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RETIRE CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

MAY 2021

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Upon receipt of your 2021 dues, we will send you a membership card and auto decal.

President's Message

Harold Brown

The next meeting of the Retired Chicago Police Association will be held on May 16, 2021 at 1:00 PM. It will be held at the FOP Hall, 1412 West Washington Blvd. If you received a yellow newsletter, you have not paid your dues for 2021. There is a renewal form on page 3; please cut out this form and send it in with your dues.

As of this writing we do not know if there will be a St. Jude March again this year. If not, this would be the second year we have not honored our fallen officers. I hope that all our members are getting the vaccine for covid. I know from personal experience that getting covid and waking up in the hospital is a terrible experience. If you have not gotten your vaccine, please do so.

The FOP has ordered a thirty-two-foot food trailer. This will be used to feed officers when they go on 12-hour shifts and are not allowed to leave to get food. The RCPA made a donation to help pay for some of this expense. If there is a disaster in other states, we will help ensure those officers will be getting safe food. The President of FOP Lodge 7 and several trustees used the disaster trailer from the state to go to Minneapolis on the weekend of April 7th to feed the officers there.

Just to keep you informed, in September we will be having the Harrington's corned beef dinner at the FOP hall. Have a great summer.

REGULAR MEETING

Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 1:00 PM.
FOP Hall, 1412 West Washington Blvd.



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Just a Thought...

By Russ Schaefer, 1st Vice President, RCPA

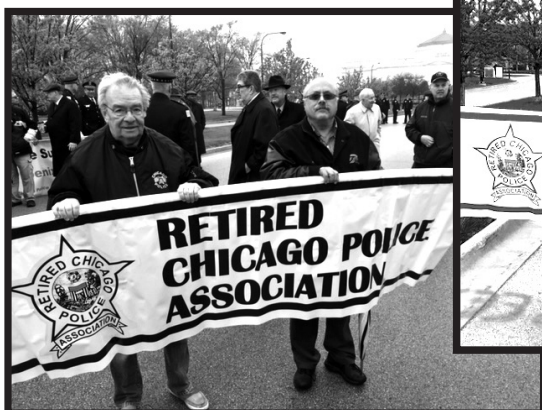
So five years ago I sat down to lunch with an old friend, Paul. Paul was a LEO and we shared many laughs and cocktails together over the years. In fact Paul was a committed alcoholic and he refused to cut his intake of alcohol even to an accepted level of consumption. At the time he told me he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, sadly I had already known that his wife Mary was suffering with Dementia and yes, Mary was also an alcoholic. Dementia is a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's is the most common cause of Dementia, accounting for 60-80% of Dementia cases. Alzheimer's is a specific disease. Dementia is not.

So what might have caused these issue for my friends? Study reviews found that individuals who drank heavily over a long period of time or who are binge drinkers were more likely to develop Alzheimer's or any other form of Dementia than those who engaged in moderate alcohol consumption. How can alcohol damage the Brain? Simply, those people who drank heavily over long periods of time are more likely to have a reduced volume of the Brain's white matter which helps to transmit signals between different regions of the Brain and this of course can lead to serious consequences for healthy Brain function.

Paul wanted to donate his organs and his Brain for research. Paul's son told me that his critical organs were so damaged by his alcohol consumption as not to be suitable for donation but his Brain has gone on to help us through research. Both healthy brains and those affected by diseases such as Alzheimer's are needed for research. Comparing healthy brains to those affected by neurodegenerative disease is a critical method for researchers to learn more about the underlying biology that causes brain disease.

The National Institute of Health funds many research centers in the U.S. that accept Brain donations. The National Institute on Aging supports more that 30 Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers (ADRCs) across the country that conduct Alzheimer's research. The NeuroBioBank program includes six banks that accept donations with or with out conditions affecting the Brain. Think about these resources and discuss them with your family before the end game arrives in your life. I am so proud of my dear friend Paul, always a giving person in life and that he was able to make that generous decision to help others, before he couldn't. Paul and Mary's story can teach us one good lesson, that of alcohol moderation.

Stay Safe and Sober.....Russ



Years gone by...

Donald Januszyk, Retired Sergeant
RCPA Trustee

Hi, there is so much craziness, I don't know where to start. Letters and comments regarding our articles are always welcome. My full name is at the top of this article. Recently, someone sent in a negative comment, however, he/she lacked the courage to sign their name. To the nameless critic; I never said that officers do not work, I implied that officers are hesitant to take full enforcement action because they do not have bosses who will stand up for them and often betray them when they do work. Also regarding quotes, sometimes idiots have something good to say.

Four officers were shot in 2 weeks in March. Fortunately, their injuries were not life threatening. Yes, there was a press conference with the Chicago Superintendent speaking and he was surrounded by the gold braided, do nothing staff. At one of the conferences there were seven uniformed useful idiots, and at another, four, with a few others in plain clothes, all lacking courage to speak to truth. They should have been out in the field standing with their officers.

What has any of this to do with pensions??? Well, a lot. If you have bosses who cannot lead, motivate or have your back, frustration drives you off the job years sooner than if you feel leadership will treat you fair. According to the pension board there are 850 more retirees drawing a pension then there are actives. At least 560 retired in 2020. I monitor the retiring Sergeants and it appears that when the majority reach retirement age they are gone, some sooner. Recently the City posted an ad for a police exam. What caliber of individuals do you think will apply???

Recently there was a proposal to have "social workers" first respond to domestics. Can you hear calls for an assist and 10-1s?

Since last year there has been a huge increase in shootings and car-jackings. The offenders are in vehicles. What's the best way of stopping them? You know the answer; stopping cars, who wants to do that because you're likely to become an offender if the stop goes south. When was the last time you heard a chase? Regardless of the conclusion of the chase, it's the officer who will take the blame if something negative happens. ECON 101 and PSYCHE 101 both teach that behavior punished diminishes and behavior rewarded increases. Do thugs feel rewarded when their violent behavior goes unchecked and unpunished? Either city, state and county leadership are stupid or they are intentionally using a Marxist playbook. Read up on the Ukrainian Kulaks under Stalin. The workers became the criminals and criminals were protected by the government. Millions died in a famine that followed. We are becoming the Kulaks here.

Some alder creature suggested using a helicopter for chases. Did you know that there are approximately 32,000 cameras in the City, and I do not believe they include the POD cameras? All of the cameras are tied into the OEC. Can't they use some of these to track down car-jackers? This is how they traced Jessie Smollett from his so-called crime scene to O'Hare airport. Here's the rub. Many cameras do not work, and OEC does not have them manned 24/7. Oh, there is also "shot spotter". That system does really recognize shots being fired at certain

locations and the police respond with lights and sirens, sometimes. When they get there, the offender is gone, but frequently they may find a victim(s), and provide for medical assistance.

We lost a good friend who kept us abreast of what was happening in the Department and the City. It was the Second City Blog, and after 15 years circumstances dictated that they should close shop. Many politicians and others are happy. However, even the media is sad because that's where they got much of their information. But there's a few honest reporters left; CWBCHICAGO.COM and The Chicago Contrarian and Heyjackass.com. The Contrarian recently did two well deserved damning pieces on David Brown. They will keep you up to date on judges that give low bonds, felons out on low bonds that commit more felonies, and murder and mayhem unreported in the mainstream media. Check them out.

Recently the City Inspector finally announced that the Department and the City screwed up this past summer with the riots and looting. He said that the City had no plan. Yes, there was a plan, and we retirees know it. In summary the police were set up by companies, transported by buses, plastic ties used for cuffs, prisoner vans immediately available, offenders transported to areas, detectives made out arrest slips and complaints, and the offenders housed pending a court appearance. Area 1 was able to hold at least 300 prisoners including the County cells. Further, there are the other areas with holding facilities. Mayor Lori did not want to hurt anyone's feeling so she told her employee, Superintendent Brown, to CHILL. All it cost her was a bunch of police officers hurt and millions in damage to city businesses. No big deal for her and she refuses to give police a contract.

Oh yes, then this; the Illinois governor signed the 700-page Criminal Justice Reform Bill HB-3653 and Chicago's Lightfoot wants to pass a similar, but more restrictive ordinance. Here are some of the highlights. The State Bill:

- no cash bail
- all must have body cams by 2023
- if info on body cam is not in written report the RO may be charged with class 3 felony
- restrictions are placed on when armed and/or fleeing felons can be shot, tased and more.

Re: Chicago's Proposed ordinance:

- Lt. must go on raid, deputy chief must sign warrant, execute warrants only between 9 AM and 7 PM, no more no-knock warrants, must wait at least 30 seconds after the knock, cannot question children, and property damage must be at a minimum. There is much more to both the state and city regulations, and I suggest looking them up on the internet for a better understanding. The bottom line is that police tools are greatly reduced rewarding criminals by giving them the opportunity to operate freely, and put police lives in danger.

Enough bad news for now; I hope that everyone and everything will return to a healthy normal. This is written in March. I wonder if the Department will allow the St. Jude ceremony/parade this year?

JANUARY 2021 RETIREES

Name	Rank	Unit/Dist.	Yrs.
Luis Aguilar	Officer	8	21
Hector L. Alvarez	Detective	650	27
Edward A. Annunzio	Officer	16	29
Derrick W. Ashford	Officer	2	25
John R. Bernath	FTO	124	27
Arthur J. Billingsley	Officer	17	30
Michael L. Biritz	Officer	20	30
Jean M. Boyle	Officer	8	29
Valena M. Bradley	Officer	2	31
James P. Breen	Detective	610	30
Quentin T. Brice	Officer	18	26
Jeffery J. Brosseau	Officer	22	30
Gregory W. Buie	Detective	181	30
Joan M. Burke	Detective	630	30
Ronald A. Burrell	Officer	3	31
Steven D. Busch	FTO	2	24
Joanne P. Cadogan	Officer	17	24
Sharen M. Calvin	Officer	2	23
Marcia M. Campbell	Officer	50	31
Brian P. Campbell	Officer	50	27
Joseph R. Castillo	Officer	50	30
Jorge L. Chevere	Officer	542	22
Carolyn N. Chunn	Officer	542	21
Mark J. Cleggs	Officer	701	330
Michele R. Colbert	Officer	5	17
Steven D. Collins	Officer	8	27
Deborah M. Cooney	Officer	127	22
Aaron Cotton Jr.	Officer	384	35
Ramon C. Covington	Officer	51	28
Jason E. Cowin	Officer	12	21
Oscar L. Dailey	Officer	3	21
James A. Davis	Officer	189	34
Justine A. Day	Officer	127	26
Darrin Dickens	Officer	2	19
Jude N. Dimalanta	Officer	16	21
Patrick W. Egan	Officer	8	25
Robert W. Elkins	Officer	20	30
Jesus Espinosa	Officer	11	30
Luis F. Estrada	Officer	12	30
Jeffrey B. Felton	Detective	610	21
James J. Fernandez	Officer	193	29
Kevin P. Finnegan	Officer	20	25
Sheila R. Fulks	Officer	145	22
Wilman Garcia	Officer	51	30
Jimmie Gaskew	Officer	192	30
John M. Gillespie	Detective	650	30
Barbara M. Gilliana	Detective	79	26
Cecil Goston	Officer	6	31
Daniel J. Harris	Officer	50	30
Bryant Harris	Detective	610	30
Ronald L. Heard	Officer	2	31
David A. Heppner	Technician	193	25
Darryl M. Horton	Officer	701	29
Bruce R. Hovanec	Officer	50	36
Deon S. Hughes	Officer	701	26
Rufus L. James	Officer	9	31
Robert L. Jancevich	Officer	16	30
Rowan B. Jones	Officer	1	28
Clarence L. Jones Jr.	Officer	1	23
Fancisco M. Jotautas	Officer	51	30
Michael Kasper	Officer	8	29
James W. Kazmierczak	Officer	542	30
Patrick J. Kearns	Officer	19	28
Samuel C. Kendrick Jr.	Officer	50	27
Jerry K. Knickrehm	Officer	25	30
Rogelio Lara	Detective	610	30
James F. Lee	Officer	24	31

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Joseph Ligmanowski	Officer	16	21
David J. Lipinski	Officer	261	23
Herman Lopez	Detective	650	30
Hector L. Maitis	Detective	181	30
George E. Malloy Jr.	Officer	171	29
Sean P. Marron	Officer	50	29
Roberto Martin	Officer	17	28
David F. Matual	Detective	610	29
Janet M. McCann	Officer	22	27
Bertha McDaniels	Officer	2	21
Michael A. McDermott	Detective	180	28
Michael J. McDermott	Officer	50	32
Mark T. Mercer	Officer	18	27
Jack J. Meseck	Officer	7	30
Clarissa M. Mills	Officer	1	30
Arthur R. Munoz	Officer	50	31
Irwin S. Negron	Officer	50	31
George G. Newell	Officer	6	30
Judith A. Obrzut	Officer	19	29
Johnny O'Donnell	Lieutenant	12	30
Michael J. O'Donnell	Officer	1	25
Rodney M. Omachi	Officer	353	30
Vince Pacini	Officer	50	28
Percy L. Palmer III	Officer	167	22
Jack Pasquale	Officer	50	29
Scot R. Pemberton	Officer	20	24
David P. Phelan	Officer	17	23
Adam A. Pieknik	Officer	20	26
Albert D. Powe	Officer	1	27
Frank E. Quinn III	Officer	22	30
Robert Quintero	Officer	22	30
Daniel V. Randall	Officer	2	21
Elizabeth A. Read	Officer	24	26
Anthony R. Reyes	Detective	630	30
Damone Riggins	Officer	145	21
Milton Robles	Officer	12	24
Joseph L. Rodriguez	Officer	12	30
Michael R. Rucker	Officer	3	28
Edwardo Ruiz	Officer	341	25
Charles A. Ruzevich	Officer	701	28
Kenneth Rzeszutko	Officer	12	26
Dominic J. Sarlo	Officer	277	26
Frederick F. Scott	Officer	177	30
Mark C. Simpson	Officer	24	30
Thomas J. Skalski	Detective	620	23
Brian S. Skora	Officer	9	30
Shirolyn A. Smith	Officer	3	23
Richard Stadnik	Lieutenant	12	35
Enid S. Staggers	Officer	1	30
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Milton D. Storey	Officer	59	31
Timothy Swayzer	Officer	701	22
Johnny Tarasiuk	Officer	16	21
Christopher A. Thedford	Officer	353	26
Dawn D. Thomas	Officer	7	21
Jaime Velez	Officer	12	25
Sharon K. Walker	Detective	620	26
Karen Weathersby-Lee	Officer	5	30
Carol A. Weingart	Officer	19	27
James W. Wendlandt	Officer	9	30
Vanessa D. Westley	Officer	135	30
Danette Wetterer	Officer	6	20
Stanley E. Williams	Officer	18	28
Dawn T. Williams	Officer	145	26
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PHILLIP HYMAN
STANLEY KIWALA
DAVID KOZEK
THOMAS LONGHRAN
TERRACE MC KAHN
GOSKO NOBUKO

RORY O'CONNOR
ANDREW PALAHNIUK
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THOMAS TAINO
JEROME WARD

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JAMES COURTNEY
PAUL CZERNIA
DANIEL FISHER
MICHAEL GALLAGHER
NORMAN HENDRICKON
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 Members of the Retiree Association,

First, let me say thank you for your generous gift of \$10,000 to Lodge 7 for the future food trailer. Early on we committed to doing things differently going forward and member outreach and fraternalism was at the top of the list. In this anti-police climate we live in today, coming together is more important than ever. Many of you worked during the turmoil of the 60's and 70's . You know firsthand how chaotic times can get professionally and even personally. With the 24hr news cycle it has only become worse. We will continue to fight for our members, active and retired. Your donation will go towards food and supplies when we go out to CPD units and other functions . We welcome and encourage all retired members to join us when they occur. We will send notice to your board so they can forward it to the members.

Several lodge 7 members were joined by Wisconsin Fop and "Rocky" from the Troopers Lodge in a trip up to Minneapolis to support our brothers and sisters on the front lines up there. The goal was to let them know they are not alone. We wanted them to feel support outside their immediate area. We cooked for about 400 officers

in total. Word spread and the feedback was appreciation beyond words. That is exactly the sentiment we are trying to grow. Lodge 7 is the biggest local in the FOP family and its time we start acting like the leader. With your help and support, that is exactly what we will be able to continue to grow.

Today the city released video of a shooting of a 13year old gang member. As expected, it was slanted to be more concerned about the offender than the officer(s) involved. We are in very troubled times in this country and now more than ever our active members need all the support we can get. I urge all members of the retiree association to get a little more involved with Lodge 7 if possible. Our members would appreciate the support from anywhere at this point but who knows better what they are going through than those who have walked in those shoes previously. Stay safe and healthy. Keep collecting those checks and get ready for the upcoming election season in 12 months. We need CHANGE!!

John J. Catanzara Jr.
 President
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