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RETIREE CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

August 2024

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## President's Message

*Harold Brown*

Due to the Democratic National Convention, the FOP hall will not be accessible for two weeks in August. Our meeting will be held on September 8th at the FOP hall, 1412 W Washington Blvd. The meeting will start at 1:00 PM. After the meeting, please stay to meet your fellow retirees and enjoy some refreshments.

Starting next year our dues will increase to \$25.00. This is the first raise in 15 years. The cost of our printing has gone up because of the cost of paper; the price of stamps has gone up twice this year.

September 29th is the date of our Harrington's Corned Beef Dinner. It will be held at the FOP hall 1412 W Washington Blvd. Cocktails will be served from 5:00 to 6:00. Dinner is at 6 sharp. Again, this year we must limit attendees to the first 100 reservations.

Unfortunately, in the past we have had to turn away some of our members. This is a sit-down dinner with an open bar. We have not raised the cost it is still only \$50.00 Please read the Treasurer's message. We had a check that was washed; Dave will explain the process we went through.



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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Sunday, September 8th, 2024 at 1:00 PM**  
**at FOP HALL**  
**1412 W Washington Blvd.**

*Organized in 1888 as an Association to protect the Police Pension Fund and the welfare of Police Pensioners, their widows and children.*

**Tom Lonergan**  
*1st Vice President Retired Chicago Police Association.*

From Tom Lonergan 1st Vice President.

At our last RCPA meeting I announced that I was running for the Retired Trustee spot on the Police Annuity and Benefit Fund. I am humbled that the RCPA Board of Directors endorsed me. At the RCPA meeting later that day the membership also endorsed me. Chicago FOP Lodge 7 Board of Directors also endorsed me. I have been on the FOP Pension Committee for 13.5 years and Committee Chairman for 7.5 of those years under FOP Presidents Dean Angelo and John Catanzara.

Former Pension Board Trustees that have endorsed me: Ken Hauser, the Past President of the fund and the retired representative, Lt. James Maloney who represented Lts., Capts., and exempts, Sgt. Brian Wright who represented Sgts. and Tom Beyna who represented Active Police officers. Current Pension Board Trustees Mike Lappe and Brock Merck representing Retirees and active Police Officers have also endorsed me.

While the endorsements and attending meetings are nice, I am asking for your vote also for my behind the scene work on behalf of the Pension Fund. In 1970 at the Illinois Constitutional Convention Delegate Green added the pension protection clause "that pensions cannot be diminished or impaired."

In 2010 FOP passed SB3538 which forced the City to pay more into Pension Fund than the 18% the City was paying in matching money. It also set in place the process to seize State Grant Money if the City was late in making their payments. These provisions would go into effect starting in 2015. The Pension Protection Clause was put to the test in 2013 when the General Assembly in Springfield passed SB1 which told State of Illinois Employees that they could have C.O.L.A. upon retirement or Health Care but not both. A Statewide law suit was filed. I am both a Trustee for Chicago FOP Lodge 7 and the Illinois State FOP Lodge in Springfield, IL. I am on the Legislative Committee for both Lodges. On the State Legislative Committee we stopped any FOP Lodge in the State from endorsing or funding anyone who voted for SB1 for at least one election cycle. This keeps those politicians from using our FOP logo on any of their flyers. At Chicago Lodge 7 we filed an amicus brief in defense of the State Employees. The case was heard in 2015. The Illinois State Supreme Court ruled in our favor that the Pension Benefits cannot be diminished. That Court decision guarantees your pension. About this time Rahm Emanuel and Chewy Garcia asked for the FOP endorsement in the primary election.

I asked both pointed questions if they would guarantee to fully fund out pensions. They both evaded the question and did not get our endorsement. In the runoff election again Emanuel and Garcia both refused to commit to fund the pension. I made the motion to not endorse either of them. In Springfield Judy Barr-Topinka was running for State Comptroller and asking for our endorsement. When I asked her if she would seize Chicago grant money if the City was late in their pension payments she said yes and set processes in place in her office to do so. I voted to endorse her. That process was used at least once. In 2022 the City paid 799 million into the pension fund. In 2023 the City paid 931 million to the Pension Fund an increase 132 million over the prior year. They are already ahead of schedule with this year's payments. In 2025 the City is scheduled to pay the pension fund one billion 43 million for 2026 pensions. This was done thru Legislation not social media posts.

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

I came across this in the Chicago Slum-Times, 03 May 2024 regarding the Illinois Safe T Act. This act mandates that Judges go easy on criminals when they appear in bond court, in another words no cash bail, just electronic monitoring. Well, Cook County Judge Charles Beach said, according to the Slum-Times that "Things are working well". Yes, the judges have no backlogs and their case loads are reduced, meaning they can go home early. However, what this all does and it's been proven is to put the public in danger of becoming violent crime victims. The Safe T-Act goes easy on the judges, the County saves money, and so does the State all at the expense and the lives of the tax payers.

There have been demonstrations against Israel and for the Palestine movement. College students taking over colleges and more. These students say they are excusing their First Amendment rights, by taking over property, trespassing and damaging property. What do their parents who are footing the education bills have to say??? Also, what about the college loans the government has given them??? They have been asked to leave, told to leave, and ordered to leave. When they do not, then when police are called in and THEY RESIST, then complain about the police. I would like to see the media who publishes their complaints to explain how the police should gently and carefully remove them. I would suggest that the police spray the area with a knockout chemical, have prisoners load them onto trailers and drop them off about 30 miles away. Oh, the prisoners would get time off for their assistance. The big question is can this procedure be used when individuals unlawfully demonstrate at the DNC. Has anyone ever

heard of the Critical Mass Ride in Chicago??? It occurs on the last Friday of each month at which time hundreds of bike riders gather downtown at the Daley Plaza and then take off to an unknown location. What they do is to obstruct traffic, ride thru red lights, disobey other traffic laws, and do what they want. Recently frustrated drivers have attacked some of these bike riders. Do the elected officials do anything about this chaos, of course not. They will wait till something fatal happens. It's the Chicago way.

To add to the chaos, the elected Illinois governor Pritzker has signed a law permitting illegal aliens to have Illinois driver's license. What other stupid thing is he going to do??? The CDC just announced a rise in Dengue Virus cases in Illinois. Cook County had 17 cases. Could they have occurred among Mayor Johnson's illegal alien community??? Just askin. In June Chicago had its annual Pride Parade, no it's not like the normal, quiet, entertaining Greek, German, Polish, Military or other special parades. It's different, take the time to watch it. The AM was kind of quiet but then the chaos started. As the sun started to set those present evolved into criminals of evil and destruction. Even before darkness had fallen there were idiots dancing on top of buses and cars. Finally, the order was given, surprisingly, to clear the area, at which time the resisting started. After watching some of the video it seemed that most of those causing the trouble were females, but as an afterthought they could have just been males dressed as females.

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Fifty plus were arrested which was great. Unfortunately, property was destroyed and police officers were injured. Oddly I have not heard of complaints to COPA, strange. Back in the day the southside Irish Parade had problems with idiots, and it was discontinued for I'm guessing 2 years and now it is again a great family event. Could the Pride organizers do the same thing?????

The DNC is coming to Chicago in August and my reliable sources say it's going to be really bad. There is a new group of police recruits in the academy scheduled to graduate after the DNC, but rumor has it that they will be graduated prior to the DNC and fed to the wolves. I really feel sorry for those assigned to the DNC fiasco. I have seen media video of officers in training and they really looked bad.

The elections are coming up in a few months, for the sake of your children and grandchildren take the time and vote for individuals who have the interests of our children in mind. In the past I have stated to vote no for judges coming up for

re-election, but a friend told me that there are good judges out there. I have advised people to check out the recommendations printed in the media by different law associations, but now a days you cannot even trust them. Most judges vote for Chief Judge Evans in Cook County just so they can get a good position. In reality they just look out for themselves, not to do justice. Vote NO.

Bottom line is, what kind of world are we going to leave our children and grandchildren?? Stay safe and stay out of Chicago around the DNC.

-Donald Januszyk,  
Retired Sergeant  
RCPA Trustee



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# DEATH NOTIFICATIONS

We apologize for the 2023 death notices in the last issue. It should have been 2024.

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## APRIL 2024

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## MAY 2024

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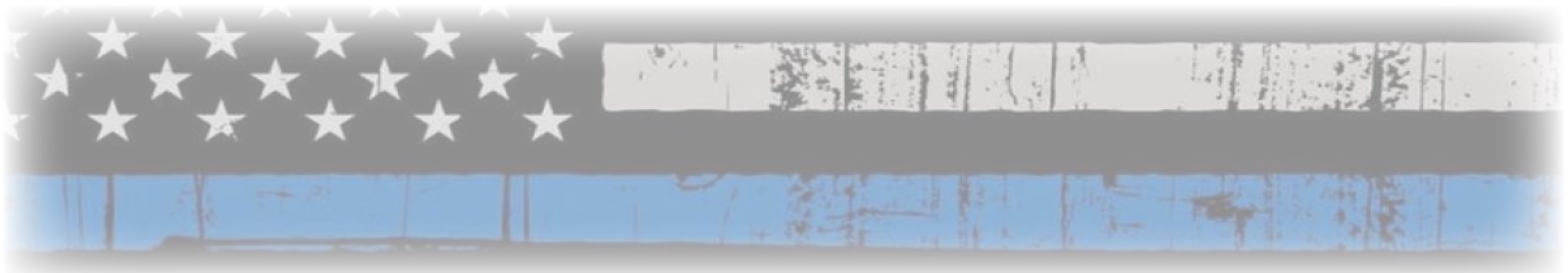
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**Treasurer's Message - David DiSanti**

Greetings, I hope all of my fellow retirees are enjoying their hard earned retirement.

I want to report that a check written by the RCPA to pay the phone bill was "washed" and cashed in the amount of \$9800. President Brown and myself have been in contact with both banks, Chicago Financial Crimes Detectives and The United States Postal Service Inspectors to assist in the investigation and ultimately the prosecution of the guilty parties. We have been assured that the RCPA will be made whole financially for the loss.

As many of you know I am also a Trustee with Chicago John Dineen Lodge 7. I want to put together a database of retirees that want to be notified of events that the FOP holds, such as the picketing of the NASCAR race during the 4th of July weekend where having retiree support would be crucial. This would be a separate data base from the main RCPA email list, totally voluntary. Please email me at [ddisanti@chicagofop.org](mailto:ddisanti@chicagofop.org) to be put on the list.

Don't forget the Corned Beef dinner is 29 September at the FOP hall. We have to limit the reservations to 100, get yours in sooner rather than later, as it sells out.

Fraternally,  
*David DiSanti*  
Treasurer

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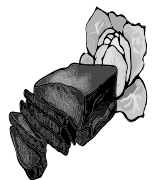
**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

**Cocktails 5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner 6:00 p.m.**

**FOP Hall**

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**Treasurer's Message**      *By David DiSanti*

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