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RETIREE CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Harold Brown

The next meeting of the Retired Chicago Police Association will be held on June 9, 2024, at 1:00 PM. It will be at the F.O.P, 1412 W Washington. After the meeting please stay to meet with your fellow retirees and enjoy a barbecue.

At the last meeting the following were elected to represent you for the next four years: President Harold Brown, 1st Vice President Tom Lonergan, 2nd Vice president Neil Dillon, Treasurer David DiSanti.

I would like to thank Russell Schaeffer for the years he put in as the 1st VP. Russ stepped down for personal reasons. On a brighter side Russ will continue to write articles for our newsletter.

September 29 is the date of our Harrington's Corned Beef Dinner. It will be held at the FOP hall. Cocktails will be served from 5:00 to 6:00; dinner is at , 6:00 sharp. Again, this year we must limit tickets to the first 100 Reservations. No tickets will be sold at the door. Unfortunately, in the past we have had to turn away some of our members. Thanks to Harrington's we are able to keep the price the same as last year \$50.00. You can send a check to RCPA, 5310 N Harlem,

Chicago IL 60656.

On April 28th I along with hundreds of other officers went to the wake of Officer Luis Huesca who was murdered over a carjacking; he was shot 13 times. One person that was not there, and that was at the request of the family, was the mayor of Chicago. Maybe now the mayor will take the handcuffs off the police and let them do their job and protect the citizens of Chicago.



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REGULAR MEETING
Sunday, June 9th 2024 at 1:00 PM
at FOP HALL
1412 W Washington Blvd.

Tom Lonergan
1st Vice President Retired Chicago Police Association.

Hello, fellow retirees and widows. I'll be temporarily filling in for Russ Schaefer, as 1st VP. I said filling in and not replacing because Russ is unreplaceable. I first met Russ in 1985 in the 21st District. Russ has been a class act in every aspect of his life on the Chicago Police Department and his personal life also. He will be missed. I will be writing the article for the RCPA.

The Social Security Fairness Act has gained steam in the House of Representatives and has a lot of cosponsors. But until they call it for a vote I don't want to give a lot of credit to them. Everyone hates Dan Rostenkowski but there is a lot of blame to go around. The Omnibus Bill in 1983 was bipartisan with Rostenkowski taking the lead on it. The new Senator Joe Biden voted for it. Another Omnibus Bill was passed in 1993 which raised our taxes on our Social Security benefits. The 1983 bill made 50% of your benefit taxable. The 1993 Bill made up to 85% of your benefit taxable depending on your income level. Again, Joe Biden voted for it along with Dick Durbin who was a United State Representative at the time. I just read how Joe Biden's Social Security check is about six times what mine is. Go Figure.

Dick Durbin has been a cosponsor of The Social Security Fairness Act in the past. It's easy to sponsor a bill if you know it's never going to come up for a vote. This time the bill has more than enough votes to pass the House of Representatives and has a good chance to make it to the Senate if the House calls it for a vote. Dick Durbin has not signed on a sponsor in the Senate. His office phone number is 1-202-224-2152. Please call and respectfully ask him to sponsor the bill. If you still live in Illinois, it does carry some weight.

To those of you who voted in the Illinois Primary Election thank you. The State's Attorney race came down to the wire. Less than 2000 votes decided the winner. Our generation voted at the highest rate. The members of this organization along with family and friends may have decided the winner. A healthy and prosperous Chicago is good for our pensions.

To any of the members here who still qualify with the IROCC program, they seem to have got back on track after some software problems. We all remember the Democratic Convention from 1968 even if you were still in High School. This summer has the potential to be bad. Please say a prayer for the men women of the Chicago Police Department this summer. Remember they are paying our pensions!

Gods bless and have a great summer!

*-Tom
1st Vice President Retired Chicago Police Association*

Cook County and state of Illinois elections were on Tuesday the 19th of March. However, per the usual practice of Cook County Democrats, the results for the States Attorney Office were not disclosed until 10 days after the election. Surprise! A couple of days after the election they “found” about 10,000 mail-in ballots. My guess is that many of the mail-in ballots were discovered after the cemeteries were scoured looking for voters. If you will be out of town, in school, or sick you can request an absentee ballot. Voting is a privilege, a right and responsibility of citizens. You have 12 hours in which to cast your ballot. They canceled school days so parents can vote, and some companies give employees the day off or hours off so they can vote. The people who send in their ballots via mail, it seems, are ignorant about how voting works in Illinois and trust the election commissions. In November I hope do what is their responsibility; go to a poll and vote in person.

Recently, Chicago Alderpeople authorized a 45 million settlement to an individual and his family after he was in a car that fled from the police and crashed into another one! Are they blaming the driver of that vehicle; heck no! They blamed the police for dis-regarding the order on police chases. What the City of Chicago is telling police officers and Chicago citizens is that police will no longer go after traffic violators or criminals. They can't even chase them on foot. What level of stupidity does it take to not understand that this is partly responsible for the increase in crime? Stupidity though is not their excuse; this is simply part of Soros' plan to destroy big cities. The politicians are not elected, they are installed. Many people have trouble wrapping their brain around that and many are now awakening from their wokeness. Many more will understand as violence, inflation and increasingly affect their lives, perhaps moving some to walk to the

November polls in numbers impossible for the cheaters to overcome.

The DNC, Democratic National Convention starts on Monday the 19th of August and ends on Thursday the 22nd of August. It is reasonable to think that the conventioners will be arriving on Friday the 16th of August. This will allow them to be victims for at least 8 days. The city is so worried that they delayed the start of the public-school year. It is obvious from the so-called media reports that the number of active police officers is way down, plus the ones we have are not of the best caliber as the requirements to become an officer have been lowered substantially. I believe they will be canceling officers furloughs during that time. They are sending officers for training, but my guess is that they will be telling them what they cannot do. Will they be ordered to stand down like they were when “youts” stormed and looted many stores? We shall see. I've not heard of any special operations to handle the protesters, but I have to apologize in that I had previously mention that the old plans were gone. No, they are still around and they called a Plan 2 on the 1st weekend of March. Several hundred teens invaded the area of Roosevelt and Canal that weekend and the police finally called for a plan 2. There were several shot and one killed, prompting officers to make a grand total of 9 arrests. So much for police action.

You can't blame officers or first line supervisors for their failure to take action, for the simple reason is that they will be the ones who get blamed and end up with disciplinary actions taken against them. The installed governor, mayor, most alderpeople, and police higher ups are to blame for not supporting the police. Chaos will continue to reign and it is likely that fed-up people will take the law into their own hands. I hope that will not create martyrs.

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There is little to no traffic enforcement in Chicago or the Chicago express ways. If a car is stopped, the officers stand a great chance of an ugly confrontation. It's not worth it. If the vehicle takes off, they can't chase it anyway. On the expressways the only time you see the ISP is when they magically appear to look for shell casings and/or serious accidents. Just a brief note on the situation with all of the illegals in Chicago. Not only do we have a vast increase in measles cases, but now they are finding cases of tuberculosis among them. This does not include the criminals and current arrestees here to cause havoc. I feel sorry for the children but it's their parents who are at fault, and we are being lied to regarding the cost to taxpayers in money, crime and violence. Our president, the governor, Chicago's mayor, and the people who voted them in shoulder the blame. Not only must we worry about the southern borders, but there have been reports of illegals trying to enter the U.S. via the northern borders too. While many people around the world were celebrating Easter on March 31st, installed President Joe Biden, a supposed Catholic, issued a proclamation recognizing International Transgender Day of Visibility on that same day. Great guy!!! Also, the Chief Yolanda

Talley investigation is still not resolved by the Inspector General Witzburg, but wait, it's only been two and a half years since the incident. Gird yourself and finances. All of this affects our pension. There are fewer paying into it and those with the time and wherewithal are leaving as soon as they can. The numbers are not adding up and something must be done. As I suggested before, eliminate the Gold Braid part of the police pension. They would save the pension a goodly number of monies. Ask your elected State officials about that. I hope you can enjoy the first part of summer before the DNC. The storming of the castles may not be far off. Avoid troubled spots, keep your head on swivel, carry an extra magazine and keep your powder dry. Stay safe!!!

-Donald Januszyk,
Retired Sergeant
RCPA Trustee



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Treasurer's Message - *David DiSanti*

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is David DiSanti. I was elected treasurer of the RCPA at the 25 February meeting. I am enthusiastic to help this organization continue its long history of serving retirees and their widows. A little background on me. I am recently retired after 26 years of service. I've been assigned to 014, 019, 013, 012, and finished out my career in 017. I'm the father of a college-aged son who if you know me is the center of my life.

I am currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Chicago John Dineen Lodge 7. Supporting President Catanzara is my top priority in my position as a Trustee in his Herculean efforts to protect Members both active and retired. The centerpiece from a retiree standpoint is the hard-fought political battle securing of the COLA for all retired officers and their widows.

If I can be of any service to members of the RCPA either in my role as treasurer or my role as an FOP7 board member, please don't hesitate to reach out 773-230-2420.

*Fraternally,
David DiSanti
Treasurer*



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