined RTAC as a Director in 2015. Juanita spent her career at CPS teaching in the primary grades. She continues to serve in a variety of educationally focused organizations, including teaching at the post-secondary level. She is focused on reinstating the CTPF pension levy and increasing RTAC membership.



### CARLENE LUTZ

Carlene Lutz completed a full career at CPS in a variety of positions. She is a Director at the Center for Budget and Tax Accountability, Delta Kappa Gamma and Phi Delta Kappa. Presently, she is also serving as a Director and Corresponding Secretary for the Ella Flagg Young Women Administrators in Education. Her goal is to increase membership with more outreach, especially via the Internet.



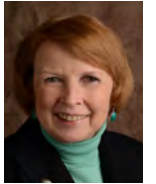
### JOHN REILLY

John Reilly became a RTAC Director in 2015. His full CPS career began in the classroom and concluded with the principalship of Portage Park Elementary. He is active in community and church organizations. He serves as Secretary of CPAA and is in regular communication with his Illinois legislators to support RTAC's efforts to restore our pension levy. John chairs the RTAC Public Relations committee.



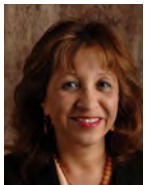
### MARY SHARON REILLY

Mary Sharon Reilly is a 5-term RTAC Director, and has been a member and/or chaired several 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 CTU and CTPF and has served as Pensioner Trustee since 2008. Mary wants to increase membership, encourage legislative involvement, and to continue workshops and seminars.



### MARIA RODRIGUEZ

Maria Rodriguez held a variety of positions in bilingual programs across CPS during a full career. She also served as a CTPF trustee from 1999-2011, during which she held a variety of leadership positions. Her goal is to mobilize recent retirees to join RTAC.



### RICHARD TRYBA

Richard Tryba has served as an RTAC Director for five terms. He has been a member of the Legislative, Membership, Nominating, Real Estate and Social Committees, and chaired the Nominating Committee. He also has served as member of CRTAF, Inc. Richard is very proactive in communicating with his local legislators.





## HOBBS *continued from page 1*

Elected an RTAC Director in 2013, Hobbs currently serves as RTAC's Second Vice President, and attends CTPF's monthly meetings. His goals for CTPF are to:

- increase CTPF's funding ratio beyond its current 51.5% level;
- fulfill its fiduciary responsibility by controlling operating expenses;
- engage investment personnel who will maximize returns;
- provide health insurance options that address retirees' needs at the lowest possible cost; and
- increase CTPF Retiree Trustees from three to four.

## KUBISTAL *continued from page 1*

retirees her goals are to:

- review CTPF expenditures to ensure that expenses are appropriate;
- implement a process for negotiating and implementing health insurance options that address the needs of all CTPF retirees;
- ensure that newly retiring CTPF members are appropriately compensated from the beginning of their retirements; and
- control investment fees and charges so they increase CTPF's income stream.

## REILLY *continued from page 1*

Her ongoing goals are to:

- maintain CTPF as an independent entity for the benefit of Chicago public school teachers and administrators;
- provide affordable and consistent health insurance;
- make informed investment decisions to insure benefits;
- lobby for CTPF's ongoing sustainability; and
- fulfill her fiduciary responsibilities.

## Legislative Update *continued from page 1*

On April 14, 2015, the Illinois House passed HB 3695 with bi-partisan support. The legislation then moved to the Illinois Senate where Senator Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago) served as the chief sponsor.

Unfortunately, HB 3695 stalled in the Senate. RTAC lobbyists have indicated that there is still a possibility that HB 3695 might proceed during the fall 2015 veto session. Please contact your Illinois State legislators and urge them to support HB 3695.



## RTAC Volunteers Honored

May 21, 2015, the AARP Experience Corps program in Chicago recognized 11 RTAC members who served in the tutoring program during the school year 2014-2015. The RTAC honorees – **Barbara S. Anderson, Belin Williamson, William R. Davis, Deborah Farrow, Audrey J. Harris, Anita Holmes, Yvonne G. Moore, Patricia E. Reed, Dianne Sauls, Doris J. Smith, and Honora Taylor** – provided tutoring services five hours per week for 15-20 weeks during the school year. The program will continue in 2015-2016 and currently seeks volunteers. For information please call AARP Experience Corps at 1-312-660-8655.

## RTAC Office Staff Changes

The RTAC Board regretfully accepted the resignations of two long-time staff members. Marie Cristol joined the RTAC staff in 1988 following her 23+ year career as a Special Education teacher at Brentano Elementary. Effie McHenry progressed from classroom teacher to principal at the Wentworth Elementary over a 43-year career and then served RTAC from 2007 through 2014. We miss both of these individuals who were important in the RTAC Office family for many years.

RTAC welcomed Dianna Uchida to RTAC in January 2015. She served in a variety of positions in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) starting as a high school math teacher and concluding her CPS career as a high school programmer/course scheduler at Morgan Park High School.

## NOW HIRING PART TIME POSITION...

CRTAF/RTAC is seeking a part-time Staff Assistant who is a retired Chicago public school educator. The position is five hours per day, Wednesday-Friday, in the CRTAF/RTAC office. The position requires excellent administrative, computer (Microsoft products), and "people" skills. Compensation rate is \$16 per hour (no peripheral benefits) for a six-month probationary period, after which time full employment will be considered. Applicants must submit a resume and cover letter to Arlene R. Crandall, Executive Director, at [arcrandall@rtac.org](mailto:arcrandall@rtac.org) on or before September 25, 2015.

## RTAC Workshop

RTAC hosted a series of workshops for members during the spring and summer. Pictured at right, Bill Blyth's July 14th workshop "**Minimizing Your Taxes on Your IRA Distributions,**" received excellent reviews from attendees.



More workshops are planned for the fall. Check [www.rtac.org](http://www.rtac.org) for dates and times.



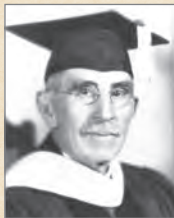
# RTAC: a History of Advocacy

RTAC's history of advocacy and representation of the rights and interests of CPS educators dates to its founding in 1926. That year, a small group of people led by educator James E. Armstrong organized to challenge the Chicago Board of Education's 1925 Emeritus Rule. This rule involuntarily dismissed teachers over the age of 70 without pension guarantees. The group sued the Chicago Board of Education on the grounds that the Board did not have the power to make rules which would have the effect of law.

Thanks to the efforts of these members, the Emeritus Rule was overturned. Their efforts also laid the groundwork for the enactment of the Miller Law. This landmark legislation provided for scheduled retirements and established a minimum pension to be paid to CPS retirees.

Realizing that there was strength in numbers, the group began holding social events and conducting outreach to fellow educators, establishing a membership program and eventually opening an office downtown. RTAC was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in 1951 and was one of the founding/charter members of the National Retired Teachers Association. Highlights from our history include:

**1926:** Retired Teachers Association of Chicago organizes to protect retired Chicago Public School educators' pensions and other benefits. Mr. James E. Armstrong begins his 10-year tenure as President which concluded with his death in 1936.



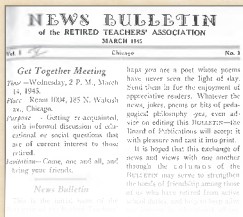
James E. Armstrong,  
RTAC founder

**1926:** Opened an office at 185 N. Wabash Ave., with the Chicago Principals Club.

**1926:** First membership luncheon at "The Top of the Town" Restaurant in Chicago.

**1941:** Published MEMOS, a communication which provided a record of the organization's activities for members.

**1945:** Began producing the RTAC *News Bulletin* with Charles S. Winslow as editor.



**1947:** Moved to an independent office at 220 South State St.



Ethel Percy Andrus the  
founder of AARP

**1947:** Worked with Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus of AARP to establish the National Retired Teachers Association. RTAC holds a charter membership.

**1951:** RTAC organized as a not-for-profit corporation.

**1966:** Initiated two-year term of office for the RTAC President.

**1981:** Sponsored the election of the first Pensioner Trustee on the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund Board of Trustees. Edna C. Fanning was elected to represent Pensioners on the CTPF Board of Trustees.



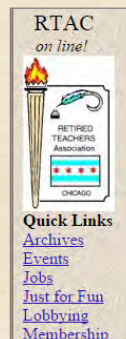
Edna C. Fanning served as RTAC President 1981-1982 and was the first elected CTPF Pensioner Trustee.



**1986:** Incorporated the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund, Inc., (see [www.crtaf.org](http://www.crtaf.org)), a not-for-profit corporation which provides grants-in-aid to qualified CTPF pensioners with diminutive household incomes.



**2000:** Established an Internet web presence to enable members to receive news, updates on legislative matters, and convey the need for urgent and immediate member action.



**2002:** Launched a campaign to eliminate the penalty on earned Social Security benefits by retired public agency employees.

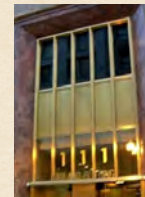


**2003:** Initiated action to increase the health insurance subsidy and pursue a long-term subsidy funding solution for CTPF members.

**2012:** Defeated a proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution which would have compromised all Illinois public agency retirees' annual cost of living increases.



**2012:** Achieved success in a seven-year legal battle which protected the pensions of 3,600 CTPF members who were threatened when CPS tried to recover pension payments.



RTAC office at  
111 Wabash

**2013:** Moved to a new office at 111 N. Wabash with additional meeting space.

**2013:** Began offering complimentary seminars for members on topics of interest to RTAC members.

**2014:** Created a Legal Defense Fund to pay legal expenses for action necessary to overturn legislation detrimental to CTPF Pensions, the health insurance subsidy, and/or the Automatic Annual Increase.

**2015:** Pursued a legislative agenda to restore the CTPF pension levy diverted to CPS in 1995, and to increase the health insurance subsidy from the level established in 2004.

**2016:** RTAC will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of its founding at the Spring Luncheon at the Chicago Hilton on May 20, 2016. Save the date for this special celebration.



# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



*President David T. Peterson*

I can't tell you how much I appreciated the hundreds of our members who attended our spring luncheon. Please plan to join us again on Friday, October 16, 2015 at the Hilton Chicago Hotel (see invitation on page 15.)

The comments of Charles A. Burbridge, the new Executive Director CTPF emphasized the continued need for each of us to ensure that "We do not repeat the mistakes of the past."

Ralph Martire, the Executive Director of the Center for Budget and Tax Accountability, asked us to rethink the solutions needed to protect our pensions.

Taken together, these comments provide a challenge to all pensioners to remain alert to the actions of our legislators, CPS and the City of Chicago as they attempt to solve their real financial problems.

The task that faces us is to never permit them to solve these problems by destroying the integrity of our pensions.

Our past actions were often fruitful as we prevented State Constitutional changes which would remove pension security by sanctioning 'pension holidays' and reduced pension contributions

But this fight continues and each of us must accept and take an active role. This past spring and summer I traveled to Springfield on two occasions representing the interests of RTAC members. I attended a hearing on HB 3695 on March 19. The legislation



*RTAC President Dave Peterson (right) in Springfield, Ill., with CTPF Executive Director Charles A. Burbridge (left) and HB 3695 Sponsor State Rep. Marcus Evans.*

restoring our tax levy received bi-partisan support in the House, but unfortunately was not called for a vote in the Senate. We hold out a hope that this fall we can again attempt to move HB 3695, and your voice will undoubtedly play an important role.

I returned to Springfield on July 28 as a member of a panel offering testimony about the devastating impact of Governor Rauner's pension proposal.

Advocacy is a responsibility we all share, so please do your part. Watch for RTAC news, bring in new members, and finally be an advocate for your pension.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



*Arlene R. Crandall*

As we approach RTAC's 90th anniversary in 2016, we are reviewing the materials which have been left to us by our predecessors. When we relocated from our prior office at 20 E. Jackson Blvd., we discovered two small notebooks which document the activities of the RTAC Service Committee in 1973.

The information contained therein revealed that the committee members focused upon assisting retired CPS educators who needed guidance and support with financial, housing, medical, and transportation issues during their retirements. The Service Committee members would carefully investigate the circumstances in which some of their former colleagues found themselves. They would then request that the RTAC Board provide small stipends to assist those retired educators whom they identified as being in need. This is what eventually led to the establishment of our Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund, Inc. (CRTAF) which was incorporated in 1986. At the time of its establishment, CRTAF was incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit charitable organization which enables

it to accept tax deductible donations in accordance with the law and to disburse funds in accordance with the regulations governing charitable entities.

It was interesting to discover that the first major donation was a legacy bequest in the amount of \$50,000 from Ms. Ferol Potter who served as RTAC's President in the biennium 1975-76. As we celebrate our nine decades of service to our retired Chicago public school educators, it is fitting and appropriate to recall the generosity of those who have preceded us and to commit ourselves to maintaining their legacy into the future.

Please consider making gifts to RTAC and CRTAF so that we may continue to protect and assist our former colleagues. Find a donation form on page 9.



# 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 1986 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

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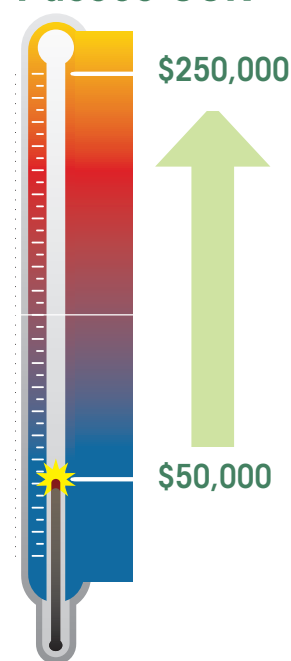
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Barber, Dale	03/25/15	Pope	Dowdell, Georgie M.	04/19/15	Pierce
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Stevens, Patricia B.	02/18/15	Farragut H.S.	Wilson, Marie S.	03/14/15	South Shore H.S.
Steward, Annie L.	04/08/15	Anderson	Woodruff, Gerald	01/20/15	Curie H.S.
Stewart, Emery L.	04/06/15	Earle	Young, Eddice M.	03/19/15	Pickard
Stolijkovic, Margarette G.	04/07/15	Whitney Young H.S.	Zotti, Mary I.	02/07/15	Lovett

## Legacy Gifts

RTAC recently received notice of two legacy gifts from members. These generous individuals chose to designate the Retired Teachers Association or the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund as beneficiaries of their Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund death benefit, and the gifts were made upon their passing. These legacy gifts honor the lives of generous individuals and help RTAC and CRTAF continue to fulfill their missions of protecting the livelihoods of retired teachers. For more information on designating RTAC or CRTAF as a beneficiary of your CTPF death benefit, contact CTPF Member Services at 1-312-641-4464 or visit [www.ctpf.org](http://www.ctpf.org).

### LA DONNA R. DUNKIN



In early Spring 2015 RTAC was informed that Mrs. La Donna (Rupinski) Dunkin, had arranged for RTAC to be the beneficiary of her CTPF death benefit.

Mrs. Dunkin was an exceptional educator who taught at Jahn Elementary from 1958-1998 and is fondly remembered by many students whose

lives she touched in the classroom and community. She lived a full life in retirement, traveling all the world's continents and had an abiding interest in Chicago's cultural and artistic institutions.

### GENEVIEVE LOBER

In April 2015, RTAC received the news that Genevieve Lober had passed away and that she had made arrangements to have a portion of her CTPF death benefit donated to the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund (CRTAF).

Ms. Lober spent over 30 years as a teacher at the Henry Clay Elementary School from which she retired in 1986. She joined RTAC that same year and was a life member. Throughout her retirement, Ms. Lober made regular contributions to CRTAF to commemorate the lives of family, friends and former colleagues, and supported several other charitable organizations.





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

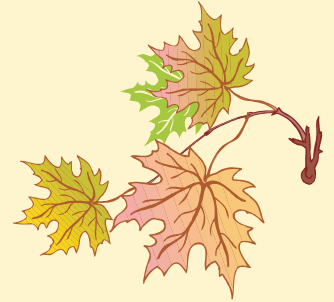
*You are cordially invited to join RTAC friends and Board Members*

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 and 2015 RTAC Directors Election*

Our keynote speaker is a well-known Chicago TV journalist. RTAC's lobbyists and CTPF representatives will provide the latest information on the status of our pensions. Please join us to re/elect eight RTAC Directors and to spend an afternoon with your former colleagues. Door prizes will be called during the latter part of the program.



## 2015 FALL LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION TO RTAC TODAY. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RTAC 2015 FALL LUNCHEON.**

This form is also available at [www.rtac.org](http://www.rtac.org).

Enclosed is my check number \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ member tickets at \$45 each

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

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entree:  Chicken  Fish  Veg.

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of retirement (for a survey): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entree:  Chicken  Fish  Veg.

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**WE URGE YOU TO MAKE AN EARLY RESERVATION. RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK NO LATER THAN  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015, TO: RTAC, 111 NORTH WABASH AVENUE, SUITE 2010, CHICAGO, IL 60602-2949**

Tickets will not be mailed. All tickets will be held at the door. No REFUNDS for any reason. **We are unable to accommodate walk-ins or meal changes at the hotel.** RSVP Deadline is Friday, October 9, 2015. No exceptions.

Not a member but want the member rate? Complete the form (available at [www.rtac.org](http://www.rtac.org)) 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.

Agency	Location	Contact Person	Phone
AARP Illinois Center	Chicago	Beverly Moore	312-458-3604
American Cancer Society	West Suburbs	Marni Fredrickson	708-484-8541x231
American Lung Assn. of Chicago	Chicago Central	Alexis Lewis	312-628-0234
Battered Women's Network	Chicago Central	Betsy Minor	312-750-0730
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



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**This list is only a part of the full list of volunteering opportunities available to RTAC members. For a full listing, visit [www.rtac.org](http://www.rtac.org) and go to “volunteers.”**

**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.**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Phone</b>
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
Working in the Schools	Chicago	Liz Murphy	312-368-9487



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**CPS Makes Full FY 2015 Payment**  
Thanks in large part to RTAC members who lobbied for full funding, the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) completed its pension payment for Fiscal Year 2015 on June 30. Excellent!

**VOTE for RTAC Endorsed CTPF Trustee Candidates**  
Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 4:00-5:00 PM

**Inside: RTAC's All New Fall News Bulletin**

**Legislative Update**  
This past spring and summer RTAC focused efforts on persuading Illinois legislators to pass HB 3695. The bill contained the pension levy which provided funding for CTPF until 1999 when the funds were diverted to the CPS budget. Representative Marcus C. Evans, Jr. (D-Chicago) introduced HB 3695, and House Speaker Michael J. Malligan and Minority Leader Barbara Pryor Carter signed on as Chief Co-Sponsors after lobbying from RTAC. Other co-sponsors included John D'Amico (D-Chicago), David Harris (R-Mt. Pleasant), Anthony DeMaio (D-Chicago Ill.), Candice Y. Luby (D-Chicago), Christian L. Mascher (D-Chicago), Elger E. Sims, Jr. (D-Chicago), Joe Sosnowski (R-Rockford), and Arthur Turner (D-Chicago).  
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**EVERY J. HOBBS**  
Every J. Hobbs' career extended from the classroom to the principalship during a full CPS career. Hobbs also served as a CTU delegate and taught at Northwestern Illinois University. Following his retirement, he completed his Doctorate in Education at Loyola University-Chicago. In retirement, Hobbs continues to be active in a variety of professional and civic organizations.

**PATRICIA KUBISTAL**  
During her extended CPS career, Patricia Kubistal developed a wide range of expertise in school administration, finance, federal, and state regulations. She completed her doctorate and served as a university professor at four local universities. In 2015, Kubistal joined RTAC as a Director, and currently serves as chair of the insurance committee. As a CTPF trustee representing

**MARY SHARON ROLLY**  
Mary Sharon Rolly had a full CPS career during which she served as a school counselor and CTU delegate. She represented active CTPF members as a trustee from 1991 to 2002, and she served as President of the CTPF Board of Trustees from 1993 to 2002. Rolly has served as Pension Trustee for the past 9 years, and serves on several CTPF committees.

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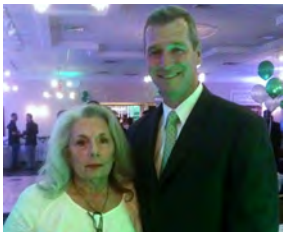
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## RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO (RTAC) MISSION STATEMENT

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.

## RTAC ADVOCACY IN ACTION....



RTAC Secretary Sylvia Asllani met with her Illinois State Rep. John D'Amico in March 2015 to share information about the importance of supporting HB 3695.

D'Amico co-sponsored the bill which passed in the house on April 14, 2015, on a vote of 102 to 9.



RTAC President David Peterson traveled to Springfield twice within recent months to represent RTAC members' interests. March 19, 2015, he delivered testimony in support of HB 3695, and on July 28, 2015, he spoke on a panel during the House Personnel and Pensions Committee subject matter hearing on the Governor's Pension Proposal, (*above left*). Peterson also addressed the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) Board of Trustees during their July 16, 2015, meeting (*above right*). Peterson asked the CTPF Board to hold CPS accountable for their full FY 2016-2017 payment.



## RTAC EVENTS CALENDAR

### October \_\_\_\_\_

**1-31** \_\_\_\_\_

Open Enrollment for CTPF Health Insurance Programs. Watch your mail for information from CTPF on health insurance programs and changes.

**16** \_\_\_\_\_

RTAC Fall luncheon and business meeting, see page 15 for invitation and additional details.

Save the Date!  
**May 20, 2016**

### 90th Annual RTAC Spring Luncheon

Details about this special celebration will be shared in the Winter *News Bulletin*, but save the date!