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RETIRED CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

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IF YOU RECEIVED A YELLOW NEWSLETTER, YOUR 2017 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 2017 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 on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 1:00 pm. It will be held in the 001st District community room at 1718 S State Street.

As provided by state law a cost of living adjustment (COLA) will be reflected in your annuity check on January 3, 2017. This increase only applies to retirees who have attained 55 years of age and have been retired 13 months and were born before January 1, 1966.

Retired Public safety officers, do not forget the \$3000 benefit that you are provided under the Helps Provision under the Pension Protective act of 2007. This benefit allows for tax deferred deductions of insurance such premiums as: dental optical and long term care if the premiums are deducted from your pension check. Check with your tax consultant.

The year is over and the mayor kept his promise to take away our insurance. Aetna Insurance has signed about 4, 600 city retirees, Blue cross and Blue shield about 1,100, about 2,000 went with their own provider or have no insurance.

For the first time in its history the Board of Directors of the Retired Chicago Police Association have voted to endorse a candidate running for office in an FOP election. Our decision was done so for the following reasons.

The current FOP President, Dean Angelo Sr., kept the promises he made during his 2014 campaign.

He promised to secure healthcare coverage for retirees before the city was to end retiree insurance.

REGULAR MEETING

Sunday, February 26th, 2017 at 1:00 PM
1st District Community Room
1718 South State Street



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Treasurer's Message

By Ronald Topczewski

If you received a WHITE NEWSLETTER, your 2017 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.

For the FOP Election I am endorsing Dean Angelo's entire ticket.

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

HAROLD BROWN
President

RONALD TOPCZEWSKI
Treasurer

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National Conference on Public Employee Retirement System

Don Januszyk *1st Vice President*

Here we go again; the new year started negatively as Chicago Mayor, Rahm Emanuel, with approval of most Alderman, terminated the medical insurance for over 20,000 retired city employees, yet the Mayor, Aldermen and their families retained their retirement insurance. Again, he shows disdain for city retirees.

Recently, the Chicago Sun-Times published a letter from the Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2, President Tom Ryan. He blasted Mayor Emanuel for cutting medical insurance for the fire fighters and other retirees. Too little, too late; when we asked Ryan and his members to fund the fight against the city to keep our health insurance, Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2 contributed a measly \$2,500 dollars. The Chicago Police Organizations and Associations contributed over \$800,000 dollars. On speaking with retired firefighters, they had no information about their loss of medical benefits. When I was working, the police always supported the firefighters, paramedics and their families. Mr. Ryan, if you can't fight for your members, just be quite. The other three pension funds contributed nothing, and their members have been shafted worse than us.

Just A Thought...

By Russ Schaefer, RCPA Trustee

If I was allowed the opportunity to sit and speak to Mayor Rahm I would start by lauding his ballet dancing prowess as I heard he was doing pirouettes on the fifth floor of city hall on 31 Dec 2016 for successfully throwing approx. 6,000 police retirees out from under the city supported health care that had been promised to all of us when we joined the Chicago Police Department. Yep, thanks to the Tiny Dancer we were thrown under the bus, into the curb and finally down into a ditch filled with three years of chaos over where to go and what to do for health care. For retirees that did not have Medicare, they were forced to look at the Affordable Health Care Act at a time when many insurance providers in many states were bailing out of the State Market Places/ACA.

I would also speak to the Tiny Dancer about the underfunding of our pension fund which was due to be fixed at the end of 2016 which coincidentally was also the end date for our healthcare. Funny, in all the years that this has been an issue (since 2010) it seems that no money was ever designated by Rahm in his proposed budgets

for complying with this critical legislation and now with the help of the Illinois Legislature (SB777) the 90% can has again been kicked down the road to year 2055. And again, our pension fund will be selling important assets because of this.

To be fair, lets also put some blame on our city council members and certainly the finance committee and its Chair, Alderman Burke, as none of them stepped up for us, the ones that would be the first responders to their homes or for their families in an emergency or possibly life threatening crisis. And finally without throwing a chair at Rahm to keep his attention, I would tell him about my 32 years of service to this city. There were broken bones, knocked out teeth, stabbed with a syringe, pushed off the back of a moving truck, knocked off a roof into a garbage can, several shootings, a nut job that bit me and ripped skin off my arm with his teeth, locked in a building with gas cans hanging from a ceiling and exploding into fire, oh ya, I almost forgot the gunshot wound to my right eye!

I could go on but I do not wish to bore Rahm, I just want him to understand the sacrifices that Police Officers can make for this city that he so claims to love. So shame on you Rahm, as all we ever asked in return for the sacrifices that we and our families made was that promises made, were promises kept.

Retirees Whose Membership Has Elapsed or Expired Can Return to the FOP

The RETIREE COMMITTEE sent a recommendation to President Angelo to allow retirees whose membership has expired or elapsed and were not allowed bac in the FOP under a "previous administration". Dean Angelo and his Board of Trustees sent this to the Board and it was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. What this means is that a former member can come back into the FOP for only the current year's dues. I personally want to let you know that it was Dean and his Trustees that brought this to the table. If you know of any retiree who would like to return to the FOP, kindly have them call Doreen at the FOP office, 312-773-7776. This is HUGE.

Fraternally yours,
Paul Vitaoli
Co-Chairman
FOP Retiree Committee

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ATTENTION

All FOP Members



It is time to elect the FOP Board of Directors. The ballots will be mailed to your homes on February 13, 2017, to be returned by March 6, 2017. Below is a list of RCPA members running for the Board of Directors.

Recording Secretary: Greg Bella

Sergeant-at-Arms: Bill Burns

The following members are running for Trustee:

Harold Brown, Pat Duckhorn, Kathleen Gahagan, Ken Hauser, Coralyn Hudik, Gary Hudik, Rick King, Tom Lonergan, Steve Marchfield, Rob (Lumpy) Rutherford, Vic Rini, Ralph Schauf, Steve Schorch, Ron Shorgen, Dan Trevino

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