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INAUGURAL SEMINAR SERIES ATTRACTS LIFELONG LEARNERS

In 2013, the Retired Teachers Association initiated a series of complimentary educational seminars for members. The small-group sessions provided members with information on topics ranging from estate planning to lobbying, and were held in the Garland Building's Conference Room. Seminars included:

- July 25, 2013, Ward Powell, former middle school teacher from Guggenheim Elementary and principal of Estate Plan Chicago, presented a program on how one should arrange for one's legacy, maximize retirement income, and mitigate income taxes. Powell repeated this excellent program on November 7.
- August 27, 2013, Richard Lockhart, a RTAC lobbyist, presented a program for the RTAC Board of Directors on the importance of legislative advocacy.
- October 23, 2013, Zyg Sokolnicki, attorney and former RTAC President, introduced members to the latest version of Illinois' Power of Attorney requirements and documents for Health Care and Property.
- Attendees braved poor weather on October 31, 2013, to attend Bill Blyth and Associates' presentation on Required Minimum Distribution of IRA Funds beginning at age 70 ½.
- November 14, 2013, Linda Moore of Prudential provided a seminar on Universal Life Solutions and long-term care options.

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Photos: 1. Ward Powell of
Estate Plan Chicago presented
RTAC's inaugural seminar which
covered several estate planning
topics. 2. Zyg Sokolnicki, attorney
and former RTAC president
presented a workshop on Illinois'
Power of Attorney requirements.



2013 FALL LUNCHEON

The 87th Annual RTAC luncheon, held at the Hilton Chicago, attracted more than 600 members for an afternoon of food and fun mixed with a General Business meeting. See page 3 for more information and pictures.







Photos: 1. RTAC Board of Directors
President Marcella L. Morrison addresses
attendees during the General Business
Meeting. 2. Bukola Bello, RTAC lobbyist,
gives an overview of the current
legislative climate. 3. Keynote speaker
CTPF Executive Director Kevin B. Huber
discussed the state of the pension fund.
See page 6 for excerpts from his speech.

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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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Including a tribute to Mae M. Hunter, former RTAC president.

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RTAC's spring luncheon is May 16, 2014. Reserve today.

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WINTER NEWS UPDATE













FALL LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

Members and friends gathered to mix business and pleasure for RTAC's 87th annual Fall Membership Luncheon and General Membership meeting, held in the Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Chicago Hotel on October 17, 2013. Find more luncheon photos at www.rtac.org.













1. RTAC Executive Director Arlene R. Crandall and RTAC Director Ivry J. Hobbs conduct the always popular raffle. **2.** Marena Noland and Joan Sassano enjoy the luncheon. **3.** Gwendolyn Julian and Dorthy Lee Jemison are all smiles during the luncheon. **4.** John Kutyba receives Pension Fund Ambassador information from Jackie Umbles, CTPF Communications Specialist. 5. RTAC Director Dr. Walter E. Pilditch shares a report about the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund during the business meeting. 6. The lucky raffle winners show off their prizes. BELOW: A grand occasion deserves a grand ballroom. An overview of the ballroom, filled with RTAC members enjoying a beautiful and festive fall luncheon.



The Spring luncheon will be Friday, May 16, 2014. Reserve your place today, see page 15 for an invitation/reservation form.

RTAC GENERAL **MEETING**

RTAC members elected eight representatives to the Board of Directors during the General Membership meeting portion of the fall luncheon on October 17, 2013. Directors for 2014-2015 are: Sylvia Asllani, Roy Coleman, Robert V. Cunningham, Sherye Garmony-Miller, John J. Garvey, Ivry J. Hobbs, Mary Sharon Reilly, and Richard F. Tryba.

Proposed bylaw changes also passed unanimously during the meeting.

BRUSH UP ON DENTAL INSURANCE

Maintaining good oral health is an overall well being.



participate in one of two MetLife group dental insurance plans. Plan 1 offers comprehensive services and Plan 2 offers a lower-cost option with more limited coverage. Both plans cover oral exams and cleanings every 6 months, and include dependent coverage options. Enrolled members can also benefit from the complimentary MetLife Vision Access program which offers discounts on eye exams, contact lenses, and laser vision correction.

Contact RTAC at 312-750-1522 for eligibility and enrollment information.

RECENT BEQUESTS

The Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund (CRTAF) recently received two unexpected bequests.

Janet Koziol, a retired teacher, and the last survivor of her family, bequeathed the proceeds from her CTPF death benefit policy. Ms. Koziol passed on May 23, 2007. She retired from Chopin Elementary in 1976 after a 33-year career.

Eva Archer generously bequeathed her CTPF contributions to CRTAF. After her passing in 1999, Mrs. Archer's husband, Raymond, indicated that she wanted her contributions used to assist other former teachers. Mrs. Archer worked in the Chicago Public Schools from 1963-1968.

"We are most grateful and appreciative to all who support the Aid Fund," said Executive Director Arlene R. Crandall. "All tax-deductible bequests honor the spirit of the donor, and provide vital budget relief for our program. May the memories of Janet Koziol and Eva Archer, two generous former colleagues, always remain with us as a blessing."



LEND RTAC A HAND

RTAC welcomes Service Committee volunteers. If you can lend a hand with light office work in our downtown office, please call 312-750-1522. Find additional volunteer opportunities at www.rtac.org.

NEWS UPDATE CONTINUED







CTPF TRUSTEES ELECTED

November 8, 2013, pensioners elected Bob Bures, Walter E. Pilditch, and Mary Sharon Reilly to the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund (CTPF) Board of Trustees. All three candidates







Bob Bures

Walter E. Pilditch Mary Sharon Reilly

were endorsed by RTAC. Bures, Pilditch, and Reilly took their oaths of office on November 21, 2013, and will serve two-year terms through November 2015.

"We congratulate our new CTPF trustees," said Marcella L. Morrison, RTAC President. "We know they will do their best to safeguard our fund."

CTPF is an independent organization which administers pension and health insurance benefits for CPS retirees. The Fund has \$9.7 billion in assets, and is governed by Illinois law. A 12-member Board of Trustees, including 3 members elected by pensioners, oversees CTPF operations. RTAC is *not* a part of the CTPF.

2014 ARMSTRONG AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

RTAC seeks nominations for the 2014 James Armstrong Award. The award is named in honor of our founding President James E. Armstrong. Armstrong, together with a small group of like-minded retired CPS educators, established RTAC in 1926 to preserve and protect retired CPS educators' pensions.



Any RTAC member can nominate an individual to be honored for his/her outstanding commitment, dedication, and service to the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago and/or the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund.

Nomination forms are available at www.rtac.org. Nominations are due to David T. Peterson, RTAC first vice president, by April 1, 2014. The Armstrong Award will be presented during the 2014 Spring Luncheon on May 16, 2014.

INAUGURAL SEMINARS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Tuesday, November 19, 2013, Donald Duncan of 3D Financial Counselors offered a program explaining the impact of the Affordable Care Act on individuals.

"Everyone who attended our seminars expressed appreciation for the information presented, and complimented RTAC on this new program," explained Arlene R. Crandall, Executive Director. "We encourage members to watch the website for additional program topics along with dates and times for 2014."

HAVE AN IDEA FOR A SEMINAR?

Is there a topic you'd like to learn more about, or one you have expert knowledge of and could share? Please call 312-750-1522 or e-mail ideas to office@rtac.org.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Marcella L. Morrison



The year 2013 has been a very good year for the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago. From the beginning of the year to its conclusion, we have been blessed to accomplish significant successes. In January, we acquired an office condominium in the Garland Building. We ended the year with the launch of a redesigned RTAC *News Bulletin*, turning it into the stellar publication you are now reading.

Other 2013 accomplishments included:

- Inaugurating free seminars and workshops on a wide range of topics of interest to members
- Endorsing three CTPF Retiree candidates who were elected in November 2013
- Extending communication with our website and e-mail
- Increasing our membership, so that by 2014, we will be 10,000 strong.

As I reflect upon our successes, I salute RTAC's past and present leaders for making it possible for us to have achieved our special milestones during the first year of my tenure as President. As an Association we must build upon our strengths and talents and move into the future with the fervor to incorporate new initiatives.

As an RTAC member who is reading this, please ask yourself how you will step forward to support RTAC by using your knowledge, skills, and talents to serve as a director, committee member or volunteer. Your commitment to participate will extend RTAC's successes into the future.

May we all embrace the promise of 2014 by engaging our past experiences to improve the future in the spirit of the Chinese Proverb:

"Each generation builds the road for the next."

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Arlene R. Crandall



The past few months have been very hectic. RTAC and its lobbyists continue to communicate with our state legislators to protect your pensions and ancillary benefits. We must educate our Illinois legislators to the dynamics of our situation. We earned and deserve the pensions for which we paid and upon which we depend for our livelihoods.

You can make the difference. We urge you to become a CTPF Pension Fund Ambassador, so you will be able to learn how to effectively persuade your elected representatives to do that which is necessary to solidify our pension fund. As an Ambassador you receive information and training that enables you to become an effective legislative advocate. You will also be

provided with data related to the economic impact that you, your fellow retirees, and active CTPF members have in our communities.

Ambassador training sessions are scheduled for December 19 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The free sessions will be held at CTPF: 203 N. La Salle Street, Chicago. Call 312-641-4464 to register. Together we can make sure we:

- Maintain our Pensions and 3% Automatic Annual Increase
- Protect our health insurance options
- Eliminate CPS "Pension Holidays"
- Reinstate the CTPF pension tax levy

Now is the time to become an active advocate to preserve and protect your current and future well being.

PERSPECTIVES

EXCERPTS FROM KEVIN B. HUBER'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS, RTAC FALL LUNCHEON, OCTOBER 17, 2013

Recently it occurred to me, that maybe our friends in Springfield need a new standardized test about pensions. This test would only have one question: Explain the importance of the equation C + I = B to pensions.

If every Illinois legislator understood equation C+I=B, our pension funding wouldn't have fallen from 100% in 2002 to 54% today.

This simple equation is critical to keeping your pensions funded. When all the parts of the equation are balanced, a pension can provide retirement income at about half that of a 401 (k) type plan. So what has happened with our pension equation?

Let's start with the "B" part of the equation: Benefits. CTPF members retire with an average 28 years of service, and receive an average pension of about \$43,000. These are reasonable benefits, earned after a lifetime of service, so we know the problem isn't with the benefits end of the equation.

Next we'll look at the "I" or Investments. Our job is to make good investments so we can pay benefits. Last year we earned 13%, which is excellent. Generally though, we like to look at our long-term returns. For the past 35 years we earned 8.9%. We're doing our part to invest wisely at CTPF.

Next then, we have to look at "C" or contributions. Teachers have always paid their share. The same however, can't be said for the State or our employer. Here's a bit of history for you.

From the 1920s to 1995 the employer didn't make a contribution to our fund; Chicago's tax payers did. CTPF received property tax money directly from the city's treasury. Guess what? That equation, C+I=B was in balance.

When Chicago's mayor took over the schools in 1995, he asked legislators to redirect our tax levy to CPS; and we lost our guaranteed source of revenue. From 1996 to 2005, we received no contributions from our employer. We call that period Pension Holiday #1.

If every Illinois legislator understood the equation C+I=B, our pension funding wouldn't have fallen from 100% in 2002 to 54% today.

That "holiday" cost the pension fund \$2 billion. CPS asked for and received another pension "holiday" where they paid less than they owed from 2011-2013. We lost another \$1.2 billion.

This past May, CPS went for Pension Holiday #3, but I'm proud to say that thanks to RTAC, including many in this room, that measure was defeated.

What about the State of Illinois? We have about 18% of the teaching workforce, but we don't receive 18% of the State's pension dollars. Instead, we receive less than a penny for every



dollar spent on the downstate/suburban teachers' fund. Last year TRS received \$3 billion and we received \$10 million.

There's been a lot of talk about pension "reform," and last year Speaker Madigan and Senate President Cullerton were unable to come to an agreement. So, the Governor formed a conference committee to solve the problem. They are currently working on "solutions" that will likely impact your AAI or cost of living increase, something I know many of you are not happy about.

So what can you do? Get to know your legislators. Over the next three months, take one day each month and visit them. The following three months, make a phone call. Tell legislators that they need to fully fund CTPF pensions. We need the "C" or contributions to stay in balance. The CTPF Pension Fund Ambassadors program can help you find ways to share your story.

I'm also asking you to utilize technology. Like us on Facebook, and provide us an e-mail. If you can do those things, we can hope that our elected officials in Springfield will get the message and will protect your pension.

Find the video recording of this speech at www.rtac.org.

PERSPECTIVES

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Roy Coleman, RTAC Webmaster

When I took over the RTAC website (www.rtac.org) from V. K. Brown about eight years

ago, we had

initiatives.



the Letter-A-Month Club that would write letters to legislators for or against proposed legislation. That process meant that there was a delay of several days, if not weeks, in responding to legislative

Since then, social media – e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, etc., has greatly increased efficiency and response time. Companies and legislators routinely monitor both Facebook and Twitter to get the latest opinions about products or legislation. It is possible to tell from tweets the leanings of almost every legislator and how they might vote.¹

SOCIAL MEDIA HELPS DEFEAT SENATE BILL 1920

A post to Facebook or Twitter alerts your friends (and usually the target of the comment) almost instantly. E-mail is a bit slower, but much faster than writing.

An excellent example of the effectiveness of social media was what happened to SB 1920 on May 31, 2013, (this legislation would have provided CPS with another "Pension Holiday"). The bill passed the Illinois Senate 53-0 and was headed for possible passage in the House when RTAC sent out an e-mail alert. This alert, along with the cooperation of

other organizations, caused a flood of correspondence and visits to the Representatives offices – in many cases overwhelming their inboxes and/or fax machines. As a result SB1920 was defeated 39-78.

A significant part of the credit goes to those of you who faxed, e-mailed, visited or called your Representatives.

Even though there are dangers in using social media, with careful use it can be the best and quickest way to express your beliefs and opinions. Watch for a future article on mitigating the dangers, and a "Safe Surfing" workshop next spring.

¹ Full reference at: http://goo.gl/if4iG3



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Facebook users: "like" RTAC

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: MEET IVRY J. HOBBS

When he retired as principal of Hearst Elementary School in 2006, Ivry J. Hobbs knew he didn't want to take retirement sitting down – but he hadn't considered that retirement would mean speaking up.

A lifelong learner and Chicago resident, Hobbs graduated from Willard Elementary and Dunbar High School. He earned a B.S. from Jackson State University, a M.A. from Chicago State University, and a Ph.D. from Loyola University. After a 34-year career, he looked for ways to "recharge" his brain.

Hobbs joined RTAC as a life member at retirement. He also became more active in his community, serving in leadership roles at his church, homeowners association, and as a Trustee of the Iron Oaks Foundation in Olympia Fields, Ill.

Elected a Director of RTAC in 2013, Hobbs was inspired to speak out to protect teachers' pensions during an RTAC meeting where lobbyists encouraged directors to meet with local legislators in their home offices.

"I realized that one of my legislators voted in favor of a third pension holiday, and I wanted to find out why," Hobbs explained.

Hobbs made appointments and met with his local elected representatives, State Senator Toi W. Hutchinson and Representative Anthony De Luca.

"I brought with me the *Pension Matters* materials and other CTPF publications, along with RTAC information," said Hobbs. "My legislators were generous with their time and reacted very positively to the materials I brought. I also clarified the



Ivry J. Hobbs meets with his Illinois State Senator Toi W. Hutchinson

fact that RTAC did not support a third pension holiday, which was important because my legislators did not have this information. Visiting was a great experience and I hope others will make appointments. Our voices need to be heard.

"As teachers we worked for the intrinsic rewards. We believed we could change the world by educating children. I think we can do the same in retirement, by educating our legislators."

RTAC NEW LIFE MEMBERS: JUNE 1 - OCTOBER 31, 2013

RTAC welcomes the following new Life Members and applauds their commitment to lifetime membership in the only organization that is safeguarding our pension rights and benefits. Your lifetime membership makes us stronger and better able to make our voices heard. Welcome and Thank You.

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	Russell Kaminski	Alice K. O'Neill	Rosemary R.		all CPS employees
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	Lee Mishkin	Rita Pedone	Merline Fitch		honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces
	Michael Pruchnicki		Jean Sachs	James F. Kielty	Congratulations to
Dean K. Gustafson	Virginia Rogers	Carol Lynn	Michael A.	James 1. Kienty	Bob Konen for years
	Janice Sullivan	Pruchnicki	Pruchnicki		of service to RTAC
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Alvin Lubov	In Honor of Sam Dolnick		Chicago Public School Teachers
Lila C. Morriss	General Purposes	Helen Marie Wallace	General Purposes

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NAME	DATE	SCHOOL	NAME	DATE	SCHOOL
Alexander, Henry	09/29/13 .	Park Manor	Brown, John N	08/11/13 .	Carter
Allison, Myrnette E			Burgess, Patricia		
Anderson, Norman			Burmeister, Arlene M		
Anderson, Ronald L	10/22/13.	Douglas	Burroughs, Michael P	06/21/13.	Owens
Bahl, Anthony J			Butts, Lois J		
Barker, Amos F			Capron, Louise		
Bartley, Patricia			Cater, Robert		
Beadell, Ethel			Chapman, Nancy C	06/13/13.	Lake View
Bell, Carol L	06/03/13.	Sawyer	Ciavarella, Margaret J		
Bell, Doris L			Clarke, Daniel T		
Blade, Herman			Clay, Paul C		
Blumenthal, Ruth	08/20/13.	Lake View	Coates, Patricia J		
Bock, Frances Rae	08/08/13.	Swift	Coggs, Nanette E		
Boganey, Howard W	06/17/13.	Crane	Collins, Leroy F		
Bonaparte, Peggy M	10/16/13.	Austin	Cook, Elizabeth G	06/14/13.	Byrd
Boone, Verma D	09/10/13.	May	Coop, Susan H		
Bouchard, Suzanne M			Cosmano, Donald J		
Boyd, Wardell	10/18/13.	Washburne	Crean, Marylou	09/16/13.	Clemente
Bradley, Robert J	07/26/13.	Clemente	Crute, Alice Y	07/29/13.	Shields
Bradshaw, Sylvester	05/25/13.	Emmet	Cummins, Edward A	09/13/13.	Austin
Brazier, Leroy W	06/25/13.	Beethoven	Czachorski, Violet	07/04/13.	O'Toole
Brazier, Mary T			Dahl, Caryl M	07/01/13.	Ellington
Breeding, Amie R			Davis, Ruby J		
Bronaugh, Eve M			Devine, Mary G		
Brooks, James N			Dick, David B		

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NAME	DATE	SCHOOL	NAME	DATE	SCHOOL
Dow, Virginia H	07/31/13	Gladstone	Kinnard, Lillie J	05/27/13	Thorp
Duff, Lauren E			Klasen, Mary J		•
Dunn, Lillian J		· ·	Kluczewski, Helen		
Eiland, Bobbie J			Koob, Morris		•
Ellison, Raymond E			Kostelny, Marjorie		
Ericksen, Sylvia			Kuramitsu, Tsuyoko N		
Fenchel, Vivian B			Larrieu, Joycelin		
Ferguson, Natalie E			Larsen, Barbara L		
Ferguson, Ray R			Lawrence, Bessie F		•
Finch, Margaret			Leftwich, Otis N		•
Fisher, Berry		=	Leikin, Evelyn		
Fleming, Eleanor M			Lemperis, Athena		
Ford, Paul R.			Levitt, Mila		
Ford, Philip			Lewandowski, James J		
Fortini, Robert R			Loevy, Eleanor		
Fortuna, Irja			Lucas, Joan		
Frjelich, Eugene		Č	Maher, Kathleen L		
Galkin, Charlene L			Malles, James E		=
		•	Maloney, William F		
Garrett, Willia S					
Garrett, Willie S			Manos, Joanne		
Gay, Evelyn H			Marchi, Dorothy C		
Gibbs, Lillian I			Matsoukas, James		
Gillen, Doris A			McClendon, Alma		
Ginyard, Thomas N			McCoy, John E		
Gnagni, Frank R			McCoy, Muneerah R		
Gogol, Rose E			McElherne, Lawrence		
Graham, Dolores Jean			McGill, Webber		
Green, Sentoria		•	Miller, Eleanor S		
Hale, Frances			Miller, Marcia K		•
Halicki, Andrew			Milutinovic, Barbara		
Hammond, Wilbert		•	Moffett, Sidney L		
Hassen, Edith			Montrose, Ruth H		
Hayes, Mary Ellen			Moody, Aurelia		
Hicks, Evelyn A			Murai, Carol Ann		
Hinton, Bettye R	09/25/13	Banneker	Nacker, Loretta C	10/15/13	Peck
Holliday, Charlotte	07/15/13	Delano	Naddeo, Rina M	06/27/13	Foster
Holloway, John H	09/15/13	Westcott	Nicholson, Norinne M	07/31/13	Dixon
Holmes, Paul	08/11/13	Marquette	Norman, Oscar C	09/25/13	Foreman
Holzhall, Mary Ann	09/21/13	Morgan Park	O'Connor, Gertrude	06/23/13	Stevenson
Hopp, Jeanne	07/10/13	Hamilton	Odem, Helen L		
Howard, Cyril F			Parker, Margaret O		
Howard, Thomas G			Parnell, Annie T		
Hudson, Annie L			Penn, Michael John		
Hunter, Mae M		Č	Perkins, Marian C		
Hunter, Marjorie			Perry, Winifred		
Hutchings, Denis			Piegari, John Robert		
Hyland, Florence C			Pilot, Joan M		
Illich, Alexander			Placek, Sylvia F		
Isaac, Albert J.			Polacheck, Vivien		
James, Susie M			Polson, Alma Irene		
Johnson, Frank C			Pontich, David		
Johnson, Genevieve			Powell, Rose		
Johnson, Sally L			Pratt, Joyce M		
Jones, Mary O			Preskill, Peggy		
Jones, Waymon			Raymond, Wanda P		
Kaplan, Leroy H	06/02/13	Jenner	Reed, Gertrude R		westcott

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NAME	DATE	SCHOOL	NAME	DATE	SCHOOL
Reidy, Ellen J Reomon, Carmen E Respas, Willie L Rezwin, Kenneth Roche, Rosemary M Rogers, Helene Ann Rosenstein, Rosalyn. Rossetti, Madeline P. Rudd, Mercedes J. Rust, Lloyd W. Ryan, Delia M. Saddler, Barbara Schroeder, Demetra. Shapera, Julie Z. Simon, Miriam Simon, Rosaline Sims, Mae L Soto, Sylvia Spahn, Ernest E. Spain, Louis A. Spaulding, Virginia Stagno, Grace M. Stevens, Eileen. Stoeckig, Ronald P. Sullivan, Lorraine Sullivan, Michael J. Swiryn. Maurice Syngel, Avril. Tabak, Henry J. Taliaferro, Lucille W.	. 09/12/13	. Palmer . Mason . Substitute . Scammon . Haugan . Parkside . Reinberg . Dunne . Copernicus . Goodlow . Central Office . Sherman . Stone . Stockton . Bell . Boone . Region 2 . Raster . Austin . Anderson Comm Dever . Mason . Shields . Dept. of Curr Near North . Nash . Plamondon . Farragut	Taylor, Alice M Thompson, Valerie Travis, Eugene Tross, Irving Twickler, Shirley Usselman, Maryann F. Vaughn, Johnnie Q. Volstorff, Glenn. Wadley, Dorothy. Wagg, Rita F. Walker, Bobbie Jean. Warfield, Ella L Wargacki, Julianne M. Washington, Denise H Weaver, Elizabeth J. Webb, Clesana K Weber, Max R West, Henry R. Whitfield, Harold E. Wilbon, Bernice W. Williams, Willie Winblad, Mary E Woodville, John L. Zatz, Norma L. Zeh-Jarvis, Marianne Zei-Jones, Susan C. Zimnowodzki, Anna Zislis, Beatrice B Zwarycz, Esther.	. 05/21/13	Spry Washington Hibbard Brennan Paderewski Woods Lane Irving Park Swift Byford Sherman Bouchet Corliss LeMoyne Altgeld Julian Nash Mann Earle Roosevelt Pasteur Chicago Voc. Arai Senn Beasley Clark Middle Nixon

MAE ELEASE MCDONALD HUNTER (1926-2013)

Mae McDonald Hunter, RTAC's first African-American female President (1999-2000), a lifelong educator and advocate for our profession passed away on August 21, 2013. Dr. Hunter spent most of her 38-year career with the Chicago Public Schools at Beulah Shoesmith Elementary School in the Kenwood community. She was in the initial cohort of teachers who opened the school in 1961; and she continued there until her retirement in 1993. She promoted her fifth grade students' academic development with special focus on their reading competencies. According to her daughter Candace Hunter, "She would not allow a child to fail."



In her capacity as President of the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago,

Dr. Hunter also gave special attention to the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund (CRTAF). Her goal was to ensure that her former colleagues in constrained circumstances would be provided with ancillary support to sustain themselves. Its mission continues to this day.

Mr. Vaughn Barber, former RTAC Board President, presented RTAC's tribute to honor Dr. Hunter at her memorial service, held at Hyde Park's University Church on September 5, 2013. The entire RTAC community extends its sincere condolences to Dr. Hunter's family and friends on the occasion of her passing.



RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO (RTAC) 88TH ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

You are cordially invited to join RTAC friends and Board Members

Friday, May 16, 2014

11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (doors open at 11:00 a.m.)

HILTON CHICAGO GRAND BALLROOM

720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago

The ballroom is immediately inside the main hotel entrance and up the staircase to your left.

An elevator is available. Convenient self-park (\$15) is located in the northwest corner of the hotel.

Special Guest Speakers and Recognition

CTPF Executive Director Kevin B. Huber, RTAC lobbyists, and other members of the legislature have been invited. The 2014 Armstrong Award for outstanding service to RTAC and/or the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund will be presented, see page 4 for information. Be sure to join us to learn the latest information on the status of our pensions, and to spend an afternoon with your former colleagues. Door prizes will be called throughout the program. We hope you will join us!



2014 SPRING LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION TO RTAC TODAY, MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO RTAC 2014 SPRING LUNCHEON.

If you don't want to tear out this form, you can make a photocopy or download a copy at www.rtac.org.

Enclosed is a check for \$______ for ______ member tickets at \$45 each \$______ for _____ guest tickets at \$50 each \$______ Preference \| Chicken \| Fish \| Veg.

City: ______ State: _____ Zip Code: _______

Phone number: ______ Year of retirement (for a survey): _______

E-mail address: _______ Preference \| Chicken \| Fish \| Veg.

Paid Guest's Name: ______ Preference \| Chicken \| Fish \| Veg.

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Tickets will not be mailed. All tickets will be held at the door. No REFUNDS for any reason. We are unable to accommodate walk-ins or meal changes at the hotel. RSVP Deadline is Friday, May 9, 2014. No exceptions.

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

Paid Guest's Name: Preference □ Chicken □ Fish □ Veg.

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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.

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LEND RTAC A HAND

RTAC welcomes Service Committee volunteers. If you can lend a hand with light office work in our downtown office, please call 312-750-1522. Find additional volunteer opportunities at www.rtac.org.

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Crown Family Playlab at Field Mus. Chicago Central Kate Cary 312-665-7307
DuPage Historical Museum DuPage County Mary Johnson 630-682-6746
Gary Comer Youth Center Chicago South Reggie Tucker 773-358-4088
Glessner House Museum Chicago Near So. Clare Schaecher 312-326-1480
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INSIDE: RTAC'S FALL LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

RTAC's 87th Annual Fall Luncheon on October 17, 2013, featured a wonderful afternoon in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Chicago. See pages 1 and 3. The 2014 Spring luncheon date has been set. See page 15 for the official invitation.

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