



R•C•P•A Newsletter

RETIRED CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

August 2017

President's Message

Harold Brown

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, August 20th at 1 P.M. It will be held in the 1st district meeting room. We are always happy to see new retirees. After the meetings please stay meet with your fellow retirees and enjoy some Sub sandwiches.

September 17th is the date for our Harrington's Corned Beef Dinner it will be held in the FOP hall. Cocktails will be served from 5 to 6 p.m. Again this year we have to limit to the first 120 that send in their reservations there will be no tickets sold at the door unfortunately last year we had to turn some of our members away. More information regarding the dinner can be found on page 7.

I spoke with Attorney Krislov regarding the lawsuit for retiree's health insurance. I told him it is my opinion that if he won and the court said the city would have to take us back, those of us on Medicare with Aetna, would not go back to the city plan. I explained we are paying less for our medication and we no longer have to wait for the calls from benefit management that never come. I told Krislov he could put an article in our newsletter explaining what is happening with the court case.

The next north side Luncheon will be at Biaggio's, 4240 N. Central Ave. It will be Wednesday August 23, Lunch at 12:00 Noon .

Hope you all have a great summer.



REGULAR MEETING

Sunday, August 20th, 2017 at 1:00 PM
1st District Community Room
1718 South State Street

Retiree Healthcare

By Clint Krislov; Krislov & Associates Ltd.

Dear Retired Chicago Police Association members,

Since the City first turned on the retirees in 1987, we've been fighting to keep retirees' City-promised permanent healthcare benefits alive. We obtained annual audit and reconciliation refunds for you totaling over \$51 million so far, with the years 2013-2016 still in the works.

The Appellate Court recently reversed Judge Cohen's ruling that only pre-8/23/1989 retirees are protected. The Court's ruling, which will be on our website, holds that all people hired by mid-2003 are protected, but only to the extent of the 1983 subsidy levels.

As we view the decision, it fundamentally fails to meet the Illinois Supreme Court's Kanerva v. Weems state healthcare decisions declaring that retirement benefits are to be construed liberally in favor of the retirees. So, we're working on getting that decision reheard, and corrected; the goal being to restore your promised lifetime healthcare coverage, with your premium paid by your Fund. We expect to pursue the case for a decision ultimately by the

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We intend to continue this battle, but we need your help. Contributions can be made by sending a check to the Krislov firm or visiting the link below:

<https://secure.lawpay.com/pages/krislove-and-associates-ltd/operation>

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Just A Thought...

By Russ Schaefer, RCPA Trustee

Last month I received a disturbing phone call from an old friend and law enforcement professional living in Los Angeles County California. It seemed that he found an individual that he had arrested and sent to jail on his front porch late one night. Needless to say my friend won the firefight. The following investigation found that this bad guy found the retired officer through an on line site called trueperspon.com. Also last month I received an e-mail from a fellow retired CPD Lieutenant also informing me of this site. I decided to cruise the site and after identifying myself with very little information, much information about me was returned. What I found was my current and former addresses, current and former phone numbers and names of family members including my wife as well as friends and associates. I could have found out more about me but I did not wish to pay for it. This site did give the option to have all this information removed from the site with nothing more that the click of the mouse.

I began at that point to share this information with other officers and the responses were immediate. At a recent reunion of 021st District officers at Sox Park I shared this information and as I spoke many of them were going to this site on their cell phones and no one was pleased that this information was out there and so accessible. One old partner that I spoke to related a situation in which gang members had hired a private investigator to locate the residence of a CPD member. Needless to say these web sites as well as the self determination of bad guys to find us for whatever set of reasons and not good ones I might add is extremely disturbing not only for our safety as police officers but for the safety of our loved ones as well.

To summarize: I Googled myself and found that truthfinder.com and beenverified.com also had information on me which included the following information: addresses,

phone numbers, relatives(including ex-spouses)court and criminal info, social media info, property assets, e-mail addresses, associates and YES! Revealing photos!! So take some time to check out these sites and remove as much information as might be available and you have to believe that there are more sites out there with more information about us than you can even imagine. In closing, do not have any expectation of privacy in today's climate of information sharing; remember there is no such thing as privacy today.

Good luck my friends and stay safe.....Russ

Don Januszyk *1st Vice President*

Half of 2017 is gone, and the State of Illinois is not better off. Madigan and his minions are running roughshod over the people in Illinois, especially those who are retired. Mayor Rahm is taking credit for revitalizing the pensions as he kicks the 3 can down the road. When SB 777 was passed, it was to be a savior for the police pensions and the casino that was part of the bill is absent, so how is our pension funded? Recently, those WE elected passed a bill circumventing the process for a transgender to change gender on their birth certificate without a medical procedure (chopadickoffomy or an addadictamy). This, to our elected representatives is more important than pensions, education and a balanced budget. Further, there is a move to give additional rights to illegal immigrants. The media refers to them as undocumented. I'm sorry but illegal is illegal. My grandparents were LEGAL immigrants. Parents who brought their children to the United States illegally had the opportunity to make things right; many didn't. Why should U.S. citizens pay entitlements for illegal individuals? Illegal refers not only to Latinos, but also to Polish, Irish, Oriental, Africans, and etc. Chicago police are ordered to look the other way. What other laws are cops to ignore, and who chooses them?

Medical Insurance

Mayor Rahm , portraying himself as savior of Chicago, took away medical benefits from close to 25,000 city retirees. This letter contains an update from Attorney Clint Krislov and asking for additional funds. I contacted Mr. Krislov relative to the Korshak case about 4 years ago, prior to this mess. He has been the only attorney in the battle. He was appointed by the court, and had the best knowledge concerning the issue. Members of RCPA, FOP, and the Sgt's Assn. have donated substantial funds. The Firemen, and other City Pension Funds have contributed NOTHING in support this fight. When you see or speak to these individuals, please make your feelings known to them. Mr.

Krislov is always looking for donations. Many speculate that if he wins the battle he will reap a load of money; that is up to the courts. You judge whether or not you want to send him another check. Many of our members cannot afford more, and that is respected. If you have a problem with someone denying you your Aetna Medical Benefits, advise them that it is a PPO insurance. (This is unclear) If you still have a problem contact Mr. Jack Byrne at 312-415-6041. Note that number on the bottom of your Aetna Membership card. Also, you can leave a message at our office. Do not wait until your procedure is done!!!! The City wants to build a new police and fire academy. The one on Jackson was sinking and leaking after a few years, and there is no parking; then they built the headquarters building and floors met warehouse specifications, not office building specs, and they are not level, so they spent money for levelers on the desks. The plans called for a two level parking lot and they eliminated that causing many to have to park illegally when visiting on business. Nothing is on the level here and for an explanation check out the mural at 35th street. What does Lady Justice have on the left side of her scales? So, how will they screw up the new first responders' academy?

The police have been involved in several shootings this year. Officers involved are assigned to administrative positions. The department is short of officers. When there is a police related shooting, note the number of police officers assigned to the crime scene further diminishing the

number of officers in the district of the incident as well as surrounding districts. In the past, beaches were patrolled, by Summer Mobile officers and the North-side as well as downtown were usually safe, with few crimes vs. persons; that is no longer the case. The Chicago media seldom reports on this. We have an increasing problem that leadership has no idea how to solve. Perhaps they are afraid to do what is necessary for fear that their jobs may be jeopardized so the murders continue. Anyway enjoy the rest of the year, be proactive, and be safe!!!!



Pictures Taken at the FOP Memorial Service

Pictured (left to right): Ron Shogren, FOP Trustee; Chris Southwood, State FOP President; Rocky National, FOP Trustee.



Pictured (left to right): Ron Shogren, FOP Trustee; Mike Underwood, FOP Trustee; Harold Brown, RCPA President.



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Treasurer's Message *By Ron "Topper" Topczewski*

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

We are looking forward to our famous Harrington's Corn Beef Dinner. Save the date, September 17, 2017. Details are in this newsletter. I thank all those who donated raffle gifts for our dinner. Once again we have too many gifts to list.

1st Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m.
Cop Shop, Cape Coral, Florida
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RON "TOPPER" TOPCZEWSKI
Treasurer

NORTH

1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 a.m.
Lone Tree Manor
7710 N. Milwaukee Avenue

SOUTH

2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
Jedi Garden Restaurant
9266 S. Cicero Avenue