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# NEWSLETTER

**Spring 2012**

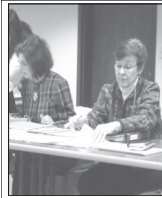
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## ARTC FIGHTS HB #5016

**Legislative Report—**

**Sandra Bove & Cathy D'Agostino, Co-Chairs**



The Legislative Committee is working hard to lobby against Governor's Bill No. 5016. This bill, if passed, would decrease the state's contribution to the Health Fund (HIPA). This decrease will result in an approximate \$350 annual increase per person. It would also result in a decrease of the State's contribution to Local Boards of Education.

Several ARTC members, along with committee members, attended the Hearing on Bill 5016 on March 8 before the Appropriations Committee. ARTC President Michael Norman, Insurance Co-Chairs Rick and Louise Follman, Legislative Co-Chairs Sandra Bove and Cathy D'Agostino, TRB member Roz Schoonmaker and Ken Sopolak gave testimony against the bill. Citing the harmful impact on retirees with modest pensions and the already small contribution to the retired teachers' Health Fund, all speakers questioned the rationale of the bill in light of overall state spending increases.

"We are appalled that this proposal comes when retirees on fixed incomes are already facing increases on food, home heating fuel and gas, as well as a general sales tax," said Co-Chair Cathy D'Agostino. Co-chair Sandra Bove, who supervises future teachers at Eastern Connecticut State University, added, "When education reform is at the top of the agenda, this is just another reason for the best and brightest educators to practice their profession elsewhere."

Supporting these concerns, the Legislative Committee is spearheading an effort to reach out to members of the Appropriations Committee and Legislators through calls and emails in opposition to the bill. Legislative Co-Chairs, along with lobbyist Randy Collins, brought their concerns to Senate President Pro Tempore Don Williams. Legislators will listen to their constituents. To defeat this bill, all ARTC members must call their representatives as well as the Governor (800-406-1562) to oppose Bill 5016, Section 4.

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**PLEASE SAVE THESE  
DATES!!!**



**ARTC LOBBY DAY  
@ The LOB**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2012  
10:00am - 2:00pm**



**ARTC Spring 2012 Luncheon  
@ The Aqua Turf**

**Thursday, May 10, 2012  
9:30am - 2:00pm**

**HAVE YOU INCLUDED ARTC  
IN YOUR WILL OR OTHER  
ESTATE PLANS?**

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### Aqua Turf Spring Luncheon - May 10, 2012

The ARTC Board of Directors has nominated the people listed below to fill the positions of officers and committee chairs for the period starting 7/1/12 through 6/30/14. At our Spring Luncheon you will be presented with the following slate of Officers/Committee Chairs.

**Officers:** President (*No Vote*) Tom Singleton, President Elect - Carol Noble, Financial Officer - Ed Messina, Public Relations Officer - Patricia McDonnell, Secretary - Margo Chase-Wells

**Committee Chairs:** Auditor - Ellen Long, Historian - John Kane, Insurance - Richard/Louise Follman, Legislative - Sandra Bove/Cathy D'Agostino, Membership - Bonnie Reimann/Roz Schoonmaker, Nominating - \_\_\_\_\_, Program - Helen Bucior/\_\_\_\_\_, Scholarship - Terry Barton/Judy Morganroth and Social Services - John Luning



## ***From Michael's Desk...To yours...***

As the President of ARTC I was shocked and disappointed to learn of the Governor's proposal to shift more of the financial burden of our already high health care costs onto Connecticut's retired teachers by reducing the state's contribution to Teacher's Health Insurance Premium Account.

We have many retired teachers in this state with pensions of less than \$20,000 who barely find the means to survive. They, like most retired teachers, have no Social Security and each day they need to decide how they're going to keep a roof over their heads or choose between money for food or medicine. HB #5016, section 4, pushes them further over the edge into a life of despair. A 9% increase may not sound like much to many people, but that 9% will equal more than \$30 per person per month. That could be more than \$700 per year for a married couple and represent a burden that they just cannot bear.

In 1996, the state legislature set health insurance subsidy for retired teachers at \$110 a month. The \$110 would come equally from active teachers, retired teachers, and the state.

- That amount in 1996 paid 70% of insurance costs.
- Today that amount pays less than 20%.

The state has not increased the level of its contribution in sixteen years while health insurance costs have gone up annually. One would think the state would increase the amount to help very hard pressed retirees, but no, instead they plan to decrease their contribution and shift the costs onto burdened retired teachers. What is wrong with this picture? Retired teachers are living on a fixed income that has not improved in two years. It was our teachers who devoted their lives to teach the children of this state.

If this were the only jab the governor made it would be terrible enough. He also wants to merge the Teachers' Retirement Board in with the Comptroller's Office and we would lose what little autonomy we presently have. Comptroller Lembo told me it doesn't make much sense because as he sees it there would be little to no savings.

What can you do?

Come to Lobby Day on April 11, from 10:00 until 2:00 and tell your state senators and representatives to vote "NO" on proposed HB #5016.

**LET YOUR VOICES RESOUND AND GET YOUR MESSAGE ACROSS!**

### **Some Good News!**

ARTC has added Grand Circle Travel to the list of benefits for our members. Four river cruises are being planned: The Great Rivers of Europe / The Seine: Paris to Normandy / Russia Revealed : Moscow to St. Petersburg / Eastern Europe & the Black Sea. A very nice feature of traveling with GCT is that you don't change hotels in each city...your "River Cruiser" is your hotel! Look for details in this issue & on our web site: [www.artct.org](http://www.artct.org). "The earlier you book, the more you save with Grand Circle's Good Buy Discount. Use this link to learn more!" [www.gct.com/gbd](http://www.gct.com/gbd)

*Sincerely,*

*Michael D. Norman, ARTC President  
(860) 508-2742 [mdnorman@cox.net](mailto:mdnorman@cox.net)*

*(Michael may be reached anytime Sunday through Thursday, on Friday up until one hour before sundown, and on Saturday one hour after sundown.)*

### **Membership**

**Bonnie Reimann & Roz Schoonmaker, Co-Chairs**



To date, ARTC has sent our original renewal letter and 2 additional renewal notices and can boast a total membership of 9,634. We also mailed a donation letter to all members in February and have received \$36,327 from 1,327 VERY GENEROUS members. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! YOU ARE THE ANGELS OF ARTC!!!

We have been working with Diane Alverio, ARTC Communications Consultant, and her assistant, Dr. Rod Carveth who are conducting focus groups with both members and non-members to learn how we can achieve a more effective marketing plan to gain new members.

Our goal for the past three years of 11,000 members still eludes us. We are hoping these focus groups will lead to some new strategies to help us meet our objectives.

The more retired teachers we represent, the greater our influence with the lawmakers will be. Meanwhile, each of you can help us by trying to recruit one new member each year to the only organization whose sole purpose is to improve the welfare of RETIRED teachers!!!



Your membership with ARTC gives you access to many **member only** benefits. Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) helps to make the following benefits available to ARTC members:

- Reverse Mortgages (**NEW!**)
- First Diagnosis Cancer Policy
- Medical Air Services Association (MASA)
- Astrum Hearing Solutions
- Government Employee Travel Opportunities
- Vacations-to-Go Cruises
- La Quinta Inn & Suites Discount
- Rental Car Discounts (Budget, Avis, & Hertz)
- Dell Computer Discounts
- Apple Computer Discounts
- Identity Theft Solutions
- 1-800-FLOWERS Discounts
- Barnes & Noble Online Discounts
- AMBA TravelPERX Travel Deals

**Please direct ALL questions to AMBA at 800-258-7041!**

*Benefit speakers are also available for your local meetings! To request a speaker, please contact ARTC Executive Director, Wayne P. Woodtke, at 866-343-2782, who will be happy to make arrangements with AMBA.*

## Insurance Committee - Rick/Louise Follman HB #5016 Testimony on March 8, 2012

HB #5016 Public Hearing  
March 8, 2012

Good Morning Chairpersons, Senator Toni Harp, Representative Toni Walker, and Committee Members.

WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE GOVERNOR'S BILL HB#5016, SECTION 4, PERTAINING TO THE TEACHERS RETIREMENT HEALTH FUNDING.

CT wants to decrease its contribution to the HIPA from one third to one quarter causing retired teachers to pay an additional \$350 per person for the FIRST year. This increase amounts to 42% for the supplemental Medicare benefit plan. As a percentage of the plan, this cost WILL INCREASE each year in dollar amounts.

All retired teachers will be negatively impacted: those who get their insurance from the State plan as well as those who pay their local Boards of Education for insurance.

Teachers who pay their local Board of Education for insurance have NOT seen an increase in the subsidy of \$110 from the TRB while insurance costs have increased at least 150%. THIS MEANS THAT RETIRED TEACHERS ARE PAYING CLOSE TO \$1,000 per month. Of the \$1,320. per year in TRB subsidy the state's share is only \$440 per year!

Retired teachers have devoted a lifetime of service to CT children and have paid their FAIR SHARE. They are also negatively impacted by the following issues;

- CT is one of five states in the USA that pay 100% State tax on their pensions.
- CT is one of fifteen states in the USA that DOES NOT HAVE FULL SOCIAL SECURITY...CONSEQUENTLY...NO MEDI-CARE BENEFITS
- And, if Medicare can be obtained through a spouse, there is NO DEATH BENEFIT given to the spouse...MAINLY WOMEN ...In addition, there was no contribution from the State to our HIPA for the years 2010 and 2011 which approximated \$61 million.

The golden years of retired teachers are tarnished and rusted with fixed pensions, no COLA for two years and the Federal and State economies faltering causing many dedicated retired teachers into undeniable situations having to choose between food and medicine.

THE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE MUST REALIZE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF HOUSE BILL #5016, SECTION 4, ON ALL RETIRED TEACHERS WHO PAID THEIR FAIR SHARE. USING THESE FUNDS EARMARKED FOR OUR HIPA TO FUND OTHER STATE PROJECTS IS UNCONSCIONABLE.

WE IMPLOR YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND VOTE NO ON BILL5016, SECTION 4.

THIS WILL SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CONNECTICUTS OVER 30,000 RETIRED TEACHERS.

We will entertain any questions...Thank you!  
Respectfully submitted, Rick & Louise Follman

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT...CONTINUED from Page 1...

In addition to the Health Insurance section of HB 5016, the bill also proposes a merger of the Teachers Retirement Board with the Comptrollers Office. ARTC executive members met earlier with Darlene Perez. More recently they met with Comptroller Kevin Lembo. Neither Administrator Perez nor Comptroller Lembo had been consulted about the merger. Neither had information about the merger other than what was written in the proposal. At the Hearing, legislators on the Appropriations Committee questioned whether this had been a planned merger, noting that neither commission had been asked for input. Some Appropriations members expressed concern for this lack of planning. At best, we hope the merger will not happen or be put on hold for further study.

At the hearing on March 8 OPM Secretary Ben Barnes was asked what the additional cost to retired teachers would be used for. Barnes indicated that there were new initiatives to fund and that other retirement systems need help. This was not the response retired teachers wanted to hear. This is totally unjust. We cannot let this happen. Take action now.

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**MIDDLESEX**

Mad Hatter: "Am I going mad?"

Alice: "Yes, you're mad, bonkers, off your head. But I'll tell you a secret... All the best people are."

Hurry, hurry, hurry! Get those calls made to your legislators, email your representative. Get in touch with your friends and tell them to do the same thing! Inform the active teachers what they're in for. Come to Lobby Day on April 11 and meet with your legislators. Attend spring luncheons, local and ARTC (at the Aqua Turf on May 10). VOTE! GO ON VACATION and relax?!? with your family. Well, at least you don't have to shovel snow! Busy time of year would you not agree? And it all has to be done YESTERDAY! This is retirement? Whew!

Our legislative representative, Dee Padwater, has been a one woman - dynamo for our Middlesex County group as far as personally contacting teachers to get them involved in opposing HB #5016. What a coupe for us to have her volunteerism and dedication.

Dolores Allen is a new member who is Middlesex's first representative to the ARTC Membership Committee. Although she is old-school (no computer), she sends me hand-written minutes on the meetings and calls regularly. What an effort! Thank you, ladies for all you do!!!

I have been wooed by this warm weather to think about planning a hike for the spring at Gillette's Castle for our group. You'll hear more on that later.

This April our regularly scheduled Dock and Dine luncheon had to be moved to East Hampton due to residual hurricane damage at the Old Saybrook restaurant. Fortunately we found an alternative, Angelica's Lake House Restaurant on Lake Pocotopaug. Our event is planned for April 18. Our speaker is Kathy Cooper who will give us options for what to do with all those photograph that are sitting on our computers.

By chance, the owner of the Lake House is also offering a short narrated boat cruise for \$10 around the lake, scheduled for the hour just prior to the lunch.

This active group of retired teachers has filled a coach bus and will take a trip to Hyde Park on June 4 to tour and dine at the Culinary Institute of America as well as the FDR house, library and museum.

Our membership keeps growing and I believe it's solely by word-of-mouth. When I took over as president, we had about 60 members, with 40 being active. Now we have 137 members with 65 active. This is the first year we have had an active vice president, Ms. Ann Lohrand. We even elected a new secretary, Margaret Plosky, who succeeds Jean Cushing (God rest her soul!) and Gay Fialko. Now if I could only get someone to write the ARTC newspaper articles!

Margo Chase-Wells, *President*  
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**HARTFORD COUNTY**

The Hartford County Retired Teachers will be meeting at a different location this year. Testa's Banquet House in Southington will be the site of our Spring Luncheon on April 18th. A presentation will be given by a representative from AARP on senior issues.

HCRTA and ARTC are sponsoring a Lobby Day bus trip on April 11th to the LOB in order to give our members the opportunity to speak with their state reps about Governor Malloy's proposal to increase the cost of our health insurance by \$350.00 a year.

The New Britain Transportation Co. has been hired to bring the teachers from the commuter parking lot on New Britain Ave just west of the West Farms Mall at the West Hartford-New Britain line to the LOB. We will leave the commuter lot around 9:00 A.M. for the LOB and will board the bus at 1:45 P.M. for the return trip. The bus has 50 passenger seats.

Reservations will be taken on a first come-

first served basis. Please contact me by E-Mail or Snail Mail if you want to make a reservation. I will need your address and phone number so I can contact you if there is a problem. I'm sure many of you remember how Lobby Day was cancelled at the last minute a year ago.

Hopefully, we should be able to fill the bus.

Sandra Fitzgerald, *President*  
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**FAIRFIELD**

How quickly time passes! It has been four years since we were first elected as Co-Presidents of the Retired Educators of Fairfield. The goals we set were: to increase our membership; provide our members with a variety of social events and actively involve more members in the aspects of our organization. We are happy to report that we have accomplished all of our goals, as well as doubled our treasury.

We have resumed our monthly Breakfast Club, which continues to be successful. On May 12<sup>th</sup> we will be busing to Boston Symphony Hall to enjoy the Boston Pops Celebration featuring the music of George Gershwin followed by dinner at Maggiano's. Our annual meeting and spring luncheon will be held at Cinzanos on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be electing our new officers as well as featuring a guest speaker who will discuss a famous landmark. The final activity will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> with a trip to Westchester Dinner Theater. A delicious lunch will be followed by a performance of "George M".

We have enjoyed working with our ARTC colleagues and will continue to support their goals. Our best wishes are extended to all retired teachers for a healthy and happy summer.

*Co-Presidents*  
Lou Cubelli, (203) 261-2921  
Richard DeZenzo, [richdez@aol.com](mailto:richdez@aol.com)

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**MANCHESTER**

Greetings from Florida...the weather has been most agreeable...

It is certainly strange to have heard the winter has escaped into oblivion at home. Our next RTAM Buffet Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at Manchester Country Club. The guest presenters will be The Manchester High School String Quartet under the direction of Mrs. Carol Maas. The next event of importance will be LOBBY DAY on Wednesday, April 11, 2012. This is the time to present ourselves before the legislators to be sure they continue to support and vote for what is in the very best interest for RETIRED teachers!

The Tuesday, May 8, 2012 Luncheon will be to recognize and welcome the newly-to-be-retired teachers from Manchester. The ARTC Luncheon will be Thursday, May 10, 2012. Please plan to attend...Michael Norman from Manchester is the out-going President.

Carol Cowing and Gayle Carroll are the new co-chairs of The Book-Swap (\$1.00/soft-bound --- \$2.00/hard-bound) and Books-to-Dreams. The focus for Books-to-Dreams continues to be geared for pre-school age children. The Program Committee, chaired by Nancy Donnelly, has added Eleanor Hohenthal and Mary Ann Hayward. David Frost has joined the Social Committee co-chaired by Judy Rohlf's and Michelle Vadenais.

Marsha Gunther reports we currently have 310 members.

There should be at least three members to a committee in addition to the chairperson. The committees are: Historian, Membership, Public Relations (Publicity), Legislative, Social, Communications (Newsletter Mailings), Civic (Volunteers), and Insurance. We need your help. Thank you for your consideration.

HAPPY SPRING...See you soon...looking forward...

Lucy Shea-Sweeney, *President*  
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**WINDHAM-TOLLAND**

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the WTRTA will hold its annual Spring Luncheon at Wrights Mill Farm in Canterbury. The business meeting will include committee reports and election of officers. Laura Green, President of AARP of Connecticut, will speak on retirement issues. The Executive Committee is presently hard at work to finalize plans for additional entertainment.

All WTRTA members are encouraged to attend Lobby Day on April 11<sup>th</sup>. During Lobby Day, we will have the opportunity to speak with our state legislators and to help protect both our pensions and our health benefits. If you wish to car pool to Hartford on Lobby Day, please contact Carol Taylor (860-774-0152).

Our summer trip this year is to Goodspeed Opera House to see a lively performance of Mame. Additional information will be forthcoming at the Spring Luncheon. Come and join us!

Carol Taylor, Vice-President,  
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**NEW LONDON**

The NLCRTA held its last meeting at the Port n Starboard in New London, CT. Our entertainment was provided by the chorus from Griswold High School under the direction of Ray Churchill. They put on a marvelous program featuring holiday songs.

Our next meeting will be April 17, 2012, at the Port n Starboard. The speaker for the luncheon will be Todd Gipstein, author of The Legacy of the Light. He will talk about the Race Rock Lighthouse, which is off the shore in New London. Members will be collecting items for the local animal shelter.

Jane Aarino, *President*  
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**GREATER BRIDGEPORT AREA**

**Spring** – a fresh, new season and along with it comes the opportunity to enjoy the wide variety of activities planned for GBRTA members. There are trips to exciting places, and the opportunity to renew friendships at our luncheons and picnic. Luncheon meetings are scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> at Testo's Restaurant, Madison Avenue in Bridgeport. The May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will begin with a brief Memorial Service for members who have died in the past year. Contact Hely Moore (203-373-6425 for luncheon information and reservations. To end the year, enjoy a relaxing day with us at our June 13<sup>th</sup> picnic at Boothe Memorial Park in Stratford. Reservations for the picnic can be made with Alberta Caruso (203-375-9474.) For details about the May 16<sup>th</sup> Broadway trip; the June 26<sup>th</sup> trip to Mohonk Mountain Music Week; the July 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the Boston Harborfest; or the October 11<sup>th</sup> Westchester Broadway Theatre trip, contact Lois Hoyt (203-261-6693) or Pat Jacobson (203-367-9217.)

Our representatives to ARTC will continue to keep you updated on legislative issues that relate to your retirement. While we look for the first robin and early crocuses, we'll keep an eye on U.S. Senate Bill S2010 that calls for a repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset that reduce the Social Security benefits earned by Connecticut's retired teachers by 40-50%.

We've been watching Governor Dannel Malloy's budget as it relates to retirees. One proposed budget item would reduce the State's contribution to the retiree Health Fund, negatively affecting the Fund's long-term solvency and increasing the cost of Health Insurance for retirees. Another proposal would merge the State Teachers' Retirement Board into the Office of the State Comptroller, possibly reducing the availability of services to retirees. The Governor and your representatives need to know your opinions about the proposed changes.

Keep checking our website, [www.gbrta.org](http://www.gbrta.org) for the latest details. In the meantime, celebrate the new season with us. We look forward to seeing and working with you.

Barbara Kmetz, *President*  
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**If you are driving at night and eggs are thrown at your windshield, do not stop to check the car, do not operate the wiper, and do not spray any water because eggs mixed with water become milky and block your vision up to 92.5%. You are then forced to stop beside the road and become a victim of these criminals.**

**This is a new technique used by gangs, so please inform your friends and relatives. Be careful. Be aware!**

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**NORTHERN FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

The Northern Fairfield County Retired Teachers will hold its annual spring luncheon at Anthony's Lake Club (Vespucci's) in Danbury, CT on May 16, 2012.

Guest speaker will be Roz Schoonmaker, who will address retired teacher about our major concern at this time, Health Insurance. She will address the HB #5016 bill presently in the Appropriations Committee.

The NFCRTA executive board has been meeting to devise a plan to fill the office of president due to Bob Scalzo's resignation on Dec. 31, 2012. His shoes will be hard to fill! In addition, the Vice President's seat is also open. Our executive board is trying to hold the fort until these positions can be filled.

NFCRTA will be awarding three scholarships. The Mary Frances Edgett Scholarship (\$1,500) to be awarded to a deserving potential teacher, a \$1,000 Memorial Scholarship honoring NFCRTA members who passed away this year will be awarded to another potential educator. A one time \$1,000 scholarship, gift of our own NFCRTA member, Earl Smith, as well as past president of ARTC, will be awarded to a deserving high school senior going into Unified Arts education.

We continue to develop communications with retired teachers who have not yet joined our ranks and our pushing to provide a better understanding of the role ARTC plays in the protection of our pension, improving health insurance, and a score of other issues.

June Jones  
NFCRTA

**NEW HAVEN**

Concerning our Spring Luncheon, please note a correction to information previously published/communicated...the date is Friday, May 18, 2012, at the Grassy Hill Country Club in Milford starting at 11:30 a.m. The spring newsletter will contain information as well as a flyer for the Luncheon.

The Governor's budget and budgets in cities and towns face a difficult year. Services and programs will suffer cuts while spending will increase in some areas. We must remain vigilant and "vocally visible". Get to know your senators and representatives in the CT legislature.

Through our affiliation with ARTC we are nearly 10,000 strong and there is strength in numbers. If you're not a member of ARTC please join! Our only protection is **us!**

Carol Noble, *President*  
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***ARTC Lobby Day will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the LOB!!! Mark your calendars and make your appointments with Legislators TODAY! Appointments should be made for preferably anytime between 11:00am - 12:00pm.***

**BRISTOL**

The Bristol Area Retired Teachers (BART) will meet on March 20 in a program entitled: "A Visit to Our Community Hospital." The program announcement read this way: "Let's get reacquainted with our own local hospital, its staff and facilities. Let's be informed about what's new in its medical treatment programs. Let's hear about how Bristol Hospital plans to be a player in these changing times, challenges, and opportunities in meeting our medical needs." The morning program will begin with an orientation and selected tours. Then there will be a session where we will hear remarks and have discussion about the hospital's Cancer Center and Sleep Center. Also, we will learn about the hospital's community outreach and volunteer opportunities. The program will take place in the hospital's Hughes Auditorium, where a lunch catered by the hospital will be served as we conduct our business meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the association will be held on May 9 at the Chippanee Country Club for dinner, annual reports, and scholarship presentations. A scholarship award of \$1,500 will be presented to a recipient from Bristol Central High School and to a recipient from Bristol Eastern High School. Each recipient will speak about their motivation "to become a teacher."

Bob Lewandoski, *President*  
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**Thursday, May 10, 2012**  
**Aqua Turf Club - South Rm.**  
**Mulberry Street**  
**Plantsville, CT**

Registration and Coffee.....	9:00	-	10:00
Business Meeting.....	10:00	-	11:30
Nominations/Voting.....	11:30	-	12:00
Keynote Speaker.....	12:00	-	12:30
Social, Cash Bar.....	12:30	-	2:00
Luncheon.....	12:30	-	2:00

**Our Featured Events!**

*At press time...*

*Governor Malloy has tentatively accepted our invitation to be our Keynote Speaker. Confirmation has yet to be received.*

**Directions**

**I-84 EAST from Waterbury:** Take Exit 27 to Rt. 691 E. Get off at Exit 3 and turn left onto Rt. 10 at the end of the ramp. Continue straight on Rt. 10 to the junction of the entrance ramp to I-84 on the left and Mulberry St. on the right (see Sliders Sports Bar & Grill). Turn right onto Mulberry St. and travel 1.5 Mi. Aqua Turf is on the right.

**I-84 West from Hartford:** Take Exit 29 (left exit). Exit ramp is long; at end of ramp go straight onto Mulberry St. Travel 1.5 mi. Aqua Turf is on the right.

**I-91 or Merritt Parkway:** (North of the Milford/Stratford bridge, it is the Wilbur Cross Parkway)... Take Rt. 691 West toward Waterbury. Take Exit 4, Southington Exit, and turn right at ramp. At foot of hill with McDonald's on the left, turn right onto South End Rd. Follow this, passing a park on your left, until you reach Mulberry St., on the left. Turn onto Mulberry St., go one quarter mi. to Aqua Turf on the left.

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**Please fill out a separate registration form for each person. Thank You!**

**Please make your check payable to:**  
**"ARTC Program Fund"**

**Send by May 4, 2012, to:**  
**ARTC Program Fund**  
**68 Loomis Street, Manchester, CT 06042 - 1911**

*Please check choices:*

- Roasted NY Sirloin**     \$ 33.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken Florentine**     \$ 33.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Pan Seared Salmon**     \$ 33.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tax & Tip Included.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Ph (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Final date for cancellations and refunds is May 4, 2012!**

**Scholarship Committee -  
Terry Barton & Judy Morganroth, Co-Chairs**

The Glenn Moon Scholarship Fund is now a fully-certified member of the electronic age via the ARTC website: [www.artct.org](http://www.artct.org). Scholarship applications are now available **on-line only! No others will be accepted**. The applications are arriving at the usual rate and we are looking forward to a crop of gifted applicants. To date we have not received any complaints regarding the new application process. Please remember ARTC's Glenn Moon Scholarship Fund in your will.

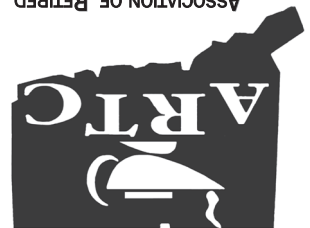
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