

Treasurer's Message *By Harold Brown*

**REMEMBER: THE DUES DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2012.**

Please check your membership card to see if it is for the current year.

On September 28th, the Association will hold our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at the FOP hall. The August newsletter will contain the application for the dinner. Please remember, only the paid-up members will receive the August newsletter.

I would like to welcome all of our new members. We had 441 retirees last year, and they have been very good about sending in their membership cards.

Because of the NATO Conferences being held in Chicago, days off are being cancelled for active officers. We are depending on retired officers to attend the memorial in Washington. We are having four members' names put on the wall. We have had a great response from retired members who intend to participate.

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HAROLD BROWN  
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# R.C.P.A Newsletter

RETIREE CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

May 2012

**YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.**

IF YOU RECEIVED A YELLOW NEWSLETTER, YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED, APPLICATION FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. IF YOU RECEIVE A WHITE NEWSLETTER, YOUR DUES ARE PAID. Upon receipt of your 2012 dues, we will send you a membership card and auto decal.



**President's Message** *Kenneth Hauser*

The next General Meeting of the Retired Chicago Police Association will be on Sunday, May 27, 2012 at 1:00PM in the 001<sup>st</sup> District Community Room at 1718 S. State Street. I would like to thank all the annuitants who attended the Annual St. Jude Police Memorial March on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Gold Star Family Memorial Park. Dave Dunham from the Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union will be a guest speaker at this meeting. He will discuss some of the Credit Union's benefits to annuitants and their children and grandchildren.

On Wednesday, May 2, 2012, Senator John Cullerton amended HB4513 which added active Chicago Police Officers. The amendment will add a 1.5% pension contribution and an additional 1% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) contribution resulting in a 10% contribution from their payroll checks between January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2015. State Representative Michael J. Madigan introduced a House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment which states: **RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN,** that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Article XIII of the Illinois Constitution by adding Section 5.1 as follows: (a) No bill, except a bill for appropriations, that provides a benefit increase under any

pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be law without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. Democratic Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, pledges to fight to keep the Keystone oil line out of the transportation jobs bill. "I think Keystone is a program that we're not going with, that I am not going to help in any way I can. The president feels that. I do too". This is from "Campaign for America's Future" [manager@ourfuture.org](http://manager@ourfuture.org). Our elected officials are denying thousands of jobs to our youth and lower gasoline prices at the pump. President Obama faces the highest unemployment rate in history, six months prior to an election, at 8.1% as of April 30, 2012 and his Senate leader is against a bill that would lower unemployment and gas prices.

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**Presidents Message**

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The Korshak Court/Agreement of 2003 directed the City of Chicago to create a commission (Retiree Health Benefits Commission-RHBC) that would return a post healthcare plan by May 23, 2013 to the Korshak Court. A commission was appointed by former Mayor Daley but those members all resigned. Mayor Rahm Emanuel has yet to appoint a new commission. At the last meeting that your Trustees attended, they suggested the City extend the present healthcare plan for two years to enable the City and the new commission time to become better prepared or just extend the present plan to 2023 which would alleviate all the attorney's fees and other incidental costs.

For the year 2012 to present date, there have been 199 annuitants added to the pension rolls. For the month of April, 2012, the average retiree was 60 years of age with 37 years and 4 months of service. The Northside Luncheon is at Biagio's Superosa located at 4240 N. Central Avenue on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 1200 hours.

The total amount of assistance provided to Chicago Police Officers' Families since the Memorial Foundation began in August 2007 is \$2,113,491. This assistance is made possible by the payroll and pension contributions of active/retired Chicago Police personnel.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield will be using illumination art on the front side of their building to display the badge numbers of fallen officers Paul Nauden and Clifton Lewis on May 4-6, 2012. The shades on the south side of the building will be arranged to have 10803 and 4103 displayed at night. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield building is located at 300 E. Randolph Street.

To all golfers, Do Not Forget that the R.C.P.A., the Detectives Association and the FOP Family Auxiliary Annual Golf Outing is on Monday, June 25, 2012 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. The \$100 donation (\$110 after June 1<sup>st</sup>) includes golf, cart, lunch, refreshments on the course and dinner with a two hour open bar. There will be numerous prizes raffled during dinner (GPS, 32" High Definition Color TV, Golf Balls, Gift Certificates, etc, etc). Call my cell at 312-485-8388 to reserve your foursomes. Hope to see you there.

There will be a General Meeting of the R.C.P.A. on Sunday, August 26, 2012 at 1:00PM in the 001<sup>st</sup> District Community Room at 1718 S. State Street. I look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

**Don Januszyk**

*2nd Vice President*

The primary elections are over. I voted early, for the wrong party. There are always last minute circumstances which play a part in voting.

Recently, there were several bills introduced into the Illinois State Legislature by Rep. Edward Acevedo and Rep. Kelly Cassidy. These bills dealt with assault weapons and the initiation of a tax on ammunition. Inquiring about these bills, I heard that they might exempt active duty law enforcement officers, but not retired officers. As of this writing the bills are in committee, which usually means they are dead.

To discover more about these bills I contacted Rep. Edward Acevedo's offices in Chicago and Springfield. The Chicago office, as usual, answered with a machine. In Springfield a person answered and said the Representative was out. He took a message and said Rep. Acevedo would return the call. Representative Acevedo, a police officer on leave of absence, did not return either call.

On contacting Rep. Kelly Cassidy's office I spoke to Beth and Lauren from the Chicago and Springfield offices and was informed that Rep. Kelly was the sponsor of the bills, but someone else wrote them. I inquired about Rep. Kelly's knowledge of weapons. They said she was very knowledgeable; however, she did not possess an FOID card. Neither did she consult with any law enforcement labor organizations. They told me she was concerned about citizen safety and the tax on ammunition would be a good source of revenue for the State. In my opinion raising money was the bottom line. Please contact these Representatives and see what other comments they might have.

There are several concerns about the death benefit paid by the Pension Board. This benefit was initiated by a state statute. It is not life insurance even though we pay for it. The Internal Revenue Department informed Northern Trust, who handles the monies for the Police Pension Board, that they must collect the 20% tax from the payment of the death benefit. Neither Northern Trust nor the Pension Board chose to argue with the IRS.

Governor Pat Quinn recently submitted his ideas on pension reform for government employees. He is chipping away at pensions and unions. I would like to know who researched and formulated the solutions he submitted. Given his objectives, it is reasonable to think that the police and fire pensions and unions are next to be targeted. It is important for retirees to be active and take a stand, not only on our behalf,

but for our children and family members who will be affected by the actions of the officials we voted for to protect our interests. They are not in our corner. Take the time to call and write. In most cases they pay attention, in an election year when contacted by a sufficient number of constituents on an issue. If you have comments, please write our office. Stay safe and be involved.

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If you know of any members who were terminated from the rolls of the FOP, and would like to rejoin, please have them contact me by email at [p.vitaioli@comcast.net](mailto:p.vitaioli@comcast.net) or by cell at 312-402-1040, with their name and addresses. The Retirement committee will ensure that a renewal application is sent to them. The completed application will then be forwarded to the FOP Board for review and possible approval.

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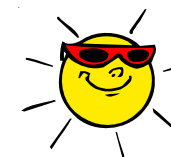
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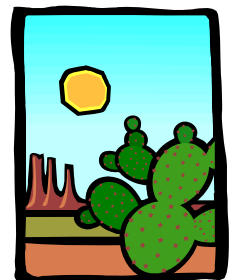


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