



Allegheny County

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Retirees Association

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hey!!!!!! It's time to shake off the doldrums of winter. Our first luncheon of the year is Wednesday, March 15 at noon in the Doubletree in Greentree. Shake off the frost and enjoy a hot meal with your fellow co-workers and friends as we begin another interesting year.

This year there will be several active committees guiding the Association. Volunteers have joined the following committees: Program, Newsletter, Membership, and Audit. We could use more volunteers. Later in the year volunteers will be needed for the Nominations and Election Committees. A short description of the Committees appears below. Be active. It will keep you young.

Your Association's website is up and running. Check it out at acretirees.org. You will be surprised at the information that appears there. Check it for information on activities, such as, luncheons and special events.

Welcome the new editor of the Newsletter, Connie Przybyla. Please join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to Ginny Bowman for her years of bringing you this newsletter. Although she has requested a reduction in her responsibilities, she will continue serving you on the membership committee by informing new retirees of the benefits of membership.

Hope to see you at the luncheon on Wednesday, March 15.

SAVE THE DATES

March 15, 2017 Luncheon
Speaker: Baruch Hyman,
owner of Crown Antiques &
Collectibles

April 19, 2017
Speaker: Mary Bach,
Consumer Advocate

May 17, 2017
Speaker: TBA
(Check ACRA website for
updated information)

ACTIVE COMMITTEES - 2017

PROGRAM - Serve as the information and control point for scheduling of all luncheons, speakers, and activities.

NEWSLETTER - Edit, publish and distribute the quarterly newsletter and update the website.

MEMBERSHIP - Prepare Association information packets, keep documents current, and effect their distribution to new retirees.

AUDIT - Perform annual review of financial transactions of Association.

NOMINATING - Solicit members to run for office. Prepare ballots and distribute them to members in October.

ELECTION - Collect ballots and tally votes in annual election. Report results to membership at Annual Meeting in November.

DUES

Just a reminder if you have not yet paid your 2017 ACRA dues, please mail your check (\$15.00) made payable to ACRA to the following address:

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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON *by Joanna McQuaide*

On December 14, over 80 members and guests gathered together at the Greentree DoubleTree for the annual Holiday Party. We had the opportunity to see old colleagues, chat with members and meet new ones. The room was seasonally decorated and the food was delicious. We had soup, salad, and turkey with trimmings, salmon, pasta, green beans, pumpkin pie and cookies for dessert. The entertainment was a magician, Eddie Aces, who performed his act, Delicate Deceptions, along with his helpers, Elvis and Elvis. Over thirty gifts were up for auction and there was a 50/50 raffle. Our best this year! We want to thank Angela Conte, Marge Lubawy and the other helpers and contributors for organizing this festive event.



Pension Fund Facts

by Guy Tumolo



The following contains information taken from the report prepared by the County Controller for the Allegheny County Retirement Board.

Report period: January 1 through December 31, 2016.

All figures are unaudited.

NET POSITION BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$821,488,203
Employee contributions	\$34,262,739
Employer contributions	\$34,135,887
Investment & Miscellaneous income	\$66,162,422
Benefit Payments	\$91,072,767
Refunds & other costs	\$7,257,421
Net Position December 31, 2016	\$857,679,063
Net Increase in Fund over 12 months	\$23,177,371

The Plan uses nine fixed income managers, sixteen equity managers, and forty seven firms handling alternate investments.

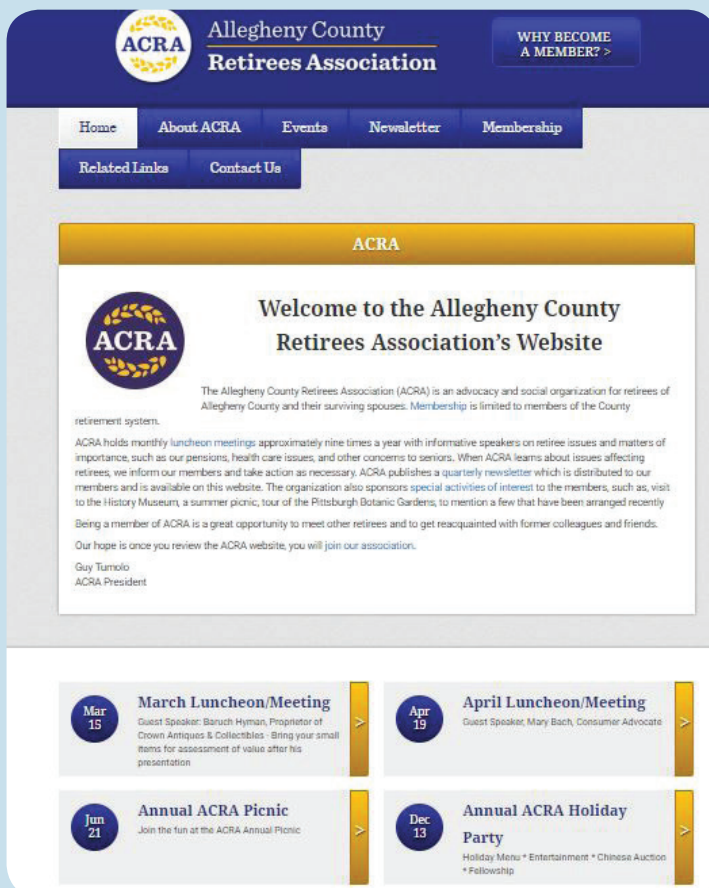
GUEST ARTICLES

Guest articles are always welcome; please submit your article by e-mail to concon138@comcast.net

Additionally, we will be highlighting different Allegheny County departments in future issues. If you would like to write an article about your former department, please email Connie Przybyla at concon138@comcast.net

ACRA Website Updated

by Connie Przybyla



The ACRA website has been updated and improved. Even if you do not have a lot of computer experience, the site is very user friendly and you should easily be able to navigate throughout the site. You can check out the website by going to www.acretirees.org

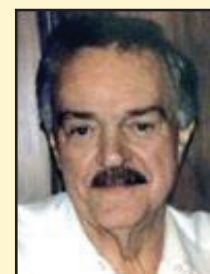
What you will see when you visit the site:

- Minutes from board meetings from 2013 to present
- ACRA newsletters current and back issues;
- Calendar of upcoming events
- A brief bio and photo of each current Board Member
- Links to various websites for seniors
- And more

Additionally, we are working on developing an email list so you can be electronically notified of upcoming events. If you would like to be placed on an email distribution list to have reminders sent to you regarding upcoming events and notifications when the newsletter is available online, please email your email address to ACRetireeAssociation@gmail.com.

Joseph Scorpion

Joseph Scorpion passed away on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. For many years, Joe served as Deputy Director of the Bureau of Medical Services at the Allegheny County Health Department. In that capacity, he was instrumental in the development of ACHD programs including WIC, Maternal and Child Health, Infectious Disease Control and AIDS prevention, among others. He was a tireless advocate for health department employees, and could always be counted on for providing support and an encouraging word. Joe was a long time dedicated member of ACRA serving on the board for several years. ACRA extends our deepest sympathy to his wife, Maureen and his family.



In Memoriam

SMITH, LOIS E.....	7/2/16	TODD, ANN.....	9/4/16
WRIGHT, DEBORAH L.....	7/3/16	AURETTO, FREDERICK A.....	9/7/16
CILLO, JAMES M.....	7/3/16	PHILLIPS, GUY D.....	9/7/16
WESTMAN, ROGER C.....	7/4/16	BISHOVER, ELIZABETH M.....	9/8/16
HOPSON, EVA J.....	7/5/16	DURIK, JOHN.....	9/8/16
DAMIAN, AUGUST C.....	7/6/16	FLORIANI, NELLO.....	9/8/16
LESESNE, LILLIE.....	7/6/16	WALLER, FRANCES G.....	9/13/16
SCHENK, LILLIAN.....	7/9/16	GRACE, LOIS.....	9/14/16
SCHALLENBERGER, WENDELL, F.....	7/10/16	YOKEL, ELSIE F.....	9/17/16
HARRIS, SYLVIA M.....	7/11/16	PAULL, PHILLIP D.....	9/19/16
RUFFOLO, ALICE.....	7/21/16	BARTEK, CINDY L.....	9/20/16
FROETSCHER, JOSEPH H.....	7/23/16	WILCZYNSKI, JOSEPH A.....	9/20/16
DORR, SALLY M.....	7/24/16	RACHUBA, STANLEY J.....	9/22/16
THOMAS, ANTHONY J.....	7/26/16	ABBOTT, WILLIAM P.....	10/1/16
IHRIG, ARTHUR.....	7/28/16	ETZEL, FRANK W.....	10/4/16
SCIULLI, JOSEPH P.....	7/31/16	MORRIS, LILLIAN V.....	10/5/16
GEHRY, DORIS R.....	8/1/16	BOYLAN, KATHLEEN.....	10/9/16
MEEHAN, JEANNE K.....	8/1/16	MAINELLI, ROSE.....	10/10/16
KEDZUF, MARY.....	8/2/16	MARYNCHAK, JOHN.....	10/12/16
FRIEDMAN, SYLVIA.....	8/6/16	COTTON, NANCY.....	12/1/16
PROKAY, JAMES, A.....	8/9/16	LAPIDUSS, ESTHER.....	12/1/16
SHIELDS, HUGH J.....	8/11/16	BARLICK, TERRY.....	12/1/16
KELLY, SR., WAYNE P.....	8/15/16	SEIGHMAN, BARBARA.....	12/1/16
MAY, THOMAS J.....	8/19/16	REMSCHER, ROSE.....	12/2/16
SCOTT, HARVEY D.....	8/21/16	SUMMERS, RUTH.....	12/2/16
KOCHAN, ANDREW J.....	8/22/16	TAYLOR, CLIFTON.....	12/6/16
OELSCHLAGER, DORIS J.....	8/23/16	RUSS, DOROTHY.....	12/13/16
ANDREWS, THEODORE.....	8/24/16	MCCARTNEY, HOMER.....	12/15/16
KING, EVELYN S.....	8/28/16	GOODEN, MAE.....	12/16/16
FAIR, CLIFFORD L.....	8/29/16	COLARIC, NICHOLAS.....	12/21/16
KOTVAS, KATHERINE E.....	9/1/16	HORN, EDWARD.....	12/22/16

There were no deaths in November