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RETIRED CHICAGO POLICE ASSOCIATION

May 2016

YOUR 2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.

APPLICATION FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

Upon receipt of your 2016 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, May 22 2016 at 1:00 PM. It will be held in the 001 District Community Room at 1718 S. State Street.

Please mark your calendar for the St. Jude Memorial March and Ceremony on Sunday May 1st, at 08:30 Hours. It will be held on the lakefront at the Police Memorial Park.

Every month we receive calls from the spouses of retirees asking what can be done because their husbands forgot to change the beneficiary forms at the pension board. The first wife got the money. The pension board has to pay whoever is listed as the beneficiary. If you are not sure who you have as a beneficiary please check with the pension board.

Pension Fund – Mandatory Signature Form

Every few years the Pension Board sends out Signature Verification forms. These forms must be returned by May 15, 2016 or your annuity can be suspended until the form is returned. This is the Pension Boards way making sure we are still alive and no one else is receiving our pension. The signature form is sent to the address of record as of January 1, 2016 if you moved please notify the pension board in writing.

If you did not move and did not receive a signature card call the pension board at 312-744-3891.

Below is a update from attorney Krislov regarding our insurance.

Retiree Healthcare Update

Here's where we are in regards to Retiree healthcare at the moment:

1. Our appeal seeking an audit and reconciliation of the last six months of 2013:
 - Fully briefed, awaiting argument.

Our appeal seeking preliminary injunction against the city's 2016 increases:

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Treasurer's Message

By Ronald Topczewski

Edited by Richard Kotara at Minuteman Press

If you received a **WHITE NEWSLETTER**, your 2016 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. 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

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

REGULAR MEETING

Sunday, May 22nd at 1:00 PM
1st District Community Room
1718 South State Street

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National Conference on Public Employee Retirement System

Krislov update continued below

- Our brief is in. the City's brief was due April 1, the city has asked for another two weeks. We have not agreed, and will oppose any further extensions. Our Third Amended Complaint was filed in January:

- Despite our requests for the court to make its decision an appealable order, Judge Cohen has us all briefing on the City and Funds' motions to dismiss the Third amended complaint. Our brief will be filed by; the City and Funds have until May to reply, with a decision expected soon after that.

We are also filing a motion for the Supreme Court to take all of these cases directly. This is rare but possible, and would bring all of this to a head as soon as possible.

Don Januszyk *1st Vice President*

The primary elections are over and interestingly, in Illinois, Cook County there were no judges running on the Republican ballot. Also, I was informed that in one Democratic Ward they ran out of Republican ballots and had to send out for more.

There is a controversial race for the Cook County State's Attorney's office and Chicago's FOP Lodge 7 didn't endorse anyone for the position. The current ASA, Anita Alvarez, was not expected to win the primary, and the final vote count indicated she was trounced. The reason given was that many Cook County voters declared themselves as Republicans. Does this mean that Chicago is feed up with Democratic officials?

On election day I told someone I was going to vote, and he responded, "Why, it's only a primary". I explained that the primary is just as important as the regular elections. Candidates spend millions on the elections, but those who own the TV stations, radio outlets, and newspapers control the programing and the editorial content. Their resources are used to support those they approve and marginalize those they do not. Unbiased media is a myth.

We had the nominations for the new RCPA Board at our February meeting, and members approved our current Board, so you are stuck with me for two more years.

Regarding governing Boards and elections, several years ago the Chicago Police Sergeants Assoc. president was

arrested for stealing about 1.5 million dollars from their fund. The general members called for new Board members. The following September there was an election for a new Board and there was only one contested position. The rest of the Board was re-elected. So much for member participation. The thief was sentenced to 14 years, and recently released after serving only 4 years. Illinois is releasing inmates because, like everything else in Illinois, the correctional system is broke.

Elections are not until November, so media outlets will be filled with allegations. Please take the time to do your own research. I just finished reading the book "13 Hours" by Mitchell Zuckoff, the account of the private security force trying to save the U.S. personnel in Benghazi. I recommend it highly; it's available at your Library. Start in back of the book and read the explanation; it's likely to influence your vote in November.

Recently, in Illinois bill HB-777 extended the Chicago's payment into the police and fire pension from 10 to 15 years. Police and fire supported the bill because another bill was supposed to be introduced allowing a casino to be built in Chicago, and the casino proceeds would go into the police and fire pensions until they were 90% funded. HB-777 was being held by Sen. John Cullerton, awaiting the casino bill, but for some strange reason Sen. Cullerton sent the bill to the governor for his signature, without a casino bill. Did Mayor Rahm get to Cullerton with a different intent? The governor can sign the bill or it will automatically become a bill after 60 days. If this bill is approved without the casino bill, Mayor Rahm used us to get his casino with no intention of funding our pensions. Please take the time to find out what is going on; call your reps. Last minute addition, speaking with Ms. Katlin from Sen. Cullerton's office in Springfield on 14 April, Katlin stated the Sen. Cullerton thought it was time for pension reform and that the City of Chicago needed help which is why he sent SB-777 to the governor. So what does Sen. Cullerton think of Chicago's Police and Fire? His phone number in Springfield is 217-782-2728, take the time to call him and give him your professional thoughts. At the present time there is no Chicago casino bill on the table.

Insurance Info For Retirees

If husband and wife are the police, and the husband retires, he may go on his wife's policy or visa versa, to save money. However, when he, or the one that was riding on the others policy turns 65, they must apply for their own policy.

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The only exception to this rule is if the current policy holder is covered by the CITY through the labor contract until the age of 65.

It currently takes 30 to 90 days for the city to transfer the information, so if you waited until the last minute, you are without immediate coverage during that time. IF you incur expenses during that period you will have to file for reimbursement on your own.

Also take note, when you currently CALL the Benefit Management office on State street, you are actually speaking to someone in Georgia. If you go down there in person you would have the opportunity to speak with a human being. The City privatized Benefit Management a few years ago but that information may not have been received by all retirees.

Also, Medicare goes into effect on the 1st day of the month that you turn 65, so beware and make plans ahead of time. Do not wait until the last minute to do things what apply to your medical benefits, otherwise you may be up the creek without a paddle.

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Financial Spring Cleaning Checklist

As the weather warms up, many of us have done some spring cleaning to tidy up our homes. It's also a great time to review your financial affairs. Spending a little time reviewing and maintaining accounts will offer some immediate peace of mind and set a course for you to fully enjoy your summer!

1. Check your credit for free by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com. Your free report will not include your score, but it will allow you to review everything that's being reported. Be sure to dispute anything that's being listed incorrectly. CPFCU can help you with the dispute process.
2. Review any bills that you have set up to automatically renew. Do you have a gym membership that you never use or a subscription that you don't pay any attention to? Cancel anything that you don't use.
3. Review your insurance coverage. Make sure that the coverage you have matches your current assets and concerns.
4. Make sure that your contact information and beneficiary listings are up to date on all accounts.

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CPFCU POLICE WEEK '16 HOT DOG LUNCH

In honor of Chicago's Finest, Chicago Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union invites all CPD officers, retired and active, to enjoy an outdoor lunch at our Headquarters!

Monday, May 16, 2016
CPFCU Headquarters, 1407 W. Washington Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60607
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy hot dogs, chips, soda, and blue cotton candy courtesy of your Credit Union.

We'll also have special giveaways available at all CPFCU locations to help celebrate every day of Police Week. We're looking forward to celebrating Police Week and honoring our brave men and women in blue all week! Every day of every week, we cannot thank you enough for taking care of us, our families and our communities.

Deceased Brothers and Sisters

January 2016

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Just a Thought.....From Russ Schaefer, RCPA Trustee

Prior to retiring, my Tactical Secretary, now Sgt Colleen Tehan asked me what the first thing I was going to do when I retired and I spoke of a stack of books in the corner that I was going to dive into. Well eleven years later I have and I discovered a small book about the Proud Tradition of the Chicago Police Department. It is written history as well as pictorial history of the CPD and here are a few factoids from the years gone by. Did you know?

The birth of the CPD was August 15, 1835 with one elected High Constable and two assistants which predates the incorporation of the City of Chicago which was on March 4, 1837.

The large six pointed police star was worn by officers from the 1870s through 1899. In 1899 a shield replaced the star but only for one month because of the officer's objections and the star was returned.

In 1881, the CPD hired Sarah Littell as the first police matron whose primary function was to serve as a jail keeper for female arrestees. Matrons later took on many other important tasks.

In 1871, a milestone was reached with the appointment of the first black police officer, James L. Shelton. Because of prejudices he was kept in civilian clothing. Black officers did not wear uniforms until 1884 while working the Democratic National Convention.

1881 brought the first "call boxes" which were seven foot high octagonal booths where inside a telegraph unit was connected directly to a precinct station. In charge of these booths was the Chicago Police Patrol and Signal Systems.

Prior to fingerprinting the Police Identification Bureau utilized a complicated process that involved the precise measurement of the face and body utilizing various instruments. It was developed by Alphonse Bertillion of France and was used around the world for decades.

In 1908 the Department still had horse drawn wagons, 45 for patrol, nine for ambulances and spent \$20,000 on horse feed. In 1908 the Department purchased 3 automobiles. In 1910 the Motorcycle Unit was formed and the Marine Unit was reestablished. By 1918 the Department was equipped with 100 motorized cars and 75 motorcycles!

And finally the Police Headquarters at 11th and State Street was completed in the fall of 1928. At the time this facility was considered the nation's most modern police building of its time.

I have stopped at the year of 1928 but there is much more in this little book and the pictorial history displayed is amazing. The book is called A Proud Tradition, A Pictorial History of the Chicago Police Department. The authors are Dennis Bingham with Russell A. Schultz. Also there are many contributors such as my good friend from 021 (Lt.) Jerry O'Sullivan. Use your detective skills and find this book which was published by the Chicago Police Department, copyright 2005. You will be glad you did.

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