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**Treasurer's Message** *By Harold Brown*

This will be my last article as treasurer. I am now running for president of the RCPA. Our current president stated that he will not seek re-election because he is involved with several other organizations and he does not have time to do a proper job at the RCPA.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as treasurer for the past ten years. If elected president I will continue to devote my time and energy to this organization.

KENNETH HAUSER  
President

HAROLD BROWN  
Treasurer



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

The next meeting of the Retired Chicago Police Association will be on Sunday, June 1, 2014 at 1:00PM in the 001<sup>st</sup> District Community Room at 1718 S. State Street. The election of President and Treasurer will be conducted at this meeting. You will need your RCPA Membership Card to be eligible to vote in this election. I congratulate the re-elected 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Presidents (Don Januszyk and Neil Dillon) and wish them the best with our new President and Treasurer. Hopefully we will have a great Spring to offset the terrible Winter we encountered. I look forward to seeing you come out and elect new officers.

Please mark your calendar for the annual St. Jude Memorial March and Ceremony on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 0830 hours. It will be held on the lakefront at the Police Memorial Park. The Northside Luncheon will be held at Biagio's Banquet Hall located at 4240 N. Central Avenue on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. The total amount of assistance provided to Chicago Police Officers' Families since the Memorial Foundation began in 2007 is \$3.4 million. This assistance is made possible by the payroll and pension contributions of active/retired Chicago Police personnel.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certification of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. An Award has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to: Regina Tuczak,

**REGULAR MEETING**  
Sunday, June 1, 2014 at 1:00 PM  
1st District Community Room  
1718 South State Street

Executive Director of the Police Pension Fund. Congratulations.

FOP National President, Chuck Canterbury, sent a seven-paragraph letter to President Barack H. Obama on behalf of the 330,000+ members of the FOP. Canterbury expressed extreme disappointment and vehement opposition to the nomination of Debo Adebile as the next Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. Under this nominee's leadership, the Legal Defense Fund (LDF) of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People volunteered their services in the 1980's to represent Wesley Cook, better known to the world as Mumia Abu-Jamal our country's most notorious cop killer. There is no disputing that Philadelphia Police Officer, Daniel Faulkner, was murdered by this thug. Abu-Jamal's just death sentence was undone by the President's nominee and others like him who turned the justice system on its head with unfounded and unproven allegations of racism. On Wednesday, March 5, 2014, the Democratic controlled Senate blocked Obama's nomination of Debo Adebile and, for the first time in his presidency, one of his nominees failed to muster even a simple

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National Conference on Public Employee Retirement System

**Presidents Message**

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majority. In a statement, reported by the Chicago Tribune on March 6, 2014, President Obama called the 47-52 vote “a travesty based on wildly unfair character attacks against a good and qualified public servant”. Thank you FOP President, Chuck Canterbury, and a mid-term election year.

I’ve been a Trustee on the Pension Fund for many years and the FOP has proposed legislation almost every year to increase the multiplier as was recommended yearly by the Funds Actuary. This legislation never came out of the committee for a vote in the House and just fell on deaf ears with the City of Chicago. As I stated in the February Newsletter, the Pension Fund pays approximately \$52 million monthly for annuitant benefits which comes to approximately \$624 million per year. The Pension Fund received an investment return of 12.2% in 2012 and 14.85% in 2013 and approximately \$300 million in employee/er contributions in 2013. As you can see, the Pension Fund was minus \$324 million before the Fund received any returns on their investments. Our investment returns pulled us through as they did in the 90’s and 2000’s. Investment returns are what the politicians relied on for years and no one ever anticipated 2008, God forbid another 2008.

SB3538/Public Act 96-1495 that was signed by the Governor on December 30, 2010 and took effect on January 1, 2011, cannot have any amendments during the 2014 legislative session. This bill provides additional funds to the Pension Fund starting in 2016 requiring an actuarially required contribution (ARC) to the Fund annually by the employed based upon a level determined by an actuary. The City proposed legislation, HB3088 amendment #2, that wants to extend this date to 2023 essentially kicking the can down the road and giving the City another pension funding holiday. If the Legislature grants this pension holiday, our Fund will be broke in six years. The Fund needs an influx of new money soon. A suggestion is to have legislation passed for a Casino and the revenue go to the Pension Funds (not the Board of Education) or pass legislation similar to other States that have a 3% assessment on insurance premiums such as: Fire Insurance and Accident, Burglary/Theft Insurance that would go directly into the Fire and Police Pension Funds.

To all golfers, do not forget that the Annual FOP Family Auxiliary/Detectives Golf Outing is on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 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. To reserve foursomes, call Angie at 312-771-0015, Al at 773-791-4113 or me at 312-485-8388.

There will be a General Meeting of the RCPA on a Sunday in August at 1:00PM in the 001<sup>st</sup> District Community Room at 1718 S. State Street. The usual meeting is the last Sunday which is the 31<sup>st</sup>. I am not setting a date because there will be a new President and he can set any Sunday in August.

This is my final newsletter as your President of the Retired Chicago Police Association. I appreciate your support and it has been an honor to represent you during the past six years. I still represent you on the Pension Fund and questions regarding your pension can be directed to me at 312-744-3891.

**Don Januszyk** *1st Vice President*

Wow!! I guess our members do read our newsletter, at least my article. Our office received six comments relative to my February article. However, one person did contact the wrong organization. This was in regard to my comment that our current governor sold American marriage down the drain, among other things.

Ok, how do I respond to this? Going back to the time of the Romans and also English law, society has through the centuries depended on morals to guide them while making up and enforcing laws and regulating society. They didn’t always get it right but it got us to where we are today. Our fathers and mothers saw their children go to war, and many did not come back. Their children died for the right of people to say and live the way they want.

Yes, times and things change but why change things that have worked for centuries?? Take a look at what we tolerate on TV, and worse yet allow our children to watch it. Are we saying that no one has the capability to put something on TV that we enjoyed years ago?? We used to be a nation of families, and did things as families, mother and father, but is that the case at this time???? Please, I’m not a prude and I am well versed in the vernacular of the street.

Take the time and look at what our elected officials have done, especially here in Illinois. Illinois is known as one of the most corrupt states in our United States. We should be looking for our elected officials to have a set of morals, not to lead us down the drain but towards a road of success. Yes, individuals have the right to live and work in the life style they choose, but they also have to expect live with the negative aspects of their choice. Unfortunately some of our elected officials will sponsor negative issues because they are only concerned with getting elected or re-elected and will do most anything for a vote.

Yes, our organization does not endorse candidates; however we can discuss pros and cons. I like to point out the cons. While I do not speak for the organization, I as a contributor to the newsletter, am able to express my thoughts in writing. Obviously, some are uncomfortable with what I said, so what they are able to do is to run for an office on our board, and take my position. Sorry about that, out of 5,000 members no one wanted my position, and I was nominated and approved by acclamation at our February meeting. So I’ll be at this position for another two years unless my wife tells me different.

Actually, take the time to think. The path we are on today, where will it lead us??? We need elected officials to take us

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 back to a point where we worked together as one big happy family. Now think of what a family consisted of. I say no more. I’ll be present at the June meeting if you’d like to talk to me.

I was at a dinner with a few male friends and politics locally and nationally were being discussed. One of those present was not contributing to the discussion. He was asked why. He answered “What can we do about it anyway??” That seemed like a defeated answer. The answer is to care, to be outspoken, and to vote.

Regarding the Korshak/Underwood court case, there was a decision by the Arizona Supreme Court that backed the retirees in that state, and it may be useful here in our fight here in Illinois. The Illinois Sangamon county case which is on the docket of the Illinois Supreme court has not moved forward. How the court rules on that case will affect our members in the Korshak/Underwood fight. Keep your finger crossed.

The Chicago Lieutenant’s Association could use some help from our members. Ret. Lt. Terry McMahon was recently appointed as the retiree representative for the CPD Lt.’s Association. There are many issues that all ranks (active & retired) have concerns about which include pensions, healthcare, and concealed carry. To be able respond to some of these issues as a group, and keep our retired Lt.’s informed in a timely manner, the Lt.’s Association has to be able to reach out their members more frequently than just through the newsletter. Unfortunately, because of some computer glitches, the Lt.’s Association does

not have contact information for many retirees. They asking all retired Lt.’s to go the website at <http://www.cpdlt.com>, click on the top Membership Update tab, and update your contact information. Also, **I ask any CPD retiree that may know a retired CPD Lt. anywhere in the country**, to reach out and let them know of this request. You can also email Terry at [retireerep@cpdlt.com](mailto:retireerep@cpdlt.com). If you do not have access to a computer please send your information, (name, address, & phone) to our address: Chi. Lt.’s Assn., 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, IL 60609.

Our next meeting is Sunday 01 June, 1300 hours, at the 1<sup>st</sup> District. At that meeting there will be an election for two positions, President and Treasurer. Harold Brown and Robert Podgomy are running for President and Bill Burns and R. Topper Topczewski are running for Treasurer. Only active members are permitted a ballot.

Hopefully we will have more news relative to our pensions and health care at the June meeting. Take care and stay safe.



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## The RCPA Lead the Chicagoland Group in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Retired Chicago Police Association of South West Florida are shown at the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Naples, FL. They were well received by over 40,000 cheering spectators. Holding the banner are Retired Captains Jim Knightly and Tom Faragoi. They are joined by Retired Police Officer Bob Buffo and several other Retired Chicago Police Officers.

