

## JJC SUAAction Report (updated May 12, 2009)

SUAAction is designed to support candidates for elections in Illinois that support our positions for the SURS pension system and retirement health care. Last year, SUAAction raised a total of \$145,527 from nearly 4,000 contributors statewide—an average of \$38 per contributor. When one stops to consider what is happening this year in Springfield and what has been proposed for our pensions, I think we should be able to raise a very significant amount of money to help us get ready for the next round of state election campaigns that will begin soon. The next set of elections will determine, in large part, the electoral remap for the state for 10 years so they are extremely important.

SUAAction's statewide goal for 2009 is to raise \$175,000 and to increase participation numbers to 4,500 members with an average contribution of \$39. As of May 12, SUAAction has received a total of \$123,646 from 3,231 people for an average contribution of \$38.27. It is interesting also to note that 116 have contributed twice, perhaps because of the attacks on our pensions this year.

For JJCAA, our goal for 2009 is to increase our contributions from \$2,834 from 70 JJCAA members last year (average \$40.49) to \$3,375 by 95 JJCAA members (35% participation rate, an average of \$35.53). For our JJCAA Chapter as of May 12, SUAAction has received a total of \$3,768 from 79 JJC people for an average of \$47.70. So we have met our goal for the amount contributed, but the number supporting this effort is below our target. Great and thanks! However, we want more participation and some of you might want to contribute a second time in light of the times that we face. Both current retirees and future retirees face challenges now with possible reductions. The more that contribute, the greater impact SUAA will have dealing with our legislators and protecting our pensions and retirement health care.

If you have not contributed yet, please do so ASAP (and you can contribute more than once). As I have said before, only with your help (voting and contacting your Illinois state representative and senator) and support (\$\$) can we make a positive impact on our pension and health care issues. Please make a check payable to SUAAction and send it to the SUAA office for processing (note that we have a contract with them for this service). Also, if you have any comments or questions on SUAAction, please contact me at [curth@comcast.net](mailto:curth@comcast.net). Thank you for your support of this effort.

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