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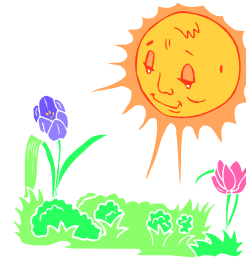
REMEMBER THE DUES DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2011. Please check your membership card to see if it for the current year. The August newsletter will only be sent to our paid-up members.

Our annual golf outing will be held on June 22, at the Bloomingdale Golf Course. The price remains the same as last year; a foursome is only \$400.00.

On September 25, 2011 the association will hold the corn beef and cabbage dinner at the FOP hall.

The August newsletter will contain the application for the dinner.

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R.C.P.A Newsletter

RETIRED CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

April 2011

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President's Message *Kenneth Hauser*

The next General Meeting of the Retired Chicago Police Association will be on Sunday, May 29, 2011 at 1:00PM in the 001st District Community Room at 1718 S. State Street. I congratulate the newly elected Board of Directors of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #7 and wish you the best with our new Mayor and the Legislature in protecting Police and Retirees benefits. Please mark your calendar for the annual St. Jude Memorial March and Ceremony on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 0830 hours. It will be held on the lakefront at the Police Memorial Park. If we have enough retirees attending, we will rent a trolley to transport us. Please call the RCPA to confirm your attendance, 773-763-5310. Call or write Attorney General Lisa Madigan and request that her public access counselor deny the Freedom of Information Act request of The Associated Press to receive the names of all FOID cardholders in the state. If this information is released, it would be an invasion of law enforcement privacy and place our homes in danger of being burglarized due to the possibility of criminals receiving this information.

A great deal of legislation is being proposed on the national, state and local levels of Government to diminish our pension benefits. I will begin by making you aware that former House Speaker and possible GOP presidential contender, Newt Gingrich, is pushing for federal legislation giving financially strapped states the right to file for bankruptcy and renege on pension and other benefit promises made to public employees. Think twice before considering a Presidential vote for Newt in 2012. Speaker of the House, Michael Madigan, won't rule out cuts to workers' pensions. He said, for the first time publicly, that he's open to a discussion about scaling back existing state workers' pensions

REGULAR MEETING

Sunday, May 29, 2011 at 1:00 PM
1st District Community Room
1718 South State Street

thought to be sacred under Illinois' Constitution. "You've already changed it going forward," Madigan said of the pension changes for new hires. "But now we are working on bills that would change in midstream. A state worker would be told, 'Alright, you have a state benefit package up to today. Starting tomorrow, it's going to be a different deal.'" He's talking about state workers today but as we've seen with the new hires, cuts trickle down. What a short memory our elected officials have. They forget that public employees accepted a lower salary in exchange for retirement benefits. On March 8, 2011 (CHICAGO) (WLS) reported that Illinois Senate President, John Cullerton, suggested taxing retirement income which did not sit right with many seniors. Cullerton's words seemed aimed specifically at higher income seniors. If we taxed pensions and other retirement income we'd collect nearly \$1.6 billion more, Cullerton said. In a late afternoon committee hearing in Springfield Cullerton said the trial balloon would affect only those seniors making \$100,000 or more and would not tax social security income. Apparently Senator Cullerton is forgetting about the baby boomers, we are the SENIORS that will be affected by his tax, there are a lot of us.

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Presidents Message

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There are 12605 active police officers on the department. This breaks down to 3071 females and 9534 males. The total number of police officers hired during 2010 was 192, 39 females and 153 males. The total number of police officers who left the Police Department during 2010 was 649. Of these 649 police officers, 17 died while on the job, 5 officers were discharged, 0 probationary officers were discharged, 69 chose to resign without a pension and finally 558 officers completed their career and retired with a pension. The rank breakdown of the 558 retirees is 421 under the rank of sergeant, 72 sergeants, 35 lieutenants, 21 captains and 4 exempt rank. There were 267 officers retired in 2009, there were 291 more officers retiring in 2010. This was due to the new benefit that entitled officers to free healthcare from age 55 to medicare. The total number of officers on disability as of March 2011 are 358 which breaks down as 267 on duty disability, 35 on ordinary disability, 41 on occupational heart disability, and 15 on total and permanent disability. For the year 2011, to present date, there have been 110 annuitants added to the pension rolls. For the month of February, 58 years of age was the average retiree's age with 28 years 5 months of service.

There are 12015 annuitants as of December 31, 2010 and there are 8697 retired police officers and 3318 spouses of deceased police officers. There were 12612 checks mailed/direct deposited in March to annuitants of the Pension Fund. There is approximately \$45 million paid monthly to annuitants. This comes to \$540 million per year. The Pension Fund receives approximately \$285 million in employee/er contributions per year. As you can see the Pension Fund is minus \$255 million before the Pension Fund receives any returns on their investments. There was a 13.1% total return on the Fund's investment for 2010. The Fund was 5.1% above our 8% actuarial assumption requirement. This is in large part due to the investment managers that are investing the Funds money. There is \$3.217 billion in the Pension Fund as of December 31, 2010. The Pension Fund's assets were approximately \$3.1 billion on December 31, 2009 which is almost the same as 2010. The total assets did not increase partially due to the Fund's monthly drawdown of assets to pay benefits. One reason in particular was thanks to our elected State Legislature, the real estate assessments were not sent out until after the November elections and therefore not due until December 13th which was four months later than the usual September due date. As a result, the Pension Fund had to drawdown assets for four months that were making positive returns in order to pay benefits.

A retiree has requested that RCPA include a section on our web page for "discounts" for retirees. He said "like we were all use to." He added that "it is nice to be appreciated and receive a discount." I advised him that I would bring this matter up at the next board meeting.

The total amount of assistance provided to Chicago Police Officers' Families since the Memorial Foundation began in August of 2007 is \$1,532,997. This assistance is made possible by the payroll and pension contributions of active/retired Chicago Police personnel.

The annual Chicago Police Association of Nevada Reunion is scheduled for September 18-20, 2011 at The Orleans Hotel and Casino. They have negotiated a special room rate of \$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 19 and the Lake Mead Luncheon Cruise on September 20. Reservation forms are available on the 2011 REUNION link on their Home Page of this website, www.cpaon.org.

Golfers, **Do Not Forget** that the R.C.P.A. Annual Memorial Golf Outing is on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at The Bloomingdale Golf Club. The \$100 donation 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 Clubs, \$100 Gift Certificates, etc., etc.)

There will be a General Meeting of the R.C.P.A. on Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 1:00PM in the 001st District Community Room at 1718 S. State Street. I look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Don Januszyk *2nd Vice President*

First thanks for the correction on the word "irregardless". Comments and letters are always appreciated.

Let's start by correcting FOP's 1st Vice President Bill Dougherty. In the FOPs February News Letter he stated that the medical benefits included in the Korshak Ruling are protected by the Illinois Constitution. **No way.** According to the Illinois Pension Code, Article 5 section 5-167.5, it specifically states that medical benefits are not guaranteed. Officer Dougherty quoted Article 13, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution which has nothing to do with Pension at all. You can go to www.ill.gov or just Google Illinois Pension Code or Constitution to verify the above issue.

Also at FOP, former President Mark Donahue (as of April), in the spring of 2010 tried to get legislation introduced through Rep. Dan Burke to get rid of the Sergeant and Lieutenant from the Pension Board. He failed. Then this year in February and March Donahue again tried to introduce the same bill. First he tried Rep. Joseph Lyons HB 1198, and when that went nowhere he contacted Sen. Iris Matinez SB 1874. The bills at the present time will stay in committee and should be dead. I'd like to know what are they smoking at the FOP office???? I have talked to our elected officials or to the staff at their offices and they all have one thing in common. I was informed that frequently persons come into the office and request that the official sponsor a bill for them. I was additionally told that the majority of the time the official has no idea what the bill consists of. Don't they read a bill before they submit it??? Apparently not. Check the next paragraph.

There are three types of disability which I'm not about to explain. However, disability is a benefit for those injured on the job and unable to perform the functions of a police officer. This is not a guaranteed right, as some individuals think it should be. Remember, every time the Pension Board grants someone disability it costs you the member, retired or active, money from

the fund. You do not need an attorney to apply for disability, however if your case is questionable the Pension Board will suggest you proceed with an attorney. If I'm not mistaken there have been at least two cases that went to the Illinois Appellate Court. Why do we need judges to rule on medical disability??? If your hurt your hurt and you should look hurt. Why do we have to pay additional fees to attorneys on disability cases?

Most of the injured are patrol officers, as they do most of the work, and are subject to God only knows what. I have a stack of IODs still sitting in a file, and thank God I was not seriously injured. However, I'm thinking, is or was the FOP trying to stack the Pension Board with patrol officers, just to control the disability cases? I hope not.

FOP has a new president, Mike Shields, and several other newly elected officers. I congratulate Mike and all the others and look forward to many new and pro police policies. I have talked to Mike Shields several times, and have seen him in action. Mike is willing to make waves for the purpose of justice. I just told him to make sure he's in a good boat or has someone close by to pull him out of the water.

Recently you will have read or heard about our elected officials bashing the unions. There are also other organizations out there speaking against unions and traditional pensions. The state of Ohio is just recently trying to get rid of collective bargaining. Rham Emanuel the future mayor of Chicago has already said he has it in for unions.

Think back before the unions and remember the way things were. Think back before traditional pensions. Retirees had nothing. Corporate business individuals are making yearly incomes of 7 and 8 figures. Our elected officials are making a good salary, have health benefits, and good retirement funds. Those who do not belong to unions or have traditional pensions feel left out or abused. They want what we have and I don't blame them. However, stop and think. Every benefit that was given to over paid union members or persons who took advantage of pensions were approved by our elected officials. Mayor Daley always took care of labor, perhaps extending the City's resources, and now we are paying for his actions. If I'm not mistaken he will walk away with just over 2 million dollars when he leaves office.

Could it be that the elected officials are at fault for all of this? Or could it be our fault for voting them in, or by not voting at all??? Instead of depending on a donkey or an elephant to get us out of this, I rather depend on an intelligent human being



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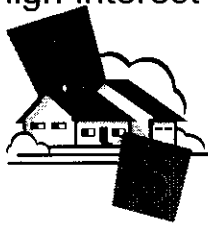
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