

Treasurer's Message *By Harold Brown*

ARE YOU MOVING? If you are, send a change of address in writing to the Pension Board Office. To change your address with the Retired Chicago Police Association telephone or write the office.

We are looking forward to our Famous Harrington's Corned Beef Dinner on Sunday, September 25th, 2011. Details are in this newsletter. I thank all those who have donated raffle gifts for our dinner. We will have a DVD player a GPS, several Liquor Baskets and Many Other Gifts.

Once again our Golf Outing was a great success with almost 200 golfers.

Any retired officers that would like to rejoin the F O P please contact the Paul Vitaioli at 312-402-1040 Paul is the chairman of the retirees committee.

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RETIRED CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

August 2011

President's Message *Kenneth Hauser*

The next General Meeting of the Retired Chicago Police Association will be on Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 1:00 PM in the 001st District Community Room at 1718 S. State Street. It has been a very hot summer so far and I hope the weather cools down by the 28th so many of you can attend. I would like to thank all the annuitants who attended the Annual St. Jude's March on May 1st in Gold Star Families Memorial Park.

We will be having our Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on September 25, 2011 at 5:00 PM. It will be catered by the Ray Harrington Family and will be held at the FOP Hall which is located at 1412 W. Washington Blvd. Tickets are \$25.00 per person which includes refreshments.

Wednesday, June 22, 2011 was our annual golf outing at Bloomingdale Golf Course in conjunction with the FOP Family Auxiliary and the Detective's Association. The weather was in the 80's with sporadic rainfall but everyone finished 18 holes. We had the same amount of golfers as last year and they won over 200 prizes. Dinner was great with numerous selections that featured a roast pig and two hours of open bar. Start planning your foursomes for next year and save the date, Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

Several years ago, retired officers who did not renew their FOP membership in a timely manner were terminated from the membership role. The current administration would like to rectify this matter and invite these members to rejoin the FOP. Paul Vitaioli has been asked to serve as Chairman of the FOP Retirement Committee. If you were terminated, or if you know any officers who were terminated and would like to rejoin the FOP, please have them contact Paul at 312-402-1040 or by email at p.vitaioli@comcast.net. Give

REGULAR MEETING

Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 1:00 PM
1st District Community Room
1718 South State Street

him your name and address and he will ensure you that a renewal application is forwarded to you.

WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH? A study conducted by the NY Times showed that the median pay for the top executives at 200 companies in 2010 was \$10.8 million. This reflects a salary increase of 23% from 2009. The average American's pay increased by 0.5% in 2010 while many other Americans had their salaries cut or frozen and their 401(k)s temporarily halted for months. They didn't earn the 23% raise the top executives received as members of the good ole boy club taking care of each other. Most of these companies had a good year but it wasn't due to the brilliant strategic thinking of their CEOs, it was due to the economy improving in 2009 & 2010. In 2010, CEO Leslie Moonves of CBS Corp. was paid \$56.9 million; CEO Philippe Dauman of Viacom Inc. was paid \$84.5 million. Is anyone worth \$84.5 million a year. If I had stock in either of these companies, I would sell it in protest. For Corporate Boards to grant and CEO's to accept these ridiculous salaries is just plain greedy when the unemployment rate is 9.1%, 13.9 million workers are unemployed and many additional Americans are struggling to make ends meet.

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Presidents Message

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The great danger is that excessive CEO compensation, especially at a time of economic hardship for so many, will make Americans more cynical about corporate top management and corporate America, in general, which may ultimately harm the American free enterprise system. This information was obtained from Pensions and Investments Magazine.

The Illinois veto sessions begin the weeks of October 25th and November 8th. Please contact your State Senators and State Representatives directly or by telephone, 888-412-6570 and ask them not to support any legislation that would impair or diminish retiree benefits. We can thank the chairman of the Social Security Committee for another year of disappointment because H.R. 1332, the Social Security Fairness Act Bill, to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset Act were never called out of committee for a vote.

I received an email from Police Constable 755, Alan Paul who retired in 1999 with 30 years of service. He is the social secretary and newsletter editor for the Cambridgeshire Branch of the British National Association of Retired Police Officers (NARPO). The National Association has over 80,000 members and 111 branches. His branch is one of the 111 spread across 43 different Police Forces (Departments). He would like to begin a correspondence program, exchanging emails with members of his Association and Retired Chicago Police Association members. He would be very happy to share stories from the past. His email is alan.paul19@virginmedia.com.

The total amount of assistance provided to Chicago Police Officers' Families since the Memorial Foundation began in August of 2007 is \$1,674,508.70. This assistance is made possible by the payroll and pension contributions of active/retired Chicago Police personnel and their friends.

The annual Chicago Police Association of Nevada Reunion is scheduled for September 18-20, 2011 at The Orleans Hotel and Casino. The room rate is \$35.00 per night (plus tax and \$5.00 surcharge). To get this rate you must identify yourself with ID#1CPAC09. They are now accepting reservations for the dinner dance on September 19th and the Lake Mead Luncheon Cruise on September 20th. Reservation forms are available on the 2011 REUNION link on our Home Page of this website, www.cpaon.org.

There will be a General Meeting of the Retired Chicago Police Association on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 1:00 PM in the 001st District Community Room at 1718 S. State St. I look forward to seeing you at this meeting. Have A Great Fall.

Don Januszyk

2nd Vice President

The last newsletter contained a letter from Attorney Clint Krislov. He is the lead court appointed attorney on the Korshak Decision that concerns medical benefits for police and fire retirees plus retirees from three other pension systems. Over 300 law enforcement retirees contacted his office prompting him to attend our May meeting to update us on the case and identify retirees who best represent the majority for presentation of the case for renewal. Questionnaires will be sent out this fall or spring to assist his office in preparing the case.

Attorney Krislov's letter has been posted in the Sergeant's Chevrons, FOP News Letter, and the Second City Blog. If you have not contacted his office, please do. His email address is clint@krislovlaw.com and the office phone is 312-606-0500. This request applies to retired officers of all ranks.

Recently, two bills in Illinois which would have affected workers pensions were beaten down due to the vast number of pensioner calls to elected officials. I understand the calls were coming in so fast in such great numbers that the staff in Springfield had to use personal cell phones to make outgoing calls. This is a most effective way to be heard. Elected officials work for us, the people. This fight is ongoing and will continue in the fall veto session starting in October.

There is an anti-public sector union sentiment gaining strength across the United States. Remember what our labor movement was like without a union. In the police department if you were disliked by a boss you could be dumped to a rotten assignment, watch, and place without recourse. Consider the rules in place for officer safety won by union representation. Union contracts have saved lives from the bowels of coal mines to the top of skyscrapers. Baby-boomer retirees have the biggest voting blocks in the United States. Stay aware of what's happening both locally and nationally. Call or write your State and Congressional elected officials and insist that they take action on our behalf.

Some of us have Police Department Identification cards that are worn, cracked and need to be replaced. Current Chicago Police policy demands the retiree appear in person at the Personnel Department on 35th and Michigan to have a new card issued. I contacted four departments regarding their policies on replacement of identification cards. Two responded. One requires the retiree to come in and the other said it can be done by mail. This issue has been discussed Chicago Sergeants Association, and one suggestion was to have the retiree submit a photo with a notarized application, and the old identification card via certified mail to police headquarters accompanied by a check to cover the cost of returning the new identification card via certified mail with a return receipt. Please write our office expressing your

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thoughts on the process and include what you think an acceptable fee would be.

For those retirees who have lost contact with their respective associations I have listed their contact information:

FOP 1412 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60607 or www.chicagofop.org —Dues Required

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We must have your apartment, unit or condo number in the address, we have it on file. The U. S. Post Office will not deliver mail if the unit number of your residence is not listed within the address. If you know fellow retirees who have not been getting our newsletter, that could be the reason.

We recently learned from Chicago Police Gun Registration that you will not have to go down to re-register your weapons when the registration period expires. The Chicago Gun unit will send you a letter, and if your address and weapon information has not changed you will sign the letter and return it to the Gun Registration Unit. This applies to all individuals who have registered a weapon in Chicago. Take care out there.

Retired Officers That Would Like To Re-Join The FOP...

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Regards, Paul Vitaioli

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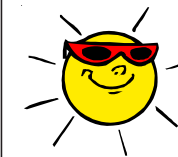
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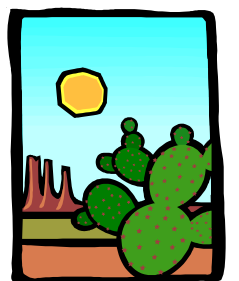
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