

# 2003 GRA Conference Registration Form

July 30 - August 1

**YES**, I plan to attend the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual GRA Conference.

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Name

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## Three-Day Conference, July 30 – Aug. 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> Attendee, GRA Member @ \$175 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Each additional attendee,  
    GRA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$150 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-GRA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$250 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Take me out  
to the ballgame!



Please reserve # \_\_\_\_\_ tickets  
at \$26 each.

**LIMITED SEATING**

## GRA Awards Dinner, July 31, 6:30 p.m.

A complimentary Awards Dinner ticket is included in the registration fee.

Other guests are welcome to attend. The cost is \$50 per person.

# \_\_\_\_\_ Awards Dinner ticket @ \$50 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cubs tickets @ \$26 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Final total** = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GRA attendees will stay at the Omni Hotel Chicago at the price of \$155 per night, single or double. To reserve a room, call Linda at 217-522-6818. All GRA reservations are being handled through the Taxpayers' Federation's office. **Reservations must be made no later than noon, Monday, July 7.**

Please complete the form and return with your check made payable to the Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois. Our address is:

**Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois  
Attn: GRA 2003  
300 W. Edwards St., Suite 201  
Springfield, IL 62704**

# 2003 GRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"GRA Blues"

Chicago

— SCHEDULE OF EVENTS —



## TUESDAY, JULY 29

Early Arrivals

5 - 9 p.m. Registration

5 - 9 p.m. Hospitality Suite

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

7 - 8 a.m. Trustee's Meeting

7 - 8 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 - 8:15 Welcoming Remarks  
Michael Weir, GRA President, Pennsylvania Economy  
League  
Tim Bramlet, President, Taxpayers' Federation of  
Illinois  
Representative from the Mayor's Office, City of  
Chicago

8:30 - 10:15 **Session 1: "Ends and Odds"**  
**Round Table Discussion**  
Led by Ran Coble, Executive Director,  
North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research  
A general session to report on member research and  
initiatives of  
the past 12 months.

10:15 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 11:45 **Session 2: "Shake Your Moneymaker"**  
**Trends in Philanthropy**  
Barbara Kemmis, Vice President of Library  
Services,  
Donors Forum of Chicago

11:45 - 12: 45 Lunch  
Keynote Speaker

1:15 - 2:45     **Session 3: "How Blue Can You Get"**  
**Measuring Fiscal Distress**  
Dean Mead, Project Manager, Governmental  
Accounting  
Standards Board  
Michael Pagano, Professor of Public  
Administration,  
University of Illinois - Chicago, and Fellow,  
Great Cities Institute  
Fred Headen, Michigan Department of the Treasury

2:45 - 3:00     Break

3:00 - 4:15     **Session 4: "Wartime Blues"**  
**Homeland Security**  
International Association of Emergency Managers  
National Emergency Management Association,  
Illinois  
Earl Ryan, President,  
Citizens Research Council of Michigan

4:30 - 5:30     Hospitality Suite

                  EVENING IS FREE

                  Supper on your own.  
Tall Ships at Navy Pier; fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

8:30 - 11:00    Hospitality Suite

**THURSDAY, JULY 31**

7:30 - 8:15     Continental Breakfast

8:15 - 9:15     **Session 5: "Bright Lights, Big City"**  
**Regionalism and Metropolis 2020**  
Frank Beal, Executive Director, Metropolis 2020

9:15 - 10:30    **Session 6: "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and  
Out"**  
**Tax Increment Financing**  
J. Thomas Johnson, Partner, State and Local  
Taxes, KPMG LLP  
Robert Kunze, Deputy Commissioner of the  
Development Finance  
Division, Department of Planning and  
Development, City of Chicago  
Jacqueline Leavy, Exec. Director, Neighborhood  
Capital Budget Group

David Merriman, Professor of Economics, Loyola  
University

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 12:15 **Session 7: "My Life Is Ruined"**  
**Pensions**

A.G. Anglum, Harris Bank  
Richard Ciccarone, McDonnell Investments  
Representative, Illinois Pension Laws Commission  
Scott Metcalf, Vice President, The Civic

Federation

AFTERNOON IS FREE

**Chicago Cubs vs. San Francisco Giants**

1:15 p.m.

Group outing to Wrigley Field

**Tickets are limited - RSVP ASAP!**

6:30 p.m. Pre-dinner cocktails

7:00 **Dinner and Annual Awards Presentation**

Guest Speaker: **Paul Green**

Director of the School of Policy Studies,

Roosevelt University

& Political Pundit for WGN Radio

9:00 - 11:00 Hospitality Suite

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

7:30 - 8:30 Trustee's Meeting

7:30 - 8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:45 **Session 8: "Messing with the Kid"**  
**Education and No Child Left Behind**

Bindu Batchu, Network 21, Metropolitan Planning  
Council

Dr. Roberta Schaefer, Executive Director,  
Worcester Municipal Research Bureau

Jim Brandt, President, Public Affairs Research  
Council of Louisiana

Dr. Bob Nielson, Superintendent, Bloomington  
Schools

Gail Lieberman, Acting Director for Standards  
Aligned Learning,

