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RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RTAC

Our Association has had an unusually active ers if you wish. Changes will be effective January summer, as we are still considering moving our 1st, 2007. offices. The latest offer is a location on the second floor of our current building at 220 South State Street. We have been assured this building will be available for at least five years under the ownership of the Federal Government. The second floor would offer more space and much more convenient washroom facilities. We are looking for the best price.


Our pension funds ended the second quarter at $\$ 11.24$ billion, a decrease of about $\$ 193$ million from the first quarter. This was expected due to market changes. Some asset allocations are being reset as explained in the pension article in this issue. The Pension Board is pleased to announce that Board appointed trustee Rufus Williams has been chosen as the new Chicago Board of Education president, Principals' trustee James Cosme has been procheon, to be held at the Palmer House on Friday, October 20th. New officers have been nominated; more details are on pp. 3-4.

> We were $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { all }\end{gathered}$ anxiously awaiting our health

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* THIS IS YOUR ONLY NOTICE! No additional fliers will be mailed. moted to be an Area Instructional Officer with the Board (the new name for district su-perintendent) and teacher trustee M a r y Hanson
insurance news for next year. It was announced in August that the overall rate increase will average only $2.8 \%$ for 2007! "Average," of course, means some rates will rise, a few will fall and others remain unchanged. In general, non-medicare members will see an increase and medicare members will remain the same or have decreases. Much of this results from Medicare D legislation enacted a few months ago. Keep in mind the Pension Board will mail packets to each of us during the fall, giving detailed facts and figures for each insurance policy proposed for 2007. Meetings will be held in the Chicago area, and you will be able to change carri-
was featured in the last issue of Catalyst Magazine (a local magazine with information and news about the Chicago Public Schools) for her teaching philosophies and success with reading initiatives.

Remember, we would like to see you at our Fall Luncheon on October 20th if you can make it. There will be an election of new officers and several board members. In the meantime, may your upcoming Holiday season be the best yet!

My best regards,
Waltien Pilditch

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## RJAC Officers and Directors: THE SHIFTING STAGE...

At the end of this year, RTAC will lose some of its most valuable officers and directors - the very folks that RTAC wouldn't be RTAC without. Here are their names:

Marion Hoffing - our inexhaustible Social Committee Co-Chair, Luncheon Hostess, dance teacher extraordinaire and Composer of Meeting Invocations for the $21^{\text {st }}$ Century Aimed at a God Who Still Has Her Sense of Humor. For nearly 30 years, she has been the smile on RTAC's face. The question is: Can RTAC continue at all without Marion?

Marshall Knox. His service was broad and vital, including a stint as a Trustee of the Pension Fund while he was teaching. But his most impressive achievement may be his service as one of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen during WW II. When it became impossible to keep blacks from becoming Army Air Corps pilots any longer, the first black cadets were segregated into their own unit and sent for training to a place that would truly stimulate them - Tuskegee, Alabama. The Airmen responded to the affront by becoming one of the most aggressive, successful and highly decorated units in the Army Air Corps. Many pilots today owe Marshall and his fellow pioneers a giant debt of gratitude for leading the breakthrough.

Leroy Hansen. An Attorney and a recent addition to the Board, Leroy's legal expertise has been greatly respected and appreciated, particularly during the search for new RTAC offices.

Audrey U. Mivelaz, perennial First Vice President, Social Committee Co-Chair and Aid Fund President, has for years performed the monumental task of organizing the social side of RTAC, negotiating with the Palmer House for each of our semiannual luncheons. Renowned as one of the wiser heads at RTAC, Audrey will not be easily replaced.

Jewel Koch has served as RTAC Secretary for many years. Jewel's accuracy at the task has
been legendary, as has her faithful attendance at Board meetings. It has been a rare thing indeed when the minutes had to be corrected before approval.

Nancy Makowski has been serving as Chair of the Finance Committee for some time. The Committee has met for an extra hour each month, to guide RTAC's substantial investments so that they produce the greatest amount for the association, thus maximizing benefits while holding dues down as far as possible. Her guidance will be hard to match.

The Nominations Committee and the full RTAC Board of Directors have approved the following nominations for 2007-08:

## ...Proposed New Officers...

President: Ethel Philpott. (Currently Legislation Chair.)

First Vice President: Steven Kailes. (Current co-chair, Real Estate Search Committee.)

Second Vice President: Veronica Chemers. (Currently Special Events Chair.)

Secretary: Marcella Morrison. (Currently Bylaws Committee Chair.)

Treasurer: Vaughn Barber. (Currently Treasurer and Pension Fund Trustee.)

## ...And New Directors...

To fill resulting Board vacancies for 2007-08, the Board recommends:

Arthur Cervinka started as teacher-coach in North Dakota, and served as Principal of Mather for ten years. He has had considerable miscellaneous administrative experience.

Roy Coleman. For 40 years a widely renowned physics teacher from Morgan Park, Roy
(See Stage, next page)

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Ethel Philpott
We extend to you continued best wishes for good health and prosperity. Neither the Illinois General Assembly nor Congress is now in session. (Is that a good omen?)

Our lobbyist Richard Lockhart expects that the upcoming Illinois Legislative session, beginning January 2007, may possibly be longer than those of the last several years. Dick says the session promises to be 'very interesting' no matter who the Governor is. RTAC will probably have its work cut out for it - as usual.

The Civic Federation calculates that the proposed $\$ 1$ billion school tax hike, as outlined in the Budget, would increase property taxes by 3 to $4 \%$. Such an increase would leave Chicago homeowners with nearly half of every property tax bill going to the city's public schools.

Last June, Cook County Assessor James Houlihan warned homeowners that, if the tax cap limiting increases in assessments is not renewed by our state legislators, future tax bills could cause widespread hardships. Translation: We shall probably need to be ever more vigilant, continuing to take such personal actions as will help us avoid homelessness and poverty.


In the upcoming November elections, be sure to support the representatives who supported us.

The National Education Association (NEA) notes that Congress was in session September 58, and again September 25-29. The NEA has an excellent list of suggested activities and actions regarding continuing efforts to spread the word, and to build momentum toward repeal of the GPO and WEP Social Security provisions that penalize you for your public service. Among those listed are:

- Ask the Governor to write a letter to Congress calling on them to repeal the GPO and WEP.
- Ask state legislators to pass a resolution calling on Congress to repeal the GPO and WEP.
- Send e-mail messages to Congress.
- Check http://www.nea.org/lac//socsec/offsets on the web.
- Reach out to police, firefighters, postal workers and other impacted groups in your area to form alliances.

Last but by no means least, won't someone please tell the powers that be that "dumbing down" tests does nothing whatever to improve education?
(Stage, continued)
would bring outstanding computer expertise with him. He has helped IIT train CPS teachers in the physical sciences for many years.

John Craig. John started in 1957 as a day-to-day sub, as did most of us. He then directed Cooperative Work Training programs in the Central Office until 1974, and later served as Police and Fire Commissioner in Oak Brook until 1996.

Ruby J. Ford. Former Computer Technology Administrator, principal and coordinator, with numerous teaching awards.

Dr. Raphael A. Juss. Raphael served as a
psychologist, first with the Bureau of Child Study and later at Hanson Park Elementary. He joined RTAC immediately after his retirement in 2002.

Dorothy Mix. If you've ever had a question for the Pension Fund that required real expertise, chances are you talked to Dorothy. She spent 24 years there, answering questions just like yours.

Helen C. Wooten began her teaching career in Texas in 1962 and served as Principal of Vanderpoel Elementary for 10 years. She also served as a CPS Probation Manager in 2002-03.

The RTAC Board urges your support for these fine candidates on October $20^{\text {th }}$.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO Marcella L. Morrison, Bylaws Committee Chair 

(To be acted upon at the Fall 2006 Luncheon and Business Meeting)
It is necessary to amend RTAC's bylaws at this time because the existing Articles II and III do not adequately reflect our current membership base. Modification is needed to establish who may be a member and who may serve as an officer of RTAC. The amendment will be voted upon at our October 20th meeting.

Accordingly, the RTAC Board of Directors recommends the adoption of the following amendment to our bylaws. As illustrated by the text below, the amendment strikes out the present Articles II and III of our bylaws, and substitutes new Articles II and III as shown below:


## Article I.PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to carry on the following aetivities in the interests of eertifiedteachers who have retired from the Chieago Publie Sehools and herein= after are referred to as retired teachers.

## Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to carry on the following activities in the interests of those individuals who receive pensions from the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago; hereinafter referred to as retired teachers.

Section 1. Toprovide for the professional, edueational, and soeial interests of retired teachers.

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Section 2. Toeneourage the interehange of ideas of eommoninterest to retired teachers.

Section 2. To empower our members to engage in activities and services that will promote their well being
with emphasis on the maintenance and enhancement of their pension benefits.

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Section 3. To provide for the professional, educational , and social interests of our members.

Artiele MI. MEMBERSHIP
Any former teacheror administrator whohas beeneertifieated by the Chieago Board of Edtreation and who has servedunder appointment in the Chrieago Publie Sehools and who has been separated from servie by retirement shall be eligible for membership and may hold an eleetive effice.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP
Any individual receiving a service or disability pension from the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago may be a member and hold elective office. Other recipients of Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago pensions may be members but may not hold elective office in the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago.

## SATELLITE DOINGS

SAN DIEGO

(Ed Note: Due to Sam Dolnick's recent surgery, there is no report from San Diego for this issue.)

## CHICAGO RETIRED TEACHERS FLORIDA GROUP I

The Chicago Retired teachers, Florida Group 1 , held their annual luncheon meeting on Wednesday March 8, 2006 at the Heathrow Country Club in Lake Mary, Florida. Our hosts and hostesses for the meeting were Dr. \& Mrs. Manford Byrd (Cherie) and Dolores White. There were 44 members and guest in attendance.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Mr. Voyce Walden, a retired Orange County Public School administrator. Mr. Walden spoke about his experience with the Orange County Public Schools

## TAX SHELTER REVIEW, ANYONE?

By Art Keegan, Insurance Committee Chair

Many of us have puchased Tax Sheltered investments of one sort or another while working. Now that we may be approaching the deadline of age $70 \frac{1}{2}$ for starting minimum withdrawals, we are uncertain about what to do next. (Note that the deadline for money invested before 1987 is age 75.)

Would you be interested in meeting with one
 or more professionals (recognizing that they may have something to sell), to find out what options are open to you?

If you are interested in such a review, please call the RTAC office. If enough people express interest, we'll try to work something out.
as a teacher and a principal, as Director of Research, Special Services and Federal Programs, and Administrative Assistant to the General Superintendent of Schools. After his retirement from the Orange County Public School System in 1992, Mr. Walden became an investment banker, and he presently serves on the Board of Directors of several Orange County foundations.

Since our last meeting in March, the group was saddened to learn of the passing of Ferdinand Barclay, who served as our Florida Group 1 president for about ten years.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 2007 in Palm Coast, Florida. If you have recently moved to Florida and you are interested in joining the group, please contact Mrs. Dolores White, 3207 Oakstand Lane, Orlando, FL 32812, telephone (407) 273-6265; or Mrs. Annette D. Brown, 3500 SW 147th Lane Road, Ocala, FL 34473, telephone (352) 347-2407.
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## AID FUND REPORT

By Audrey U. Mivelaz, President
Greetings to all!
Contributions big and small have made it possible to continue assistance to retired teachers who have modest pensions, growing expenses, dwindling savings, and large bills for numerous medications. Some of our beneficiaries are not even eligible to receive Medicare benefits.

The Aid Fund attempts to offer supplementary funds whenever there is a genuine need. Since the fund functions primarily as a rescue operation, in no case is it able to assume responsibility for all of the expenses of living. Usually, with economies and careful budgeting, most clients are able to manage.

Again, thanks to all Fund benefactors. Many RTAC members offer you their deepest, although necessarily anonymous, gratitude.
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## PENSION NEWS

by James F. Ward, Pension Fund Trustee
The summer months saw routine action by the Pension Board, with little change in investment account size or performance since the July News Bulletin. As of June 30, 2006 our assets were $\$ 11.24$ billion, with performance around $10.7 \%$ for one year, 12.1\% for three years, 7.2\% for 5 years,
ing is a local or statewide question. Social Security has pledged 3.5 times the Gross Domestic Product of the U.S. to pay its statutory obligations. The state of Illinois has pledged only 6\% of State Domestic Product for public pensions. The resources are here: the only task is a political one of educating our state legislators. Imagine: 350\% versus $6 \%$ ! Which promise would you rather have? and $10.3 \%$ for 17 years. The fund pays abut 23,000 checks each month totaling $\$ 60$ million, or $\$ 720$ million per year.

In July, I showed how private pensions face problems similar to public plans. Congress passed H.R. 4, and the Wall Street Journal pronounced defined benefit pensions dead because "The guarantee of retirement payments for decades is no longer practical, if it ever was. Defined contribution plans, in which workers and firms contribute to a tax sheltered account, give workers personal control of a fund they can take with them from job to job." Well I say, "Fuhgettaboutit." The National Conference of Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) has strong counter-arguments with regard to public defined benefit plans, and you should know them. To wit: traditional pension systems like ours work and have worked for over 100 years. They provide a modest and stable pension for people who dedicated their lives to serving the public. The traditional defined benefit (DB) system insures the pensioner reliable vital services. It is a cost-effective and stable method of attracting and retaining qualified teachers and other public servants.

It should also be mentioned, now that H.R. 4 has passed for the private sector, Congress recently asked the Government Accounting Office for a report especially considering possible federal legislation to cure the funding "problems" of public plans. We all know how the fed solved the "problem" of social security for teachers: By cutting our benefits after we paid the same taxes others paid. Well, be suspicious. Public plans do not need Congress to provide our funding. The average funding level of public DB plans is around $85 \%$, which is a lot higher than social security, which has no funding at all as a pay-as-you-go plan. Our financ-


On December 15, 2005 the Board of Directors of RTAC passed a motion making the maintenance and improvement of the health insurance rebate the first priority in the RTAC legislative agenda. That resolution still stands. When HB1269 (raising the amount to be spent on our rebate) became law, it had the support of a coalition of RTAC, CTPF, CPS and CTU. Why? Because it benefited each and every CTPF member, active and retired.

At a pension committee meeting on August 7, the health insurance consultants informed us that negotiations with the carriers will result in an average increase to our pensioners of only $3 \%$ as of January 2007. This should be compared to the recent past and other plans where we have been seeing double digit percentage increases for years now. This will mean that the limited allocation toward our rebate (now $\$ 65$ million per year) may last through 2009 and into 2010.

This will give us more time to lobby for three bills which will also benefit all working and retired contributors to the Pension Fund, (the bills will have new numbers in January). HB 4578 (Molaro) would change the limit on our rebate allocation from \$65 million/year to $75 \%$ of our premium costs. HB 4676 (Molaro) would change the $\$ 65$ million limit to $\$ 75$ million, allowing more time to pass HB 4578. HB 4689 (Giles) would restore the local tax levy that was repealed in 1995, resulting in more than a billion dollar loss to the Fund since then. If this sounds repetitious, it is. In last issue's News Bulletin I asked members to read these bills and offer suggestions or comments. I have not heard from many pensioners on this. How about you getting involved?

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## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Robert F. Bures

Fall is in the air and school is back in session. Every September we see the kids walking to school or riding the yellow bus and reflect how great it is to be retired. Regardless of the past pleasantness with students, staff and parents ...it's much better retired. No question.

The Illinois Legislature is now back in session and as our Lobbyist, Dick Lockhart, says: "When the Illinois General Assembly is in session, no man's life, property or pension is safe!" Although it's said in jest, it's still true that we must be vigilant about our pension. The Pension Fund Board and management do a great job of keeping our pensions safe and earning a high return for us. But laws can change overnight. You can count on RTAC to keep you informed and up to date on any changes, and if necessary to issue a call for action! THE MAIN GOAL AND PURPOSE OF RTAC IS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE YOUR PENSION! Nothing is more important. To illustrate how vital this mission is to us, we have endorsed Ethel Philpott for our next President. She is Chair of our Legislatiion Committee and now will become President! Our Treasurer, Vaughn Barber, is the former lobbyist for the CPS and knows Springfield in and out. Our endorsed Secretary, Marcella Morrison, is a nationally known parliamentarian and understands the maneuvers that go on in the General Assembly. Our Vice President nominees - Steven A. Kailes and Veronica Chemers - understand our pensions and the pension rules thoroughly and will add a great deal of experience to our Executve Committee. New Directors have also been recommended. You can find this information on pages 3 and 4 in this News-Bulletin. Check it out because you will be voting onthem at our October 20th Fall Luncheon at the Palmer House.

At our Fall Luncheon, we will also vote on housekeeping changes to our bylaws - see page 5. The Luncheon will conclude our 80th Anniversary Celebration with the Grand Door Prize of a complete weekend at the Four Seasons - Chicago! Mark your calendar, send in your reserva-

tion and let's make this the best attended luncheon ever!

Electors are on everybody's mind here at RTAC. Remember this is the year you elect your U.S. Congressman, your Illinois State Representatives and half of the Illinois Senate along with the Governor, Lt. Governor, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Attorney General and a number of others. RTAC does not endorse candidates, but we do recommend that you support those candidates with a record of helping Chicago Public School teacher annuitants AND THEN VOTING FOR THEM! You can get all sorts of unbiased information on candidates from Project Vote Smart - http://www. vote-smart.org/index.htm or 1-888-868-3762. For help on voting records affecting RTAC, just call me at 312-939-3327. I always take your calls!

RTAC's legislative agenda calls for legislation that would change the formula for our health insurance rebate from the General Assembly from a fixed dollar amount to a percentage of the cost. This is technical but is verrrrrrrry important. Additionally, RTAC is striving to change the formula for our oldest retirees so they can receive a pension they can live on. We have hundreds of annuitants over eighty-five and dozens over one hundred! RTAC has other legislation ready that we may introduce after we determine how the wind is blowing in Springfield.

I received post cards from Morocco, Hawaii, Colorado, London, Paris, California, Russia, Michigan, Washington DC, just to name a few. You reported golfing, sightseeing and even camel riding. Thanks to all who make my summer more interesting just by sending the post cards.

Our Veronica Chemers is planning a day trip to see King Tut at the Field Museum. The details are on p. 16 in this issue. Take a look, come along and say "Hello" to the Boy King.

Best wishes for a wonderful autumn and Holiday season!

Bol Bures

## RTAC DUES INCREASE

The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago has with great reluctance concluded that it must raise its dues for the first time in thirteen years. As of January 1, 2007, RTAC dues will rise to $\$ 30.00$ for Annual membership, and $\$ 200.00$ for Lifetime membership. Plainly, if you are on the annual plan, the remainder of this year would be an excellent time to switch to the $\$ 100.00$ Lifetime membership before the rate changes.

Two important financial realities have made the increase in dues necessary at this time: First, particularly during the past five years, many of our expense items have increased dramatically. The second reality is the cessation of relatively steady stream of bequests that for many years enabled RTAC to maintain an approximately balanced budget. During the past three years, however, there have been no major bequests to RTAC. Perhaps we did too good a job in marketing the Aid Fund: Thanks to your generosity, it is now in better financial condition than is RTAC!

During only three of the last ten years has RTAC experienced a surplus. The clear trend over these last few years has been towards larger and larger deficits, and that predicts financial di-
saster for RTAC unless firm steps are taken to halt the pattern.

We are attempting to resolve this dilemma in two ways: (1) To increase revenue; and (2) to reduce expenditures. We continue to increase our investment revenue by carefully choosing those products which provide for capital preservation, capital appreciation, and a steady stream of income. However, this alone does not provide sufficient income to cover today's expenses. We have thus concluded that a new dues structure is appropriate, long overdue, and imperative.

As our second effort to solve our difficulties, a current project is underway which will examine and evaluate current operations and services to determine their cost effectiveness, efficiency, and worth. As a result, some changes have already been made in the 2006 budget, and we expect that further economies will be implemented in 2007 that will also have a positive impact on our financial future.

Here at RTAC, we do take the stewardship of your dues and contributions very seriously. We thank you for your generous responses in the past and for your continued support in the future, so that your RTAC membership will continue to be one of your wisest investments.

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RTAC is proud of the 38 members who have now passed their $100^{\text {th }}$ birthdays. They not only survived teaching careers; they also have survived an entire century. (We do not care to speculate on which is the more challenging achievement.)

DO YOU KNOW ANY OF THESE TEACHERS? When you reach 100, not many friends or family members are left - most of the people who show an interest in you are medical professionals or newspaper reporters. If you know anyone on this list, it would do him or her a world of good if you'd sit down NOW and write him or her a letter - or even just a note. Send your letter in care of the RTAC office (see p. 2 for the address) and we'll forward it immediately to the address we have on file.

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# MY PERSONAL MIRACLE 

by Rosemary Tirio
After recently undergoing hip replacement surgery, I returned home to find Dino, our 9-year-old Shepherd/Doberman mix, all out of sorts. He wouldn't eat and had to be coaxed to go outside in the yard. He had acted like that three years ago, when my nephew first gave him to me, but he had later seemed to adjust to his new home.

That night, around 10 pm , Dino disappeared after being let out into the completely fenced yard at the usual time. I was devastated! My crutches made me helpless, but friends were visiting that evening, and they searched the yard (both gates were closed) and then the streets. They searched for two hours, but to no avail. Dino was gone.

I was awakened around 4 am by the crashing of thunder; a horrible storm was raging. My heart ached for Dino, who hated being out in the rain, let alone in a driving storm. I prayed that he was huddled somewhere under a bush in our backyard and that we would find him in the morning. No such luck. Dino was gone.

Using the miracle of computers, a former student created a "wanted" poster bearing Dino's photo, my phone number and the word "REWARD." He and some teacher friends went out the next day hanging the posters all over the neighborhood, in veterinarian offices, pet shops, police stations, grocery stores, even Starbucks.

I phoned Animal Control and was redirected to my local police department. There I spoke with a woman officer, who took the information and told me to go to Animal Control to look for my dog. Ten minutes later, the doorbell rang. I hobbled to the door to find the police officer on my doorstep! She asked for a photo of Dino and said she would try to look for him herself. During the ensuing days, she called several times to find out if I had found Dino.

The days wore on, and I felt Dino drifting farther and farther away. Every time the phone rang, my heart leaped in the hope that someone had found Dino. Each time I was disappointed. When two weeks passed without result, I resigned myself to
the fact that he was gone forever. I had done everything in my power - ads in the Tribune and our local newspaper - to get him back. Twice my nephew had looked over some 300 dogs at Animal Control - no Dino. I hoped he had been found by a kind family who would give him a good home.

By now my hip was healing, as was the hole in my heart created by Dino's loss. I busied myself with other things. I'd re-learned how to climb stairs and was up in my second-floor office one Friday afternoon, when the phone rang. By this time I had trained my heart not to leap anymore, and Dino didn't even cross my mind as I lifted the receiver. Then I suddenly realized that someone named "Laura" was talking about my dog!

I shrieked! I screamed! I bellowed! It was like someone returning from the dead! Laura explained that she lives in Hampshire, Illinois; she could hardly believe that I lived 50 miles away in Chicago. "He doesn't look like a dog who's run 50 miles," she said. "He's such a nice dog and so well-behaved and well kept, I knew he had to be someone's pet."

Laura had taken Dino to a local veterinarian and had him scanned for a microchip. By great good fortune, my nephew had had Dino "chipped" when he adopted him in 1996, the first year the "chipping" process was available. By yet another miracle, as soon as she learned that Dino was missing, my nephew's wife had called the shelter and had the chip information updated. That was how Laura found me.

I was not yet able to drive, but a teacher friend canceled her plans and drove me out to the "boonies." After an hour, we found Laura's secluded home. We had quite the reunion as Dino tried to jump into the car and onto my lap. Laura turned out to be a wonderful woman.

I guess we'll never know what happened to Dino during those 17 days. What caused his return? The miracle of technology? Of good friends? The kindness of strangers? The power of prayer? Of faith? All of the above? I can't say, but to me, Dino is living proof that miracles do happen!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Many retired teachers find that working for a worthy cause as a volunteer is extremely satisfying. The following organizations have asked us for help in recruiting. The Retired Teachers Association of Chicago does not endorse any organization; potential volunteers must make their own judgments.

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Aquinas Literacy Center (ESL)
Boys/Girls Clubs
Brookfield Zoo
Catholic Charities (Tutor)
Chicago Academy Sciences
Chicago Architectural Found
Chicago Youth Centers
Child Services
Child Services
Council for Jewish Elderly
Court's Special Advocate
CPS Student Science Fair
Cycle
Evanston NorthWest Healthcare
Field Museum
Forest Preserve District
Friends of the Parks
George Armstrong School
Ginkgo Organic Gardens
Grandma, Please
Graue Mill
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III. Action for Children
III. Parents Anonymous
III. Volunteers of America

JCB School
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Little Bros Friends of Elderly
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls
Metro Family Services
Museum Science \& Industry
N Shore Senior Center
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## Retired Teachers Association of Chicago <br> 220 South State Street, Room 2100 <br> Chicago IL 60604-2180

My enclosed check (no money orders please!) for \$ $\qquad$ is to cover checked items below:

- Political Education Fund (not tax deductible; make check payable to RTAC COPE)
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Donor's name(s) $\qquad$
All donations are gratefully accepted, but the following choices require a $\$ 10$ minimum donation, either to the Aid Fund or to RTAC, for each name listed.

This donation is made (please check below):
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Please mark this box $\square$ if these instructions apply every year.

# King Tut to Give RTAC Members a Royal Welcome! <br> RTAC MEMBERS TO VISIT THE FIELD MUSEUM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER $14^{\text {th }}$ ! 

Only 100 RTAC members will be able to see the
King Tut and the Golden Age of Egypt Exhibit
at the Field Museum of Chicago on Tuesday, November 14, 2006!
RTAC has arranged for 100 of its members to visit the King Tut Exhibit at the Field museum on Tuesday, November 14, 2006. RTAC has made the following arrangements:

Meet at the Field Museum at 9:00 A.M. We will convene at the Handicapped Accessible South Entrance as a group. Note that considerable walking is involved.

Cost: $\$ 35.00$ - includes admission, an individual headset, a docent lecture, and a tax deductible $\$ 4.25$ donation to the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund.

Transportation: Up to you. The \# 12 CTA Bus drops you off at the Museum. Take the Red Line to Roosevelt, then board the \#12 bus direct to the Museum. You may also take the Blue Line, exit at Jackson, transfer to the Red Line, exit at Roosevelt and use the \#12 bus to the museum.


Parking: In the Solder Field Underground Garage just South of the Museum. $\$ 15$ per day. First come, first served on spaces. No ins and outs permitted.

Coat Check: Available near the South Entrance of the Museum.
You will receive your entrance voucher at the door from Veronica Chemers, Bob Bures or a member of the RTAC Staff. No ticket will be sent to you. However, you will receive a receipt for your payment (and a tax deduction advisement) in the mail after payment.

The docent lecture is about thirty minutes; the taped headset tour is about $11 / 2$ hours. Consequently we should say "good-bye" to King Tut at about 11:30 or so. Leave yourself some time to visit the spacious gift shop. Lunch is available in the Museum at both McDonald's or the Corner Bakery at your expense. No photography is allowed in the King Tut exhibit. Photos are OK in the general areas of the Museum. Please note that you and your handbag, briefcase, etc. are subject to search, as the Museum security policy may be in effect when we visit. After the King Tut exhibit, feel free to visit other interesting exhibits in the Field. You will be surprised at how user friendly it is and how much it has changed since our time as teachers. The deadline for receiving your check is Friday, October 27, 2006.
$\qquad$ .$\&$ Complete, cut here and mail today! $\&$ $\qquad$
Send this form and your check (\$35.00 per person) payable to RTAC-King Tut to:
RTAC-King Tut, Room 2100, 220 S. State St., Chicago IL 60604-2180
$\qquad$ YES! I want to say "Hello!" to King Tut on Nov. $14^{\text {th }}$ ! I have enclosed $\$ 35$ for each person attending.

My Name $\qquad$
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Mari@n Hœffing

# THE RTAC NEWS-BULLETIN once AgAin proudly presents 

The priceless gleanings of treasure hunter MARI©N H©FFING'S quarterly research

# THE CHICAGO SCENE <br> to enjoy during October, November and December 

NOTE: The Events page on RTAC's web site (http://www.rtac.org/events.htm) now carries DIRECT LINKS to most venues listed! No more typing errors!

## ADLER PLANETARIUM \& ASTRONOMY MUSEUM 1300 South Shore Drive 312-922-STAR http://www.adlerplanetarium.org

Time Space Time Travel Only at the Adler. Transports audiences across the universe more than 14 billion years to experience the Big Bang, the Doom of the Dinosaurs, the sudden appearance of Halley's Comet in the Yucatan Sky, Apollo Il's moonlanding, man's first steps on the moon and a leap into the future to 3001.
Egyptian Nights; Secrets of the Sky Gods in the Sky Theatre.
Stars of the Pharaohs in the Star Rider Theatre.

| ALLSTATE ARENA | 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL |
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The Pirate Queen - When she fought for freedom. she became a legend. When she fought for love, she became a woman. Pre-Broadway World Premiere Musical!

10/3-11/26
CENTRE EAST
9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie
847-673-6300
The North Shore Center for the Performing Arts
http://www.centreeast.org/
Tom Dreesen Shining Shoes and Sinatra
8 pm, 9/9
Ben Vereen Singing, Comedy, Acting \& mostly Dancing $8 \mathrm{pm}, 9 / 15$
Crystal Gayle "A night of unforgettable classic hits!"
9 pm, 10/6
Steven Wright "The king of dead pan-humor!"
8 pm, 10/1
Arlo Guthrie: Guthrie Family Legacy Tour. Perspective on the history of folk music. $8 \mathrm{pm}, 10 / 20$
Seussical Classic characters come to life for the kids.
2 \& $5 \mathrm{pm}, 10 / 21$
Break: Urban Funk Spectacular. Freestyle tapping, power tumbling,
3 \& 7:30 pm, 10/28 breakdancing and an explosion of rhythm and dance.
In The Mood The best of the Big Bands sights \& sounds.
8 pm, 11/3
Relative Harmony Starring Ann Hampton Calloway and Liz Calloway, sisters and
Broadway veterans who bring their delightful cabaret show to Centre.
Kathy Griffin Back by popular demand. Quick witted stand-up.
von Trapp Children Descendents of the famous singing family fill the theatre with sound and music.
Zyngara: New World Cirque These acrobats guarantee to be stunning, unbelievable and breathtaking.
Dudu Fisher Celebrates the holiday season with songs, Broadway tributes and
8:30 pm, 11/4
6 \& $9 \mathrm{pm}, 11 / 11$
8 pm, 11/24
8 pm,12/8
2 \& $8 \mathrm{pm}, 12 / 9$ cantoral renditions.
Civic Ballet of Chicago Nutcracker. A magical holiday production the whole $8 \mathrm{pm}, 12 / 22$ \& 23 family will enjoy.
(See Scene, next page)

The Lettermen Ring in the New Year with favorites "When I Fall in Love", "Put Your Head on my Shoulder", and many more!

CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN
1000 Lake-Cook Rd., Glencoe
847-835-5440
Recorded announcements 24 hours a day.
http://www.chicago-botanic.org
Evening Island is a quiet place. Paths meander about the 5 acre Glencoe garden which is packed with 200 trees, 70,000 perennials, 800 shrubs and more than 190,000 bulbs. It's good to visit in the fall with the garden in multiple colors, the air a brisk 60 and 70 degrees and the feel of wind and winter while surveying the beautifully cared for grounds.

CHICAGO CULTURAL CENTER
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"The People's Palace."
http://www.cityofchicago.org/tourism/CulturalCenter/
ROOM CODES: CR=Chicago Rooms; EH=Exhibit Hall; MAG=Michigan Avenue Galleries;
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Center for the Arts: Rooftop.
Halloween Ball Annual costume or black tie and mask benefit presented by the Cultural
Center Foundation. Evening includes cocktails, dinner, dancing and a mix of entertainment and Halloween. Benefits the Cultural Center a free arts showcase.
Hallowed Halls This Halloween celebration is packed with witchy and wizard-like $10 \mathrm{am}-3 \mathrm{pm}, 10 / 28$ activities throughout the building, including crafts, live music, magicians and special wicked-themed stations.
Site Unseen 2006 All-new site-specific performances and installations created spe-
6-9 pm 11/15 cifically for the spaces and architecture of the Cultural Center. Julie Laffin curates this multi-disciplinary performance festival highlighting individual artists and ensembles working in performance, dance, music, sound, media and visual art. Throughout the Cultural Center.
60th Anniversary of the Sister Cities International Program For full schedule: log onto www.chicagosistercities. Com or call 312-742-8497. Film Series evenings include movie G37, 10-12,'06 and dinner created by Fox and Obel reflecting the spirit of the film and the country. Wednesday nights for three more months. There is a charge for the film events and reservations are required. Randolph Street Café is the rain site.
Dance-Along Nutcracker. Performances will feature songs from the Nutcracker. The
PBH, 12/4, Audience is encouraged to don tutus, tiaras and ballet slippers and dance along.
Material Difference: Soft Sculpture and Wall Works Art in fibrous materials.
Disruptions: Sculpture and Drawings by Barbara Cooper. Large-scale sculptures.
Ragdale Foundation 30th Anniversary Show. Visual artists juried exhibition.
Crossroads: Modernism in Ukraine 1910-1930
Noon \& 3pm
EH, 11/4-1/7
MAG, 11/4-12/31
CR, 11/17-1/13
Jonas Dovydenas: Another Country Also Mine
Paul Kass Recent Sculpture,
Persian Visions Contemporary Photography From Iran.
Women of the World A Global Collection of Art
Thru 10/15.
Thru 10/22
MAG, thru 10/22
MAG, 10/28-12/31
Dzine: Somewhere Over the Rainbow
Thru10/29
Jataka Tales. Tireswing Theatre presents these very old stories, passed on from
MAG, Thru10/29
generation to generation, that serve as a source for moral behavior. These stories of wisdom from Northern India were written around 300 B.C. They are about the past incarnations of Buddha, and are meant to teach the values of self-sacrifice, honesty, and other didactic values. Perfect for families of all ages!
(Scene, continued)
On September 30th the Chicago History Museum will reopen! Free tickets reservations are available online beginning September 15!
Many new galleries, one featuring new costumes and textiles and selections of clothing by Parisian fashion designer, Christian Dior. With "The New Look" which Dior introduced in 1947 and costumes from local department stores such as Marshall Field's, this is one exhibit women will be anxious to see. They will also feature a new sensing gallery for children. Hear the great Chicago fire, catch a fly ball at old Comiskey Park, be a Chicago style hot dog, etc. This gallery encourages children to open their eyes and ears to the world around them and learn about the places, events and landmarks that have defined and shaped the city. Much more! Please watch ads. Call 312-642-4600 or visit the website.

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE,
425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn
Productions:
Buffalo Theatre Ensemble: Nocturne 10/1 to 10/14
Hubbard Street Dance Chicago 10/7, 8
College Lecture Series: Mark and Delia Owens
College Theater: The Glory of Living
Steve Tyrell
California Guitar Trio - 10/14
Sarakasi: The Amazing African Acrobats 10/15
Arlo Guthrie 10/17
New Philharmonic: Quartet New Generation 10/20, 21
The Drummers of Burundi 10/22
DuPage Community Concert Band 10/24
Student Music Concert 10/26
Beausoleil 10/27
Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company 10/28
Ballet Gran Folklorico de Mexico 10/29
DuPage Community Jazz Ensemble Dance 10/29
David Grisman Quintet 11/2
College Theater: The Real Inspector Hound 11/2 to 12
Acoustic Africa 11/3
New Classic Singers: Of Northern Lands 11/4
Richie Havens/Susan Werner 11/11
Alpin Hong 11/12
DuPage Community Jazz Ensemble 11/19
College Theater: A Christmas Carol 11/24, 25, 26
Arts Center Jazz Ensemble: Four Decades of Cool 12/1
DuPage Chorale 12/3
Chamber Orchestra 12/5
Small Group Jazz 12/5, 7
Percussion Ensemble 12/6
Guitar Ensemble 12/7
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Women of Windham Hill 12/9
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New Classic Singers: A Child's Christmas 12/16
New Classic Singers: Family Christmas Album 25 12/17

## FIELD MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore Drive

312-922-9410

Eskimo \& Inuit Carvings Discover historic and contemporary carvings in stone and
Thru 6/17/07 animal bone created by Eskimo and Inuit artists from Alaska and Canada. The Arctic people have been sculpting beautiful works of art for thousands of years. Historic carvings, such as ceremonial masks and oil lamps, were functional objects. Works of art created by today's artists are highly sought after by collectors around the world.
Cheyenne Visions Celebrate the artistic vibrancy of Cheyenne history and present- Opening 11/06 Day culture through beautiful color photographs. Cheyenne art and objects depict arrows, war bonnets, tipi covers, and other artifacts from the Museum's collection. The images convey the artistry and beauty of the objects and offer visitors new perspectives on the culture of the Cheyenne peoples of Oklahoma and Montana.
Evolving Planet Permanent exhibit. What did the world look like through the eyes
Ongoing of a 500 million year old trilobite? What could you see and hear in the swampy forest that was Chicago 300 million years ago? How would it feel to touch the face of our early human cousins? Visitors experience an awe inspiring journey through 4 billion years of life on earth.
Lecture: 1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus. Charles Mann, $7 \mathrm{pm}, 10 / 19$ author. Educators $\$ 7$.

# Roméo et Juliette Charles Gounod . "The world's most famous star struck lovers!" 11/20,24,26,30; 

12/3,6,9,12,16,19
Die Fledermaus Johann Strauss, Jr. "Waltzes, and of course champagne!" 12/15,18,20
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12:30 pm,10/8/06
12:30 pm, 10/9/06
12 pm, 10/21/06
6 pm, 11/18/06
8:30 am, 11/23/06
1:00 pm, 12/2/06
(See Scene, next page)

The Freedom Museum is the nation's first museum dedicated to helping people, especially teen-agers, better understand freedom and value the role the first Amendment plays in protecting freedom for future generations.
Experience "12151791" a stunning two-story sculpture comprised of 800 hanging metallic plates. Each plate is inscribed with thoughts on freedom that represent a span of 215 years. For a limited time see a piece of the original Star Spangled Banner, as part of For Which It Thru 11/13 Stands! Temporary exhibit, curated by Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

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Christmas Around the World AND Holidays of Light 2006
11/17-1/2/07
A time-honored celebration, Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light features more than 50 dazzling trees, displays and crèches that celebrate holiday customs from around the world. Christmas Around the World began in 1942 as a United Nations Day salute to American allies during the war. This year's theme, Dashing Through the Snow, will make the Museum a dazzling winter wonderland. A companion exhibit, A Snow Story, will explore some of the fun facts about flurries, including how no two snowflakes are alike! Holidays of Light, now in its $12^{\text {th }}$ year, showcases various global holidays that celebrate light or enlightenment, such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Diwali. Additional festivities throughout the duration of both displays include ethnic dancing and singing, storytellers and school choirs. Displays and performances are included in general admission. Visit the Museum's Web site in November for information about performance times.
Frogs From miracle cures to miracle colors frogs add lots to our lives. Learn more in the Thru 12/7 interactive exhibit featuring over 100 live frogs from around the world. Perhaps rainbows were frogs in a past life.
Legendary U 505 Submarine Take an on-board tour of this National Historic Land- Ongoing mark and the only German U-Boat captured in World War II. Immerse yourself in the amazing story featuring you on the vessel and journeying through a 35,000 sq. ft. exhibit with more than 200 artifacts and dynamic interactive activities. WOW!
Target America Opening eyes to the damage drugs cause; a global and historical
Thru 12/3 overview of the high cost to society that drugs inflict.
Classic Coal Mine You descend to the classic coal mine 50 feet in a real hoist Ongoing
to the bottom of a mine shaft. Then move from mining to riding the rails, and discover the wonders of the modern railroad as you watch more than 30 trains race along 1,400 feet of track.
Omnimax Theatre Chicago's only five-story, domed, wrap-around movie screen. Here you travel to far-away places and see and enjoy:
Wired to Win-Surviving the Tour de France.
Thru 12/31
Greece: Secrets of the Past
Thru 10/19
PEGGY NOTEBAERT NATURE MUSEUM Chicago Academy of Sciences 773-549-0606
2430 N. Cannon Dr. (Lake Shore at Fullerton) http://www.chias.org/
A museum where science comes alive and the urban world meets the natural world thru Ongoing the Museum's six permanent interactive exhibits and outdoor gardens that examine the relationship between people and nature. See Butterfly Haven, a walk-through greenhouse
(See Scene, next page)
(Scene, continued)
filled with butterflies and planted with tropical flowers and plants. Visit Environmental Central where participants make decisions on land development, water use and pollution. City Science houses creatures that live in every city home. Water Lab shows how rivers and lakes affect daily life. See the Children's Gallery for children 3 to 6; take the Wilderness Walk through dioramas of different ecosystems.

ROSEMONT THEATRE
312-902-1500
http://www.rosemont.com/events.shtm1\#
Radio City Christmas Spectacular !! Five new show stopping scenes. The favorite 12/1, 2 Rockettes will be there. Tickets now on sale - 312-559-1212.

1200 S. Lake Shore Drive
312-939-2438 http://www.sheddnet.org
Komodo King, the Dragon named Faust, world's largest lizard, at eight feet and 120 Thru 2/28/07 pounds, is at the Shedd. He has sharklike teeth; If he is hungry he can devour a pig in 20 minutes. And he's not alone. You will also get to know crocodiles, monitors, and Gila monsters.
Also visit the Amazon Rising, the heart of the rain forest, one of the most diverse
Ongoing areas of the world. Seasons of the River, the Wild Reef etc.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Mandel Hall
773-702-8068
1131 E. 57th St
http://chicagopresents.uchicago.edu
Stephen Prutsman, piano. Bach concerto in C minor for oboe and violin.
3 pm, 10/12
Milhaud Creation of the World, Prutsman Jazz Fantasy on Bach. Ravel piano
concerto in G.
Pacifica Quartet Specific program to be announced. U. of C.'s own artists-in-residence. $3 \mathrm{pm}, 10 / 8$
The energetic foursome are wowing audiences in London, Japan and NY.
Florestan Trio Piano trio fresh from England. Only trio to win the Royal Philhar- $8 \mathrm{pm}, 10 / 27$ monic Award for Chamber Music. Mozart Trio in G Major - K 496,
Saint-Saens Trio No. 2 in E minor Op. 92
Shostakovich Trio No. 2 in E minor Op. 67
Flanders Recorder Quartet Susan Hamilton, soprano, "instrument du jour"
8 pm, 11/3
English music from ca. 1600 for soprano \& recorders.
Emerson String Quartet Still the classic crowd pleaser! Beethoven String Quartet $8 \mathrm{pm}, 11 / 10$ in C Minor Op. 18, No. 4; Brahms String Quartet in C minor, Op. 51, No. 1;
Shostakovich String Quartet No. 3 in F Major.
Trio Mediaeval A smorgasbord of Scandinavian song, folk and seasonal music, fuses the flavor of the Vikings. Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, 5850 S. Woodlawn.

8 pm,11/17
VICTORY GARDENS THEATER
2257 N Lincoln Ave.
773-871-3000
http://www.victorygardens.org
Now in their new home at the Biograph, 2433 N Lincoln Ave., as well as their old home.
Plays at the Biograph:

| Denmark | Thru 11/12 |
| :--- | ---: |
| The Snow Queen | $12 / 1-1 / 7 / 07$ |

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# NEW KID ON THE (PENSION BOARD) 

by Vaughn J. Barber, Trustee

As many of you may be aware, I am in my first term as a Pension Fund Trustee. As an attorney, I am fascinated by the intricate structure of legislation, precedent, regulations, etc., that govern this multi-billion dollar organization. I believe my legal background and fresh approach, free of any preconceptions, will prove invaluable in my task of protecting your interests.

Below are three items that particularly drew my attention:

MINORITY AND EMERGING MANAGERS In 2004, the board of trustees passed a resolution that would require $25 \%$ of active assets of CTPF be placed in minority or woman owned firms. At that time CTPF had $16.8 \%$ of its assets so directed. Today $19 \%$ of the active assets have been allocated as planned. At its meeting in August, 2006, the board recommitted itself to the $25 \%$ goal. To insure immediate action, the board set July 1, 2007 as a deadline for compliance. The Illinois State Senate Select Committee called a hearing in September to discuss CTPF progress in this connection. The Senate committee has requested that the CTPF assign to one Trustee the responsibility of ensuring that minority and emerging managers and brokers are given fair opportunities.

INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT In April, 2006, the Board of Trustees changed its Real Estate Investment Policy to aim for the allocation of 15 \% of its current real estate allotment to international real estate investments. REIT, which represents much of our real estate investment, has had minimal experience with international public real estate investments. Our real estate investment advisors have urged the board to consider other overseas real estate investment firms. After due diligence and personally meeting with overseas real estate investors, the board agreed to certain investments.

PREDATORY LENDING For the past 9 years
the Illinois State Legislature has viewed Predatory Lending as an issue of major importance. A recent letter from Illinois General Assembly House Speaker Michael Madigan requests that all Illinois Pension Funds pass a policy requiring certification of compliance with regard to certain prohibited predatory lending practices. What Speaker Madigan is trying to do is to force Federally Chartered Banks to follow the High Risk Home Loan Act. Illinois chartered banks are mandated to comply but Federally chartered banks can ignore the act without any repercussions. The Speaker's policy requires that the Fund obtain from all financial institutions in which the Fund makes deposits or investments, an annual certification against predatory lending as defined by State law.

This request has widespread ramifications. As just one example, it affects the two day advance for direct deposits of funds to all companies and real estate firms with which CTPF does business. The Board has therefore requested that its investment consultants report back as to the impact this requirement will have on CTPF investments.

SUDAN-INVESTMENT BAN A law, the first to take effect in the United States, prohibits Illinois companies from investing in Sudanese government bonds and bans investment of state pension funds in companies that do business in or with Sudan. Pension funds were given 18 months to divest about $\$ 1$ billion invested in such companies. The law took effect in late January, 2006. In August, the National Foreign Trade Council filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction and ban on the current Sudan Law. CTPF is currently in compliance with the law and no new investments are being made in forbidden entities. However, our managers are not responsible for divesting until January, 2007 (when 60\% of their holdings must be Sudan Free) and July, 2007 (when 100 \% of holdings must be Sudan free). The financial impact to the Fund for compliance has not been material so far; however, it will be substantial if the law is not overturned because the Fund's international and private eq-
(See New Kid, next page)

## RTAC SPRING FLING ‘06

By Veronica Chemers, Special Events Chair
On Tuesday, June 6, 2006, over 100 RTAC members, friends and family visited Springfield, Illinois, in an all day event. We took in the usual sights: Lincoln's Tomb and the war memorials (WWI; WWII; Korean and Viet Nam). Then we visited the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

We examined each of the well crafted and interesting exhibits there, and then attended the presentation, "Ghosts of the Library." An audience seating area provided a view (through a large high-security window) of the "Library." A live host welcomed us and described the activities, detective work, and discoveries waiting to be made in a great presidential archive. His presentation was augmented by astonishing state-of-the-art technology, through which he appeared to control smoke and vapors around him, causing them to condense and form images that responded to him.


Special Events Chair Veronica Chemers ( $r$ ) and tour participant Mildred Fields (2nd from right) pose with the Lincoln family.

One item he showed is Mrs. Lincoln's music box. He played it for the audience. But then he snapped the music off and posed the question: "So what? Why study all this old stuff? Why even save it? Who cares?"

The host began to answer his own questions by describing the collection and the discoveries waiting to be made here. In this room are the actual objects that Lincoln and others used. As the host spoke, mystifying things started happening. The ghosts of Civil War soldiers rose from the objects he showed the audience. The ghosts of Lincoln, Mary, and their contemporaries momentarily appeared and disappeared, their translucent images drifting through the "Library." A quill rose from the library table and began writing in the air, in Lincoln's handwriting.

The host explained that we save original objects from history because they connect us to the people and events of history and make them real.

In one last surprise, the host put on a Civil War coat and transformed into a Civil War soldier. He bade us farewell and revealed that he too is a ghost, a Civil War soldier who died in battle. As he spoke, the library magically turned into a battlefield. The host then turned, walked toward the horizon and slowly faded away.

Enthusiastic tour participants repeatedly asked when the next tour would take place. (The answer is on page 16.) Participant Berniece Cherry was moved to write: "The day could not have been more perfect. The weather was wonderful, the museum was awesome, the food (Ryan's Buffet) was delicious, and Veronica was extremely special. She moved up and down the aisle of our bus, connecting with each of us..." James Sampson also wrote, praising the tour highly.
(New Kid, continued)
uity portfolios will be severely constrained. Similar bans have been enacted in six other states, and are pending in other state legislatures.

Your comments and or responses are welcomed. E-mail Vaughn J. Barber at vjbarber@earthlink.net, or call or write c/o the RTAC office (see p. 2 for address and telephone).

## AN APOLOGY AND AN EXPLANATION

For many years, RTAC has relied exclusively on the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund for information about retirees who are no longer with us. RTAC members have come to count on this information, and bereaved family and friends are understandably quick to notice any omissions.

Not long ago, the CTPF suffered a high level and unexpected personnel change in the department supplying us with this information. At the same time, computerization was being introduced in the department. Thus the new person taking charge was not only doubly challenged, but in addition had to take over with no training whatever. Typically, new people are allowed to get their feet wet, without being forced to dive in at the deep end with sharks swimming all about.

Under the circumstances, it is not astonishing that a number of errors and omissions have taken place. Survivors have been contacting the News Bulletin wondering why their loved ones seem to have passed away without notice. The News Bulletin deeply regrets their anguish, particularly since neither the CTPF nor we were all able to prevent it.

The worst now seems to be over, however. The CTPF recently sent us a list of more than four hundred deaths, some dating as far back as 2005 (and even earlier). Many of these have already been reported in earlier issues of the News Bulletin, of course. But as nearly as we can determine, the 139 deaths listed today have not been reported earlier.

We do not anticipate further problems, and we thank you for your patience.

FRIENDS GONE AHEAD
Requiescant in pace

## ABDENNABI, DORVINA.

Dorvina ended a 12 year career by resigning from the Hammond school in 1996; and on June 8, 2006, expired after reaching 74 years.

## ALDERSON, DONALD R.

After a career that spanned 36 years, Donald retired from Region I in 1999. He expired on June 22,2006 , at the age of 68.

## ANGELL, BARBARA K.

When she leftPrussing in 1974, Barbara put a 19 year career to an end. Her life ended on November 19,2005 , at the age of 86 .

## BAILEN, MICHAEL L.

When he left Peabody in 1993, Michael put a 37 year career to an end. His life ended on June 23, 2006, at the age of 67 .

## BALTER, FANNIE.

Fannie resigned from Medill in 1975 after 8 years. Shewas 93 when she died on April 28, 2006.

## BARCLAY, FERDINAND.

Ferdinand resigned from the Westcott school in 1988 after 25 years. He was 77 when he expired on June 22, 2006.

## BERGIN, JEAN.

Please see Burke notice.

## BERNSTEIN, FRANCES.

Frances died on April 28, 2006, at the age of 88. Her career of 21 years ended when she retired from the Trumbull school in 1986.

## BERNSTEIN, GERALD.

After a career that spanned 12.5 years, Gerald retired in 1992. He expired on February 15, 2006, at the age of 76 .

## BEVERLY, WILLIAM M.

William expired on July 19, 2006, at the age of 72. His career of 33 years ended when he retired from the Tilden High School in 1997.

BLACKWOOD, VIRGINIA B.
Please see Turner notice.

## BLANKSHAIN, CAROLINE.

At the close of her life on July 25, 2006, Caroline was 92 years old. A teacher for 32 years, she retired from Pupil Services \#5 in 1980.

## BOARMAN, ROBERTA.

Roberta resigned in 1986 from her position as a College teacher. ending a 16 year time span in the system. She was 80 at the time of her death on April 18, 2006.

## BOLAND, CLARE M.

Neé Mitchell. Clare died on February 4,2006, at the age of 81 years. She retired as a College teacher in 1987 after a career of 8 years.

## BOURKE, ADALINE B.

Please see Waines notice.

## BOWLES, ELYRIA B.

Please see Magraff notice.

## BRADLEY, MARY D.

Mary was 92 years old at her death on May 4, 2006. She resigned as principal of the Lyon School in 1979 after 42 years in Chicago.

## BROWN, GLORIA H.

Her 21 year teaching career ended when Gloria retired from Bennett Elementary in 1988. She was 81 when her life ended on July 25, 2006.

## BUCKLEY, MARION C.

Resigning in 1982 after a career that lasted 39 years, Marion passed on at the age of 88 on June 6, 2006.

## BUEHLER, DOROTHY L.

Please see Walsh notice.

## BURKE, JEAN.

Neé Bergin. After a career that spanned 32 years, Jean retired from Lane Tech in 1989. She expired on May 28, 2006, at the age of 79.

## BURO, SHIRLEY F.

Please see Robeson notice.

## BURRIS, ROSEMARY A.

Please see Coyle notice.

## BUTLER, EDWARD A.

At the close of his life on April 16, 2006, Edward was 75 years old. A teacher for 7 years, he retired in 1988.

## CARUSO, VINCENT L.

A teacher for 34 years, Vincent was at Jefferson North when he retired in 2004. He passed on at the age of 59 on May 8, 2006.

## CERAGIOLI, ERNEST.

Ernest was 84 years old at his death on May 24, 2006. He resigned from District 6 in 1991 after 38 years in Chicago.

## CHAPPERON, MATTHEW R.

Matthew was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 32 years when he retired from the Jefferson school in 1993. At the time of his death on April 24, 2006, he was 71 years of age.

## CHEATHAM, GUS.

His 24 year teaching career ended when Gus retired as principal of Scott Joplin in 1983. He was 81 when his life ended on April 28, 2006.

## CHEEVERS, VIRGINIA C.

Please see Meany notice.

## CHOLL, JANICE.

After 35 years, Janice resigned as principal of Laura Ward in 1988. Death took her on May 6, 2006; she was 75 at the time.

## COLEMAN, HELEN C.

Please see Hoy notice.

## COLLINS, MARTA.

Neé Stevenson. When Marta retired in 2001 from OrrCommunity Academy, her career had lasted 27 years. Her life ended at the age of 70 on July 26, 2006.

## CONNERY, WILLIAM M.

When William retired in 1987 as principal of Skinner, his career had lasted 39 years. His life ended at the age of 78 on December 29, 2005.

## CONNOLLY, JOHN C.

When he left Burbank as Guidance Counselor in 1994, John put a 38 year career to an end. His life ended on February 4, 2006, at the age of 74.

## CONRY, FRANCES D.

When she left Bousfield in 1976, Frances put an 8 year career to an end. Her life ended on February 22,2006 , at the age of 95.

## COOPER, MILDRED R.

Please see Hammond notice.

## CORWIN, REAHA G.

Reaha retired in 1978 while at the Jackson Adult Education Center ending a 10 year career, and passed away on May 1, 2006, at the age of 90.

## COYLE, ROSEMARY A.

Neé Burris. Rosemary succumbed at age 79 on June 1, 2006. She taught for 30 years before retiring from Skinner in 1985.

## CUDIA, ANITA L.

Please see Zydel notice.
DALTON, EUGENE P.
Eugene resigned from the Austin High School in 1985 after 30 years. He was 91 when he expired on January 29, 2006.

## DAVIDSON, MOSHE.

Morrie's career of 39 years came to an end as he left Amundsen in 1984. When he passed away on February 19, 2006, he had reached the age of 87.

## DAVIES, LESLIE H.

Leslie resigned from the Dyett school in 1984 after a 22 year career, and died on July 4, 2006, at the age of 85 years.

## DAVIS, COOPER A.

Cooper was at Kelvyn Park High School when he resigned in 1998 after 25 years in the Chicago Public Schools. He was 74 on July 9, 2006, when he passed on.

## DAWSON, MARY RUTH.

Neé Ridley. Mary Ruth resigned from Morgan Park High School in 1985 after 35 years. She was 83 when she expired on February 6, 2006.

## DICK, BETTY L.

Please see Lodine notice.

## DILL, BONNIE J.

Neé Hathaway. In 1985, when she retired, Bonnie ended her 12 year career with the Chicago school system. On May 22, 2006, her life ended after 83 years.

## DONOGHUE, AGNES F.

Neé Fitton. A teacher at Hirsch when she resigned in 1976, Agnes had served for 21 years. She was 95 on the date of her passing, June 28, 2006.

## DOZIER, JOSEPHINE.

NeéJohnson. Endinga35yearcareer, Josephine left her position as Counselor at the Industrial Skill Center in 1993. When she died on July 3, 2006, she was 70 years of age.

## DUFFIE, BURTON.

When he retired as Director of the Bureau Of Education in 1971, Burton ended a career that included 44 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed him on June 17, 2006, at the age of 99 years.

## EJAN, LORRAINE F.

Lorraine's career of 21 years came to an end as she left Lake View High School in 1986. When she passed away on January 29,2006, shehad reached the age of 80 .

## ELEDER, ELDRED J.

A 33 year career in the Chicago Public Schools ended when Eldred, who expired at the age of 78 on June 12, 2006, retired from Washburne Trade in 1993.

## ERIKSEN, GERTRUDE.

Neé Roy. Gertrude died on February 10, 2006, at the age of 90 . Her career of 8 years ended when she retired in 1981.

## FAY, MARY M.

When she resigned after 40 years in 1993, Mary was at the Kinzie school. On June 2, 2006, she died at the age of 72 .

## FERGUSON, MARJORY.

Life ended for Marjory at the age of 84 on April 17, 2006. She retired from Clay in 1980, at the end of a 35 year career.

## FINCH, WILLIAM H.

When he retired in 1987 from his position as an Assistant Superintendent at the Central Office, William had taught for 39 years. He was 82 years of age at his death on May 23, 2006.

## FITTON, AGNES F.

Please see Donoghue notice.

## FOWLER, LEIGH C.

Please see Kaup notice.

## FRASIER, DORIS A.

Please see Ward notice.

## FUJII, LOUISA A.

Louisa resigned from the Field Elementary in 1993 after a 12 year career. She was 78 years old when she died on April 11, 2006.

## GARDNER, ANN G.

Please see Lorimier notice.

## GARTENBERG, ETHEL.

Neé Lichtenberg. Ethel succumbed on May 12, 2006, at the age of 81 . She served 35 years, resigning from her position as Counselor at the Logan school in 1998.

## GILBERT, ANNIE L.

Neé Wallace. After 23 years in the Chicago school system, Annie retired from the Graham school in 1983. When death took her on February 24, 2006, she was 90 years old.

## GOODMAN, LIBBY.

Please see Reinkall notice.

## GORDON, CATHERINE.

Neé Salisbury. On May 17, 2006, Catherine passed away at the age of 95 years. She retired from Deneen in 1977 after 26 years of teaching.

## GRAF, MARGARET G.

Please see Maslek notice.

## GRAHAM, ELAINE.

Elaine left the Drake in 1996 after a career that spanned 44 years. She expired at the age of 76 , on April 27, 2006.

## GRAY,INEZ.

Neé Morgan. In 2000, Inez left the Bethune school after a career that lasted 30 years. When her life ended on April 26, 2006, she was 71 years of age.

GREEN, VELMA M.
Neé McCall. At the close of her life on February 9, 2006, Velma was 73 years old. A teacher for 38 years, she retired from District 7 in 1998.

## GWYNN, WILLIAM L.

A 39 year career in Chicago schools came to an end for William when he left his position as Administrator in Central Office in 1989. He died on June 22,2006 , at the age of 83 years.

## HAMMOND, MILDRED R.

Neé Cooper. Mildred resigned in 1984 from Chicago Vocational High School, ending a 29 year time span in the Chicago system. She was 88 at the time of her death on February 7, 2006.

## HANLEY, MARGARET M.

Neé McVady. A teacher for 40 years, Margaret was at Graham when she retired in 1972. She passed on at the age of 99 on February 21, 2006.

## HARDEN, STELLA W.

Neé Ward. On June 30, 2006, Stella passed on, at the age of 79 years. She had spent 38 years in the schools when she resigned from Avalon Park in 1996.

## HARRIS, JULIA L.

When she retired from Cooper in 1979, Julia ended a career of 25 years. She was 83 when her life came to a close on September 1, 2005.

## HATHAWAY, BONNIE J.

Please see Dill notice.

## HAYES, HARRY J.

Harry expired on January 27, 2006, at the age of 70. His career of 7 years ended when he retired in 1994.

## HAZELKORN, JOYCE K.

Neé Kosbie. After 1 year in Chicago schools, Joyce retired in 1983. She was 81 when she expired on April 19, 2006.

## HENLEY, CHARLES E.

After 19 years in the Chicago school system, Charles retired from the Dunbar Vocational High School in 2003. When death took him on February 9,2006 , he was 71 years old.

## HILL, MCCOY.

McCoy ended a 34 year career when he left Cregier Vocational High School in 1993. When he died on July 4, 2006, he was 75 years of age.

## HITT, OLA MAE.

Neé Woolridge. Ola Mae ended an 11 year career when she resigned from the Betsy Ross Elementary school in 1977. At her death on July 14, 2006, she was 94 years old.

## HOOKER, HELEN M.

Neé Purcell. Last assigned to Beaubien, Helen retired in 1992 after 40 years of service. She passed away on May 18, 2006, at 80 years of age.

## HORAN, CECILIA L.

Neé Larkin. When she resigned from Schurz in 1977, Cecilia capped a 26 year career. She was 92 when she died on May 7, 2006.

## HOY, HELEN C.

Neé Coleman. Helen was 90 years old at her death on February 3, 2006. She resigned from Taft High School in 1981 after 37 years.

## JACKSON, JUANITA M.

Juanita was affiliated with the Chicago Public Schools for 38 years when she retired from the Parkside school in 1993. At the time of her death on December 20, 2005, she was 74 years of age.

## JACOBY, BARBARA L.

Her 40 year teaching career ended when Barbara retired from Sullivan in 2003. She was 66 when her life ended on February 15, 2006.

## JANTZI, MARY ANN.

After teaching 33 years, Mary Ann resigned from the Galileo Scholastic school in 1998. She was 63 when death claimed her on July $7,2006$.

## JOHNSON, JOSEPHINE.

Please see Dozier notice.

## JOHNSON, ROBERTA.

Neé Sutton. After a career that spanned 22 years, Roberta retired from Medill Primary in 1982. She expired on January 31, 2006. at the age of 92.

## JONES, EDWARD J.

Life ended for Edward at the age of 81 on May 12, 2006. He retired as Assistant principal of Betsy Ross in 1985, at the end of his career.

## KALK, HERBERT C.

After a career that lasted 24 years, Herbert retired from Wilson Junior College in 1983. He was 88 when he died on June 8, 2006.

## KATZIN, MARVIN R.

Marvin resigned from the O'Keefe School in 1974 after a 33 year career. He was 89 years old when he died on April 28, 2006.

## KAUFMAN, RUTH S.

Neé Levensky. Death came for Ruth on April 9, 2006, when she was 90 years old. She ended her career at Wendell Phillips in 1984, after 15 years.

## KAUP, LEIGH C.

Neé Fowler. After 34 years, Leigh resigned as a Counselor from Juarez in 2005. Death took her on February 6, 2006; she was 69 at the time.

## KELLER, LOIS K.

Please see Schilling notice.

## KELLY, WALTER J.

Walter succumbed on June 17, 2006, at the age of 74 . He served 9 years, resigning from his position as a College teacher in 1995.

## KELLY, WILLIAM F.

On June 26, 2006, William passed away at the age of 79 years. He retired from Clay as principal in 1989 after 39 years of teaching.

## KENT, LARRY P.

Larry left his position as College teacher in 1998 after a career that lasted for 7 years. He expired at the age of 68, on July 6, 2006.

## KING, ELEANOR M.

Neé Mueller. When Eleanor retired in 1972 from Steinmetz, her career had lasted 22 years. Her life ended at the age of 94 on February 19, 2006.

## KING, MADEARIA Y.

Madearia succumbed at age 52 on December 15, 2004. She retired from Graham in 2004.

## KORBAKES, MARYANTHE.

Neé Panutsos. Maryanthe was at the Sheridan school when she retired in 1992 after a 34 year teaching career. She was 68 at the time of her death on November 19, 2005.

## KOSBIE, JOYCE K.

Please see Hazelkorn notice.

## KOWAL, KATHRYN.

On May 31, 2006, life came to a close for Kathryn at the age of 76. She had been at the Beidler school, retiring in 1993.

## KOZANECKI, ROBERT F.

In 1995, Robert lefthis position at Carpenter after a career that lasted 38 years. When his life ended on July 22, 2006, he was 74 years of age.

## KUNZ, MADELEINE K.

Please see Robinson notice.

## KUPERSMITH, FLORENCE. <br> Please see Kweller notice.

## KWELLER, FLORENCE.

Neé Kupersmith. Florence retired in 1980 ending a 6 year career as a substitute. At the end of her life on April 1, 2006, she was 89 years old.

## LAMPI, FRANK W.

At the close of his life on January 1, 2006, Frank was 74 years old. A teacher for a year, he retired as a Day-to-Day Sub in 2004.

## LARKIN, CECILIA L.

Please see Horan notice.

## LEE, ELEANOR L.

Please see Maas notice.

## LEIBIK, LEON J.

Leon was associated with the Chicago schools for 40 years. He left his position as Administrator in the Department of Government Funded Programs in the Central Office in 1975. He was 96 years old when death took him on July 18, 2006.

## LENGYEL, THERESA M.

Please see White notice.

## LEVENSKY, RUTH S.

Please see Kaufman notice.

## LEVIN, HARRIET J.

Please see Kornit notice.

## LEWIS-FRASER, RHODA M.

Please see Naal notice.

## LICHTENBERG, ETHEL.

Please see Gartenberg notice.

## LIMBERT, TULA L.

Please see Mazarakis notice.

## LODINE, BETTY L.

Neé Dick. At her death on July 11, 2006, Betty was 82 years old. Her 32 year career ended when she resigned from Cregier High School in 1993.

## LORIMIER, ANN G.

Neé Gardner. Ann resigned from Caldwell in 1976 after 23 years. On May 3, 2006, she passed on at the age of 86 years.

## MAAS, ELEANOR L.

Neé Lee. In 1983, when Eleanor was at the Madison school, she retired after 6 years. She was 88 years old when she expired on June 26, 2006.

## MAGRAFF, ELYRIA B.

Neé Bowles. Elyria retired from the Near North Special Ed school in 1984 after a career that lasted for 31 years. She expired on February 4, 2006, at the age of 80 years.

## MALOFF, JACK.

On June 16, 2006, Jack passed on, at the age of 99 years. He had spent 41 years in the schools when he resigned from Foreman High School in 1971.

## MARTIN, ELIZABETH.

Elizabeth was at Disney Magnet when she resigned in 1980 after 16 years in the Chicago Public Schools. She was 91 on February 10, 2006, when she passed on.

## MASLEK, MARGARET G.

Neé Graf. When she retired in 1971, Margaret ended a career that included 4 years in the Chicago system. Death claimed her on January 31, 2006, at the age of 94 years.

## MASON, KATHLEEN S.

At the age of 79, Kathleen passed away on May 28, 2006. After 19 years as a substitute in the system, she resigned in 1997.

## MATHER, GEORGE V.

When he retired from the City Colleges in 1990, George ended a career of 7 years. He was 80 when his life came to a close on June 14, 2006.

## MATT, RITA M.

Neé Mullee. Rita retired from Tonti in 1974 after a 21 year career. Death came for her at age 88 on May 21, 2006.

## MAYS, LORINE C.

Neé Newman. In 1986, Lorine retired from Cooper Primary after 20 years of teaching. On January 23,2006 , she passed on at the age of 90 years.

## MAZARAKIS, TULA L.

Neé Limbert. When she retired in 1992 from the Budlong school, Tula had taught for 15 years. She was 76 years of age at her death on February 8, 2006.

## MCCALL, VELMA M.

Please see Green notice.

## MCCONNELL, EDITH J.

After teaching 32 years as a substitute, Edith resigned in 1994. She succumbed at the age of 66 on May 7, 2006.

## MCVADY, MARGARET M.

Please see Hanley notice.

## MEANY, VIRGINIA C.

Neé Cheevers. Virginia retired from Spalding High School in 1978 after teaching for 39 years. On January 31, 2006, she died at age 93.

## MEY, VICTORIA.

Victoria passed on at age 86 on May 28, 2006. She resigned in 1977 after a 34 year career that ended at Foreman High School.

## MILLER, MARY M.

Neé Muldowney. Her 22 year career ended at the Reed school in 1985 when Mary retired. Death came for her on June 4, 2006, at the age of 85.

## MITCHELL, CLARE M.

Please see Boland notice.

## MORGAN, INEZ.

Please see Gray notice.

## MORROW, ROBERT I.

Robert ended a 1 year career when he resigned as Assistant Professor from the Olive-Harvey College in 1996. At his death on December 25, 2005, he was 72 years old.

## MUELLER, ELEANOR M. <br> Please see King notice.

## MULDOWNEY, MARY M.

Please see Miller notice.

## MULLEE, RITA M.

Please see Matt notice.

## NAAL, RHODA M.

Neé Lewis-Fraser. After a 15 year teaching career, Rhoda retired from Westinghouse in 1987. She died on March 29, 2006, at age 81.

## NEAL, EUNICE S.

Neé Pulphus. Eunice retired in 1989, ending a 7 year career. On May 7, 2006, whenshe passed on, she was 72 years old.

NEWMAN, LORINE C.
Please see Mays notice.

## ORTALE, JOSEPHINE.

Josephine's 39 year career ended in 1980 when she resigned as Assistant principal of Andersen. Death claimed her on June 24, 2006, at the age of 92.

## OZAROWSKI,ZOFIA.

Life ended for Zofia on May 22, 2006, at the age of 82 years. She ended her 17 year career at the Falconer school in 1987.

## PERRY, EDNA B.

In 1994, when she retired as principal of the Wackerschool, Edna ended her 38 year career with the Chicago school system. On February 12, 2006, her life ended after 72 years.

## PETAN, EDWARD.

When he resigned from Ravenswood in 1986, Edward capped a 22 year career. He was 82 when he died on May 26, 2006.

## PULPHUS, EUNICE S.

Please see Neal notice.

## PURCELL, HELEN M.

Please see Hooker notice.

## RED, RUBEN P.

His 17 year teaching career ended when Ruben retired from Trumbull in 1997. He was 84 when his life ended on July 24, 2006.

## REED, JAMES W.

James ended a 25 year term in the Chicago system by retiring in 1993 from Corliss High School. At his death on May 22, 2006, he was 81 years old.

## REINKALL, LIBBY.

Neé Goodman. In 1993, when she resigned from Sheridan Libby completed a 38 year career. She was 71 when she died on May 23, 2006.

## RICE, CAROL.

Please see Travis notice.

## RIDLEY, MARY RUTH.

Please see Dawson notice.

## ROBESON, SHIRLEY F.

Neé Buro. A 38 year career in Chicago schools came to an end for Shirley when she left Lane Tech High School in 1993. She died on February 10, 2006, at the age of 86 years.

## ROBINSON, MADELEINE K.

Neé Kunz. Madeleine's 20 year teaching career ended when she retired from Bell in 1974. She passed away on May 6, 2006, at the age of 94 years.

## ROMANOW, CONCETTA M.

Neé Vassalotti. A teacher at Sheridan when she resigned in 1993, Concetta had served for 27 years. She was 81 on the date of her passing, February 15, 2006.

## ROSS, WILLIAM.

After teaching 28 years, William resigned as Assistant Principal of the Gregory school in 1978. He was 79 when death claimed him on June 10, 2006.

## ROY, GERTRUDE.

Please see Eriksen notice.

## RUSSELL, PATRICIA.

Ending a 36 year career, Patricia left Boone in 1989. When she died on February 10, 2006, she was 79 years of age.

## SALISBURY, CATHERINE.

Please see Gordon notice.

## SALZBRUNN, BERT L.

Bert's 22 year career in the Chicago schools ended when he retired as Teacher-Coordinator from Geothals in 1981. On June 20, 2006, at the time he succumbed, he was 83 years old.

## SCHILLING, LOIS K.

Neé Keller. On May 17, 2006, when she was 93, death claimed Lois. She had taught 18 years when she resigned from the Van Vlissingen school in 1975.

## SCHULTZ, HERMAN.

Death came for Herman on July 1,2006, whenhe was 81 years old. He ended his career as a College teacher in 1996, after 15 years in Chicago and 29 more outside.

## SHUPRYT, ERVIN J.

Ervin resigned in 1985 from Chicago Vocational High School, ending a 16 year time span in the Chicago system. He was 86 at the time of his death on February 7, 2006.

## SILKE, ELEANORE.

Assigned to Roberto Clemente High School as Teacher-Librarian when she resigned in 1977 after 19 years, Eleanore passed away atthe age of 94 on July 19, 2006.

## SLOAN, ADELINE.

Neé Sohn. Adeline diedon May 23, 2006, at the age of 86 years. She retired from the LeMoyne school in 1988 after a career of 25 years.

## SNOAD, CHARLES G.

Charles was a teacher at Schurz High School when he resigned in 1997 after a 32 year teaching career. His life ended at the age of 70 on May 25, 2006.

## SOHN, ADELINE.

Please see Sloan notice.

## STEVENSON, MARTA.

Please see Collins notice.

## SUTTON, ROBERTA.

Please see Johnson notice.

## TATE, VIRGINIA B.

After a career of 24 years with the Chicago Public Schools, Virginia passed away on July 25, 2006, at the age of 89. She retired from Scott C.P.E.C in 1981.

## TELLE, SARMITE.

Sarmite ended a 34 year career by resigning from the Morse school in 2001; and on February 20, 2006, expired after reaching 61 years.

## TOMICH, GEORGE C.

At the age of 86, George passed away on June 6, 2006. He was a Counselor at Whitney Young in 1989 when he ended a 44 year career in the Chicago system.

## TRAVIS, CAROL RICE.

Neé Rice. Carol was 58 at the time of her passing on May 21, 2006. Her career ended when she resigned from Spencer Math \& Science in 2005.

## TROY, MARY W.

Neé Williams. After a career that spanned 24 years, Mary retired from Nash in 1998. She expired on June 18, 2006, at the age of 66 .

## TURNER, VIRGINIA B.

Neé Blackwood. Virginia was at Hirsch Metro High School when she retired in 1986. Her career spanned 40 years, and she succumbed at the age of 86 on July 11, 2006.

## TYSKLING, KAREN B.

When she left Harte in 2005, Karen puther career to an end. Her life ended on May 26, 2006, at the age of 70 .

## VASSALOTTI, CONCETTA M. <br> Please see Romanow notice.

## WAINES, ADALINE B.

Neé Bourke. Adaline had taught for 44 years before she retired in 1971 from the Bridge school. She was 101 when her life ended on February 21, 2006.

## WALKER, TOMMIE L.

Resigning from Cregier High School in 1981 after a career that lasted 16 years, Tommie passed on at the age of 92 on February 14, 2006.

## WALLACE, ANNIE L.

Please see Gilbert notice.

## WALSH, DOROTHY L.

Neé Buehler. When she resigned after 40 years in 1993, Dorothy was at the Libby school. On February 23, 2006, she died at the age of 77.

## WARD, DORIS A.

Neé Frasier. Life ended for Doris at the age of 71 on January 19, 2006. She retired from Marconi in 2004, at the end of a 35 year career.

## WARD, STELLA W.

Please see Harden notice.

## WARNER, MABEL W.

Neé White. Mabel resigned from the Nathan Hale school in 1973 after 43 years. She was 99 when she expired on July 19, 2006.

## WEISSBUCH, CLARICE.

Clarice expired on April 9, 2006, at the age of 73. Her career of 34 years ended when she retired from the Gale school in 1999.

WHITE, MABEL W.
Please see Warner notice.

## WHITE, THERESA M.

Neé Lengyel. After 33 years in the Chicago school system, Theresa retired from the Schubert school in 1994. When death took her on June 24, 2006, she was 76 years old.

## WILLIAMS, MARY W.

Please see Troy notice.

## WILSON, ORESTES T.

In 1982, Orestes resigned from the Dunbar Vocational High school. When he expired on May 7, 2006, he was 89 years old.

## WOOLRIDGE, OLA MAE. <br> Please see Hitt notice.

## ZARR, MICHAEL J.

On May 10,2006, life came to a close for Michael at the age of 80 . He had been at Taft High School, retiring in 1984 at the end of a 22 year career in the schools.

## ZELUCK, ESTHER L.

Please see Zolt notice.

## ZOLT, ESTHER L.

Neé Zeluck. Esther resigned in 1986 from Armstrong school ending a21 year time span in the Chicago system. She was 80 at the time of her death on May 22, 2006.

## ZYDEL, ANITA L.

Neé Cudia. Anita retired after 9 years. She passed on at the age of 61 on May 15, 2006.


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