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RTAC Celebrates 93 Years of Advocacy

It's time to light the 93 candles and give thanks for what we have accomplished and to recommit ourselves to keep the light of our organization shining brightly as we move towards the future. As we mark this milestone, we celebrate our founders who truly understood the need to protect retired Chicago public school educators.

The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago (RTAC) works hard to recruit new members. As part of our marketing efforts, RTAC's Membership Committee participates in the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) Pre-Retirement seminars and introduces prospective retirees to the benefits of RTAC membership and the need to become part of an organization that advocates on behalf of retired CPS educators. Monday, February 18, 2019, RTAC's Membership Team attended and interacted with prospective new members at CTPF's winter seminar. RTAC President John A. Butterfield and Executive Director Arlene Crandall worked with RTAC Membership Chair Hubert C. Jackson, Jr., Mary Sharon Reilly, and Maria J. Rodriguez distributing literature and sharing information about RTAC's mission and work with the prospective retirees. RTAC will also have representatives at the spring seminar.

Also, in October of each year, the RTAC Membership Committee team introduces CTPF Health Seminar attendees to RTAC with membership and dental insurance



Clockwise: Membership Chair Hubert C. Jackson, Jr. and RTAC Director Maria J. Rodriguez meet with a prospective member at a Retirement Seminar. RTAC Director Mary Sharon Reilly meets with a CTPF member during a retirement seminar. RTAC President John A. Butterfield addresses the CTPF Board of Trustees on behalf of RTAC members.

information. This is especially important for CTPF members whose insurance coverage under COBRA is concluding.

Advocacy is an important part of our mission and we keep an open dialogue with CTPF Trustees and staff. President Butterfield addressed the CTPF Trustees in January. In February he met with the CTPF Communications Department to outline our members' needs and concerns.

You can help us increase our membership and strength. Encourage a friend to join RTAC or purchase a membership for a special gift. We're stronger together.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Access to affordable dental insurance, and discounts on vision purchases
- Free educational seminars
- Annual subscription to the RTAC *News Bulletin* sent three times per year
- Access to the RTAC Alert E-mail network
- Fellowship, networking, leadership, volunteer, and outreach opportunities
- Legislative advocacy on behalf of members

Need to renew your membership? Use the form on page 9

RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO (RTAC)

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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). The RTAC Board of Directors meets monthly. RTAC members in good standing are welcome to attend; check www.rtac.org for the current meeting schedule.

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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Annual Membership \$50

Lifetime Membership \$300

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Lifelong Learners: Spring Seminar Registration Now Open

RTAC is pleased to be able again provide its members with a series of seminars in Spring 2019. Please call the RTAC Office at (312) 750-1522 between 10:00 am. and 3:00 p.m. on business days to reserve your seat at one or more of the program offerings. Space is limited so please call now. The upcoming programs include the following:

April

10 MAXIMIZING YOUR DENTAL INSURANCE BENEFITS

Steve Stall of Euclid Managers will provide attendees with information about how to maximize your Metlife dental coverage benefits. He will explain how the two plan options available to RTAC members can best be utilized to address your dental needs.

17 BEING PREPARED AND PROTECTED FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Bill and Bob Blyth of Blyth & Associates will help you to review and consider the best options and choices for preparing and protecting yourself and your family going forward. All of us need to make provisions to ensure that our expectations and wishes are clear and carried out.

18 SENIOR HOUSING OPTIONS: LIVE YOUR BEST AND LONGEST LIFE

Meghan Luce of Smith Village will share information about the Smith Senior Village Community, its residents, and various amenities that make its variety of senior residential options worthy of your consideration. A number of RTAC members already enjoy the Smith Senior lifestyle.

23 BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN FINANCIAL PLANNING AND LEGACY PLANS

Michael Broadus and Michael Vasilou of Better Benefits Family Group will present this workshop focused on financial planning and preparation. They will present steps to take to ensure smooth transitions in the situations a retiree may encounter once his/her overall goals have been defined.

June

18 NAVIGATING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Ward Powell of the Ward Powell Group will reveal how you can access and maximize the Social Security benefits to which you are entitled. Depending upon your and/or a spouse's work history, you may have options for accessing Social Security benefits.

20 PROTECTING YOUR NEST EGG WITH LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE

Janice Axelrod of Axelrod and Associates presents Protecting Your Nest Egg with Long Term Care Insurance. Janice will present you with the facts and figures that will enable you to determine how best to protect your financial plans as you address your and your family members' long-term-care needs. Please be aware that neither Medicare nor one's regular health insurance provide long-term-care coverage.



Metlife Dental

Research shows that maintaining dental health supports overall health.

RTAC is pleased to announce that our Metlife Dental Plan will continue in 2019 with rates at the same level as have been in effect since 2017. RTAC provides members access to two options. Both plans provide extended benefits if the member selects 'in network' providers. If an RTAC Metlife Dental insured exceeds his/her annual \$1,250 maximum benefit level in either the comprehensive or basic plan, discounts of 30%-40% continue from in-network providers. Coverage is available to the member, her/his spouse, and/or qualified dependent.

RTAC Metlife Dental members are also eligible for discounts when purchasing prescription eyewear: glasses and contact lenses, non-prescription sunglasses, and Lasik procedures.

For additional information, please call the RTAC office at (312) 750-1522 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays when school is in session.

Returning to Work?

A CTPF retiree may return to work, but there are rules to follow to keep your pension from being jeopardized. A retiree who returns is restricted as to how many days, during each school year s/he can work in a Chicago Public School or charter school, without affecting their pension and health insurance subsidy.

It's critical to maintain a record of days worked and complete required reporting if you return to work. CTPF does not track this information for you. Visit www.ctpf.org for information and be vigilant in tracking to protect your pension.

Save the Date! RTAC's Spring luncheon will be Thursday, May 30, 2019. Find your invitation on page 15.

RTAC Leadership Opportunities

RTAC is seeking nominees for eight directorships for the biennium 2020-2021. Per the RTAC Bylaws, any member in good standing can self-nominate. Candidates must meet the following qualifications:

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

1. Possess computer competency (either Windows or Apple).
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. Promote 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.



Applications are due on or before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. They are available at www.rtac.org. The 2019 Nominating Committee will interview the 2020-2021 candidates in late spring 2019.

2019 RTAC Officers and Directors



Pictured above 2019 RTAC officers, directors, and past presidents. Officers, seated, from left to right: Hubert C. Jackson, Jr., (Treasurer), Louella B. Preston, (First Vice President), John A. Butterfield, (President), Linda R. Williams, (Second Vice President), Sylvia Asllani, (Secretary).

Middle row, from left to right: Ethel Philpott, Patricia B. Kubistal, Mary Sharon Reilly, Dianne Yonkers, Ned L. McCray, Rita M. Naughton, Maria Fresse-Giffels, Carlene Lutz, Maria J. Rodriguez, and Arlene Crandall (Executive Director).

Back row, from left to right: Katherine Konopasek, Elaine L. Schain, Amour J. Andrews, John P. Reilly, Kevin B. Huber, Virginia Bautista-White, Eva Nickolich, Roy Coleman, and Patrick Keating.

Not pictured: Juanita R. Jordan, Vaughn J. Barber. Photo by Allan Reisberg.

2019 Armstrong Award Nominations

RTAC is seeking nominations for the 2019 James E. 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 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, Vaughn J. Barber – 2014, James F. Ward – 2015, Marion Hoffing – 2016. Marcella L. Morrison and Walter L. Pilditch – 2017, Audrey U. Mivelaz and Mary Sharon Reilly – 2018.

The nomination form is available at www.rtac.org. Nominations are to be submitted to Carlene Lutz, Armstrong Award Chairperson, on or before Friday, April 19, 2019, c/o office@rtac.org.

The 2019 Armstrong Award will be presented during the 2019 RTAC 93rd Spring Luncheon/General Membership meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2019. A luncheon invitation/general membership meeting announcement appears on page 15 and at www.rtac.org.



Health Benefits: Volunteering

Looking for a way to feel better and improve your health? One easy answer may surprise you – be a volunteer. Volunteering boosts self-esteem, expands social connections, and has been shown to have a variety of health benefits from combating stress to staving off the effects of cognitive decline. Volunteering can also help fill critical gaps and improve your community.

There are many resources available to individuals who want to donate time and talent – but it's important to find a cause that appeals to you and to pursue a task you find enjoyable. RTAC offers an extensive listing of volunteer opportunities on its website and highlights a selection of these opportunities in each of its online newsletters, available at www.rtac.org.

“We want to encourage all CPS retired educators (teachers and administrators) to find an opportunity to give back and share in their community,” said RTAC Volunteer

Committee Chair Maria J. Rodriguez. “We especially want our members to know that one of the easiest ways to get involved and to expand your connections is by volunteering for RTAC. Our Service Committee offers the opportunity to help members connect with each other while doing meaningful work. We would love to see more involvement from our members; and hope many will take advantage of this great opportunity.”

RTAC's Service Committee sends holiday and birthday cards with hand-written greetings to members age 85 and above. The group meets from 10:00 a.m. until noon on the last Thursday of the month in the conference room at the Garland building where RTAC's office is located.

“Some members have been attending for years,” remarked Arlene Crandall, Executive Director. “Others are new to the group – but everyone enjoys the opportunity



Service Committee volunteers pitch in to write out and address cards to members during a recent meeting.

for fellowship while working towards a common goal.”

Members interested in volunteering at RTAC are encouraged to call the office Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 312-750-1522 to confirm attendance at an upcoming Service Committee meeting.

Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund Lends a Helping Hand

The Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund (CRTAF), which became an incorporated not-for-profit organization in 1986, has its roots in the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago (RTAC).

The RTAC archives reveal that over the years some members were concerned about former colleagues who were unable to sustain themselves due to aging, family and/or personal illnesses, securing suitable housing, etc.

These members took it upon themselves to help in a variety of ways – providing transportation to medical appointments, locating appropriate housing, and securing small stipends from the RTAC Board to help with financial challenges.

Following the passing of Ms. Ferol Potter, RTAC President for the biennium 1975-1976, a \$50,000 bequest from Ms. Potter's

estate led to the 1986 founding of CRTAF. CRTAF's bylaws state that its purpose is “to assist indigent retired Chicago public school teachers through grants-in-aid and in such other financial matters as may be appropriate.”

CRTAF provides modest stipends to individuals with ongoing health conditions or diminutive pensions. In addition, there are many days when individuals call to seek guidance with matters related to their physical and financial well being. Our staff provides guidance and referrals as appropriate.

If you know of a retired CPS educator who may be in need of assistance, please have that individual call the office at (312) 750-1522 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays when school is in session.

Prospective grantees must complete an application to determine their eligibility for

assistance. Grant recipients must provide annual financial updates. All applicants' information is kept confidential.

The Fund's Board of Directors meets in January, April, August, and October of each year to review applications for financial assistance. Each spring they also conduct home visits.

Gifts and/or final bequests to CRTAF allow the organization to continue its mission and offer a lasting legacy to the profession. CRTAF is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, and gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law. Consider making a gift to celebrate, honor and/or memorialize individuals of your choice. CRTAF's website –www.crtaf.org – includes a listing of 2013-2018 donors and honorees. Gifts and final bequests are shared in the RTAC *News Bulletin*.

Spotlight on Springfield: RTAC Legislative Advocate Report

By JOHN D. CARR, RTAC LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE



Editor's Note: RTAC works on behalf of retirees through many channels, and engages advocates who educate Illinois legislators.

Last December, lame duck Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel had this to say about Chicago's pension funding crisis and your "Automatic Annual Increase," (AAI). "Think about it," Emanuel began, "What kind of progressive, sustainable system guarantees retirees 3 percent annual compounded pay increases when inflation has been at basically zero and current employees have at times been furloughed, laid off, or received one percent raises?"

Emanuel then went on to say the way to deal with this pension crisis would be to eliminate your AAI by amending the Illinois Constitution.

But Emanuel was wrong on the economy and wrong on the law that protects your modest pension benefits.

First, *Bloomberg News*, and other media outlets have reported expenditures related to healthcare are expected to outpace inflation over the next decade. And, for retirees who generally have more healthcare needs than the rest of the population, the mayor's assertion that inflation is or will be 'basically zero' is incorrect.

Second, the Pension Protection Clause of the Illinois Constitution provides for your retirement security by making a teacher's pension an enforceable contract. It states: *Membership in any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of*

local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired. (Ill. Const. 1970, art. XIII, §5.)

However, we are all aware that there are many Illinois voters who do not understand that Illinois public agency retirees, like retired Chicago public school educators, do not get Social Security. They are envious of your pensions and do not understand that your pensions are the foundation of your economic security.

The cost of all the goods and services you purchase with your pensions are not decreasing, they are increasing. In order to maintain your financial well being, you need your pension and the AAI.

Therefore, now is the time to advocate for what you earned. Your pension is not a gift. You must 'teach' your legislators that a promise was made to you and that it must be fulfilled. Now is the time for every retired Chicago public school educator to advocate for his/her economic well being. The 101st Illinois General Assembly includes the largest 'freshman class' in 25 years. Now is a good time to 'teach' some important facts.

Over the next several months, RTAC is asking you to meet with your State Senators and Representatives – especially those freshmen. It is easy. Each has a local district office within a reasonable distance of your home. Make an appointment to meet and share the following message: *As a retired Chicago public school educator, I depend upon my monthly pension check. It is not a gift. While I worked, I paid 9% of each paycheck into my pension fund. Now, I receive the payment that I earned during*

the years of my teaching career. When I receive my monthly check, I spend it in Illinois, and return the money back into state and local economies.

JOINING OUR TEAM: MATT MALONEY

Matt Maloney, is the newest addition to our lobbying team in Springfield. Matt has a 25+ year career in government relations, serving as an advocate for Respiratory Health Association (RHA) and the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago. He began his career as a communication and policy expert for the Illinois House of Representatives in 1993. In addition, Matt regularly testifies at hearings and has developed relationships with government officials at the local, state, and federal levels. For the past 16 years, he has worked at RHA positioning the organization as an innovative leader in policy development and chronic disease management.

Matt will be utilizing his experience and expertise to assist John Carr who is committed to protecting your interests in Springfield.



RTAC Executive Director Arlene Crandall shares RTAC materials and information with Illinois State Senator for the 13th District, Robert Peters (D-Chicago). Senator Peters represents the 13th legislative district which has the largest number of CTPF active and retired member in Illinois.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John A. Butterfield, RTAC President

Hello To All!

I'm John Butterfield, your recently elected President and a proud 38-year veteran of the Chicago Public Schools. I'd like to tell you a little about myself and my journey through the CPS system.

As a favor to a friend, I accepted a temporary teaching position in a parochial school in Chicago in 1962. One year turned into three and I worked as an 8th grade teacher at St. Vincent De Paul Grammar School until 1965. At that time, I joined the Navy for a four-year hitch. It was during my service time that I realized that I really missed teaching.

When I was discharged in late 1968, I had a semester of student teaching at Waller High School (now Lincoln Park High) on the north side of the city and then applied for a job in the Chicago Public Schools. I was hired as an FTB (Remember that term? Full Time Basis Substitute) for one year. They sent me to Lake View High on the north side. I loved it there; but I wasn't allowed to stay longer than a year.

Orr High on the west side was my FTB assignment in year two. This was the old Orr on Keeler between Augusta and Division. It was also an elementary school, as well as district headquarters – terribly overcrowded.

When year three arose, downtown told me I could no longer be an FTB. They assigned me as a Social Studies teacher to South Shore High on the southeast side of the city. I didn't even know Chicago had an east side!

I was at South Shore High for eleven years. It was a real eye opener for me. For every traditional student I had, there was a twin who said "I dare you to try and teach me" – so I tried.

In the summer of 1982, I applied for a CBOE program called Options for

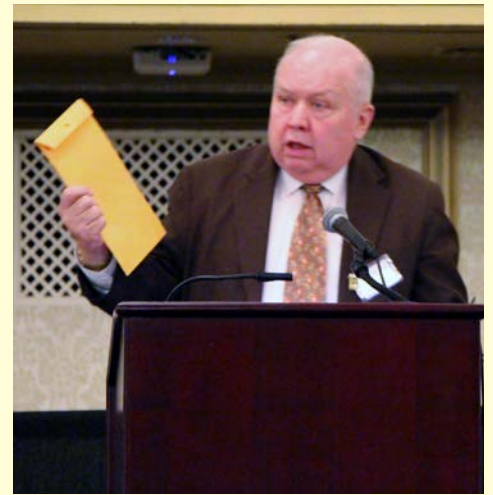
Knowledge (various specialty programs were offered at select high schools across the city). I was accepted at Mather High on the north side. I had come full circle teaching in Chicago.

I was at Mather High for twenty-five years, the last ten as principal. I retired in 2007, and immediately got involved with RTAC. My reason for doing this was simple: I wanted to be actively protecting our pensions.

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It has been 11+ years since I retired. Time does fly, especially when you are involved in such a worthy cause as ours. All of us must work to protect and defend a pension we legally earned. No one is giving anything to us. We worked for it.

As President I have two goals for my term in office. Like those fine educators who came before us, I want to make certain that we protect and maintain all of the provisions within our pension. I would even like to improve it, if that opportunity arises. The powers-that-be have tried in the past years to limit/reduce our pensions. The fight actually reached our State Supreme Court. Thank goodness the judges ruled in our favor; but we can't count on that always being the case. RTAC is absolutely



John A. Butterfield

committed to suing the very minute any change to our constitutionally protected rights are violated. This takes money so join us in building our Legal Defense Fund. We must be prepared when (not if) they come after our pensions again. See the donation form on page 10 in this issue of our *News Bulletin*.

One last thought on helping the cause. Please make a point of reaching out to those retired CPS teachers you know who are not RTAC members. Ask them to join with us. This issue affects us all.

The second part of my agenda deals with technology. RTAC has been operating with a technical system – and doing wonders with it, that is keyed to the first part of the 21st century. We need to catch up, maybe even get a bit ahead of the curve. This is a costly item, but a necessary one. It is my hope that when I leave office in two years, this will be a completed item on our task list. We are presently getting bids on what is needed.

In closing, I ask you to attend our Spring Luncheon. Aside from this *News Bulletin*, the luncheon gathering is another great way to get the latest lowdown on what's going on in our retiree world, visit old friends, and have fun. Please join us. The reservation form for the 93rd Anniversary Spring Luncheon which is on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at the Hilton Chicago Hotel is on page 15.

WEBMASTER'S MESSAGE: HOW TO HAVE "FUN" WITH LANGUAGE



Roy Coleman

I like computer programming and working with computers because there is no ambiguity with their language.

Many of the words in any natural language have multiple meanings and can be interpreted in multiple ways. As teachers, we always required our students to communicate clearly, intelligently, and unambiguously.

Some of my favorite examples of ambiguity in the English language: Take a simple question – Someone makes a statement and then asks if it is True or False; the correct

answer is 'YES' since it must be one of the two choices.

Have you ever been given a driving instruction to 'turn left at the stop sign' and, when you get there you ask "Left?" The person giving the instructions will usually say "Right." Does that mean turn right or that you are correct?

Someone gives you a set of directions and says, "Follow these." Does that mean they will physically move and lead you somewhere?

One of my favorite questions on my 'Christmas' quiz was "Name Santa's Reindeer." (Note that I did not ask "What are the names of Santa's Reindeer?") I would take ANY 9 words a student gave me as an answer – i.e. "I do not know the names of Santa's Reindeer." would get full credit. They named the first Reindeer 'I,

the second one 'do', the third one 'not' and so on.

However, my very favorite 'fun' was when a student brought me a field trip form or some other activity sheet which asked me to excuse them from class. Invariably they would ask me to "sign this." At which point I would write 'this' on the form. Many times they would then ask me to "Please put Mr. Coleman" on the form. I would then put it on the floor and stand on it. They might ask me to "Sign Mr. Coleman" and I would take my pen and write 'Mr. Coleman' on my hand. It got so that most, if not all, of the faculty would accept forms with 'This' written on it.

Communicating clearly and unambiguously is vital for everyone and should be at, or very near, the top of every teacher's requirements.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Arlene R. Crandall

In 2019, RTAC celebrates its 93rd Anniversary as the organization dedicated to protecting retired Chicago Public School educators' pensions and ancillary benefits. As we proceed, it is important to recall how our organization was founded and how we can carry forward our organization's mission.

On December 9, 1925, the Chicago Board of Education terminated the employment of 70 teachers age 70 or above under the provisions of the *Emeritus* Rule. Some individuals impacted by that action challenged the *Emeritus* Rule in

Court. The law was initially upheld, but subsequently appealed and overturned by the Illinois Supreme Court.

James E. Armstrong, who would later serve as RTAC's first President, and his colleagues determined that laws needed to be passed to protect educators. The first such law was introduced by Mr. Miller, a teacher at Lindblom Technical High School. He also served as a legislator during the summer months as that is when the Illinois General Assembly convened at the time. Miller's Law, as it came to be known, established a schedule for retirement with a pension.

As current retired Chicago Public School (CPS) educators we are the beneficiaries of Mr. Miller's efforts as well as the others who have followed him. However, as most of us are aware, the general public and others believe that our pensions are a 'gift'. We know differently. We worked and paid for our pensions with ongoing contributions from our paychecks every

pay period. While we work for CPS, we do not have the option of paying into Social Security. Many retirees who did not have the option of paying into Medicare, must also pay for Part A benefits upon retirement.

Approximately one third of Illinois' 101st General Assembly, which was inaugurated in January 2019, is comprised of 'freshmen' legislators. It is in all of our best interests to introduce ourselves to our legislators, especially those of us who have new Illinois Representatives and Senators.

We need to ensure that they understand that we are dependent upon the pensions which we earned for our economic security. About 80% of us still reside in Illinois and we do have a positive economic impact on our communities and our State. Please commit yourself to introducing yourself to your Illinois State Representative and Senator and 'teach' them that you are an economic asset to your community and the State of Illinois.



RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

**Moving?
New Address?**
Don't miss out! Use this form to share your new address and stay in touch!

Membership Application/Change of Address Form

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.)

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.

- Renew my annual membership – \$50 through December 31, 2019 Enroll me as a life member – \$300

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

RTAC Alert E-mail Network

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 is terminated when you retire)

Change of Address Notification

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

Please note effective date for new address:

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



MAKE A DONATION: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A donation to the Legal Defense Fund, Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund (CRTAF) or RTAC is a meaningful way to show your support for your pension or to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one. All donations of \$20 or more will be recognized in print. Return this form with your payment to: RTAC, 111 North Wabash Avenue, Suite 2010, Chicago, Illinois 60602. When contributing to more than one Fund, please write a separate check for each Fund.

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. Donations of \$20 or more will be recognized 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

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. Donations of \$20 or more per honoree will be recognized in the News Bulletin.

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

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

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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. Donations of \$20 or more per honoree will be recognized in the News Bulletin.

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		CHERYL LYNCH	



LEGAL DEFENSE FUND GIFTS. NOVEMBER 1, 2018- JANUARY 31, 2019

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.

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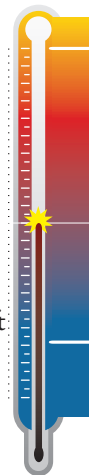
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LDF Reaches \$120K

RTAC launched a Legal Defense Fund to prepare for legal action if Illinois passes legislation to reduce pension benefits. RTAC is progressing towards a \$250,000 goal.

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.



CHICAGO RETIRED TEACHERS AID FUND GIFTS

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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
A. C. E. S.	Chicago	Eric Werge	773-535-6922
Abraham Lincoln Center	Chicago Near South	Hannah Katz	773-451-3360
Adler Planetarium	Chicago Central	Maria Christus	312-542-2411
Advocate Hospice Vol. Pgm	Chicago Southwest	N. White-Simmons	630-963-6800
Alex Haley Academy	Chicago South	Karen Demots	773-371-3661
Alternatives For The Older Adult	Outlying Counties	Tracee Keefer	800-798-0988
ANS Preparatory Institute	Chicago North	Doris Franklin	773-442-6192
Aquinas Literacy Center (ESL)	Chicago Near South	Sabrina Poulin	773-927-0512
Boys/Girls Clubs	Chicago	Desiree McIntosh	312-285-5009
Brookfield Zoo	West	Regi Mezydlo	708-485-0263x366
Burr Oak School	South Suburbs	Natashia Harris	708-388-8010
Cabrini Connection (Mentor Tutor)	Chicago Near North	Daniel Bassill	312-467-2889
Centro Loyola	Chicago North	Daniel Loftus	312-226-7887
Chicago Botanic Gardens	Glenco	Judy Cashen	847-835-6800
Chicago Distance Classic	Chicago Central	Dani Chitwood	217-390-1163
Chicago Public Library	Chicago	Cristina Medina	312-745-0994
Child Services	Cook, Lake, DuPage	Greta Nielsen	773-693-0300
ChildServe at Bryant E. S.	Harvey	Jennifer Collins	773-867-7362
Court's Special Advocate (Children)	Cook County	Imogene Harris	312-433-6997
FreshStart (GED Tutors)	Southwest Suburbs	Donna Thomas	708-205-1334
Ginkgo Organic Gardens	Chicago North		773-404-7114
Graue Mill	DuPage County	Sandy Brubaker	630-920-9720
Heartland Alliance Vista	Chicago Central	Carol McNeill	312-696-4500x4085
Ill. Action for Children (Advocacy)	Chicago Central	Rebecca Klipfel	312-986-9591
Ill. Holocaust Museum & Ed. Ctr	Evanston	Jessica Hulten	847-967-4853
Jesse White Tumblers (tutors)	Chicago Central	Yvonne C. Jones	312-943-4846
KIPP Ascend Charter(Tutors)	Chicago West	Sheri Barrette	773-261-9972
Kohl Children's Museum	Glenview	Patty Timothy	847-832-6892

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
Lawyers' Committee-Better Housing	Chicago	Lindsey Ravizza	312-347-7600
League of Women Voters	Chicago Central	Courtney Balok	312-939-5935
Lincoln Park Zoo	Chicago Near North	Betey Maher	312-742-2124
Literacy Connection	Northwest Suburbs	Karen Oswald	847-742-6565
Loyola Museum of Art	Chicago Near North	Ann Meehan	312-915-7604
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls	Chicago Central	J. Brown/E. Dordek	312-738-7554
Mercy Housing Lakefront	Chicago	LeKeeta Charley	312-913-1605x112
MetroMentors	Wheaton	Gregory O'Donnell	630-784-4810
Metropolitan Tenants Organization	Chicago	R. McDannald	773-292-4980x223
Misericordia Home	Chicago	Therese Loftus	773-273-4163
Naper Settlement	Naperville	Josh Charteier	630-420-6010
National Hellenic Museum	Chicago Central	Hannah Imber	312-655-1234x27
North Shore Senior Center	Northfield	Paul J. Luzwick	847-784-6000
Oakton Community College	DesPlaines & Skokie	Rita Stewart	847-635-1434
Oriental Institute, U of C	Chicago Hyde Park	Cathy D/Terry F	773-702-1845
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum	Chicago Near North	Jennifer Labows	773-755-5141
PetCare Curriculum	Chicago	Julie Smith	773-784-5605
Red Cross	Chicago Area		312-729-6100
CPS STEM Exhibition (Judges)	Chicago	Luba Johnson	773-209-2204
Second Sense	Chicago Central	Kathy Austin	312-236-8569
Smith Village	Chicago South	Sarah Jewett	773-474-7300
Teen Parent Services	Chicago Near West	Sylvester Hughes	312-633-1664
The Art Institute's Ryan Ed. Center	Chicago Central	Karin Jacobson	312-443-3798
The Chicago Lighthouse	Chicago	Dick Carlson	312-666-1331x3141
Vocational Bridge Academy	Chicago	Robert Kos	773-772-7170x3002
Woman Made Gallery	Chicago Near NW	Pamela Callahan	312-328-0038
Youth Service Project	Chicago Humboldt Pk	Esther Prins	773-772-6270

FRIENDS GONE AHEAD *Requiescant in pace*

A complete listing of deceased retirees can be found in our printed News Bulletin, available to RTAC Members. See page 9 for a membership form.

RTAC Past President David T. Peterson (1936-2018)



The RTAC Board of Directors regrets to announce the passing of David T. Peterson on November 27, 2018. David was a graduate of Chicago public elementary and high schools. He began his career as a teacher and concluded it as principal of Wells High School in 1993.

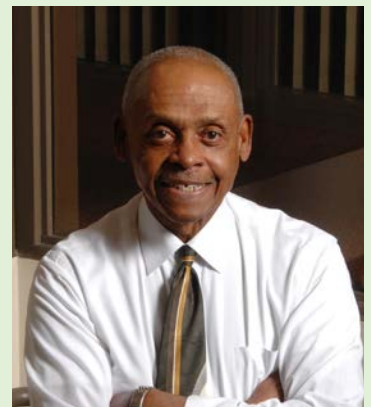
In the next phase of his career, he served as an assistant at the Chicago Principals Association and taught at Loyola and Roosevelt Universities.

Following his 1993 retirement from CPS he joined RTAC. In 2011, he became an RTAC Director. He served as First Vice President from 2013-14 and then moved on to the Presidency for the biennium 2015-2016. At the time of his passing, he was the Immediate Past President and was an active participant on various RTAC Committees.

He also gave generously of his time and talents to community organizations such as Erie House, the Grayslake Conservancy, and the Grayslake Public Library.

Throughout his years as an RTAC and CRTAF member and officer, Dave generously shared his talents and his personal resources with donations to both organizations. The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago and the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund extend their deepest sympathy to David Peterson's family, former colleagues, and friends. May his memory provide peace and consolation to all.

RTAC Former Director Nathaniel Blackman, Jr. (1930 - 2018)



The RTAC Board was saddened to learn of Nathaniel Blackman Jr.'s passing on November 19, 2018.

Nate's CPS career was highlighted by his principalship of Chicago's Metro High School, a 'school without walls'. He insightfully and thoughtfully led this pioneering initiative that enabled its students to experience the City of Chicago as their classroom. Many of the former teachers and students of Metro have credited him with their success in high school and beyond.

Following his 1992 retirement from CPS, Nathaniel Blackman Jr. served as a student teacher supervisor for De Paul University and taught AARP Drivers' Education classes for senior citizens.

Nate joined RTAC in 1992 and became a Director in 2005. He served on several committees, including the Service Committee. His thoughtful and insightful dedication to CRTAF and its mission was reflected with substantial donations to the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund.

When he stepped down from RTAC in 2012, his dedication and service were acknowledged when he became the first recipient of the James E. Armstrong Award, RTAC's highest honor.

The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago and the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund extend their deepest sympathy to Nathaniel Blackman Jr.'s family, former colleagues, and friends. May his memory provide peace and consolation to all.



RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO 2019 SPRING LUNCHEON/GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

You are cordially invited to join RTAC friends and Board Members

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019

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.

Spring Program

Please join us for a wonderful afternoon with fellowship and speakers who will update members on the status of CTPF and provide information about RTAC events and opportunities. Our keynote speaker will be Gregg Brown, Chicago Branch Director of the AARP Foundation Experience Corps. Since 2016, Gregg has been working with CPS and community organizations to facilitate effective inter-generational academic tutoring and mentoring programs.



2019 SPRING LUNCHEON AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESERVATION FORM

USE THIS FORM TO REGISTER FOR THE LUNCHEON AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING. PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION TO RTAC TODAY. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RTAC 2019 SPRING LUNCHEON. This form is also available at www.rtac.org.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Member's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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in the amount of: \$ _____ \$ _____ for _____ member tickets at \$50 each

Meal Preferences \$ _____ for _____ guest tickets at \$55 each

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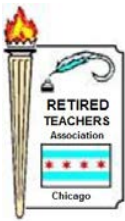
WE URGE YOU TO MAKE AN EARLY RESERVATION. RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK FOR THE LUNCHEON NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019, TO: RTAC, 111 NORTH WABASH AVENUE, SUITE 2010, CHICAGO, IL 60602-2949.

All tickets will be held at the door. No REFUNDS for any reason. RSVP Deadline is Wednesday, May 15, 2019. No exceptions. Not a member but want the member rate? Complete the form (available 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.

2019 SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING ONLY RESERVATION FORM

Complete this if you plan to attend the RTAC general membership meeting and do not want to join us for the luncheon. All members are welcome to attend, but reservations are required on or before Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Bring a government issued photo ID.

I am attending the membership meeting, but not the luncheon. I understand that admittance to the meeting is at 1:00 p.m.



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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.

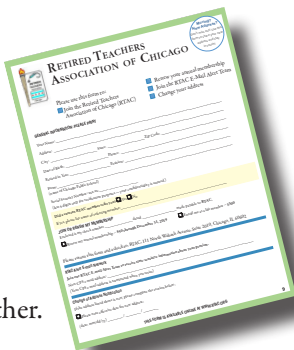
RTAC Protects Pensions

RENEW, JOIN, OR INVITE A FRIEND TODAY

An investment in RTAC is an investment in your retirement security. Join or renew your membership in RTAC today and share your support with our powerful group of active and engaged educators.

Already a member?
Encourage a friend to join RTAC or purchase a membership for a special gift.

We're stronger together.



Spring Luncheon

Mark your calendars and plan to join RTAC for a special Spring Luncheon and business meeting, Thursday, May 30, 11:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m., in the Hilton Chicago Grand Ballroom, see page 15 for your invitation.



Gregg Brown

Our Keynote Speaker will be Gregg Brown, Chicago Branch Director of the AARP Foundation Experience Corps. Experience Corps is an intergenerational volunteer-based tutoring program that has been proven to help children who aren't reading at grade level become great readers by the end of third grade. Since 2016, Gregg has been working with community organizations to facilitate programs serving Chicago Public School students.

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