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RTAC CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

More than 500 members and guests attended a gala luncheon in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Chicago on Friday, May 20, 2016, to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago.

“This celebration truly caught the spirit of our organization and proved a memorable day for all who attended,” said RTAC President David Peterson. “The day reminded us that we are an organization born of necessity. The early activists who rallied behind our founder, James E. Armstrong, understood that they spoke for teachers whose voices and rights were being lost in a sea of politics and social upheaval. Today we call our challenges by different names, but our mission remains the same – protecting the rights and benefits of the people who devote their lives to educating the youth of Chicago. We proudly celebrate this legacy on the occasion of our 90th Anniversary.”

The RTAC Board and Social Committee developed a special program to commemorate the occasion. A highlight of the afternoon included a surprise appearance by Illinois Senator Dick Durbin, who saluted our organization and its members for their significant contributions to the education of Chicago’s youth and our mission. He recounted some of his special memories as they related to his youth and acknowledged how the encouragement of one of his high school teachers set him on his path to study public speaking which led him to his public service career. Charles A. Burbridge, executive director of the Chicago Teachers’ Pension Fund presented a special Certificate of Recognition honoring the work done by RTAC, and speakers throughout the afternoon program updated members on current events and reflected on past achievements.



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RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO (RTAC)

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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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Join us for a gala event on Friday, November 3, 2016.

Annual Membership \$50

Lifetime Membership \$300

90th Anniversary Celebration continued from cover



During the program, the 2016 Armstrong Award was presented to Marion Carlson Hoffing, see below for more information.

PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS

Thanks to some generous supporters, RTAC members enjoyed several raffle items and giveaways. Raffle winners pictured below included, from l-r: Yvonne Young, Diane Stotland-Repkin, Annette Lucas, Kathy Threatt, and Jane Boline. Pictured right, the winner of the grand prize “staycation” awarded to one of the members who participated in the L.E.A.P. contest, Kathy Manriquez, with RTAC President Dave Peterson. Sponsors also enhanced the day with gifts for our attendees. Oak Street Health provided each guest with an insulated lunch bag, HEAR In America underwrote the cost of centerpieces, taken home by a lucky attendee from each table, and RTAC gifted all attendees with a commemorative pen.



**REGISTER NOW
THE FALL 2016
LUNCHEON WILL BE
NOVEMBER 3, 2016.
FIND AN INVITATION ON
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WWW.RTAC.ORG**



Lifelong Learners: Join us for a Seminar

Our spring seminars proved popular and educational for many RTAC members who attended the free programming on a variety of topics ranging from health insurance to financial planning. RTAC is pleased to be able to invite you to participate in one of our Fall 2016 seminars. The programs are provided to our members at no charge. The sessions are held in the Garland Building Conference Room at 111 N. Wabash Avenue. All programs listed below begin at 10:00 a.m. and generally conclude before noon. Space is limited to 20 participants per program. Please call 1-312-750-1522 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to reserve your space.

September

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
HEALTHY SUGARS

Presented by Oak Street Health

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
**CLOSING THE GAP TO CREATE
FINANCIAL PEACE OF MIND**

Presented by the Ward Powell Group

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016
SENIOR HOUSING OPTIONS 101

Presented by The Clare

October

Wednesday, October 12, 2016
**HOW TO SAVE MONEY BY REVIEWING
AND UNDERSTANDING YOUR INCOME
TAX RETURN**

Presented by Blyth & Associates

Thursday, October 20, 2016
TAKING CONTROL OF AGING FORWARD
Presented by Euclid Managers

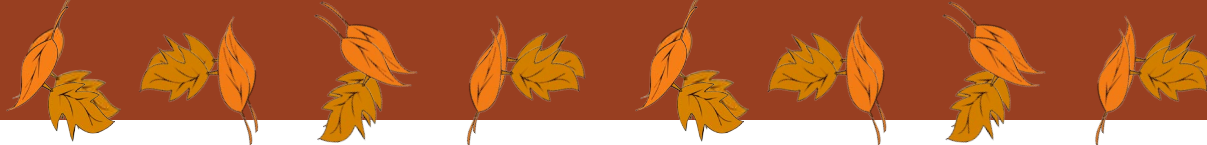
2016 Armstrong Award



The 2016 Armstrong Award, RTAC’s highest honor, was presented to longtime RTAC supporter Marion Carlson

Hoffing, who at 101 years of age is one of the organization’s most senior members.

Louella B. Preston, RTAC 1st Vice President, prepared and read the testimonial detailing Ms. Hoffing’s extensive career which began teaching at an infant nursery when she was 18. Marion dedicated her professional life to children while teaching Physical Education and Dance at Chicago Public Schools Social Centers. At retirement in 1977, she began a lengthy period of service on RTAC’s Social Committee and the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund.



RTAC's Legislative Advocates' Fall 2016 Report

BY BUKOLA BELLO, JOHN CARR, AND RICHARD LOCKHART

Editor's Note: RTAC works on behalf of retirees through many channels, and engages advocates who educate Illinois legislators. This report highlights issues at the close of the spring 2016 legislative session.

Certain dates and events in Illinois history will forever be remembered for their significance and challenge to the status quo. June 30, 2016, is one of those dates – when Governor Bruce Rauner signed not one, but two important pieces of legislation that align with RTAC's legislative mission and purpose.

Tax Levy Passes

After two decades of financial hardship for the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF), the Governor signed Public Act 99-0521 into law. The new law allows CPS to establish a property tax levy up to .383%, and could yield an estimated \$250 million, which would be remitted directly to CTPF. The original levy was formulated at a rate of .265% and yielded \$150-175 million a year. The restoration of the dedicated property tax levy is a vital step in ensuring that CTPF has a stable source of revenue and is responsibly and adequately funded.

State Support for CTPF

SB 2822, House Amendment 3, also passed both houses on June 30, 2016. This legislation requires the State of Illinois to provide \$215.5 million in support for CTPF for fiscal year 2017. However, the legislation comes with strings attached. The funding only covers Fiscal Year 2017, beginning on June 1, 2017, and is contingent upon passing pension reform

legislation. The bill will not progress until a negotiated pension reform package materializes that is satisfactory to the Governor. The kind of pension reform proposals that would be acceptable to the Governor are unclear.

What is clear at this point is that current benefits are protected – and cannot be diminished or impaired. Any measure taken must be considered against that standard.

SIX-MONTH BUDGET

The adjournment of the Illinois legislature on May 31, 2016, without a budget for the second year put pressure on both Democrats and Republicans and prompted the passage of Public Act 99-0524 a six-month stop-gap budget. The measure provides temporary budget relief and funding for critical areas including education, human services, and vital state agencies. While this temporary agreement provides critical funding for the short-term, it will undoubtedly launch another round of issues when it expires this winter.

CTPF Health Insurance Reminders

The Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) offers comprehensive health insurance for retirees whose final service is with CTPF. Open enrollment for these programs runs October 1-31, 2016. During this time, qualified members can enroll for the first time or change plans.

The Fund will send enrollment information by October 1, 2016. Save the date for free seminars and webinars:

SEMINARS AND WEBINARS

Online Webinars (internet accessible versions of the seminars).

1 p.m., October 4, Medicare plans

10 a.m., October 6, Non-Medicare plans

Tuesday, October 11, Seminars

Harold Washington Library

9 a.m. – Medicare plans

1 p.m. – Non-Medicare plans

Thursday, October 13, Seminars

Hilton Oak Lawn

9 a.m. – Medicare plans

1 p.m. – Non-Medicare plans

Registration begins on October 3, 2016.

RTAC Dental Insurance

RTAC members in good standing are eligible to access one of RTAC's MetLife Dental insurance plans. Annual RTAC members who enroll must maintain their RTAC membership to qualify.



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.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David T. Peterson

It has been an interesting spring. Along with the changing weather and the beauty of flowers comes the death-defying performance of the circus known as the Illinois General Assembly.

Your support of our legislative agenda and the multiple visits you made to our representatives, as well as the efforts of our legislative advocates ensured that the members of the Illinois Legislature and the Governor were aware of the needs of CPS retirees and our pension fund.

As the clock ticked, it seemed like this session would end as countless others had – without progress. However, near the end of the session, two bills aligned with our legislative agenda found success.

Most importantly, SB318 (HA3) provides for the re-establishment of the CPS pension levy. Once implemented, the funds collected will be remitted directly to the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund. RTAC has been a leading voice fighting for more than two decades to restore the

levy and provide a stable source of revenue for the Fund. While this bill still depends on CPS issuing the levy, it's a major and important step forward. This is a true victory for RTAC and its members who worked so hard to educate legislators on the importance of this issue.

Another bill, SB 2822, (HA3) provides a one-year contribution of \$215.2 million from the State of Illinois; but it comes with conditions. The bill will be held in the Senate until pension "reform" legislation, acceptable to the Governor is passed. Without any indication of what this "reform" might be, we're exceedingly cautious about this legislation. But we appreciate the State's growing recognition that funding for CTPF is a state responsibility.

A bill to establish a health insurance task force to evaluate CTPF's options for providing insurance for members did not progress in the spring session. If it resurfaces, we will continue to demand that



David T. Peterson

RTAC be a part of the decision-making process and oppose benefit reductions.

During the past 90 years, we have consistently demonstrated that educating legislators about our members' needs makes a difference. Persistence and perseverance work. The efforts we made during the past 20 years helped make the restoration of our tax levy a reality.

Keep up the good work. Your State Rep and other elected officials will seek re-election on November 8, 2016. Share your thoughts on critical issues and continue to support RTAC's legacy as we head towards our century mark.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Arlene R. Crandall

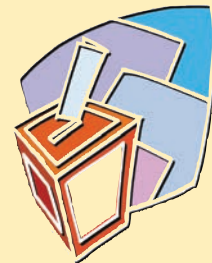
The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago has been blessed throughout its 90 year history to have dedicated members, Directors, and Executive Boards. Without the commitment of the many individuals who have engaged their skills and talents on our behalf over the past nine decades, we would have been unable to address and resolve

the issues that could have negatively impacted retired Chicago public school educators. Our recent 90th Anniversary gala luncheon reflected the many elements which have enabled our organization to undertake a substantive role in the protection of our retirement security. Staff members, committee members who give of their time, service providers from across the business sector, and our partner sponsors all contribute to RTAC's success.

RTAC is unique in that most retired educator associations are organized on a statewide basis. Because our organization includes individuals whose careers unfolded in the same city in which about 43% of us still reside, we have ongoing opportunities to renew and maintain friendships with our former colleagues. As we look to the future, we are also mindful

that the volunteerism which played an integral role in our success was and is essential to our strength. The volunteers who comprise our Service Committee and the other volunteers who provide clerical assistance throughout the year enable us to undertake many special projects. Our organization's sponsors who collaborate with us to provide seminars and workshops which address the needs of our members are valued beyond words because they enhance the quality of our lives. Their generous contributions over the years are sincerely appreciated and valued. As we gratefully acknowledge the many who have served RTAC throughout the ninety years of our history, we anticipate further success in the future. Thank you to everyone who is dedicated to ensuring that retired Chicago public school educators can live securely once they have completed their careers.

RTAC PRESENTS 2016 FALL ELECTION SLATE



The 2016 Nominating Committee submitted its 2017-2018 Executive Board and Directors slate at RTAC's August 3, 2016, Board meeting. The RTAC Board voted to approve the slate. All candidates have consented to serve.

NOMINATION

As required by section h. of the RTAC Bylaws, any member in Good Standing can be nominated. "Nominations for any position may be made from the floor, provided the nominee has filed a signed

nomination form with RTAC's office a week prior to the Fall meeting. Failure to provide such a form disqualifies the nominee. (Amended 10-29-08)."

The Fall 2016 RTAC Business Meeting and Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2016. The nomination form must be submitted electronically on or before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2016, to ArCrandall@rtac.org.

VOTING INFORMATION

RTAC members in Good Standing who wish to participate in the business meeting portion of the event only, must register to attend the business meeting by presenting a photo ID at the registration table located outside the luncheon venue between 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Hilton Chicago Hotel located at 720 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

SLATED OFFICERS

PATRICIA B. KUBISTAL— PRESIDENT

Patricia B. Kubistal was elected as an RTAC Director in 2014. She has



served as chairperson of the Insurance Committee and has committed extensive energy to ensuring that all retired CPS educators have access to well-negotiated health insurance options. Pat has provided seminars on the topic to RTAC members as well as other educator organizations such as Delta Kappa Gamma. Pat regularly attends CTPF Board meetings.

LINDA R. WILLIAMS — FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Linda R. Williams is presently completing the unexpired term of our former Second Vice President.



Linda brings strong administrative skills to RTAC from her prior administrative roles in the business community as well as CPS. She joined RTAC as a Director in 2015. She also serves as the chairperson of the Service Committee. In 2015, she

chaired the Nominations Committee. Linda believes that CPS retirees who also worked in private sector employment should not be limited to reduced Social Security benefits.

RALPH A. JUSS — SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Ralph A. Juss has served as an RTAC Director since 2007.



He serves as the chairperson of the Social Committee where he has been instrumental in arranging for very favorable pricing for our semi annual luncheons at the Hilton Chicago. Ralph also serves on RTAC's Finance Committee where he is committed to maximizing the development of our investments. He encourages all RTAC members to make donations and bequests so that RTAC's mission will continue to serve retired CPS educators well into our next century.

SYLVIA ASLLANI — SECRETARY

Sylvia Asllani started serving as an RTAC Director in January



2013. She became Acting Secretary following Jim Ward's retirement in 2014. She was elected Secretary in Fall 2014 and continues to provide dedicated service in that capacity. In addition to her Executive Board and secretarial responsibilities Sylvia serves as the chairperson of the Bylaws Committee and is a member of the Legislative Committee. She is active in civic and community organizations and enjoys meeting with local elected officials to advocate for retired CPS educators.

JOHN BUTTERFIELD — TREASURER

John Butterfield, RTAC's current Treasurer, previously served as an RTAC Director and as an officer in the Chicago



Principals and Administrators Association Auxiliary 16, and as an assistant to CPAA's President. He completed a full career with CPS which concluded with a ten year tenure as principal at Mather H.S. John is focused on maintaining our full CTPF pension benefits and continuing the stewardship and growth of RTAC's Legal Defense Fund.

SLATED DIRECTORS

KEVIN B. HUBER – DIRECTOR

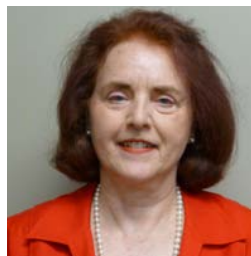
Kevin B. Huber, a Certified Public Accountant with a Masters Degree in Business Administration served in a variety of positions in the business community prior to his career at the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund (CTPF). Kevin's wide range of experiences in the private and public sectors concluding with his position as Executive Director of CTPF uniquely qualify him to serve on RTAC's board.



school teacher in a variety of positions throughout a full career which concluded with 18 years as a School Psychologist. He enjoys music in its many forms and is also a dramatic tenor. George would like to serve on RTAC's Finance Committee and support our legislative initiatives

LOUELLA B. PRESTON – DIRECTOR

Louella B. Preston joined RTAC in 2011 as a Director. For the biennium 2015-2016, she served as RTAC's first Vice President as well as chairperson of the Legislative and COPE Committees and chaired the Armstrong Award Committee. She had a full Chicago public school career which included a principalship and administrative



roles in a variety of special needs programs. She is active in her local church, community, civic, and governmental organizations.

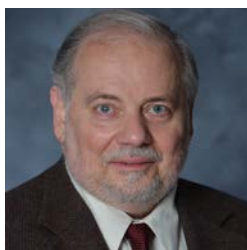
DIANE YONKERS – DIRECTOR

Diane Yonkers concluded her extensive and varied career at CPS as a School Psychologist and Special Education Administrator in 2006, and joined RTAC at retirement. Diane is involved in a variety of civic and community organizations as well as Delta Kappa Gamma. Her commitment to RTAC includes regular attendance at semi-annual luncheons, and regular interaction with her State legislators to promote RTAC's legislative agenda.



GEORGE DRELIOS – DIRECTOR

George Drelios served as a Chicago public

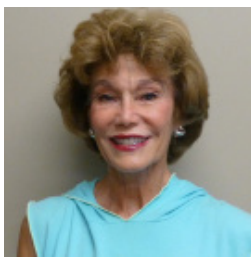


INCUMBENT DIRECTORS

The following incumbent Directors have consented to continue serving for the Biennium 2016-2017.

ELIZABETH CITTADINE – DIRECTOR

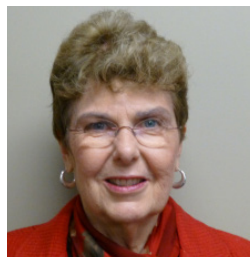
Elizabeth Cittadine joined RTAC in Spring 2014. She also serves as the Vice President of CPAA Auxiliary 16. Betty regularly interacts with her elected officials to share RTAC's Legislative agenda.



is committed to strengthening RTAC and recruiting new members. He has been instrumental in securing luncheon sponsors for our semi-annual Spring and Fall luncheons. During his 2015-2016 term he served as chairperson of RTAC's membership committee.

RITA M. NAUGHTON – DIRECTOR

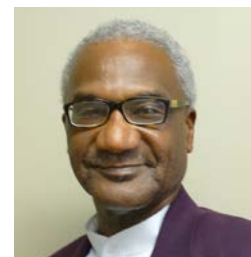
Rita M. Naughton spent most of her extensive CPS career as a counselor/case manager. She has also been active in her church community throughout her life. She became an RTAC Director in 2009 and has continued to serve on the Finance and Social committees as well as the Nominating Committee which she chaired



in 2012 and 2014. Rita supports RTAC's focus on extending its strong presence.

JAMES PATRICK – DIRECTOR

James Patrick joined the RTAC Board of Directors in January 2016. James is a retired Chicago public school administrator who served in a variety of positions throughout a full career. He is dedicated to protecting the pensions of retired CPS educators. He is currently serving on our Legislative Committee and shares a substantial amount of experience and knowledge from his extensive civic and community organization commitments, especially in his Bronzeville neighborhood.



HUBERT C. JACKSON – DIRECTOR

Hubert C. Jackson joined RTAC as a Director following a full career in a variety of Chicago public schools. Hubert





RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

Membership Application

Please use this form to:

Join the Retired Teachers
Association of Chicago (RTAC)

- Renew your annual membership
- Join the RTAC E-Mail Alert Team
- Change your address

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.)

Join our RTAC E-Mail Alert Team to receive time-sensitive information about your pension.

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 for the calendar year 2017

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.



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 and/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 LDF.

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](http://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.**

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

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

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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. **\$20 minimum donation, please.**

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 FEBRUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 2016

PATRICIA BAKER
JOYCE BOOKER-THOMAS
CAROL BRUNKOWSKI
JOYCE COHEN
JOAN O'CONNOR

NANCY ELLIS-ROBINSON
JAMES ENGLISH
ROSE MARY FINNEGAN
MARILYN FOSTER
DANIEL HARRINGTON

GOLDIE KEILIN HOLZMAN
ANNA F HORWITZ
DIANNE SPACKMAN IGNAZITTO
DEBORAH JOBST
VALERIE LAND
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KATHY A MANRRIQUEZ
SALLY MAXEY
CECILIA NAJDOWSKI
RANSIL PARK
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CORAL PETTY

ELAINE ROSENBERG
DONNA SMITH
YOLANDA WALLACE-JONES
CAROL WARREN
CAROL A. WESSON



LEGAL DEFENSE FUND GIFTS FEBRUARY 1 - JUNE 30, 2016

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.

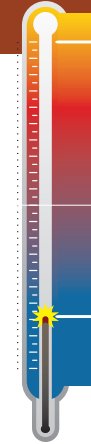
PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE MEMBERS (DONATIONS OF \$100 OR MORE)

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Baker, Patricia	Gloor, John F.	Metz, Frederic William	Ruyack, Edward J.
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Broderick, Kevin P.	Heim, Holly L.	Nelson, Nancy E.	Sangster, Denise L.
Chaney, Jeanne H.	Hill, Harold & Trudy	Newton, Johnnie M.	Slavitt, Marlene
Cittadine, Elizabeth	Isby, Ernest M.	Ogrodnik, Jane J.	Tollbert, Millicent J.
Coffey, Eileen	Kane, Pamela	Pahlke, Barbara J.	Warden, William L.
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OTHER GIFTS

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LDF Surpasses 70K



\$250,000

\$73,840

Your continued support of the Legal Defense Fund is vital. 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 9.

Legacy Bequests: Extending Your Generosity

Individuals may choose to make gifts to RTAC in their estate plans or designate RTAC or the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund as beneficiaries of their CTPF death benefit. 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.

ELLEN AND GERTRUDE B. KIRBY FUND

Ellen Kirby concluded a 37½ year career when she retired from her position as a counselor at the Schneider Elementary School in June 1993 and joined RTAC. The Designated Fund Grant from the Ellen and Gertrude B. Kirby Fund of the Community Foundation of Broward provides operating support of the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund's mission to assist our retired Chicago public school educators who find themselves in constrained circumstances.

ACORDIA B. MILLER

RTAC gratefully acknowledges a significant bequest from the estate of Ms. Acordia B. Miller, who made her transition on February 3, 2014. Following the completion of her 38-year career which concluded at Raymond Elementary School in 1985 she joined RTAC. She developed a global perspective through her travels around the world.

CHICAGO RETIRED TEACHERS AID FUND GIFTS

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RTAC GIFTS

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Looking for the perfect gift?

Honor a friend of loved one with a donation to CRTAF or recognize someone truly special with a lifetime membership to RTAC. See pages 8-9.



FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF RECENT OBITUARIES, PLEASE SEE THE NEWS BULLETIN MAILED TO OUR MEMBERS.

Memorials for RTAC Staff Assistants

It is with great sadness that the Executive Board, Directors, and Past Presidents of the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago report the loss of two former staff assistants. May their memories always serve as a blessing.

Marie Ann Cristol

Marie Ann Cristol passed away following a long-term illness on Monday, June 6, 2016. Marie concluded her career teaching children with severe learning disabilities at Brentano Elementary School. "Marie was very effective with her special population students and was respected by them as well as the entire Brentano School community," said Pat Kubistal, RTAC Director. Shortly after her 1986 retirement from Brentano, Marie joined RTAC as a staff assistant. Marie was an efficient, dedicated, knowledgeable, and loyal member of our office staff throughout her 26 ½ years of RTAC service, which ended in December 2014. A memorial service was conducted at Holy Name Cathedral on Friday,

June 24, 2016. The entire CRTAF/RTAC family extends its sincere condolences to Marie's daughter Sidney, son Michael, granddaughter Katey Cristol Freedman, (stage name Cate Freedman),

sister Paulette and the other members of her extended family, friends, and colleagues.



Margaret L. Junker

Margaret L. Junker, former CPS Principal and RTAC Staff Assistant passed away on Friday, July 1, 2016, following an extended illness. Ms. Junker started her CPS career as a third grade teacher at the Caldwell and Oakenwald Elementary Schools and then proceeded to the principalship of Webster and Bancker Elementary Schools. Following her 1981 retirement, she immediately joined RTAC. Throughout the years, she made considerable contributions to the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund to honor former colleagues and friends. Following work at a legal firm, she engaged her skills and talents as an RTAC

staff assistant to further CRTAF and RTAC's mission and goals where she served as an efficient and dedicated member of our organization. She was

known for her dependability, honesty, integrity, loyalty and strong work ethic. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Margaret's family, friends, and colleagues.



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 Experience Corp	Chicago-Central	Kevin S. Smith	312-660-8664
AgeOptions	Near West Suburbs		708-383-0258
American Red Cross (CPR & First aid)	Chicago Central	LaToya Sewell-Hall	312-729-6111
Blue Gargoyle Community Services	Chicago	Ashley J. Hobbs	773-955-4108x308
Catholic Charities (Tutor)	Cook and Lake Counties	Albert Curtis Jr.	312-655-7412
CCIS (Cnsl for Int'l Stdnts)	Chicago-North Suburbs	Sylvia Alvino	847-328-7516
Chicago Architectural Foundation	Chicago	Barbara Hrbek	312-922-3432x225
Chicago Cultural Center	Chicago Central	Marianne Wolf	312-744-7096
Chicago Foundation for Education	Chicago	Sarah Hoppe	312-670-2033
Chicago HOPES for Kids	Chicago	Allison Roberts	312-690-4240
Chicago Hopes for Kids (Literacy)	Chicago-West	Morgan Oliver	312-690-4240
Chicago Humanities Festival	Chicago Central	Annie Tully	312-661-1028
Chicago State University (Basic Skills)	Chicago-South	Cynthia Valenciano	773-995-4419
Chicago Symphony Orchestra	Chicago		312-294-3160
Christopher House (Tutoring/Literacy)	Chicago North	Alicia M. Villagomez	773-922-7500x27252
Comfort Hospice & Palliative Care	Chicago-Northwest	Cheryl Cloh	847-983-8257
Count Me In!	Chicago	William N. Black	773-381-6024
Cycle	Chicago	Melinda Brand	312-664-1194x14
DuSable Mus. of African American History	Chicago South	Kay McCrimon	773-947-0600x239
Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust	Chicago South or Oak Pk	Kent Bartram	708-848-1976
Friends of the Parks	Chicago Central	Laura Ronneberg	312-922-3307
Gads Hill Center (Mentoring)	Chicago	Lisset Gonzalez	312-226-0963x231
George Armstrong School	Chicago Northwest	Kim Bendig	773-534-2150
Glenkirk (Programs for the Dev. Disabled)	Northbrook	Roberta M. Rekus	847-400-8569

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Click here for additional 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 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.

Agency	Location	Contact Person	Phone
Ill. Parents Anonymous (Parent Counseling)	Chicago	Melinda Crosby	312-649-7301
Inner Voice Learning Center (Leadership)	Chicago near West	Antoinette Toliver	312-666-8110
JCB School	Chicago	Amber Egelston	773-467-3746
Junior Achievement Chicago	Chicago	Cherie Russ	312-715-1300x269
LaRabida Children's Hospital	Chicago Jackson Pk	Judi Blakemore	773-256-5985
Lifelong Learning Inst. at National Lewis U.	North Suburbs	Joan Marks	224-233-2366
Lincoln Park Community Shelter	Chicago-North	Fawn O'Brien	773-549-6111x216
Little Brothers Friends of Elderly	Chicago	Geri Mead	312-455-1000
Midtown Educational Foundation (Tutoring)	Chicago-Southwest	Carolyn Madigan	312-226-4886x232
Museum of Broadcast Communications	Chicago-Central	Steve Jajkowski	312-245-8200x7
National Latino Ed. Inst.	Chicago-West	Adrienne Lesof	773-247-0707
PAWS Chicago	Chicago Near North	Melissa Ziberna	773-687-4722
Roseland Community Hospital	Chicago Roseland	Jennifer Seldon	773-995-3470
School Children's Aid Society	Chicago	Margaret Paul	773-247-1311
Sierra Club's Inner City Outings	Chicago-North		847-274-0127
Woman Made Gallery	Chicago Near NW	Pamela Callahan	312-328-0038



The Chicago Public Schools 2017 Science Fair depends on volunteers and sponsors to provide a successful program.

Visit <http://cpsscifair.org/Main/contribute.html> to find out how you can contribute financially, or work directly with students as a volunteer as a mentor or science fair judge.



RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO 90TH ANNIVERSARY BUSINESS MEETING/FALL LUNCHEON

You are cordially invited to join RTAC friends and Board Members

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016

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

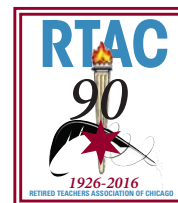
The ballroom is immediately inside the main hotel entrance and up the staircase to your left. An elevator is available. Discounted parking for hotel self-park is available.

Fall Program

Please join your former colleagues and RTAC leadership as we celebrate our history and prepare for the challenges ahead. The Fall 2016 RTAC Business Meeting will be held during the luncheon and elections will be held for RTAC Directors and the Executive Board for the biennium 2017-2018. Door prizes will be called during the latter part of the program, and there will be some special surprises.

2016 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION RESERVATION FORM

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION TO RTAC TODAY. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RTAC 90TH ANNIVERSARY FALL LUNCHEON. This form is also available at 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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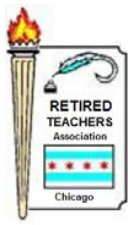
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WE URGE YOU TO MAKE AN EARLY RESERVATION. RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016, TO: RTAC, 111 NORTH WABASH AVENUE, SUITE 2010, CHICAGO, IL 60602-2949

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 Thursday, October 27, 2016, No exceptions.

Not a member but want the member rate? Complete the form (available on page 8 and at www.rtac.org) and return it with this reservation form and your separate payments for membership and the luncheon. Need additional information?

Call 1-312-750-1522 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on school days.

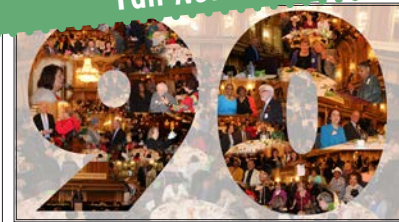


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RTAC CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

More than 500 members and guests attended a gala luncheon in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Chicago on Friday, May 20, 2016, to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago.

"This celebration truly caught the spirit of our organization and proved a memorable day for all who attended," said RTAC President David Perrow. "The day reminded us that we are an organization born of necessity. The early actions that rallied behind our founder, James E. Armstrong, underscored that they spoke for teachers whose voices and rights were being lost in a sea of politics and social upheaval. Today we call our challenges by different names, but our mission remains the same - promoting the rights and best interests of the people who devote their lives to educating the youth of Chicago. We proudly celebrate this legacy on the occasion of our 90th Anniversary."

The RTAC Board and Social Committee developed a special program to commemorate the occasion. A highlight of the afternoon included a surprise appearance by Illinois Senator Dick Durbin, who shared our organization and its members for their significant contributions to the education of Chicago's youth and our mission. He recounted some of his special memories as they related to his youth and acknowledged how the encouragement of one of his high school teachers set him on his path to study public speaking which led him to his public service career. Charles A. Burbridge, executive director of the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund presented a special Certificate of Recognition honoring the work done by RTAC, and speakers throughout the afternoon program updated members on current events and reflected on past achievements.



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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 CELEBRATES 90 YEARS!

Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) joined more than 500 members and guests in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Chicago on May 20, 2016, for a Gala Celebration in Honor of RTAC's 90th Anniversary. Read more about the event on page 1.

Save the Date!
May 19, 2017

91st Annual RTAC Spring Luncheon

RTAC EVENTS CALENDAR

September

- 20 RTAC *Free Seminar* – Healthy Sugars
- 27 RTAC *Free Seminar* – Closing the Gap to Create Financial Peace
- 29 RTAC *Free Seminar* – Senior Housing Options 101

October

- 1-31 Open Enrollment for CTPF Health Insurance Programs
- 12 RTAC *Free Seminar* – Save money on your income taxes
- 20 RTAC *Free Seminar* – Taking control of aging forward

November

- 3 RTAC Business Meeting/Fall luncheon, see page 15 for details