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RETIRED CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

May 2025

IF YOU RECEIVED A YELLOW NEWSLETTER, YOUR 2025 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 2025 dues, we will send you a membership card and auto decal.

President's Message

Harold Brown

Thanks to the repeal of the windfall Elimination Provision, we are now getting the social security we should have been getting from day one. One of the benefits of the act is if your spouse was entitled to social security and he/she died before receiving their first check you are entitled to their benefits as well as yours. To get this benefit you must contact the social security office.

The next meeting of the Retired Chicago Police Association will be held on June 8th at 1:00 PM. It will be held at the FOP hall, 1412 W Washington Blvd. After the meeting, please stay and meet with your fellow retirees and enjoy a barbecue.

September 28 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, we must limit tickets to the first 100 reservation. 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 at the

same as the past several years: \$50.00. You can send a check for your tickets to RCPA, 5310 N Harlem Ave, Chicago IL, 60656.

Approximately 500 members have not paid their dues. Unfortunately, we can no longer afford to send them a newsletter. If your dues are not paid by August 1st this will be the last newsletter you will receive. The newsletter is a way for you to keep you informed of the latest Retiree news.

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REGULAR MEETING

Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 1:00 PM

at FOP

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.

Most of us have received our Social Security retro checks. But there are still some that are still waiting. I wish there was a magic answer but Social Security states that we need to be patient. Rostenkowski passed the bill in 1983 that screwed us in the U.S. House. When the bill went to the U.S. Senate Joe Biden voted for it too. In 1993 Biden voted again to raise the taxes that had to be paid on Social Security. In 1993, then a U.S. Representative, Dick Durbin voted to raise the taxes on our Social Security benefit. President Trump has proposed that Social Security benefits should be exempt from Federal taxes. Please reach out to your U.S. Senator and ask them to support the bill to exempt Social Security benefits from Federal taxes! (Dick Durbin @ (202)224-2152 and Tammy Duckworth @ (202)224-2854). To find out who your U.S. Representative is google (who is my U.S. Representative is? Then enter your zip code. At the same time, you should ask YOUR elected officials to end the taxes on Social Security, ask them to end the Pill Penalty they snuck into the Inflation Reduction Act. All the major Insurance companies raised their premium's last year because of that bill. On the pension front the City made all their statutory requirements for last year and the investment return was 10.54%. As of 14 April 2025, the City has made 53.38% of their required payments for the 2025 calendar year in the first three months. This was a pleasant surprise. But knowing the City's budget problems we must all be vigilant! If you live in the city and run into an alderman tell them we need more police officers. The city is about 1830 officers short!

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN ANY OF THE VOLUNTARY DENTAL, VISION, OR MEDICARE PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE CHICAGO JOHN DINEEN LODGE NO. 7

- Dental, Vision and Medicare with Aetna are voluntary and are not part of your City of Chicago Retiree Healthcare package. Participation in these plans typically begins when contractual healthcare benefits are no longer available to the retiree.
- It is the member's responsibility to keep their personal contact information up to date with both Source 1 Benefits at 844-466-0833 and Retiree First at 855-979-8840 (TTY 711).

Please note: The Pension Fund and the FOP do not share your contact information with the plan administrators.

- Dental and/or Vision: If the primary member (retiree) passes away while enrolled in a plan, the surviving spouse is eligible to continue coverage. However, dental and vision coverage ends on the date of death.

The surviving spouse must contact Source 1 Benefits to re-enroll under their spousal annuity. Call the Source 1 Benefits Helpline at 844-466-0883 for assistance. It is the responsibility of the retiree or surviving spouse to notify Source 1 Benefits and request continuation of coverage or changes in coverage.

- The Medicare program operates differently, as both the retiree and spouse have individual account numbers linked to their unique Medicare ID numbers.

In the event of a death, Retiree First must be notified so they can assist in coordinating continued coverage. Contact Retiree First at 855-979-8840 (TTY 711).



Well, SPRING is in the air, buds on the trees, and snow a memory! Recently, our office received notice from a member that they wanted to be removed from our mailing list until I **expired**. I guess he spits out red pills and is one of the few still tuned to CNN. Nothing you see here in print is a lie and can be backed up. Rarely do I voice my opinion and I cite it as such.

Our members are from all CPD ranks, and I'm guessing that more than a few used a phone call to rise. (Opinion) If so, I again suggest that people request the Gold Braid Pension bill be terminated. Today, those holding the rank of Chief and higher are guaranteed an overly rich pension. If the gold braid pension were eliminated, it would strengthen our pensions in the long run. Given the corruption endemic in Illinois, many Gold Stars are likely political hacks and lack competence. Yes, there are a few good bosses. Are they the exceptions, or the rule? Crime & traffic fatalities are up, foot and car chases are verboten, and few traffic tickets are issued, aggressive-preventive patrol are as dead as many citizens. Do the officers and detectives in the field have backing? Why should bosses be rewarded with extraordinary pensions? Please, take the time for the sake of your pension system and speak out about the elimination of Gold Braid largess in the pension bill.

Well, it seems the Chief Yolanda Tally investigation is over. They promoted her to First Deputy! She screwed up IAD and her oversight of recruits has made the department worse. How many more must suffer before she files for her Gold Braid pension further diminishing the solvency of our pension fund? The media said she was cleared! What about the PPP fraud allegations? Perhaps there's a chance that the feds can nail her. Who took the heat for her

actions regarding the traffic stop? The officers did. Rumors abound that when they dump Supt. Snelling, she will take his place.

There is a bill in the Illinois House (**HB1611**) that will govern search warrants. One part of the bill states that a search warrant can only be executed between 9 AM and 7 PM. HAH! There are 16 females and 4 males sponsoring the bill. Given that females are most likely to be the victims of criminal behavior and there are so many for this bill, what gives? Check it out at (ilga.gov).

A teen downtown takeover occurred on 28 March; one was shot and one knifed, and the warm weather has not started. This was never a problem before; why now? Is it possible that previously they would have been arrested and charged; not now though?

The Illinois Safe-T Act allows judges to let criminals go home without a bond. There have been numerous judicial releases that have resulted in more crime victims. Few talk about the cost of the Safe-T Act. Recently, in the Chicago Tribune, there was an article where the ASA in Kane County complained about the increased cost of implementing the Safe-T Act. Kane County is asking that a sales tax be imposed to cover these expenses. I wonder what the Safe-T Act is costing Cook County taxpayers. Never have County Board President Preckwinkle or Sheriff Dart mentioned the cost. Recently, electric monitoring was taken over by Chief Judge Timothy Evans.

He has trouble overseeing the judges in his courts and he's going to handle prisoners that his judges have released to our streets. Keep your doors locked, head on swivel, and powder dry!

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Whenever a serious crime is committed or solved Superintendent Snelling has a press conference with a cadre of bosses behind him. Why? They did none of the work! the po's and detectives did it. Are they trying to take credit?

Summer and the warm weather are nearly upon us. Given the failure to stop President Trump's onward march so far, and the media's complicity in fomenting hate, I'll bet cities are ripe for riots worse than what we saw the last time. The opportunity for the officers to spend time with their families will be reduced and I fear for their safety. This further increases the stress placed on officers who work in a

police department that already has an increasingly alarming rate of suicides.

<https://illinoisanswers.org/2023/04/04/police-officer-suicides-tripled-in-two-years-as-cpd-stalled-on-progress-with-consent-decree/>

Keep Our officers in your prayers.

Take care and if you have family on the job give them special attention as things escalate.

David DiSanti
RCPA Treasurer

Hello, fellow retirees. I hope all are having a enjoyable spring with families and friends. After the drama of the end of the year with WEP/GPO legislation, a huge win for President Catanzara and the National FOP and waiting for former President Biden to sign it into law things have settled down considerably. My sense from Social Media is that a majority of retirees that are eligible for the the Social Security bump and retroactive payments have received them.

Speaking of Social Media, I have noticed a small but vocal contingent that post alarming posts and posts that question why there aren't more interactions by trustees regarding pension issues on Facebook in particular. That is a decision made by the particular officers that may not be very active on Social Media. As I have stated several times there are a myriad of ways to get in contact with RCPA leaders and Pension Trustees. You can call the RCPA office at 773 763-5310, the FOP offices at 312-733-7776, the Pension Board at 312-744-3891 and the Pension Board members have their email addresses on the CPABF website. Don't let people with an agenda or ax to grind upset you, find out from the source. The FOP is working hard in Springfield and City Hall to secure and enhance our benefits. The Lodge 7 PAC director Mike Cosentino is working night and day in Springfield to lobby lawmakers across the spectrum about active and retire police issues.

I was doing some work at the RCPA offices today and we received a call regarding a retiree who was having issues with social isolation, we gave them information regarding the FOP's mental health services. If you are feeling depressed or lonely reach out! We list events in newsletter, there are events in the FOP magazine. Enjoy your hard earned retirement don't endure it.

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

If you received a WHITE NEWSLETTER, your 2025 dues are paid. If you received a YELLOW NEWSLETTER, your dues are NOT PAID and are now due. Please use the **YELLOW APPLICATION**. This is the only way to tell our members if dues are paid or not. Upon receipt of your 2025 dues, we will send you your membership card and auto decals. If you move, please notify our office and the pension office (312-744-3891) as soon as possible; provide your new address and phone number.

If any retiree groups would like to put an article in our newsletter regarding their meetings, please contact us.

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