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F.O.P. NEWS

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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Train The Trainer

On June 8th and 9th, the National F.O.P., in conjunction with Freddie Mac, conducted Financial Training for 20 members at the Chicago Police Training Academy. This was a result of the National F.O.P. procuring a grant from the Federal Government to assist F.O.P. members in planning their financial futures. As this training centered on a "Train the Trainer" policy so that those who volunteered to be trained, could then in turn train others, the logical approach was to get the Department involved as well. The Department has always expressed an interest in educating the new hires on their financial futures and it seemed logical that to have the greatest impact, you would want to get them educated as early in their careers as possible. The Training Division ADS Matt Tobias saw the same potential in this and offered to host and supply trainers from his staff with the idea of working the training into their regular curriculum in the future. These cooperative efforts between the Department and the F.O.P. can have long lasting effects for the financial futures of our membership, an issue that all too frequently causes undue stress and unfortunate actions and the Department is to be commended for seeing the wisdom in this joint venture. The Lodge anticipates that

we will be scheduling training sessions here at the Lodge for our members more towards the end of summer and Freddie Mac has already sent us over 1000 of the training manuals.

Korshak Case

Our next date on the Korshak issue is July 3rd. At the last date, the Lodge, in response to the Court opinion that we did not have standing [which we are currently challenging], filed a new complaint on behalf of one of the court approved class representatives, John Dineen. The City and representatives for the other funds expressed concern over this move but we have been perplexed by their position on this issue all along. Our Pension Board Director recently sent out a letter to the annuitants re-explaining the Korshak decision and at the same time attempted to clarify the issue as it presently stands. Unfortunately, there was an error in the correspondence that will need to be rectified. The Lodge has taken the position that informing the members of how this issue will play out prior to the outcome of our court action, could be and has been misleading to the membership. The only facts that are relevant is that we are in court contesting the fees for retiree health care and that the City has admitted that there have been overcharges. For anyone to project definite amounts and dates when those amounts will be returned to

the annuitants is premature. Our objective in this case is to ensure that the City reimburses all that they overcharged and to have the amounts reconciled on at least an annual basis. Once again we have seen our workload increased due to the volume of calls we get when others misinform our members.

Pension News

On pensions, although we have yet to be contacted by the City's CFO, he was scheduled to appear before the Committee on Finance on June 21st to discuss the status of the City's Pension Funds. Unfortunately, the resolution that was scheduled to be addressed on this all-important issue was never called. It is beginning to seem more and more that although the City has been beating the drum on the need to address the issue, the urgency factor is non-existent. Both the Mayor and the CFO have been communicating with the media at least since November but there has been no communication with the employee representatives. Apparently the sky is not falling as rapidly as they had assumed.

State Conference

July 7-9, the 23rd Biennial Conference of the Illinois F.O.P. State Lodge will, for the first time, be sponsored by Lodge 7 and held here in Chicago. The attendance of elected representatives of the F.O.P. from around the State will give us the opportunity to showcase our City. We have

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received support from many of our ethnic organizations, politicians and vendors in our effort to ensure that the Conference is a success. The business of the State Lodge will be conducted including the election of officers, voting on By-law amendments and recognizing individuals for exemplary service to the membership of the organization. The importance of conducting the necessary business of the State Lodge in a positive way will bode well for us as a local Lodge in the fu-

ture. The importance of building and maintaining relationships has been exhibited a number of times over these past years on matters such as: acquiring the sworn affidavit legislation; enabling the compliance by Lodge 7 members, both active and retired, to carry concealed; racial profiling legislation in Springfield and our involvement in addressing National Legislation such as the Social Security issues. A strong and active State Lodge, such as we have,

enables us to address the matters of importance to all of Law Enforcement and our current administration has been recognized by the main law enforcement organizations, as the spokesman in Springfield on many issues.

In Memory Of A Charter Member

The Lodge lost one of its prominent supporters on June 18th. John Grizzoffi, a charter member of Lodge #7, passed away. John served the Lodge in its early years in a number

of ways including that of being the Financial Secretary before there was payroll deduction. John was active in the organization at the time before collective bargaining and was a force in securing that right for all of us. He is also well known for coordinating the North side Retiree Breakfasts for a number of years and all that knew John will miss him but appreciate, due to his recent health, that he is in a better place.

Our Pension Fund, *By Greg Bella, Third Vice President*

There have been many newspaper articles written about the City pension funds. There are four pension funds for City employees, Fire, Laborers, Municipal Workers and Police. Dana Levenson, (City C.F.O.), spoke to the City Club and his speech that day was the source for the newspaper articles concerning our pension fund going broke by 2028.

His speech covered a wide variety of topics concerning the City's finances, the state of the economy and fiscal challenges that lie ahead. I have a copy of the entire speech and will share some excerpts here that the media neglected to print.

The City now enjoys the highest bond rating (Aa3/AA-/AA) since 1978. Since 1989 the City has cut spending by well over \$2 billion. There are 2,800 fewer non-sworn City personnel today and the City has added 1,500 new police officers.

The City has taken bold and innovative steps to benefit people including the groundbreaking lease of the Skyway; a step no other City government in the nation has yet to emulate.

Right now the City is considering leasing Midway Airport, City parking garages and recycling centers. If this is done the money can be used to invest in neighborhood infrastructure and/or more fully fund our pension funds without burdening the taxpayer.

The City has cut non-safety spending and eliminated administrative vacancies. For further savings they are renegotiating the City's credit card contract as well as auditing the dependent health care program. The City has implemented a business tax amnesty and parking payment plan, which together has brought in over \$8 million in new revenue. The City has closed 2005 slightly above revenue projections and 2006 revenue streams remain on track overall.

Dana has painted a very beautiful landscape of the state of the City's economy and in doing so has put his BOSS in the very best light but now here is where the speech takes a turn.

The City of Chicago along with every other municipality in the nation faces the same

challenge and that is how to invest in new and better services without raising property taxes. The bottom line is that in the last five years alone, City pension costs have risen 41%, annuitant health care costs have risen 15.5%, and active employee's health care has risen 48.6%. We want to protect all those employees, past and present who work hard to earn their benefits. The status of our pensions is not nearly as rosy as much of the progress that was outlined earlier. In fact when we start to talk about the City's pensions situation while not dire today, neither is all that positive. It is in the best interests of all parties that the pensions are funded at a much higher level than they are today.

These pension funds are independent financial entities, which are funded statutorily to some degree by the City when their funded ratio goes below 100%. In 2007 the City will budget contributions because the funded ratios of the funds are below 100% for the most part. At the end of 2005 the aggregate funding of the funds was approxi-

mately 61%. The problem is the funded ratios are moving downward and will continue to do so, and, if they get to zero, the City is obligated to pay the annuitants benefits. (Our pension is protected by the Constitution of the State of Illinois section 5; "*Membership in any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired.*")

The investment performance of all four funds during the past five years is at an average of \$1.31, or \$.46 cents above the S&P 500, which is admirable but it is not nearly enough to perform at the expected actuarial rate of return \$1.59 which equates to 8%. Even a return of \$1.59 is not enough to get to a funding level where the City would feel comfortable.

Last year the City's statutory contribution to the pension funds was \$424 million,

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Our Pension Fund Continued...

which is more than 15% of the entire corporate budget. To be blunt here is where it gets sticky and controversial. The benefits of City jobs are very good: ERIs, increased benefit minimums, lower retirement age, lower years of service required, health care benefits, cost of living increases and eligibility enhancements.

Finally what does this all mean in terms of liquidity? If you take the average earning levels for the past five years (approximately 6%) and extrapolate from the market performance-contribution-benefit construct in place today you come up with a timeline or lifeline of the funds. The Fire fund will be depleted in 2025, Police in 2028 and the Laborers and Municipal fund in 2032. By no means is this an imminent problem today but well before the next decade the City has to address this problem. If the liquidation starts in 2015, it will be far more expensive to fix the problem than it is to address it today.

To best illustrate the problem take the police pension fund. \$3.9 billion in market value but the fund pays out \$36 million per month in benefits and fees. Therefore it needs to make 115% on its investments to break even. Last year the fund made 7.3% on its investments, not enough to break even or anywhere near enough to become better funded.

The first step after agreeing to recognize that the pensions are in tough shape and are likely to get worse is to put our collective heads together and come up with a

solution. One quick solution is a pension obligation bond, especially a sizeable one, issued by the City of Chicago and whose proceeds based upon the present contribution being the equivalent of new debt service would go to the pension funds and get the funding in the 80 if not 90% range. This only fixes the problem momentarily and not structurally. If the bleed continues at the same rate the day after the pension obligation bonds are issued all we have done is bolster the funded level but delayed the inevitable by the term of the bond.

Before the City would agree to such a bond issue or apply the proceeds of an asset sale to shore up the pensions, this group of union leaders, pension fund executive management and City of Chicago Officials need to come up with ways to address the ongoing structural imbalance. We are making a public invitation to all stakeholders to sit at the table and begin discussing with the City this problem in earnest. This will not be an opportunity for posturing by the City; rather it will be the start of long and frankly difficult discussions among the stakeholders. The ultimate goal is to get our pension funds in better shape and keep them healthy, which is in the best interest of the annuitants and the taxpayers of the City of Chicago.

Last month I attended the meeting of the pension board and asked some questions. I wanted to know why, if our fund is in such dire straights, did the board hire a firm to put the disability files together. It appears these files were put together previously by the people who work at the pen-

sion fund and I was told that it was time consuming because the people were constantly looking up medical terms in the dictionary. I have no idea why these people would be looking up medical terms since their job is to put a file together not write any recommendation. The new firm is costing our fund \$65 an hour to put the files together.

Why is a pension fund attorney at court in the lawsuit brought against the City by the F.O.P. for overcharging our retirees for healthcare? The answer given to me was that the Judge ordered the funds to have their attorneys present in court and Kugler is not charging the fund for his appearances.

Why did the pension funds volunteer to hire an actuary to crunch the cost of insurance numbers for the City in the retiree healthcare lawsuit? The City or at the very least Clinton Crisloff should have paid for this service. I was told that the City will reimburse the funds for the cost of the actuary.

My last questions were for Dana Levenson, who, if you are not aware, is the City's representative on our pension board. I questioned the timing of his speech which is very suspect with the contract expiring next year and wondered if this wasn't the same as the \$200 million black hole that appeared during the last contract negotiations. I asked what solutions City had in mind and can't help but wonder if a two-tiered pension plan was one of them.

Levenson replied that he has contacted Dennis Gannon and the CFL and is setting up a meeting between the City

and all 42 City unions to address the pension problem. He stated that the City wanted the first fifteen minutes of the meeting to present a myriad of possible solutions and then go into discussion on how to solve the problem. He stated the solution could be some combination of the solutions presented by the City. In case you wondered, yes the two-tiered pension is one solution being presented by the City.

As the stalking horse for the mayor he is doing a good job, sounding the alarm on the increases in health care costs. Last contract negotiations we were able to use the City's own figures to prove that health care costs have not risen as they have nationwide and I am sure that is the case once again.

Another important note is that the \$424 million contribution to the pension fund is what is required by law but the actuarially determined annual contribution for 2005 was \$698 million. I guess you could argue that this problem is of the City's own making because they are not contributing the amount determined by their own actuary. Since 2000 the City's statutory contribution is approximately \$238 million less each year than the actuarial requirement. Since 2000 if the City had met the actuarial amount of contribution to the funds they would have an additional \$1.4 billion.

As policemen you have to really wonder about the timing of this speech with contract negotiations right around the corner. The City will once again use the media to invent its case and push the City agenda at the contract table. The City has yet to contact the unions about meeting and solving this problem.

First Vice President's Report, *By Bill Dougherty*

Think About It!

This was sent to me via e-mail and I thought I should share it with our members. As we each kiss our family good-bye each day and come to work, we all know it could be for the last time. But none of us think it's going to happen to us. Although the number of officer deaths have been steadily declining since the 1970's and 1980's when it was not uncommon to see 200 line of duty deaths each year across America, the 155 deaths in 2005 is still too high.

With more cops wearing better body armor and the increased use of seat belts playing a big part in reducing line of duty deaths, officer awareness can reduce the number even more.

Next time that you sit down at your computer, check out the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP.ORG). This site

lists every officer who has lost his or her life in the line of duty, more than 18,000 of them. It also gives a brief description of how that officer died. As you read that description, think to yourself, "How many times have I done that?" or, "How many situations have I been in exactly like that?" It will make you pause. It will show you how quickly things can go wrong, even during the most routine of jobs.

Use the site to learn from our fallen Brothers and Sisters. Call for another car before approaching that "possible suspect"; look out for each other when responding to an assignment; put on your seatbelt even though it's a hassle; start heading in the direction of that in progress call that was dispatched to another unit. Honor these men and women by learning something from them.

This site also provides a

place for family, friends and cops from all over the world to leave words of condolence, special memories and thoughts. Read some of these comments and let them sink in. Then go back to work and do everything in your power to see your family never has to read those words about you. Honor these men and women by knowing how much you mean to your family.

The last thing I want you to do is read the officers' short biography. Read how much time that they had on the job, the date of their end of watch. Then read who they left behind. See how many have left infants and toddlers and small children. See how many leave pregnant wives. Think about the heartache in that family from the loss of that brother or sister. The heartache that never goes away.

Honor these men and women by remembering the day of their last roll call, their

end of watch, they were going to go home to their families and do things that we all do with our families when we go home. But they never got that chance.

Those of you that have been to Washington D.C. for the annual National Police Memorial Day on May 15th have seen the families of the officers making that solemn walk up the Capitol lawn. You have seen the young children; you have seen the babies who will never know what it is like to sit on Daddy's knee. It has brought tears to my eyes every time I've gone.

When you leave the site, take something with you. Take a little piece of those officers' lives with you. Take the thoughts of their families with you. Take the circumstances of their deaths with you.

**Learn from them.
Honor them.**



Guests that attended the F.O.P. Memorial Service on May 2, 2006 included (pictured above) Cook County States Attorney, Dick Devine; 1st Deputy Dana Starks; F.O.P. President Mark Donahue; Rabbi Moshe Wolf; Gold Star Families President, Gladys Young; Hundred Club President, Ralph Scheu; Father Tom Nangle; Alderman Ginger Rugai; Alderman Joe Moore and Alderman Ariel Reboyras.



The Memorial Service convened with a short, quiet prayer service in the courtyard before the Memorial Wall.

We always remember our brothers and sisters who have made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives, however, we also continue to be grateful that we suffered no Line Of Duty deaths in the year 2005.

Removing The Kinks, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

It was a hot sunny day in Chicago; so hot you could actually see heat waves rising in ripples off the pavement in Joe's driveway. "Looks like this drought is here to stay," Joe thought as he wiped perspiration from his forehead. He twisted a sprinkler onto the end of the water hose and placed it in the center of the lawn. He walked back to the faucet and gave it a short twist. The sprinkler only sputtered before going dry. "The Water Department did it again!" Joe muttered under his breath as he went inside to call. "If they have to ration water, they could at least make sure there's enough pressure to water the lawn when it's our turn."

Joe grabbed the phone and dialed the number to City Hall. "Water Depart-

ment," answered the woman on the other end of the line.

"Yes, this is Joe Smith, I live in the city and am experiencing problems with my water pressure. Could you tell me if anyone else has reported problems in this area?"

"No." The clerk responded, "No one has reported any problems. Perhaps you're having problems with your plumbing. Have you tried more than one faucet?"

"No ma'am, I haven't." Joe replied. "I'll check the other faucets and call you back if there's still a problem."

Joe went to his kitchen sink and turned on the water. "Doesn't seem to be a problem here", he thought as he made his way back to the yard. With little examina-

tion, Joe found his problem -- a kink in the hose. Feeling silly, he unkinked the hose and proceeded to water the lawn. Once the kink was removed, the water flowed freely, bringing much needed relief to the sun scorched soil beneath the grass.

As humans, we also get kinks in our lives, kinks of apathy and non-forgiveness, kinks of self-righteousness and sometimes even religion. These kinks can block the Divine Spirit from flowing through us, so that we might in turn minister to others.

Praise G-d, for He is able to remove these kinks from OUR lives -- but first we must allow Him to do so, by being flexible. Always remember the old adage. 'Don't tell G-d how big your problems are, tell your problems you have a big G-d'.

Some humorous facts about life to keep you smiling in this hot weather...

1. Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
2. Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.
3. Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
4. If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
5. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
6. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Santa's Village Is CLOSED!! F.O.P. Annual Picnic Being Reorganized!

On June 26th, the Lodge learned that the Santa's Village theme park will not re-open this year. Our traditional Santa's Village Picnic has come to an end.

Although rumors had been circulating for many weeks regarding the season at Santa's Village, we were asked to wait until certain events happened which would substantiate the rumors one way or the other.

It is regrettable that this long time standing tradition is ending and the Lodge is now seeking a venue to take its place. We look to the membership for recommendations as to that replacement for this year if possible and future picnics.

Please spread the news so that all members will not take a needless trip.

The Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge No. 7 Annual Golf Outing

St. Andrew's Golf Club
Rt. 59 at North Avenue
West Chicago, Illinois

Monday, August 28, 2006
Tee Times Start At 0700

\$340.00 per foursome - golf, cart, dinner
(cash bar) - four players needed to
reserve tee time.



Reservations being taken
starting 19 June 06 by
calling Kathy Moore or
Doreen Plachta at
312-733-7776

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Tim Fallon*

FLSA Lawsuit Update

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Lodge will have completed our discovery and all of the depositions in the FLSA lawsuit. The next step will be to return to court on July 13th to request a motion for summary judgment. We believe we have enough evidence from discovery and the depositions to support our case that the Department is in violation of the FLSA. This case is limited to the Departments' denial of officers taking compensatory time. The remedy is simple, allow officers to use their compensatory time when they want to. The City's position is that allowing officers to use their compensatory time when they want to would cause an "undue disruption" of service. However, the Department is not concerned about an "undue disruption" of service when a Captain or Lieutenant re-

quests to use compensatory time. Replacements for Captains and Lieutenants are routinely covered by finding another Captain or Lieutenant that is willing to work their day off. This is not a knock on the Captains and Lieutenants. Finding replacements for people that want to take a day off, using their own time, is how the FLSA mandates compensatory time should be handled. Either that or promote more Captains and Lieutenants to cover the workload. Even if there was not a Fair Labor Standards Act, the current mechanism for granting compensatory time is inherently unfair to Police Officers. Allowing one person to decide if time should be granted for a wedding, as opposed to a birthday party is not right.

As I stated earlier, we will be in court on July 13, and will request a summary judgment from Judge Shenkier. The first possibility is that

Judge Shenkier agrees to grant a summary judgment. It will take approximately three to four months before we would get his decision. If Judge Shenkier's decision is favorable to us, we would then enter negotiations with the City to put language in the collective bargaining agreement that regulates the use of compensatory time. An agreement in writing could be reached and implemented prior to next contract negotiations. While this is a best case scenario, we believe this is the way this case should and will resolve.

The second possibility is that Judge Shenkier denies our motion for summary judgment. This means we would proceed directly to trial. There is no way to determine how long a trial like this could take. If we prevail in a trial, we would still have to negotiate with the City for new language in the contract.

The third possibility is that Judge Shenkier grants the

City's motion for summary judgment. That means Judge Shenkier has decided we have not proven our case. We believe this is a very remote possibility. If Judge Shenkier decided against us, we would then have to file an appeal in the appellate court. There are already two appellate court decisions regarding this issue, both being favorable to our case. The first is from Milwaukee, and the second from Cleveland. The reason this is a worst case scenario is this process will take the longest time to resolve the issue in our favor. We believe at the end of the day we will prevail in this case, and officers will be able to use their compensatory time when they want. The only question in our mind is how long it will take before you don't have to explain to the Department what you are doing with your personal life when you want a day off.

Website Committee Report, *By Rich Aguilar, Chairman*

I recently had the opportunity to attend a Stress Management class offered at Lakeshore Hospital. I was somewhat pessimistic about the class, but went to it with the intention of gaining additional knowledge that could

be passed on to probationary police officers that I have the opportunity to train.

I was pleasantly surprised at the amount of information and stress management strategies that were presented. I soon realized that these tech-

niques had the potential to help some of my colleagues and maybe even members of my own family.

The purpose of this article is just that. Take a moment to reflect on yourself, your co-workers, and your immediate

family. The knowledge that you take away from this class has the potential to change a life. Take advantage of a benefit that the FOP has re-established for its members.

Address Change Form

Name: _____ Star Number: _____ Effective Date: _____
(Last, First, MI)

New Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Return Form To The FOP – Unit 541 or 1412 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago Illinois 60607, Attn: Doreen

2nd Vice President's Report, *By Frank DiMaria*

Zylon Vest Voucher Redemption Day

The Lodge learned that members who opted to receive a voucher from the Zylon Vest Class Action Administrator were encountering problems redeeming the voucher with a selected merchant in the Chicago area, the Chicago Uniform Company. The Chicago Uniform Company is an authorized dealer for a select brand of soft body armor, which was could be redeemed with the voucher.

I contacted the owner of the Chicago Uniform Company who said that, because his is an authorized dealer of the vests, he received over 50 requests to honor the vouchers on the Company's internet web site. He told

me that his company did not wish to participate in the redemption program. Evidently there is too much work involved in processing the claims for his employees and there was not enough money to be made from the transactions. The owner of the Chicago Uniform Company further stated that he has a business to run and he can not run this business without making a better profit than was being offered thru the voucher redemption program.

The Lodge, upon learning these facts, contacted a Representative from Streichers, a distributor for the selected products, to learn if they are willing to provide this service for our members. They said that they would be glad to assist our membership with

processing their claims.

The Lodge will host a Second Chance Zylon Vest Redemption Voucher Day on 19 July 06 at the Hall from 0900 until 1800 hrs. There will be Representatives from

Streichers who will assist our members in obtaining a new bulletproof vest and the additional items, which are allowed to be purchased with the vouchers.

SCHEDULED DATE FOR STRESS MANAGEMENT

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE FOR 2006

- 1) August 24 & 25, 2006 (RDO 3-4 & 4-5)
- 2) October 19 & 20, 2006 (RDO 2-3 & 3-4)

NEW LOCATION:

Chicago Lake Shore Hospital
4840 North Marine Drive
5th Floor Conference Room

****The course will be two days, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS!

For application please contact Pat Suchocki at the F.O.P. at 312-733-7776 or e-mail at pat@chicagofop.org

Disability Report & Veterans Corner, *By Carlos 'Sal' Saladino*

Disability Report

The best of health from the Disability Committee. We are available for calls at the F.O.P. office Monday through Friday. Click on the Disability Page link on the F.O.P. web site, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information.

May Pension Update – Advocates present: VP Greg Bella, Financial Secretary Tim Fallon, Det. Steve Schorsch, PO Cedric Brumley, Ret. Lt. Jim Bonk and myself. *Heart* – 1 claim granted, *Ordinary* – 1 claim granted, *Duty Disability* – 1 claim denied, 1 claim granted - This was the first case in which the managed care consultants (case management nurses hired by the Pension Board) were used to summarize the officer's medical history reports at a

cost of \$65 per hour.

Vocational Training Reimbursement Program Update – This program has a total of at least \$120,000 appropriated for the program. As of this writing those officers asking for an application and the actual acceptance into the program is slow. We either use the funds or lose it. Also, there is no retroactive payment. This program started effective 17 May 2006.

Grant Program for Dependents of Police Officers - Application for 2006-2007 academic year for duty disabled officers dependents are eligible. Call 1-800-899-4722 or go online at www.collegezone.com for information and deadlines. Go to Publications & Applications and click on To Applications.

Correction: Tom Pleines' name was misspelled in June's article. Oops.

Veterans' Corner

Operation Enduring Freedom - Our thoughts and prayers go to the CPD members who are actively serving our country in the military.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has sent information to veterans receiving disability compensation in several states where average compensation paid is less than in other states. Have your disability claim reviewed (1) if your condition has worsened, (2) if you feel that a disability is related to your military service, or (3) if you are unable to work and your service connected disabilities prevent you from working. Call the VA Regional Office at 1-800-827-1000 or visit their web site for more information at

<http://www.vba.va.gov/SpecialOutreach>.

Chicago Police Marines made their annual trip to the Manteno Veterans Home and donated \$6000 raised at their November fundraiser. The veterans enjoyed a barbecue and 'drinks' that were prepared and donated by CPD Marines. A huge Semper Fi!

I spoke with Roy Dolgos, Director of Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, and was told that the Illinois Lottery 'Veterans Cash' scratch off game has generated 1.5 million dollars since February. All proceeds benefit Illinois Veterans. Keep playing that game!

*"There is only one sort of discipline, perfect discipline."
~ General George Patton*

Airborne Sal

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

Officer Alphonsus O'Connor, 007

On Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Illinois State Crime Commission held its 10th Annual Awards Dinner at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace. Police Officer Alphonsus A. O'Connor, Unit 007, was honored as Police Officer of the Year. Members from F.O.P. along with Officer O'Connor's wife and mother were present for the ceremony. Congratulations Officer O'Connor for a job well done.

July and August F.O.P. Meeting

Lodge 7 will take its annual vacation from General Meetings for the summer during July and August. The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 19, 2006. Constitution and By Laws will be on the agenda for this meeting. The Lodge will continue to hold its monthly Board Meetings the first Tuesday of each month.

Military Reservists

Although small in numbers, roughly about 250 of Chicago's Finest wear two hats. They are Chicago Police Officers who also wear BDU's, Battle Dress Uniforms, and are enlisted into one of the five (5) branches of service. Currently 20 officers are on foreign soil, we ask our members to keep them in your prayers for a safe return home.

2006 F.O.P. Fishing Tournament

Another year, another fish story, new friends made, old friends reacquainted. A grand time was had by all. The Fishing Committee wishes to thank all who participated in the 2006 tournament. For the first time ever,

plaques were awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners while 3rd through 10th place received Certificates of Achievement. The weather was cloudy with rain during the early morning, however, that did not deter our anglers.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2006 Fishing Tournament:

1st Place:

Frank Schmalz and Rocco Desantis

2nd Place:

Joe Incaprera and Sam Incaprera

3rd Place:

Peter Montividas and Richard Coulter

4th Place:

Duane Devries and Scott Basak

5th Place:

Terry Bilyj and Bill Long

6th Place:

Will Zahn and Rob Dubeck

7th Place:

William E. Buglio and

Mike Bowen

8th Place:

Keith Schuman and

James Keller

9th Place:

Todd Sherman and

Paul Sherman

10th Place:

Keith Schuch and

Alan Schuch

Largest Fish:

Keith Schuman and James Keller

Senior Citizens

The hot and muggy summer months are upon us once again. Please take the opportunity to check on senior citizens that may reside on your block. Ring their doorbell; greet them as neighbors checking on their well being, one day it will be you that someone is checking on. Enjoy the summer months and vacation if one is planned.



Family Days at Six Flags Great America

August 11 - 14, 2006

**Tickets are available through the
F.O.P. Gift Shop for just**

\$26.00 each.

**You can purchase unlimited tickets for your
friends and family.**

Remember, no weapons in park, ever...

ALL MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME...



Store Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9:00 – 5:00
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**Happy 4th Of July Everyone And Welcome All Delegates
To The F.O.P. Illinois State Conference.
Sounds Like Good Reasons To Have A Sale!!**



60% OFF PO Mickey Polo Shirts (only XL size left in stock)
This is the final clearance and last chance to own this shirt.

30% OFF Ladies Polo with the new CPD star for PO or Detective
Available in black or light blue - Limited quantities and sizes available.

Police Station Wind Chimes
Was \$11.95 Now On Sale For Only \$9.95



Blue Star Night Light
Was \$5.95 Now On Sale For Only \$4.95

Youth Size For Boys & Girls - Tee-Shirt & Cap Combo Set
Available In Navy Blue Shirt With Light Blue Cap and Pink Shirt With Tan Cap
Size 2/4, 6/8, 10/12 & 14/16 All Sizes Prices At Only \$13.95

All Coffee Mugs On Sale This Month
10% OFF All Stock



CPD Patch & Star Coffee Cup
Only \$4.95

Kids "Bob-Squad" Tee-Shirt - A Favorite Cartoon Character & Friends In Police Gear
Was \$9.95 - On Sale Now For Only \$8.95



**Area Four Detective Division's 2nd Annual
Ride To Remember, Memorial Motorcycle Ride**

Area Four Detective HQ
3151 W. Harrison - Harrison & Kedzie - West Parking Lot
Chicago, Illinois

Register by 01 July 2006 to ensure tee shirt delivery. Each registration includes:

- Ride to Remember Tee Shirt
- Party for all participants at the FOP Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago, Illinois
- Food/Live Music/Refreshments & Benefit Raffle

The ride leaves Area 4 on Sunday, July 30th and travels south on the Boulevards to the Police Memorial Site near Soldier Field, where there will be a short program.

For more information, registration forms or to register online, please visit: www.area4ridetoremember.com or www.cpdmemorial.org,

or contact Detective Tom Flaherty at 312-746-8252

This event is open to the public and all makes and models are welcome.

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**ALL UNITS CITYWIDE, RESPOND TO THE "10-1",
OFFICER NEEDS HELP AT 1412 W. WASHINGTON
BLVD ON AUGUST 4, 2006 AT 1800 HOURS.**

**BENEFIT PARTY
FOR
P.O. ALEXANDRA MARTINEZ**

August 4, 2006, 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

**F.O.P. Hall
1412 W. Washington Blvd
Chicago, IL 60607**

Food - Beer - Pop - Raffles - Split The Pot - Music

Admission Cost \$20.00

**PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT ONE OF YOUR
OWN.**

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April 2006 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Avalos, Shirley	Officer	050	28
Baker, Jeannie M.	Officer	276	25
Boock, Jack E.	Detective	640	29
Brink, John B.	Officer	016	37
Bubert, Edward A.	Officer	013	29
Cureton, Andre P.	Officer	002	26
Day, Edward C.	Detective	630	29
Doyle, John J.	Officer	021	30
Ervin Jr., John C.	Detective	601	33
Ervin, Sandra J.	Officer	002	24
Fenner, Harry J.	Detective	630	33
Garcia, Jr., Juan	Detective	189	25
Grapenthien, Robert J.	Lieutenant	193	33
Grayson, Mattie L.	Officer	007	17
Hartwig, Thomas A.	Officer	012	26
Holec, John J.	Officer	017	29
Jucha, Walter F.	Officer	019	33
Malkowski, Jerome S.	Officer	004	38
McClinton, Derrick	Officer	024	27
McPhee, Rozenda P.	Officer	006	21
Mickleborough, M.B.	Officer	019	29
Nowak, David	Detective	640	33
O'Brien, Marc W.	Officer	050	26
Patterson, Johnny	Officer	002	30
Petrauskas, James	Officer	012	29
Prieto, Dennis V.	Asst. Dep. Sup.	140	38
Richard, Stanley	Detective	079	36
Rohrlack, James N.	Detective	640	29
Skwarski, Barbara A.	Officer	050	25
Smith, Jimmie L.	Officer	051	29
Sostand, William C.	Officer	007	20
Tyler, Lazane B.	Officer	002	29
Vrtis, Stephen T.	Officer	001	34
Wolanski, John C.	Lieutenant	022	33

May 2006 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Amari, Jr., Louis V.	Officer	189	38
Capasso, Sandra J.	Officer	016	24
Dickerson, Eddie L.	Officer	018	36
Drochner, Fred E.	Officer	018	25
Grizzard, Kenneth	Officer	001	31
Gwin, Richard S.	Officer	001	40
Hampton, Patricia E.	Officer	021	16
Herr, Robert J.	Officer	011	24
Knight, Richard J.	Officer	008	29
McBride, Michael J.	Officer	012	24
McGreal, Thomas F.	Detective	601	29
Simpson, Robert R.	Officer	016	37
Ward, Jr., John G.	Officer	012	30

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events listed will occur from July 7th thru August 31st of 2006. For further information on any events posted below contact the Lodge (312) 733-7776, log onto the FOP website at www.chicagofop.org, or call the Hotline number at 312-733-2101.

07 Jul 06	F.O.P. State Conference / Chicago, IL
10 Jul 06	Golf Outing / Irish American Police Assoc. Darien, IL / 312-746-8350
20 Jul 06	Golf / British Open / England
20 Jul 06	8 th Period
23 Jul 06	Parent's Day
28 Jul 06	Recognized Openings in Districts and Units (Section 23.9, Filling Unit Duty Assignments)
29 Jul 06	Venetian Night
30 Jul 06	Irish American Police Assoc. / Picnic Bemis Forest Preserve / 312-746-8350
01 Aug 06	F.O.P. Board Meeting / 10am
14 Aug 06	Golf / PGA Championship
19 Aug 06	Air and Water Show / Aug 19-20
23 Aug 06	Watch Bids Open
25 Aug 06	Recognized Openings in Districts and Units (Section 23.9, Filling Unit Duty Assignments)
26 Aug 06	Latin Music Festival / Aug 26-27
28 Aug 06	F.O.P. Golf Outing
31 Aug 06	Jazz Festival / Aug 31- Sep 3



How to Prepare for the Chicago Police Lt. Promotional Exam 2006

Those who attend will:

- Learn key management situations that have appeared on recent exams.
- Learn proven techniques on how to answer multiple-choice questions for the new exam.
- Review previously tested areas that have the highest probability of appearing on future tests.
- Be shown which answers will score the most points.
- Take home practice test questions.

**This is a FREE class offered by
Dr. Jeff Bernstein & Associates**

Saturday, July 15, 2006, 1000 - Noon or 1800 - 2000 hours

University of Illinois, Room 250
Science & Engineering Building (SES)
845 W. Taylor Street
Chicago, Illinois

Treasurer's Report, *By John Capparelli*

Is Your Beneficiary Right?

We run this article so often that it seems ludicrous when someone dies and leaves the life insurance benefit to an ex-spouse, an old girlfriend or dead parent. However, here we are again and it continues to happen. Just the other day, a young widow came into the Lodge and discovered that her Mother-In-Law was the designated beneficiary for the life insurance provided here. Also, the Mother-In-Law was still the beneficiary for the death benefit at the Pension Board. Let's just say that the Mother-In-Law is less than cooperative with the Daughter-In-Law. It happens.

Officers, please take a moment and make sure your beneficiary is actually someone you want it to be, not your old girlfriend from when you started on the job, whom you have not seen since she had her last child with her third husband. Call the F.O.P. at 312-733-7776 and ask anyone who answers the phone who you have on record as your beneficiary. If needed, we are happy to send a new membership card out to update the information. Also, it wouldn't hurt to make the same call to the Pension Board, 312-744-3891. See below what your hateful, vindictive, ex-spouse, who remarried your best friend, would receive if you didn't change your beneficiary when you should have.

Life Insurance Specifications

Every member of the F.O.P., Chicago Lodge 7 has life insurance. The amounts are as follows. Please keep

this page with your important insurance policies and papers.

Class 1 – Under Age 63

\$3000 Life benefit is paid when a member dies from any cause. **\$3000** Accidental Death benefit is paid in addition to the Life benefit when a member dies from an accidental bodily injury, or exposure or loss of life due to adverse weather conditions, or disappearance for 365 days after the date of the accident. **\$5000** Line of Duty benefit is paid in addition to the Life and Accidental benefits when an active, at work member is killed in the line of duty.

There are Expanded Accident benefits that are also paid out when a member is involved in an accident that directly results in one of the following losses: Loss of hands or feet, **\$3000**. Reattachment of hand or foot, **\$1500**. Loss of hand or foot, **\$1500**. Loss of speech, **\$1500**. Loss of hearing (both ears), **\$1500**. Loss of thumb and index finger of same hand, **\$750**. Paraplegia, **\$1500**. Loss of sight, both eyes, **\$3000**. Quadriplegia, **\$3000**. Loss of sight, one eye, **\$1500** and Hemiplegia, **\$1500**.

Occupational Assault benefit, **\$1500**, is paid in addition to other applicable benefits when an active, at work member's loss of life occurs as the result of an act of physical violence.

Seat Belt benefit, **\$3000**, is paid in addition to other applicable benefits when a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while properly utilizing a seat belt system, as evidenced by a police report.

Common Carrier benefit, **\$3000**, is paid in addition to other applicable benefits

when a member is killed while riding as a fair-paying passenger on qualifying public transportation.

Class 2 – Age 63 – 74

\$1000 Life benefit is paid when a member dies from any cause. **\$3000** Accidental Death benefit is paid in addition to the Life benefit when a member dies from an accidental bodily injury, or exposure or loss of life due to adverse weather conditions, or disappearance for 365 days after the date of the accident.

There are Expanded Accident benefits that are also paid out when a member is involved in an accident that directly results in one of the following losses: Loss of hands or feet, **\$1000**. Reattachment of hand or foot, **\$500**. Loss of hand or foot, **\$500**. Loss of speech, **\$500**. Loss of hearing (both ears), **\$500**. Loss of thumb and index finger of same hand, **\$250**. Paraplegia, **\$500**. Loss of sight, both eyes, **\$1000**. Quadriplegia, **\$1000**. Loss of sight, one eye, **\$500** and Hemiplegia, **\$500**.

Occupational Assault bene-

fit, **\$500**, is paid in addition to other applicable benefits when an active, at work member's loss of life occurs as the result of an act of physical violence.

Seat Belt benefit, **\$1000**, is paid in addition to other applicable benefits when a member is killed as a result of an automobile accident while properly utilizing a seat belt system, as evidenced by a police report.

Common Carrier benefit, **\$1000**, is paid in addition to other applicable benefits when a member is killed while riding as a fair-paying passenger on qualifying public transportation.

Class 3 – All Members Age 75 And Older

\$500 Life benefit is paid when a member dies from any cause. **\$3000** Accidental Death benefit is paid in addition to the Life benefit when a member dies from an accidental bodily injury, or exposure or loss of life due to adverse weather conditions, or disappearance for 365 days after the date of the accident.

Departed Brothers & Sisters

James F. Hardaway, Age 63

Curtis H. Jackson, Age 83

Sigfredo L. Lopez, Jr., Age 46

Darwin D. Mason, Age 76

William J. Mitchell, Age 86

Eugene Nelson, Age 74

Frederick F. Sparano, Sr., Age 75

Frank M. Stellato, Age 85

Willard T. Walker, Jr., Age 60

Robert F. Keating, Age 66

Simeon Frost, III, Age 56

William R. O'Brien, Age 75



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F.O.P. Picnic
For Members & Their Families Only!

~~Wednesday, July 19, 2006~~
~~10 am — 6 pm~~

Santa's Village

Cancelled!!!