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President's Report, By Mark Donahue

Primary Endorsements

You are getting this issue of the Newsletter early this month so that you will see the FOP's endorsements for the February 2nd Primary Election. The endorsement process starts with requests for endorsements made by the candidates. Those requests are then turned over to the Political Action Committee who, in the case of this primary, conducted interviews for those candidates who had opposition in their respective parties. In considering the information gathered in the interviews as well as any other information tendered to the Committee by the candidates, the Committee then formulates a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the Lodge who, at their January 5th meeting, made the endorsements reflected in this newsletter. It is important to the Lodge's effort to build relationships with the political entities that control our work rules, our budgets, and our families well-being. It is also important that you support the candidates we see as best equipped to support our agenda.

In November's General Election we will again make endorsements. We are particularly interested in getting your input on the judges who will be up for retention and election for the first time. Please contact the Lodge with information which may influence the Political Action Committee's evaluation of any judge or candidate seeking our endorsement. Most importantly though, all of these actions conducted by your elected representatives are worthless as long as our members don't vote or even register to vote. Everything you do as a law enforcement officer is dictated by Federal, State and Local laws and we need to have a say in what those laws are. An important means by which to have that say is in exercising your right to vote.

Commission to Strengthen Chicago's Pensions

The Commission to Strengthen Chicago's Pensions has met regularly over the past two years and is preparing to issue its final report. This report will be important to the direction that Chicago takes to address the liabilities the four City Funds face and how we ensure that there will be sufficient funding for all of us when we retire. The Commission was put together by the Mayor, and some Presidents of the City Unions had to fight to get seats at the table as this review and oversight took place. It is my hope that our opinions and recommendations are given due weight as we finalize the Committee's work. Jobs, healthcare and pensions are the leading issues of concern across the country but for us here in Lodge 7, pensions are the concerns that need our immediate attention.

Negotiations

With the adoption of the new work schedule, the Negotiations Team has continued to whittle down the issues for Arbitrator Benn to address. The Core Group has met with the Arbitrator and progress has been made as we have had the opportunity to mediate many issues. At the meeting of January 13th, agreement was reached that, due to the progress made, anticipated Hearing Dates could be rescheduled so that the entire process could be expedited. February 24th and March 4th have been assigned as hearing dates to address the issues that the parties cannot agree upon and should additional hearing dates be needed, the Arbitrator will choose them. There is always ongoing research work and the environment that we are working in is constantly changing as should be no surprise to any of you. Decisions are coming in weekly from other major cities that are getting decisions from Arbitrators or votes by their members that can impact our process. Chicago is in bad financial shape, but it is not as bad off as many other major cities or states. These are all issues to be addressed during the remainder of our process.

National Concerns

The Lodge has been in contact with our National Office over issues of importance to many of our members. For instance we have been hearing from several retirees of their concern on

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the National Health Care issue, in particular the provision for them to be taxed based upon the quality of the Health Plan that the City provides for them. This is referred to as the "Cadillac Plan" cost and as presented if the employer/former employer provides health care coverage whose total cost is over a certain amount [23,000.00 per year for a family plan], then that benefit can be taxed. Another issue that is getting attention is the incorporation of our Second Amendment Rights. In doing so, the Federal Government could enforce those rights to all yet still allow for "reasonable" regulation by State and Local governing agencies. This case is known as *McDonald vs. the City of Chicago* and is currently before the

United States Supreme Court. The objective of the plaintiffs in this case is to incorporate the Second Amendment thus making it binding on State and local governments. Oral arguments in this case will begin in March and a decision is expected in June of this year.

February brings FOP leaders from across the nation to Washington D.C. for the National FOP's Day on the Hill. I will be attending from the 8th through the 10th. This year we will be meeting with lame duck Roland Burris and Dick Durbin, who now holds the second highest leadership position in the Senate's democratic caucus. We are looking forward to making sure that all of the members of the Illinois delegation are in-

formed of and on board with the FOP position on the Social Security Fairness Act. I think it is important that Illinois get its fair share of a return on the dollars we send to the federal coffers. We will be advocating for more resources dedicated to law enforcement at the municipal level as well as pushing for the Collective Bargaining and Due Process Bills for Law Enforcement.

Due to the early delivery of this newsletter we do not yet have any of the Bill numbers for our legislation that we are reintroducing in Springfield this week, as well as the introduction of new initiatives. I hope to have a complete list with bill numbers soon and as I get them they will be posted on our website.

First Vice-President's Report, By Bill Dougherty



Coventry Grievance

The Lodge filed a Class Action Grievance regarding officers' surgeries being denied. The City has been dragging its feet in setting an arbit-

ration date even though we have requested expedited arbitration. We finally have a date set for arbitration (April 9, 2010). On January 11, 2010, the Lodge sent a letter to Alderman Ed Burke explaining to him just how incompetent Coventry is in handling our IOD bills and surgeries. Chairman Burke is the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and is in charge of paying Police and Fire injury on duties. I understand that the firemen (Local 2) are having the same problems with Coventry as we are. I received a call from Marla Kaiden, an attorney from the Committee on Finance shortly after sending the letter to Chairman Burke. And at the time this article had to be submitted, she was looking into the problem. The problem is simple. Officers are injured on duty everyday. We go to see a physician from the City's list of doctors to get proper treatment. In 38 of these cases, the doctors have recommended surgery for the officers. In all 38 cases, the surgery has been denied. We have officers that have been waiting for surgery since last summer. These officers are being paid to

stay home and wait for the City and Coventry to make decisions regarding their IOD. What a waste of tax dollars to have officers sit home while receiving full pay and benefits and wait for a decision. We believe that many of these officers would be back to work already if Coventry/Committee on Finance would have approved the treating doctor's recommendations. In the private sector, the employer would be rushing to get this case to arbitration to get a resolution. In the City of Chicago, it's just taxpayer money.

Medical Grievances

If you need to file a medical grievance, remember, all medical grievances are filed at the Lodge, not in your units. We have 10 working days to file a medical grievance from the time that you have been denied, but no later than 35 calendar days following the events giving rise to the grievance. This must be done in a timely fashion. After a grievance is filed, the Lodge submits the grievance for Medical Mediation. Your grievance is usually heard at the next month's mediation. If the grievance is settled at mediation, the officer is notified and a settlement agreement is drawn up. If the grievance can not be settled, the Lodge brings the grievance to the Grievance Committee. The Committee is comprised of fifteen members and they must decide

whether to demand arbitration, withdraw the grievance or accept a settlement offer for the grievance. Grievance meetings are held once a month. The officer will receive a letter from the Lodge informing them of the Grievance Committee's decision. If the Committee decides to withdraw a grievance, the grievant can request to appear before the Committee. The officer also has the right to appear before the Board of Directors to address his/her grievance. This request must be made within 30 days of the Committee's original decision. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the Lodge.

Stress Management Class

The Lodge and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will be hosting Stress Management Classes in 2010 for our Members. The classes will be held at the Hartgrove Hospital, 5730 W Roosevelt Road. The classes are for two (2) days from 0830 hrs until 1630 hrs and you must attend both days. To register for the Class contact the Lodge and ask for Pat.

The available dates for the next three months Stress Management Classes are:

25 & 26 February 2010
25 & 26 March 2010
29 & 30 April 2010



Lodge Political Endorsements For The February Primary

The Political Action Committee met on December 16th 2009 for the purpose of interviewing candidates for political offices in the Primary Election set for February 2nd.

The recommendations are compliant with the established procedures in that only candidates who request the endorsements were considered for same. Candidates for statewide offices were not considered per the decision of the Illinois FOP State Lodge to not make such endorsement for these primaries. The Committee made recommendations to the Board based upon submitted materials and the interview procedure. Those recommendations were voted on by the entire Board on January 5th and that vote resulted in the following endorsements. Please give consideration to these Board endorsements when you vote in the primary.

MUNOZ	ANTONIO "TONY"	1ST SENATE
DOHERTY	BRIAN G.	10TH SENATE - REPUBLICAN
MULROE	JOHN G.	10TH SENATE - DEMOCRAT
ACEVEDO	EDWARD J.	2ND REPRESENTATIVE
WINTERS	EDDIE	10TH REPRESENTATIVE
FARLEY	DAN	11TH REPRESENTATIVE
COLLINS	TERRENCE J.	21ST REPRESENTATIVE
BURKE	DANIEL	23RD REPRESENTATIVE
MACELLAIO	MICHAEL B.	36TH REPRESENTATIVE
SAVIANO	ANGELO "SKIP"	77TH REPRESENTATIVE
RYAN	JIM	1ST APPELLATE - MCNULTY VACANCY
PUCINSKI	AURELIA MARIE	1ST APPELLATE - O'MALLEY VACANCY
ROCHFORD	MARY KATHERINE	1ST APPELLATE - SOUTH VACANCY
RAINES	WILLIAM BURNETT	COOK CIRCUIT - BERLAND VACANCY
MARSALEK	DIANN K.	COOK CIRCUIT - BRONSTEIN VACANCY
MURPHY	KEVIN	COOK CIRCUIT - DOLAN VACANCY
MITCHELL	RAYMOND W.	COOK CIRCUIT - HAYES VACANCY
CALLAHAN, JR.	JOHN PATRICK	COOK CIRCUIT - KELLEY VACANCY
GALLAGHER	DANIEL	COOK CIRCUIT - MCARTHY
LYONS	THOMAS	COOK CIRCUIT - O'MALLEY VACANCY
BAILEY	JAMES MICHAEL	COOK CIRCUIT - RILEY VACANCY
MURPHY	ALLEN F.	COOK CIRCUIT - 3RD SUBCIRCUIT - CARMODY, JR. VAC.
HARMENING	EDWARD	COOK CIRCUIT - 3RD SUBCIRCUIT - DARCY VACANCY
MALONE	DANIEL	COOK CIRCUIT - 3RD SUBCIRCUIT - A VACANCY
FLEMING	DENNIS	COOK CIRCUIT - 9TH SUBCIRCUIT - OTAKA VACANCY
MICHAEL	BENDER	COOK CIRCUIT - 9TH SUBCIRCUIT - A VACANCY
KARDAS	KIM	COOK CIRCUIT - 11TH SUBCIRCUIT - RILEY VACANCY
GRIFFIN	JOHN C.	COOK CIRCUIT - 15TH SUBCIRCUIT - PHELAN VACANCY
PATLAK	DAN	BOARD OF REVIEW 1ST - REPUBLICAN
REYES	EDWIN	CC 8TH DIST
MERCK	BROCK	CC 9TH DIST - REPUBLICAN
O'BRIEN	TERRENCE	CC BOARD PRESIDENT - DEMOCRAT
GARRIDO	JOHN	CC BOARD PRESIDENT - REPUBLICAN
BERRIOS	JOSEPH	COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR
DART	THOMAS	COOK COUNTY SHERIFF - DEMOCRAT
COLLINS	FREDERICK	COOK COUNTY SHERIFF - REPUBLICAN
SPYROPOULOS	MARIYANA	METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DIST CMSR
KELLY	MAUREEN	METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DIST CMSR
MCGOWAN	BARBARA	METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DIST CMSR

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



ZABA Search

The Lodge was recently contacted by a member regarding their information being accessible via the internet using a web site called ZABA search. What was further frustrating for the Officer was that when he attempted to remove his information or opt out of this system, ZABA Search was telling him that a \$20.00 fee was now being required. I had reported on this subject in the past so I entered the internet highway and found what the officer was saying true. I further navigated the site and could not find where the information was provided for a no charge removal so I googled Zaba and located a website which is a Privacy Rights Clearing House. Again I navigated the site and located the proper window which gave the information for no charge removal from ZABA. The following directions are from the Zaba Search website for removing your information by mail:

Go to www.Zabasearch.com and type

in your name and run a search. If you have a common name and too many results appear try narrowing your search to a City or State. Once the results are displayed print the screen using the print feature on your Internet Browser. Check the print out and clearly Circle those results that are yours in red or blue ink.

On a separate sheet of paper please provide ZabaSearch with your full name address email address telephone number and D.O.B. ZabaSearch claims that they will not use this information for any other purpose than to create a opt out filter and that this information will be destroyed. Inform ZabaSearch that you are a Chicago Police Officer when requesting to opt out of this service. Once you have gathered the print out and the letters please send them together in one envelope to:

ZabaSearch Record Blocking
2828 Cochran Street, #397
Simi Valley, CA 93065

This is a manual process and will take between 6-8 weeks. The above information was taken from the Zaba Search opt out by mail web site.

While writing this Newsletter article I learned of another information website

named BlockShopper.com which could also be utilized to access police officers personal information. I googled this web site and learned that they have an office in Chicago at 2000 N. Racine; Suite 4500. Telephone number (312) 436-1880. I called the number and it was answered with a recording giving you the following email address to report any issues with the site. Officers if you wish to be removed from this web site send an email to scarlett@blockshopper.com and they will contact you with directions of what will be required to remove your information from their system.

Just because you pay for an unpublished telephone number it does not guarantee that your privacy is protected. We live in very technical times and with the internet and the information highway new means of revealing an identity can be an easy task.

Vest Safety Day Rescheduled

The Vest Safety Day that was scheduled for Wednesday, 24 February 2010 has been cancelled. The new rescheduled date will be posted on the FOP Website when it becomes available.

Recording Secretary's Report, *By Sidney Davis*



FOP Window Decals

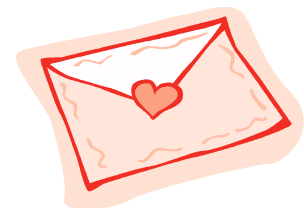
It seems there are more FOP window stickers and FOP medallions on the streets of Chicago then ever before. On a recent Friday, as I was driving home, I observed many vehicles that were displaying FOP stickers and medallions and I also observed that many drivers did not appear to fit the appearance of being Chicago Police Officers. FOP stickers and medallions are for the use of Chicago Police Officers and their immediate family members. Protect this time honored valuable FOP privilege. Please do not cheapen the right to display FOP merchandise by supplying these precious items to anyone outside of your immediate family. It may subject you to discipline up to and including expulsion from the FOP.

2010 Fishing Tournament

Boaters, mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 19, 2010 as the date for the 2010 Annual Ed Reines Fishing Tournament. The cost is \$80.00 per boat and a full application appears on the back page of this newsletter. There are no refunds given, however, if a boat must cancel the event, that boat will be given credit for the 2011 Tournament. No pro fishermen are allowed in the tournament. Two fisherman per boat, of which one person must be an FOP member. Starting time is 0500 – with all boats in by 1430 hours (you must have one member of the boat standing in the weigh-in line at 1430 hours to qualify with your catch of the day, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**) All fish must be caught on the Chain of Lakes waters between the Wisconsin Border and McHenry Dam. All members, active and retired, are invited to

participate in this event. There will be a barbecue at the weigh-in with refreshments from 1400 – 1600 hours. A raffle will also be held with proceeds going towards a worthy cause.

Frank and I look forward to seeing all the regular anglers, and hopefully some new ones. An additional prize will be given to any veteran tournament fisherman who brings a new angler to the tournament. Each boat, as in the past, will receive a bag full of fishing items or items useful in the maintenance of your equipment. Let's get ready to tell some more fish stories.



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



Problems At The Pension Fund

I don't want to repeat what Mike Shields wrote about in his article last month, but these are serious allegations surrounding the City

Treasurer. I believe it is important that we look at the facts.

Ariel Capital Management
Attucks Asset Management
Chicago Equity Partners
DV Urban Realty Advisors
Holland Capital Management
Invesco
JP Morgan & Chase
Northern Trust
Piedmont Investment Advisors
UBS

What do all of these companies have in common? They have all made campaign contributions to the City Treasurer Stephanie Neely, who also sits on the Board of our pension fund. They have given to her campaign fund a combined total of \$29,000. In 2007-2008 these same companies earned a total of \$11,557,130.00 in fees from our pension fund. My question is, how much money have these companies, and others who have donated to Neely's campaign fund, profited from the Chicago Municipal Pension Funds, the Fire Fighters Pension

Fund and the Laborer's Pension Fund?

Remember Miriam Santos? She is the former City Treasurer who went to the penitentiary over campaign contributions.

When Mike Shields, our elected representative on the Pension Fund Board, raised some of these questions in his F.O.P. newsletter article Stephanie Neely's attorneys sent a letter to the F.O.P. and Shields. The letter states, "... please be advised that we have been retained by Ms. Neely to investigate and, as necessary, to take legal action in response to multiple false and defamatory statements made concerning Ms. Neely."

The information about the campaign contributions was found on www.elections.state.il.us/CampaignDisclosure/Itemizecontributions and the information concerning the profits made by these companies was taken from the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund website. Ms. Neely's actions at the Pension Fund are a matter of public record. If any of this information is false then Neely should take legal action. I am no attorney but the truth is always a defense against slander or defamation.

Are the City Treasurer's action legal, illegal, unethical or just a mistake? Someone should be investigating and getting the answer.

Police Shootings

Although it seems like police involved shootings in Chicago are on the rise they are exactly the same as last year.

We ended December with six shootings in five days making it seem like more police shootings than ordinary.

In 2008, there were 51 police involved shootings. We are closing out 2009 with 51 police involved shootings. The only thing that can be said is when an offender points a weapon or shoots at an officer, the officer will do what they are trained to do, shoot until the threat is neutralized. If an offender decides to try to run down an officer using his vehicle as a weapon our officers will do as they have been trained, neutralize the threat.

No officer starts the tour with the thought that they want to get into a shooting. To the contrary everyone hopes for a quiet tour. In every police involved shooting the offender has made the choice to use deadly force and as with every decision there are consequences. Remember the officer did not make the choice; the officer only responds and neutralizes the threat.

There is nothing to second guess and no one should be surprised at the outcome when our officers meet deadly force with deadly force.

Tax Time!

Active members paid \$438 in union dues that can be claimed on your income tax in 2009.

During the 2009 calendar year the organization incurred lobbying costs as part of its operating expenditures. In accordance with IRS guidelines, the Lodge is required to furnish to each dues paying member the portion of Lodge expenditures during the previous year which was represented as lobbying costs, since this amount would not be considered tax deductible.

The lobbying costs represented about 2.15% of the total expenditures of the Lodge.

Take this article to your taxman when you have your taxes done.



Financial Secretary's Report, *By Rich Aguilar*



Protect Your Rights

The old saying, "He who represents himself has a fool for a client" is as true today as when it first originated. Actually, it may have more validity today than ever.

Even with that acknowledgment, there are still many members who fail to notify the Lodge to request representation when called to give a statement.

There have been several recent instances where representation has been essential and the officer's rights could have been violated had representation not been present. Two members were notified to report to IAD without any explanation. They called IAD and asked why they were being summoned and the response was we don't have to tell you, you will find out when you get here. Fortunately,

these officers requested Lodge representation. The officers reported as requested. The investigator, upon seeing that they had representation, stated that he had only called them down to serve the officers with allegations. If this was the case, why weren't these officers told this when they made their inquiry? These officers may have compromised their rights had they simply followed the instructions and reported by themselves.

Another member was summoned to the Medical Integrity Unit a second time to answer new allegations which had arisen from a previous incident where an interview had already been conducted. While there, the investigator began to ask questions about the previous allegations that had been answered months ago. The accompanying attorney advised the investigator that this was not proper and the improper questioning stopped. The inves-

tigator next moved on to ask questions about allegations that the officer had not yet been served with. The attorney again advised the investigator that his questions were improper and the questioning stopped.

I don't want anyone to think that the purpose of this article is to throw stones at all of the investigators at IAD, IPRA, or the Medical Integrity Unit. The majority of these investigators conduct themselves professionally and use investigative techniques that are within Department and contractual guidelines. The purpose of this article is to remind our members that they need to protect themselves from the few who knowingly or unknowingly employ improper interview and investigative techniques. Don't be the foolish client. Protect your rights.

The 36, *By Fr. Tom Nangle*

There's an ancient myth about the messiness of this life and God's reaction to it. It's obviously not a true event, but rather a made-up story which is told to teach a lesson. Nobody deals with life's ugliness more than the police, so the story ought to speak clearly to those good hearts:

The scholarly old grandfather was teaching his granddaughter about life. He told her that God looked down on the earth thousands of years ago and was disgusted at conditions: war, violence, mean-

ness, poverty, hunger, injustice and greed. So God made a promise to himself: If he found just 36 good people on earth every day, he would let it continue to exist and if not, he would destroy the planet and all life on it. The old man was trying to teach the little girl that there are good people in the world. "God must have found those 36 again and again, because this world continues to exist." Gramps told her that she would never know who the 36 are. They might be housewives or homeless people, doctors

or dock workers, champions or chumbalones. "Be careful, little one," he said, "you'll never know when you are in the presence of one of the thirty-six."

The great psychiatrist Karl Menninger wrapped up the simple message of the 36 story when he said, "The central purpose of every life should be to reduce the misery in the world."

Respectfully,
Fr. Thomas Nangle, CPD Chaplain
312-738-7588

From The Desk Of Jim Bailey, Field Rep. & Trustee



Filing Grievances

The process of filing a grievance has been mentioned numerous times in past newsletters. The main objective of any grievance is to resolve a contract violation. On the grievance form is the narrative section where the officer must indicate what Article of the contract was violated. Recently there have been many grievances filed

regarding seniority and the assignment of officers for Special Employment. The wording for the narrative section can be brief as long as the violation is noted. Regarding seniority issues, it is not now and has never been a requirement to include the name of the less senior officer in the narrative of the grievance. This does not preclude officers from attaching documentation to the grievance verifying the contract violation. If your supervisor or Commanding officer makes the request for an officer to include the names

of other officers in the narrative of the grievance, respectfully inform the supervisor that this is not mandated but that additional documentation can be attached to the grievance form. If a supervisor is making this request, it could be an indication that he/she may be able to resolve the issue at that level (why else would a C/O need that information?!) Whenever an officer files a grievance, make copies of the grievance form and any documentation for your personal records.

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From The Desk Of Jim Bailey, Field Rep. & Trustee

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Special Employment

On the topic of Special Employment, there have been some changes made for 2010. The Special Events and Liaison Section will now coordinate all department sponsored Special Employment. The notifications for Special Employment via the Court Notifications System are a courtesy and not an official notification. Official notifications for Special Employment are only found on the CLEAR system. One major change is the cancellation policy for officer working CHA, CTA, and O'Hare. All cancellations will be made to the Special

Events and Liaison Section. The exception to this requirement is cancelling an assignment to a program that has mandatory staffing requirements (currently O'Hare). After hour cancellations can be made to Operations Command from 2200-0600HRS. Any members working CHA North on the first watch should be aware that effective 02 FEB 10, the hours will be 0000-0830. Members should check the CLEAR system on a regular basis to ensure there have not been any changes to their Special Employment assignments.

Step Raises

The Lodge has received numerous calls in the past weeks regarding step

raises. In some cases, officers failed to receive their contractually guaranteed step raise within a reasonable time frame. If you have an anniversary date coming in the near future, monitor your check stubs to ensure that the step increase has taken effect. These increases become effective beginning the pay period following the anniversary and show up on the check dated after that. If you believe there is a discrepancy with your wages, call the finance department at 312-745-5670. The salary schedule for sworn personnel can be found in Appendix A of the contract. If you have additional questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call the Lodge.

Retiree Breakfasts and Luncheons

North:

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

20th District Owls Retirees & Alumni:

Every Thursday @ 10:00 am
Niles Grill, 9206 N. Milwaukee Ave,
 Niles, IL
 Tony Amelio, 847-321-5190

South:

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

Bomb & Arson:

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 8:30 am
Fiesta Tapatia Restaurant, 2752 W. Cermak,
 Chicago, IL
 Roger Elmer, 773-763-2115

12th District Retirees and Alumni

1st Thursday of Month @ 10:00 am
Southern Belles Restaurant, 6737 Archer Ave.,
 Bridgeview, IL
 12retirees@comcast.net

Crime Lab, ETs, Forensic Services & Mobile Unit

1st Tuesday of Month @ Noon
Flap-Jack's Restaurant, 4830 West 111th Street,
 Oak Lawn, IL
 Bob Baikie, 773-284-1935

Orland Park Law Enforcement Organization:

3rd Thursday of Month @ 7:30 pm
Orland Park Civic Center, 14800 Ravinia,
 Orland Park, IL
 Don Ade, 708-408-9308

Brothers & Sisters Band Together:

3rd Saturday of Month @ 10:00 am
Pancake House, 700 East 87th Street,
 Chicago, Illinois
 Roosevelt Lowe, 773-779-4073

8th District 8 Balls:

Last Wednesday of Month @ Noon
 Call for location: Al Bilacki, 773-767-1885

Old School Deuce:

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 10:00 am
Lumes Pancake House, 11601 S. Western Ave,
 Chicago, Illinois
 Elbert Parker, 773-593-7743

Survivors Lunch:

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

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, 2020 W. Horizon Ridge,
 Henderson, NV
 Jerry Rutkowski, 702-575-4301

Florida Retirees:

1st Wednesday of the Month @ 1:00 pm
Cop Shop, 4423 S/E 16th Place, Cape Coral, FL
 Tom Faragoi, 239-770-7896

Disability & Veterans Report, By Carlos 'Sal' Saladino

Disability Report

The best of health from the Disability Committee. We are available for calls at the FOP office Monday through Friday. Click on the Disability Page link on the FOP website, www.chicagofop.org, for beneficial information. Feel free to email me at csaladino@chicagofop.org.

Pension Board 2010 Meeting Dates – Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 29, May 27, Jun 24, Jul 29, Aug 26, Sep 28, Oct 28, Nov 24 & Dec 20. Meetings begin at 9:00 am but suggest you call the Pension at 312-744-3891 to verify dates in case of changes. I realize how busy your schedules are but it would be beneficial to you to make just one of these meetings – this is your pension.

New Pension Board Doctor – Dr. Peter Orris, MD, MPH. FOP 1st VP Bill Dougherty, PO Kim Shemash and myself visited the offices of Dr. Orris located at Occupational Health Services Institute at 835 S. Wolcott. Parking facilities were discussed and free parking will be available for officers scheduled for exams. The meeting was very informative on both sides regarding our role for disabled officers and our conduct at the Pension Board meetings and his understanding on disability for police officers. General Orders, Special Orders and the annual reexamination questionnaire were handed out. A tour of the facilities was given by Dr.

Orris and we were told that any questions or concerns by us can be directly addressed to him. We left the meeting feeling fully satisfied with Dr. Orris and his first pension meeting is Jan 28.

Meeting with Pension Board Staff – I met with the staff to discuss two issues for active and disabled officers. 1) Prudential Insurance Basic Term Life coverage in the amount of \$25,000. I have encountered problems when there is a death of an officer and the amount of coverage or even payment to the officer's family. Call Prudential to check on your status, coverage amount (\$25,000) and beneficiary (Group Policy #44004) at 800-778-3827. 2) Public Safety Employee Benefits Act 820 ILCS 320 (PSEBA). This is the statute that provides police officers an employer's health insurance plan that the employer shall pay. Disabled officers who qualify (the effective date is 14 November 1997) are entitled to have their premiums paid until the employee's death, and thereafter the employee shall pay the premium for the surviving spouse until remarried and to dependent children set forth in the statute. As of this writing there are only two eligible officers.

Veteran's Corner

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

Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water - From at least 1957 through 1987 Marines and their families at Camp Lejeune main family housing areas of Tarawa Terrace and Hadnot Point drank and bathed in water contaminated with toxins. The main chemicals involved were volatile compounds (VOCs) such as perchloroethylene (PCE), a dry cleaning solvent and trichloroethylene (TCE), a degreaser. However, more than 70 chemicals have been identified as contaminants.

The Marine Corps encourages all those who lived or worked at Camp Lejeune before 1987 to register to receive notifications regarding Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water. Please encourage family or friends who were there during this period to also join the Notification Registry. Contact: Camp Lejeune Water Study Call Center - 877-261-9782, Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Email: clwater@usmc.mil. Semper Fi.

PO Pedro Medina (014) update – Tom Faragoi has visited Pete and he has a new address. You can write him at 18002 Richmond Place, Apt. 626, Tampa, FL 33647. Phone & email remain the same: 813-631-6045, pmolina08@gmail.com.

Airborne Sal

Address Change Form, Effective Date: _____

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

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

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Look at the label on the last page. Complete this form if your newsletter is forwarded and return Form To The FOP – Unit 541 or 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago Illinois 60607, Attn: Doreen

A Reason To Smile, Compliments of Rabbi Moshe Wolf

Did you ever have one of those days when it's cloudy out and you're feeling a bit down? Or maybe you're finding yourself in a bit of an emotional rut? Stop and look around and soon you'll see that even on a cloudy day there is a reason to smile...let me explain with a short story.

"A Reason to Smile"

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said, "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote, "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it" end of story.

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the

first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so blessed that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective? Moral of the story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. And if you know of somebody whose burden is heavier than yours, don't hesitate to reach out and share a kind word, you'll both feel better.

When life gives you a reason to cry, show life that you also have a reason to smile. Not always an easy feat, but one that takes a bit of effort from the heart.

Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. And if by chance life sends you lemons, make the world's best lemonade, and enjoy the drink. Remember, one of the most beautiful things in the world is to see a person smiling and, even more beautiful is, knowing that you are the reason behind it!

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 Police Chaplain Rabbi Moshe Wolf, 773-463-4780, or e-mail me at moshewolf@hotmail.com.

November 2009 Retirees

Name	Rank	Dist.	Yrs
Antol, Robert P.	Detective	079	29
Betts, Reginald B.	Officer	018	33
Bocconcelli, Steven	Detective	630	37
Brya, John M.	Officer	DPR	39
Buckley, Jerry C.	Officer	011	25
Chase, Robert G.	FTO	010	17
Dumas, Paul D.	Officer	002	29
Fitzmaurice, James E.	Detective	620	40
Fulla, Mark A.	Officer	DPR	42
Gallowitch, Edward	Officer	DPR	33
Gaudio, Nick A.	Lieutenant	177	33
Hatzel, Joseph	Officer	019	30
Holmes, Richard R.	Officer	019	40
Hughes, Dennis G.	Officer	193	29
Jones, Earl D.	Officer	015	28
Kampenga, Thomas B.	Detective	610	29
King, Lawrence M.	Officer	016	23
Meador, James R.	Sergeant	007	33
Raitano, Joseph S.	Officer	018	36
Santangelo, Ernest P.	Officer	050	41
Serpe, Charles A.	ET	377	27
Stubitsch, Robert A.	Officer	008	24
Turner, Myrna L.	Officer	005	17
Williams, Kenneth L.	Officer	006	21
Wittenberg, Alan B.	Officer	050	29

HEALTH AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Ed King – Chairman

Last month the Committee reported on a new and unique life insurance benefit that will be available for our members both active and retired. We also listed the highlights of this voluntary benefit. As stated last month, we expected an enrollment date on or about 01 Feb 10. This date has been delayed slightly and the Committee is getting closer to an exact enrollment date. When this occurs, our members will be notified via the F.O.P. website and mailers sent to your home, which will contain all the enrollment information, Q&A's, phone numbers and specific procedures for enrolling. Please bear with us just a little longer so as to ensure a smooth enrollment process. This is a unique benefit and we want it done right. Thanks for your patience and stay safe!

**The Next General Meeting Is Scheduled For
Tuesday, 20 February 2010 at Noon.**

**All Members Are Encouraged To Attend &
Remember To Sign In At The Front Desk!**

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 28, 2010 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 22, 2010.

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, March 28, 2010
1300 – 1600 hours

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, March 22, 2010

Name: _____

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

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

2010 Annual St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 13, 2010

6:00 pm—11:00 pm

Fraternal Order of Police Hall

1412 W. Washington Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois

\$20 Donation

*Includes Harrington's Corned Beef
Refreshments & Entertainment
(Some adult beverages require tickets that can be
purchased at the front door of the party)*

*For more information or to purchase tickets for
the party, please contact the
Gift Shop at 312-733-2344.*



Hippity Hop On Over For Lunch With The Easter Bunny!

You're invited to the Annual FOP Family Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt, Lunch and Bake Sale with the Easter Bunny

Tickets cost **\$5.00** each

Saturday, March 27, 2010

- Lunch Noon—1:15
- Prizes
- Pictures With The Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt: 1:15—3:00

**FOP Hall, 1412 W. Washington Blvd,
Chicago, Illinois**

For more information or to purchase
tickets please call
Angie Haynes at 773-334-5718



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Mon-Thurs, 9:00 – 5:00
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 Saturday, 9:00 – 1:00

Store Closed:

February 12, 13 & 15
 2010

Direct Line:

312-733-2344

Tee Shirt of the Month

Chicago Police
 Department, Est. 1855

30% OFF

Sizes small to 3XL
 price ranges from
\$8.36 to \$9.45!

You Have Presidents' Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine's Day, Pulaski Day, Daylight Savings Time & Around The Corner Is St. Patrick's Day.... There Are Plenty Of Reasons To Have a BIG Sale!!

Ladies Quilted Jackets In Black Or Blue, Lightweight But Warm—Small to 2XL—**Sale \$28.95 All Sizes**

40% OFF Select Polo Shirts, Assorted Colors & Sizes

Mens Reversible (Black/Brown) Belt With CPD Star Belt Buckle, Adjustable To Size 54—**Sale \$19.95 Each**

Indoor/Outdoor CPD Patch Doormat, 18X30—**Sale \$14.95 Each**

Youth Sizes Sm to XL Tee Shirt With Silver CPD Star— Assorted Colors
Sale \$6.95 .Limited Quantities!

Back In Stock. FOP Handbook Leather Cover—**\$9.95 Each**
 & Field Guide Cover—**\$11.95 Each**

Back In Stock. 2010 Operations Calendar
 Flip Style & Magnetic—**\$3.00 Each.**

The Flip Calendar Is FREE With \$25.00 Purchase.

New Item. Youth Shooting Stars Tee Shirt In White & Royal
 Blue. 2/4 to 14/16—**\$8.95 Each**

New Item. Three Button Solid Color Thermal Henley
 Medium to 2XL—**\$15.95**

Please Support The FOP
 Family Auxiliary By
 Purchasing Their Charm
 Bracelet.

This Bracelet Is On Sale
 Now For Only \$10.00
 Each!

Get ready for St. Patrick's Day with new apparel arriving daily. Full zip hoodie in kelly green with star in shamrock design and long sleeve tee-shirts arriving soon. Polo shirts, green Garda caps and more. Come in and see what we have!



Pension News, By Mike Shields

Reciprocal Act

This week, the Pension Board drafted a letter to Mayor Daley requesting to have the City lobby the Illinois Legislature to include our fund into the reciprocal act. The reciprocal act includes numerous downstate, state, county and municipal pension funds that allow officers to transfer their creditable service upon changing departments. As cited under 40 ILCS 5/20-101, the reciprocal act serves to "establish a plan for the continuity and preservation of pension credit, in the case of employees transferring employment from one governmental unit to another. The purpose of this plan is to assure full and continuous pension credit for all service in public employment."

While our Board Members may not see eye to eye on all issues, this Board

unanimously agrees that participation in the act will benefit the fund. Right now, officers entering the Department that have years of experience from most other departments will have to pay an alarming rate to purchase their credit time through the pension portability bill. With reciprocity, the officer transferring into the police pension fund will be able to transfer his creditable service time from his former pension fund to the current.

Our Pension Board realizes that officers typically have the Chicago Police Department as the final law enforcement destination of employment. The other pension funds benefit when an officer resigns from their department to seek employment at ours. The officer is able to withdraw only his contribution from the fund. The former pension fund then

is able to keep the municipalities' contributions for themselves. Under reciprocity, if an officer changed departments, he would be credited the time in the new pension fund and the former pension fund would bear the cost of the unfunded liability portion. Simply put, the years the officer worked elsewhere would cost the other pension funds the retirement money, not ours. From the management perspective, this would limit the amount of unfunded liability to our pension fund and save the tax payers money. For the benefit of the employee, the years of service may be combined so the officer may obtain a police pension without losing years of contributions in other pension funds. Hopefully, the Illinois Legislature will agree.



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THE ED REINES MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #7, will be holding its
16th Annual Ed Reines Memorial Fishing Tournament
at the Chain of Lakes, Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

All members, active and retired, are invited to take part in this event. There will be a barbecue 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 (\$40 per man - \$80 per boat) payable to F.O.P., Lodge 7 and send Attn: Frank DiMaria at 1412 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607