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1412 W. Washington Blvd.

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Gerry Majerczyk

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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Political Endorsements

The Political Action Committee made their recommendations to the Board of Directors on January 23rd for the upcoming Mayoral Elections. The Committee followed the guidelines of the Political Endorsement Policy and Procedure in formulating recommendations for the Board.

The first order of business was to send a letter to each of the registered candidates informing them that they must request an endorsement in order for it to occur. The letter informing the candidates that their requests were due by January 5th was sent out on December 20th to the address they registered with the Clerk.

For those who requested the endorsement, they were contacted and offered the opportunity to be interviewed by the Political Action Committee. Those interviews occurred on January 18th and 19th, and a total of 80 interviews were conducted by the Committee.

After the interviews, the Committee formulated recommendations based upon criteria addressed in the Policy.

At the Special Board Meeting called for the purpose of addressing the recommendations of the Committee, after having ample time to review the recommendations, a motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations. There was then discussion on several of

the races and in particular that of the mayor. The Board then voted and the endorsements are contained after this column as part of the press release that was put out after the meeting.

These recommendations are for your consideration. They are made to give you the opinion of the Lodge as to whom the Lodge feels will best support us in our efforts to represent you and obtain more favorable wages, hours, working conditions and other benefits that are not contained in the contract. First and foremost "VOTE", and in doing so, give consideration to our endorsements.

Legislation

The Legislative Committee will be meeting to finalize our agenda that will be introduced in Springfield. A full list of that agenda as well as the bill numbers will be posted here and on the web site as soon as they are finalized. The FOP National Legislation will be addressed again this year in Washington when our "Day on The Hill" takes place from February 13 thru the 15th. The three top issues to be addressed will be: the "Social Security Fairness Act" which will restore unfair cuts in Social Security Benefits; the "Public Safety Employee-Employer Cooperation Act" which will guarantee the rights of all public sector employees to bargain over wages, hours and working conditions; and the "State and Local Law Enforcement Offi-

cer's Discipline, Accountability and Due Process Act" which will provide for due process in a Bill of Rights for those that don't currently have any. We here in Illinois are fortunate to currently enjoy the latter two issues due to the diligence and hard work of our predecessors in the FOP. Our goal is once again to have all of our Illinois Representatives in Washington sign on as co-sponsors to the bills. Last year we were successful in achieving this for the Social Security Fairness Act except for the Speaker who traditionally doesn't sign onto anything. Now that the structure has changed, we are looking for true unanimous support from our Illinois elected officials.

Parking Legally

Every now and then we all need to remind ourselves that if something sounds too stupid to be true, it probably is. A directive was recently issued which many members interpreted it to mean something that defied logic. Although recognizing the potential for problems with the directive, as Police, we possess a greater level of common sense than most, and as long as we utilize it, we should have few if any problems. In cases where problems arise, the Lodge will address them directly but as in this case, well-placed phone calls can also avoid many problems.

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

Injuries On-Duty and Duty Disability

Every officer who is injured on-duty starts out with a trip to the emergency room for treatment with follow up referrals through the Medical Services Section. The officer is given referrals for follow up treatment, therapy and surgery (if necessary).

Contractually, an officer is entitled to 365 days of paid time off to recover for each injury on-duty. These 365 days are limited to that 1 year of recovery time in an officer's career. Should an officer use all 365 days, he/she goes into a no pay status pending the hearing at the pension board. The officer at this time goes to the pension board and receives an affidavit (that the officer fills out) describing the circumstances of his/her injury on-duty. The lodge attorney will assist the officer with this affidavit. The officer then turns the affidavit into the pension board.

While an officer is waiting for the final determination of benefits by the Pension Board they are required to contribute

the same amount as active officers for health care benefits. The Pension Board then starts the process where the officer is sent to the pension board doctor along with a copy of his/her medical records. The doctor then makes a decision based upon a physical exam and the medical records from the Medical Services Section, whether or not he believes the officer is disabled or able to return to work.

The Pension Board, which normally meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, then takes testimony from their doctor. If he believes that the officer is incapable of returning to work, the officer is granted 50% of his/her salary pending a full hearing before the board to determine if the officer is granted the 75% Duty Disability. If the doctor believes that the officer is capable of returning to work, then nothing is awarded until the officer's full hearing before the board. There are occasions where the board's doctor has to send the officer to a specialist to determine capability of duty.

Once the officer is granted Duty Disability his benefits include 75% of his salary, tax free, which is determined by the salary rate on the date of the award. The City agrees to pay all hospital, medical and prescription costs of an officer who is on a leave of absence for Duty Disability or occupational disability purposes, all at no cost to the employee. The employer also shall make pension contributions on behalf of the employee as if he had remained in active service. Further, while on disability, if the officer needs any treatment for his/her IOD, he gets a referral from the Medical Services Section and continues his care for as long as necessary. The officer is represented at the Pension Board by FOP counsel free of charge for the duty disability hearing.

Doctor's Notes and Returning To Work

When you are on IOD or the medical roll and you are required to bring a note from your doctor to the Medical Section make sure that your

doctor addresses whether or not you can come back in a full duty or limited/convalescent duty capacity. If your doctor doesn't want an officer returning to work in any capacity then your doctor should address that in the note to the Medical Section. This should save officers from running/calling around trying to adjust their doctor's notes to satisfy the Medical Section.

Health Fairs

On February 28th 2007 we are having a Health Risk Assessment Fair in the 22nd District. On March 7th 2007 we are having a Health Risk Assessment Fair in the 006th District. Both fairs are from 1300hrs to 1900hrs. All Fraternal Order of Police members (active, disabled and retired) are eligible to participate in these fairs. Walk-ins are welcome but we prefer that you contact Advocate Medical Group at (800) 811-0174 in order to make an appointment, as we can only accommodate 125 members per fair.

Second Vice-President's Report, *By Frank DiMaria*

Uniform Resale

The Spring Uniform Resale will be held on 18 April 07 at the FOP Hall from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Officers take advantage of this event to purchase a new uniform item at a discounted price for the Spring Inspection. Anyone wishing to sell their uniforms can come to the Hall by 1200 hrs on the day of the sale and tables will be provided. The Lodge will also be selling donated uniform items at a discounted price. Hope to see you at the Resale.

Firearms Safety Days

The Lodge will be holding its annual Firearms Safety Days on 16 & 17 May 2007 at the Hall from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. In attendance will be representatives from the various gun manufacturers who will conduct onsite safety inspections of our member's duty related weapons. Also in attendance will be representatives of the various holsters, police products and soft body armor manufacturers. We had in attendance at the 2006 event

over 500 Chicago Police Officers who took advantage of this worthwhile program, which is provided by the Lodge. Please mark the dates in your calendar.

2007 FOP Fishing Tournament

The Lodge again will be hosting on 23 May 07 our annual Fishing Tournament on the Waters of the Chain of Lakes. The entry fee is \$70.00 per boat. Each boat is allowed two (2) fishermen and one (1) must be an FOP

member. Included in the entry fee are a prize, lunch and refreshments at the weighing in of the days catch. This is a great opportunity to get away for the day, possibly catch some trophy fish and relax with some friends.

Third Vice-President's Report, *By Greg Bella*

Unsafe Facilities

We accompanied inspectors from the Illinois Department of Labor on inspections of two Police facilities and the State has sent the Lodge and the City its findings.

Area Five and the 25th District have a leaking roof, which has resulted in mold, falling ceiling tiles and severe water damage. We are not sure if the bug infestation found is because of the water leaks. The State also found elevated CO2 levels at 1287 ppm and the standard is 1000 ppm. The State issued a citation to the City for the serious hazard that this facility poses. The City now has

thirty days to take corrective action to fix the problem.

We are monitoring the problem and have notified the City and State that cleaning the vent covers does not eliminate twenty-five years of dirt, dust and mold inside the ventilation system. Replacing water damaged ceiling tiles does not eliminate the mold growing between the ceiling and roof. The State will certainly not accept a band-aid cosmetic solution as a fix to a real health concern.

The other site visited was the 012th District, which has had a problem with water in the basement for longer than anyone is willing to admit. It

is kind of hard to deny when a quick visual inspection shows that the legs on the lockers are completely rusted away. The violations found at this facility were stairways without handrails, openings in the floor without having covers and water leaks that vary from a leaking water pipe to water coming through the floor.

The State has issued citations for the 012th District and Area five facilities and the City has thirty days to abate these violations. Both facilities violations are classified as a serious hazard, which can cause death or serious physical harm.

In the report the State com-

mented that leaking water problems are the major cause of mold, which if not corrected, can cause a variety of health problems including, but not limited to, allergic reactions and asthma attacks in some people.

If you are experiencing health problem since these violations have occurred make out an IOD report and fax a copy to the Lodge. The Lodge attorneys are looking into other legal action in these matters.

The Lodge has a number of safety complaints regarding Police facilities and we will be making inspections with the state and MLAS as required.

Financial Secretary's Report, *By Tim Fallon*

Filing A Grievance

Several officers have contacted the Lodge with questions regarding the correct procedure for filing a grievance. A copy of the grievance form and the grievant officer's responsibilities in filing a grievance are on page 136 of the 2007 FOP handbook.

Basically if an officer wanted to file a grievance for a suspension, the officer should first go to the unit secretary. The unit secretary has the grievance forms. The grievant officer should then fill out the grievance form, and obtain a grievance number from the unit secretary.

For suspension grievances the following language should be used. "Grievant officer was suspended for (fill in # of days) as the result of CR # (fill in the Complaint Register #). G/O feels this is punishment without just cause. G/O seeks to

have pay / benefits restored, the suspension record expunged and the contract made whole.

You should copy this wording on a grievance formset and should cite Article 8 and other related articles as the contract sections violated. It is recommended that a photocopy be made and forwarded to the Lodge at this time. You should present the completed grievance formset to your immediate supervisor within 7 days of the suspension.

Your immediate supervisor will more than likely sign off on the grievance stating, "cannot resolve at this level". The grievance will then be forwarded to the Management and Labor Affairs section, who will in turn forward a copy to the Lodge.

Once the Lodge receives the grievance it is reviewed internally by the Lodge attorneys and the grievance committee to determine which way to proceed. The right to evalu-

ate any grievance and determine whether that grievance is withdrawn, settled or advanced to any form of arbitration remains solely the right of the Lodge. This determination is made by the grievance committee.

If the grievant officer does not agree with the recommendation of the grievance committee, the grievance officer has the option to appeal to the grievance committee before

any action is taken on the grievance. The grievance committee will again vote after the grievant officer's appeal. If the grievance committee again voted to withdraw the grievant officer could then appeal to the Board of Directors, before any final action is taken on the grievance.

You can always speak to your unit rep, or call the Lodge for any help with filing out a grievance.

LITTLE CITY FOUNDATION FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION PROGRAM

**Foster Care Parents, Adoptive Parents, Mentors and Tutors
Wanted!**

Do you know of someone willing to join our team of dedicated foster or adoptive parents or volunteer time to be a mentor or tutor? If so, please call 773-265-1539. Our children have goals and needs that only a loving and nurturing family can provide.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FOSTER CARE OR ADOPTION, BEING A MENTOR OR TUTOR, CALL IDA BAILEY AT 773-265-1539, EXT 222.

THANK YOU

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

Disability Report

Click on the Disability Page link on the FOP web site, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information.

Pension Update – 2007 Board Meeting dates @ 221 N. La-Salle #1626. Feb 27, Mar 29, Apr 30, May 31, Jun 28, Jul 26, Aug 23, Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 29, and Dec 21. These are open meetings – anyone can attend.

Section 18.9 Employer Responsibility for Hospital and Section 25.2 Medical and Dental Plans - These agreements affecting officers on duty or occupational disability and officers who retire on or

after age 60 who have spouses on the job should have the spouse placed on the disabled or retired officer's insurance plan. Why pay unnecessary premiums when you don't have to!

Voluntary Long Term Disability Insurance, offered by the City, issued by Standard Insurance Company. This group policy is being looked into because of calls received by officers affected by this coverage.

Police and Fire Hockey Game – United Center, Tuesday, March 27, 4:30 p.m. Portion of the proceeds go to disabled police officers.

Veterans' Corner

Illinois National Guard Grant Program (ING) and Illinois Veteran Grant Program (IVG) – These programs pay tuition and certain fees for undergraduate or graduate study at all Illinois public universities and community colleges for Illinois residents who qualify. Call Illinois Student Assistance Commission at 800-899-4722 for more information.

25th Anniversary Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Wall) D.C. – A reading of names which will take 4 days November 7-10, 2007 is being planned. Members of the

public are welcome to volunteer to read names during the November event. Forms and deadlines are available on web site www.vvmf.org. Make plans early because of the expected turnout.

Thanks goes to Bill, Linda, and son Bill Whelehan and Dominick Kearns, 3 tours in Iraq, for their donated time stuffing care packages at the FOP for our officers serving overseas.

*"In war, there are no unwounded soldiers." ~
Jose Narosky*

Airborne Sal

Annual Pre-ACT Exam Offered At The F.O.P. Hall

The best preparation for the ACT Exam is a solid academic high school curriculum. However, in our competitive academic environment, students must also have test "SMARTS." Statistics have shown that the students who have had preparation in testing strategies, practice testing, test format and test instructions, substantially outperform others. The COLLEGE VISIONS STRICTLY STRATEGIES workshop that will be offered at the F.O.P. Hall focuses on these important test strategies and techniques.

By mandate of the State of Illinois Department of Education, all public and private high school juniors will be required to sit for the ACT Exam this April. By attending this workshop and taking a practice ACT Exam, your child will have a week or two to become more prepared in certain areas where they may not have tested as well as they would have liked, prior to the ACT being offered at their particular school. In an effort to prepare the children of "F.O.P. LODGE #7" members for this very important exam, the F.O.P. has invited

COLLEGE VISIONS to conduct their workshop for the daughters and sons of F.O.P. members. This workshop will be offered on Sunday, March 25, 2007 from 1300 - 1600 hours and will be held at the F.O.P. Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd. This program usually costs \$50.00 or more. The cost for the children of the F.O.P. will only be \$25.00 per child.

The presenters of this program are knowledgeable and experienced educators. They have prepared thousands of students in the Chicago area to be "test smart." The Lodge

encourages you to involve your child in this program. If your child only picks up one or two items that assist him/her in taking the ACT Exam, it is to his/her advantage.

There is limited space available at the F.O.P. Hall, so please complete the application and send it, along with a check or money order for \$25 made payable to College Visions, by Friday, March 16, 2007.

Ensure that your child has a seat at this important educational event that might very well effect his or her future.

College Visions, ACT WORKSHOP, Strictly Strategies

Session Time:

Sunday, 3/25/07
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location:

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 7
1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

Registration Fee:

\$25.00

Please return this registration form and your fee (cash or check payable to **College Visions**) to Kathy Moore at F.O.P. Lodge No. 7, by Friday, 3/16/07.

Name: _____

Address: _____/City _____/State _____/ZIP _____

Phone: _____/Year In School: _____/Cash: _____/Check: _____

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*

2007 FOP Picnic

The 2007 FOP Picnic site is still being worked on by the Picnic Committee. We hope to make an announcement regarding the location for 2007 within the next few weeks. We look forward to resuming our annual picnic.

Bidding

Members are reminded that sometimes it may take 10, 15, 20 or even 30 years to get into some districts or units. Do not let that discourage you from submitting a PAR Form for a district you think will need a high seniority number. In January of 2006 a member bid into the 18th District with a seniority date of December 2001. The next month (2nd Period), it

took 29 years to get in, 4th Period it took 15 years. Bid for what you want, all they can do is say NO.

Recognized District & Unit Vacancies

Month after month officers continue to hurt themselves by not following directions while bidding for a new districts or units. Recognized vacancies for districts and units are posted on the second Friday after each period change. If you are thinking about changing districts or units, it is your responsibility to complete and forward the PAR FORM in a timely manner. When you deviate from this responsibility, you risk not being transferred. Recognized vacancies are generally

located in the C. O. Book, the F.O.P. bulletin board or a pre-determine location. You have 72 hours from the time of posting to have your Commander verify your submission with his signature. From that point your Par Form must be received by 1000 hours the following Wednesday morning to Management and Labor for compliance. If you are scheduled day off, furlough, or on medical, it is still your responsibility to submit a request to transfer. The Department is not responsible for notifying you that vacancies exist. Stay informed and follow the instructions contained in the facsimile message.

Recognized Watch Vacancies

Under section 31-5, filling

of vacancies, if and when the employer decides to fill a recognized vacancy by bid, such vacancy to be bid shall be posted on the seventh calendar day of the 3rd period (March 9th), the sixth period (Jun 1st) and the ninth period (Aug 24th). The posting shall remain up for 7 calendar days. The vacancy shall be filled by the most senior qualified officer. If no such qualified officer within the unit bids for such vacancy, the Employer may fill the watch vacancy by reverse seniority.

Treasurer's Report, *By John Capparelli*

Special Employment

The Lodge has been highly successful in convincing the City that our members deserve to be paid time and a half for working on their day off. The O'Hare and CHA Special Employment are a few of the programs the Lodge has secured. The City has set up the parameters of the program, for example by seniority, no more than 2 days a month etc.

The Lodge is aware of several problems with both of these special employment opportunities. The O'Hare special employment is having difficulties in entering that an officer was at work on a particular day, resulting in the officer not being paid. This is inattention to duty, those responsible should be held accountable, but it continues every month. Then our members get the run-around from O'Hare, Strategic Deploy-

ment, and Finance. A simple solution: replace the person responsible at O'Hare or take disciplinary action on him or her, and then maybe these errors will stop. I bet you my next paycheck that the person responsible never forgets to enter his or her own time in, or doesn't do it a week after the payroll cycle ends.

Denied The Second

Day Of CHA:

Money In The Bank

What a surprise...the computer system that assigns Officer's CHA is broke. The Department is aware of this problem and instead of getting it fixed or going to a manual mode the City is moving ahead with letting the computer assign Officers. The result is that POs are not getting their second request by seniority. This has happened in January and continues into February. Officers have two options: 1) Call

Strategic Deployment and get the old, 'sorry I'll put you on the call-back list' or 2) 'Enjoy your day off then come back to work and file a grievance, keep the notification of who worked with less seniority. Then about this time next year get a check for doing nothing'.

The Department knows it is wrong and has done nothing to correct the problem. I almost forgot, the Department is now telling Officers who call them that the preliminary approval sheet is not proof that you submitted a request to work. Officers, after submitting the request make sure you have the supervisor print the approval as confirmation. The Department paid Millions to those in CHA who were denied Special Employment just last year, and not one person in the Department was held accountable. Let's see how much we can run the bill up on this display of incompetence. Just a question, when the

City loses this arbitration is the money coming out of City of Chicago funds or CHA funds? It seems unfair that CHA residents should have to pay for the City's inability to administer this program.

Departed Brothers And Sisters

Leonard Stone

Eugene A. Stamatakos

William J. Angew

Albert C. Francis, Sr.

Patrick H. Joerger

Donald G. Egan

Thomas J. McGowan

Leonard J. Ponne

Charles R. Stoops

John A. Castans, Jr.

Anthony J. Elliott

John D. Chamberlain

August S. Cutrara

Stanley Strzepka

Warren E. McLaughlin

POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS

The Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge 7's political endorsements are listed below. Our Political Action Committee met several times and for many hours. We met with more than 80 of the candidates who sought our endorsement, which is a requirement of the Lodge policy in order to endorse. The recommendations of the Committee were submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. In reaching these conclusions, we heavily weighed the candidates' potential to perform on our agenda. This meant finding a balance between incumbents with City Council positions, which support our issues and fresh candidates who were able to convince the Political Action Committee that they had the wherewithal to carry our water to the full City Council. A main objective of the Committee was to be ensured that the City Council becomes much more engaged in our contract negotiation process, not so much in addressing the issues, but in ensuring that our contracts are negotiated in a much more expeditious manner.

It is with regret that I must report that we will not be making an endorsement in the mayoral race. We have had an adversarial relationship with our current mayor on issues of importance to our members and Law Enforcement in general. But his two opponents are felt to be unqualified to hold his office. We had hoped that a challenger would present a viable alternative to Mayor Daley, but after spending 30 minutes with us, it was clear that one challenger was not what we are seeking. In the race for City Clerk the Lodge has endorsed Miguel Del Valle who as a State Senator, was always a staunch supporter of the

working man. Stephanie Neeley got the endorsement for Treasurer based upon her past experience and that she has a seat on our Pension Board.

It is important to remember that the Lodge does not endorse candidates who have not requested our support. In that light, in some races we did not make an endorsement because we were not asked, and in some we did not find a candidate that we could support.

In the First Ward, Ald. Manny Flores did not seek our sup-

port. In the Second Ward, we are endorsing Larry Doody as the best representative of this rapidly gentrifying Ward over incumbent Ald. Madeline Haithcock. We made no endorsement in the Third Ward where Dorothy Tillman is the incumbent. In the Fourth Ward we endorse incumbent Alderman Toni Preckwinkle who supports us in her Ward and is considered by most as a voice of reason. We are not endorsing Fifth Ward Alderman Leslie Hairston. In the Sixth Ward, we are endorsing candidate Karin Norinton-Reaves based upon her understanding of our bargaining issues particularly relative to residency difficulties. In the Seven Ward, where Darcel Beavers has been ap-

Mayor	No Endorsement	23rd Ward	Michael Zalewski
Clerk	Miguel Del Valle	24th Ward	No Endorsement
Treasurer	Stephanie Neely	25th Ward	No Endorsement
		26th Ward	Billy Ocasio
1st Ward	No Endorsement	27th Ward	Walter Burnett
2nd Ward	Larry Doody	28th Ward	No Endorsement
3rd Ward	No Endorsement	29th Ward	Ike Carothers
4th Ward	Toni Preckwinkle	30th Ward	Ariel Reboyras
5th Ward	No Endorsement	31st Ward	Ray Suarez
6th Ward	K. Norington-Reaves	32nd Ward	Ted Matlak
7th Ward	Ron David	33rd Ward	No Endorsement
8th Ward	Cliff Underwood <i>CPD Detective</i>	34th Ward	B.K. Kelly, <i>CPD Officer</i>
9th Ward	Anthony Beale	35th Ward	Rey Colon
10th Ward	John Pope	36th Ward	William Banks
11th Ward	James Balcer	37th Ward	No Endorsement
12th Ward	Carina Sanchez	38th Ward	Tom Allen
13th Ward	Frank Olivo	39th Ward	Margaret Laurino
14th Ward	Ed Burke	40th Ward	Pat O'Connor
15th Ward	Shawn Monroe <i>CPD Officer</i>	41st Ward	Brian Doherty
16th Ward	L. Elizabeth Lewis	42nd Ward	Brendan Reilly
17th Ward	No Endorsement	43rd Ward	Michele Smith
18th Ward	Joseph Ziegler	44th Ward	No Endorsement
19th Ward	Virginia Rugai	45th Ward	Pat Levar
20th Ward	Willie Cochran <i>Rtd. CPD Sgt.</i>	46th Ward	No Endorsement
21st Ward	Leroy Jones	47th Ward	Gene Schulter
22nd Ward	Ricardo Munoz	48th Ward	Mary Ann Smith
		49th Ward	Joe Moore
		50th Ward	Naisy Dolar

pointed Alderman we are endorsing Chicago Police Officer Ron David for the post. In the Eighth Ward, where more than a dozen candidates were running at one time, we are endorsing CPD Detective Cliff Underwood.

In the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Wards we are endorsing the incumbents, respectively, Anthony Beale, John Pope, and

POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS

James Balcer for their past support and assurances that they will become more engaged in the process. In the Twelfth Ward we are supporting Carina Sanchez based upon her presentation and community support and in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth we again endorse our staunch supporters, the incumbents, Frank Olivo and Ed Burke. In the Fifteenth Ward, where at one time there were fifteen candidates, we are recommending Shawn Monroe, a Chicago Police Officer with a fully engaged campaign behind him for the Aldermanic seat. Likewise, in the large field in the Sixteenth Ward we are endorsing L. Elizabeth Lewis who serves as a police Chaplain. We make no endorsement in the 17th Ward Race. In the Eighteenth Ward, where Lona Lane has been appointed to replace Tom Murphy (who is now a Cook County Judge), there are a few excellent choices available for our many members residing in that Ashburn area, we found Joseph Ziegler to be the most qualified in this race and are glad to endorse him.

In the Nineteenth Ward we are endorsing incumbent Virginia Rugai for her many years of support for members of this Department and who also serves competently on the Police/Fire Committee. In the Twentieth Ward we endorse Willie Cochran, a retired CPD Sgt. who exhibited a clear understanding of our issues. In the Twenty-First we endorse Leroy Jones, an organized labor stalwart who helped pull off several Labor Initiatives protesting the City Administration's lack of support for Labor. In the Twenty-Second and Twenty-Third we endorse incumbents Ricardo Munoz and Michael Zalewski who both have shown constant interest and support for our issues, and in the Twenty Fourth and Twenty Fifth Wards we make no endorsement. Aldermen Billy Ocasio, who has a record of supporting affordable housing and set asides for Police and Walter Burnett have earned our support for new terms in Twenty Six and Twenty Seven, and we are making no endorsement in the Twenty Eighth Ward race. Ike Carothers, Chairman of the Police and Fire Committee in the City Council is endorsed in his Twenty Ninth Ward race as are incumbents: Ariel Roboyras who supports our positions and will assist in the Korshak issue; Ray Suarez whose open door policy has

benefited us in the past; and Ted Matlak who has become and promises to become more vocal on our issues in the Council, in the Thirtieth, Thirty First and Thirty Second Wards.

We make no endorsement in the Thirty Third Ward race, and support Chicago Police Officer Bernard "B. K." Kelly in the Thirty Fourth. Rey Colon who will address a new revenue source to finance retiree health care and Bill Banks who has stepped up in the past regarding the "intentional foot dragging" on our contract are endorsed in their re-election races in Thirty Five and Thirty Six, respectively. We make no endorsement in the Thirty Seventh Ward.

Incumbents, Tom Allen, Margaret Laurino, Pat O'Connor, and Brian Doherty are endorsed in the Thirty Eighth, Thirty Ninth, Fortieth and Forty First Wards for their constant communications and efforts on behalf of their ward constituents as well as our members. Brendan Reilly is endorsed for the Forty Second Ward based upon his vast experience in the political arena outside of City Hall and his exhibited ability to mount a meaningful campaign which will be necessary to unseat the incumbent. Another highly qualified candidate is endorsed for the Forty Third Ward in Michele Smith largely based upon her past experience in the private sector which included successes in securing retiree health care. We make no endorsement in the Forty Fourth Ward. Alderman Pat Levar is endorsed for retention in the Forty Fifth Ward based upon his past actions in pushing for a quick contract resolution and constant support of our issues. We make no endorsement in the Forty Sixth Ward race. Incumbents Gene Schulner, Mary Ann Smith and Joe Moore are endorsed in Forty Seven, Forty Eight and Forty Nine for their constant assistance to us and challenges to the council that they have brought. New comer Naisy Dolar, the wife of a Chicago Police Officer is endorsed in the Fiftieth Ward, and it is worth noting that she, among the unseated candidates, best articulated the concerns of Chicago Police Families.

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

Yes, One Does Make A Difference, *Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf*

New Years Eve, 11:55 pm, sitting in a squad car with my good friend CPD Chaplain Fr. Tom Nangle under the "el" tracks with a group of coppers, trying to stay out of gunfire around us. One of the coppers piped up and said, "Father, the streets are tough out here but I try to make a difference; sometimes I wonder if I do?" And Fr. Nangle said, "One person DOES make a difference, let me tell you a story"

A man was walking down the beach at sunset. As he walked along, he saw another man in the distance. He noticed this man kept leaning down, picking up something and throwing it out into the water, again and again. As, he approached even closer he noticed that the man was picking up starfish that had been washed up on the beach. He was throwing them back into the water, one by one.

Puzzled, he approached the man and said, "Good Evening. I was wondering what you are doing." "I'm throwing these starfish back into the ocean. You see, it's low tide and all these starfish have been washed up onto the shore. If I don't throw them back into the ocean, they'll die up here from lack of oxygen." "But there must be thousands of starfish on this beach. You can't possibly get to all of them. And don't you realize this is probably happening on hundreds of beaches all up and down this coast. Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?"

The man bent down and picked up yet another starfish and threw it back into

the ocean. With a smile he replied, "Made a difference to that one!!!" End of story

A few thoughts to make you ponder:

1. Just remember, no matter how small the deed may seem to you, it really does makes a big difference to someone else.
2. It hurts to love someone and not be loved in return, but what is more painful is to love someone and never find the courage to let that person know how you feel.
3. A sad thing in life is when you meet someone who means a lot to you, only to find out in the end that it was never meant to be and you just have to let go.
4. The best kind of friend is

the kind you can sit on a porch swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.

5. Don't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright.

6. Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.

7. Always put yourself in the other's shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the other person too.

8. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything they just make the most

of everything that comes along their way.

9. Love begins with a smile, grows with a kiss, and ends with a tear.

10. When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so that when you die, you're the one smiling and everyone around you is crying.

On behalf of all your Chaplains, May G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in His loving care. Amen

Compliments of your Police Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf
773-463-4780 or e-mail
moshewolf@hotmail.com

REUNION PARTY!

Attention all classmates from the
87-2, A, B & C class.

Lets get together and celebrate our
20th Reunion

Friday, 9 March
2007, 1800 hours

Moretti's
1645 W. Jackson
Chicago, Illinois

For more info
contact Terri
Maderak or Bill
Burns at
312-718-7970

It's tax time again!

Union dues paid for the year 2006: \$414.00

From the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation...

The Foundation has announced that they will be extending Phase 2 of the Memorial Brick Campaign until March 1st. These bricks are for sale at the cost of \$100.00 each. The costs of the bricks help maintain the Memorial and support the "Mission Beyond the Memorial" in responding to tragedies that befall Chicago Police Officers and their families. Application forms are available at www.CPDmemorial.org. Any questions can be directed to 312-499-8899.

Letters Of Concern Needed, *by The Belluomini Family*

We are asking for your help in writing letters of concern to Federal Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer, who will be presiding over a resentencing hearing on March 7, 2007 regarding convicted federal prisoner Robert Burke.

Harry A. Belluomini was a retired Chicago Police Detective working at the Dirksen Federal Building for the U.S. Marshall Service when on July 20, 1993, he was shot and killed by Jeffery Erickson, an escaping bank robber. Erickson had used a smuggled hand cuff key to

release his handcuffs. He then disarmed a Marshal's intern, shot and killed Deputy U.S. Marshal Roy Frakes, and shot our Father, Harry Belluomini, all occurring in the basement of the Federal Building. Harry Belluomini was able to return fire before dying, mortally wounding Erickson. Erickson, realizing that he was dying, took his own life on the ramp leading from the basement to Jackson Blvd that fateful afternoon.

During 2005, Robert Burke was convicted of supplying the handcuff key that facilitated Erickson's attempted

escape. Burke had been a fugitive before his arrest and was hiding in England before his extradition. Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer presided over this trial and sentenced Burke to the maximum penalty allowed by law. The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the conviction and suggested that the case go back to the trial judge for possible reconsideration of the sentence.

We, the Belluomini Family, along with the FOP, are asking that letters be sent to Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer requesting that her initial sentence be maintained and the Burke be sen-

tenced again to the maximum allowed by law.

Please address your letters to:

U.S. Probation Office

**RE: Robert Burke,
01CR1049**

**219 S. Dearborn Ave.
Chicago, IL 60604**

With heartfelt thanks,
PO Karen Belluomini, 050
PO Michael Belluomini, 059
PO Anne Belluomini, 025

Retirees Breakfast/Luncheon

North:

1st Wednesday of Month @ 7:30 am
Lone Tree Manor
7730 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles
Joe Nalepa, 773-763-1362

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 8:00 am
Dappers Restaurant
3131 N. Thatcher Ave, Chicago, IL
John Sweeney @ 630-690-0409

South:

2nd Wednesday of Month @ 10:00 am
Jedi's Garden Restaurant
9266 S. Cicero Ave, Oak Lawn, IL
Don Januszyk @ 708-364-9903

3rd Saturday of Month @ 10:00 am
Pancake House
700 East 87th Street, Chicago, Illinois
Ulysses Campbell @ 773-471-0911

8th District – 8 Balls

Last Wednesday of Month @ Noon
Al Bilecki @ 773-767-1885

Survivors Lunch

2nd Saturday of Month @ 11:00 am
Beverly Woods Restaurant
11532 S. Western, Chicago

Active/Retired Mobile Unit & ET's

1st Tuesday of Month 12:00 noon
Maplewood Restaurant
115th & Pulaski Road, Alsip, Illinois
Al Klaeser @ 773-646-3808

Arizona Retirees

3rd Thursday of Month @ 11:00 am
Hometown Buffet
1312 N. Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ
Ed Plawinski @ 480-502-1630

Arkansas Retirees

3rd Friday of Month @ Noon
Elks Lodge
Highway 62 E, Mountain Home, AR
Dennis Dwyer, 870-431-4458

Las Vegas Retirees

Every Thursday of Month @ 9:30 am
The Willows Restaurant
2020 W. Horizon Ridge, Henderson, NV
Joe LePore @ 702-407-5230

Florida Retirees

1st Wednesday of the Month @ 1:00 pm
Cop Shop
4403 S/E 16th Place, Cape Coral, FL
Tom Faragoi 800-284-4198

Health & Insurance Report, *By Ed King, Chairman*

For the past ten months the committee has been working on an issue that I have spoken about in previous newsletter articles, this being the lack of vision and dental coverage for our retired members and their qualified dependents. In researching this problem, it was discovered that the City does not offer these benefits to our retired members at all. Those who elect to take the Cobra coverage have vision but only for eighteen months. Then nothing after that! The committee was able to get a few discount programs in place, but in talking with the retiree

committee the need for an actual insurance plan was great.

The committee went to work contacting numerous providers. Quotes on group rates were obtained for vision and dental coverage, emphasis being the best coverage with affordable rates. After many meetings, the committee was able to come up with two insurance plans that we believe will meet the needs of our retired members. At the December 2006 Board of Directors meeting, an overview of the plans was presented for review. Following

discussion, a motion was made, voted on and passed, allowing these plans to be made available to our retired members and their dependents. Provisions have also been made to accommodate widows and widowers.

The plans are being administered by Spectera United Health Care, a division of United Health Group. Participants can enroll in the vision plan, the dental plan or both. All plans are PPO policies, which eliminates the need for referrals and offers a much larger network. There is also an out of network provision for those rare occasions when a provider may not be in the network. Premiums are broken down into participant, participant plus one or participant plus family. This gives the participant flexibility as enrollment status changes. Coverage is available to eligible dependent children until the age of nineteen, twenty-five if a full time student at an accredited college. The plans will have annual open enrollment periods for those members already retired as well as a timeframe window of enrollment for those who are newly retired.

In reviewing the wording of recently passed HELPS legislation, the committee realized that premiums paid by the retiree would qualify for healthcare credit on 2007 tax returns if the premiums were made from a qualified payroll deduction program. The committee immediately contacted the Police Pension Fund to request their assistance in directing premiums for these policies from the annuitants pension check (once so directed by the annuitant) so as to qualify for the tax advantage. On January 25, 2007, President Donahue, representatives from Spectera United Health Care and I addressed the Pension Fund Board of Directors. Dis-

cussion centered on the need for this coverage as well as the Fund's participation in order to make these benefits available as planned. Arrangements would be made so that the Fund would incur no additional expense or administrative burden in assisting us with this program. Upon conclusion of the presentation, a motion was made and unanimously passed to allow the Fund to work with the FOP in providing these benefits. I would like to thank Trustee Robbins and Executive Director Gallagher for their support and direction.

Now that all entities involved are in agreement, the program can be coordinated so that enrollment in these plans can be done as quickly and efficiently as possible. We hope to have these plans available for enrollment sometime in May, (exact date still uncertain at this time). Look to future newsletters and the FOP website for updates, a time certain for enrollment and enrollment details.

Please keep in mind that these plans are only available to FOP members. As far as I know, FOP is the only organization to implement a program to address this retiree concern and provide an option for those affected. The committee remains dedicated to addressing the needs of our members both active and retired. We will be instrumental in upcoming contract negotiations, researching and relaying your health care concerns and information to the contract negotiating team.

Thanks for your time and please stay safe!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events listed will occur from February 7th through March 7th 2007. For further information on any events posted below either 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 Feb 07	Unit Duty Assignments Bidding Through February 14th
09 Feb 07	Recognized Vacancies – 3 rd Period Effective March 01
12 Feb 07	Holiday/Lincoln Birthday/FOP Office Closed
13 Feb 07	FOP Day on the Hill/Washington D.C. Feb 13, 14 and 15
14 Feb 07	Valentine's Day
14 Feb 07	Last Day to Submit for Unit Duty Assignment Section 23.9
19 Feb 07	Holiday/President's Day/FOP Office Closed
20 Feb 07	FOP General Meeting/FOP Hall/1200 Noon
21 Feb 07	Ash Wednesday
23 Feb 07	Health Fair/018/7am – 1pm
24 Feb 07	Cops For Kids/Feb 24 th and 25 th
01 Mar 07	3 rd Period Begins
05 Mar 07	Holiday/Pulaski Day/FOP Office Closed
06 Mar 07	FOP/Board of Directors Meeting/10am Time Certain – Noon
07 Mar 07	Watch Bids Open
07 Mar 07	Unit Duty Assignments

**Store Hours:**

Mon-Thurs 9:00 – 5:00
 Friday 9:00 – 4:00
 Saturday 9:00 – 1:00

Direct Line: 312-733-2344

**Closed: 12 & 19 Feb 2007
 5 March 2007**

A Hot Sale For The Winter!

This Month's Feature T-Shirt Of The Month Is.....

CPD Old School

Sizes Medium to XL originally priced at \$11.95, 2XL was \$12.95 & 3XL \$13.50

Now On Sale For Only \$8.36 for Med—XL, 2XL is \$9.06 & 3XL is \$9.45

(If we don't have your size, you get a rain check with a paid order and a FREE gift!!)

Tactical Gear Bag

In Black Balistic Nylon was \$29.95—On Sale For Only \$26.96...Now's The Time To Get One!!

Police Bobble Head Statue With Picture Frame For A Face, 6 1/2" Tall...On Sale For Only \$7.99 Each

Zippered Pad Folio with either Police Officer or Detective star, black leatherette for only \$22.95
 These are great for court!!

Back In Stock: Leather FOP Handbook Covers, \$9.95

2007 Magnetic Operations Calendar, \$2.25

Get Ready For The St. Patrick's Day Sale!

CPD Irish "Garda" Cap Now Only \$9.95

Ladies Irish Scarf In White Or Black With Green Shamrocks (very pretty) Now Only \$5.95

Shamrock Necklace Now Only 2 For \$1.50

New Irish Items Are Starting To Arrive. Stop In And Take A Look..

Ladies Full Zip French Terry Jacket In Violet, Cream and Coral. Originally priced from \$27.95—\$29.95
 Now Only \$22.95 All Sizes! Great For Spring!

Back In Stock: Leather FOP Handbook Covers, \$9.95

2007 Magnetic Operations Calendar, \$2.25

The New 2007 F.O.P. Handbooks Are Now Available For \$3.00 Each.

Window Decals Are Available For \$1.00 Each.

The Vehicle Medallions Are Available For \$10.00 Each.

**To Purchase Any Of These Items, You Must Have An F.O.P. Identification Card. Keep In Mind That We Have To Record Your Purchase, So Bring Your F.O.P. Card!!
 Thank You!**

14th Annual Police/Fire Charity Hockey Game

WHO: The FOP Stars Hockey Team faces off against the Chicago Fire Department

WHEN: Saturday, March 24, 2007 @ Noon

WHERE: United Center, 1901 S. Madison, Chicago, Illinois

Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available at the UC Box Office. Children 12 and under are free, but must have a ticket to enter the building. Enter gates 2, 3, 4, 6, or 7. Doors open at 1130 hours. Park in lots C or K.

Donations to benefit the FOP Disability Fund.

The Stars lead the series 7-5-1

Thank You!

On December 7, 2006, I was one of the attendees enjoying the Annual CPD Gold Star Family Christmas dinner at the Drake Hotel.

To the Police Chaplains Ministry, the men and women of the Chicago Police Department and all who contributed, I would like to thank everyone for making this enjoyable evening possible and how much it is appreciated.

All of our loved ones are never forgotten, not only by their families but also by the men and women in blue.

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year, God Bless,

*Erika Clark and Family
 (Richard Clark, 1986)*



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THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its 13th Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament, at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, May 23, 2007. All members, active and retired, are invited to take part in this event. There will be a bar-becue at the weigh-in with beer and soft drinks from 2 – 4 p.m.

THE BASIC RULES:

Starting time: 0500 hrs – with all boats in by 1430 hrs. All fish must be caught on the Chain of Lakes waters between the Wisconsin Border and McHenry Dam.
Two fishermen per boat; one must be an FOP member.

NO PRO FISHERMEN PLEASE.

We'd like everyone to have a fun time. Complete rules and location of the weigh-in will be sent out to members making application for the Tournament.

Name: _____ Active: _____ Retired: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fishing Partner: _____ If youth, age _____

Make checks payable to F.O.P., Lodge 7
Attn: Frank DiMaria
1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

Include Fees of:
\$35.00 Per Man
or \$70.00 Per Boat