

News and Notes

COD Annuitants Association

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Springfield Legislation Update

There are huge changes in the State Capitol with the election of a new governor and an increased number of General Assembly members from the same party. There appears to be a call to change the Illinois State tax code to move the state toward a graduated income tax and to start taxing services that are not currently taxed. I hope that changing the tax code will not require opening up all of the Illinois Constitution to change. My fear is a tax change to the constitution may make it easier to change Article 13-Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution which protects our pension. We'll keep a very close eye on this issue and keep you informed.



According to the Chicago Tribune, the powerful “Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago” is lobbying state politicians to increase the individual income tax rate from 4.95% to 5.95%, to increase the corporate tax rate from 7% to 8%, and to begin taxing both retirement income and consumer services. They are not calling for a graduated income tax.

Illinois continues to lose tax revenue from road fuel tax. The price of gasoline is down and cars are getting much better fuel economy. A source of tax revenue is needed to make up for this loss.

Chatterbox Submissions Needed

The Chatterbox has been a long time tradition for CDAA. A means to self submit news about CDAA members and their families, travels, health, life changes, etc. In other words our way to “keep up” with each other even when physical distance may separate us.

Thank you Kathryn Golden for collecting stories from many of our members and editing the Chatterbox. If you would like to contribute to a future Chatterbox edition, please submit a paragraph or two describing what's happening in your life to Kathryn Golden via email to Chatterbox@codretirees.org or mailing the item to her at 56 Michael Rd, Bridgewater MA 02324.

In calendar year 2018 we were able to send out 3 editions of the Chatterbox. Please consider submitting your 2019 story!

3/21/2019 – Waterleaf Luncheon Canceled

Unfortunately this luncheon had to be canceled due to the Culinary Program canceling the class where the students learn to prepare and serve the meal. All other Waterleaf Luncheon times are already booked for the semester. CDAA is currently looking into a replacement venue. Please watch your email for more announcements. Thank You.

2/27/2019 – Breakfast

We have not held social events during the winter in the past. There has been discussion at the CDAA leadership meetings concerning weather keeping members from attending events during the winter. But, I believe we are a hardy group! So I'm thrilled to announce that we are offering our first winter social event and I hope you will be able to attend.

CDAA's next social event will be breakfast at Maxfields Pancake House, 352 Roosevelt Rd, Lombard, IL. Please plan to meet on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 9:00 am. No need to RSVP, just show up hungry. Maxfields has been a great venue for us. We



will have a private room, separate checks, order off the regular menu, and good food at a good value. Click the link for a Google Map to Maxfields [<https://goo.gl/maps/epWR53GW4D62>]. At our events this year we will be collecting non-perishable food, personal care items, paper products, and cash for the "Fuel Pantry" at the College of DuPage. If you are able, please consider bringing one or more of the items to this breakfast. See the "Fuel Pantry" article below to learn more. Thank You.

"Fuel" Pantry

The College of DuPage's Phi Theta Kappa chapter is supporting an on-campus food pantry. Phi Theta Kappa's research found that 100 out of every 750 College of DuPage students reported having food insecurities on a regular basis. They decided to support the campus community by giving students the brain "fuel" they need to succeed while at the College of DuPage and therefore created the Fuel Pantry. The Fuel Pantry accepts non-perishable food, personal care items, paper products, and cash donations. To learn more, go to www.cod.edu/student_life/pantry.aspx.

CDAA will be supporting the Fuel Pantry at our events this year. At each event we will have a box where you can place items that I will drop off at the Fuel Pantry so that they can distribute these items to those students who are less fortunate than us. Of course this project is voluntary, but I hope you will join us in this new initiative.

Upcoming Events

- February 27, 2019, 9:00- 10:30 – CDAA Breakfast, Maxfields Pancake House, 352 E Roosevelt Rd, Lombard, IL
- March 12, 2019, 1:30-3:30 – SUAA Region 1 Leadership Meeting, Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, IL
- April 17, 2019, 2:00-4:00 – CDAA Officers and Board Quarterly Meeting, BIC 2E04, Glen Ellyn, IL
- May 3, 2019, 11:00-1:30 – CDAA Annual Meeting, TBA
- June 27-28, 2019 – SUAA Annual Meeting, Springfield IL
- July 17, 2019, 2:00-4:00 – CDAA Officers and Board Quarterly Meeting, BIC 2E04, Glen Ellyn, IL
- August 8, 2019, 11:30-2:00 – CDAA Picnic, West Shelter, Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, Wheaton, IL
- October ?, 2019 – SUAA Fall Meeting, Normal IL
- October 16, 2019, 2:00-4:00 – CDAA Officers and Board Quarterly Meeting, BIC 2E04, Glen Ellyn, IL