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CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

President's Message

By John Pallohusky

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the C.P.S.A. and its Board of Directors to extend our congratulations to all of our Sergeants who were recently promoted to Lieutenant. Among this group was our President of the C.P.S.A., Sergeant Michael Dejanovich. Mike was an active Board Member of the C.P.S.A. prior to being elected as President. In the short time that he served as President of our



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Association he was able to lay the ground work for several positive changes within the Association. We wish Mike and the entire group of newly promoted Lieutenants well in their new positions.

Upon the promotion of our former President, the Board of Directors elected me to serve as interim President of the C.P.S.A.. I have been a member of the C.P.S.A. Executive Board for the past five years and currently serve as the Treasurer of the Association.

The elected members of the C.P.S.A. serve in a variety of ways to help ensure that the C.P.S.A.

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meets the needs of our members as set forth in our contract and stipulated in the By-Laws. These Board Members for the most part, volunteer their time in their various capacities in an effort to promote the goals of the Association on behalf of our members.

Since assuming the duties of President, I along with Jim Cosgrove, Recording Secretary and Chairman of the Grievance Committee, have continued to work on making the grievance procedure with respect to our involvement more efficient. We have been able to accomplish this by meeting with Management Labor Affairs Section and working out our issues in a more timely fashion. In addition, two of our Board Members, Sgt's Jim Ade and Rich Wisner have volunteered to be on the Grievance Committee to assist in expediting grievant issues. These new steps that we have taken have already proved beneficial in resolving some of our grievances.

We have continued the process of using email to keep our members up to date on various issues as they arise. Many of our members have expressed their concern over our Web Site being inactive. This situation is being addressed and the site should be up and functional in the very near future.

We continue to meet with our labor attorneys and the City representatives over attempting to develop a program to provide for future Post Retirement Benefits. These meetings were agreed to as part of our contract with the City. These discussions are in the very early stages and as more information on this issue becomes available I will pass it on to our members.

I would like to encourage all of our members, both active and retire to attend the general membership meetings. As scheduling permits, I would like to begin inviting guest speakers to our general meetings to address topics that concern our members.

As always, Stay Safe! 🏠

John Pallohusky

Pictures from the Past

By Ret. Sgt. Don Januszzyk



These pictures came from retired Range Master, Sgt Roy Swanson. Roy's sill alive and sharp as ever. An update: Thanks to retired policewoman/police officer, Maggie McCarthy who is pictured here in the class of 18 Feb 74 (she is the 4th policewoman from the right) I can now put names to some of the faces. From right to left, Cindy Kane, Susan Luther and Roseanne Fitzgerald. 🏠

**Stay Safe!
Always wear your
seat belt!**



Pension News

By Sgt. Mike Lazzaro, Sergeants Pension Fund Trustee

The returns on investments—city pension funds for 2005:

Fire: 10.7%

Laborers: 7.8%

Police: 7.3%

Municipal: 6.9%

The pension's annual report for 2005 should be out by the end of July. Unfortunately, the police-funding ratio for 2005 dropped to 50.7% from 55.91 in 2004. Gross revenues for 2005 decreased a \$53.7 million compared to 2004. The Fire fund a ratio is just under 41%. The Ratio for Laborers was 93.9% and Municipal was 68.5%.

The police and fire funds, as a rule, have lower funded ratios, in that members can collect a pension at age 50 with 20 years service. Many employees in the laborer and municipal funds have to work until age 55 and also have to work 30 years for similar benefits. In the last 25 years the Police fund's highest funding ratio was 76%.

Revenue to finance the fund comes from the contributions of active members (9% of their salary) the city's contribution is (2.0 multiplier), and finally investment income. The year 1989 was the last year that members and the city's contribution covered expenses. In 1990 the fund had to spend approximately 12 million dollars of our investment income to cover expenses. Since then, investment earnings have been used to help cover expenses. However, in 2004, investment income was approximately 367 million, but over 195 million of investment income was needed to cover expenses.

Spending a reasonable percentage of your investment income to help cover expenses is to be expected when benefit levels increase beyond employee/

employer contributions. The Fund must do this. However as the Fund relies more on investment income to cover current benefits, this is reducing the amount of new monies flowing into investments and slowing asset growth.

In every annual report since 1991, under the paragraph titled "funding status" you will see the same sentence: "It should be noted that there has been no increase in recommended employer requirement (tax multiplier) since 1982 when the rate was increased from 1.97 to 2.0 times the employee contribution two years prior." Since the multiplier was last raised there have been many pension enhancements but no increase in funding to pay for these enhancements.

If you follow the stock market, you know that the "tech stock bubble bust" of 2000 and the terrorist attack on September 11, of 2001 caused huge financial losses for all investors. An actuarial study reveals the police fund lost approximately one billion dollars of asset value within these two years. It has taken the fund almost five years to regain those losses. While this may all paint a bad picture, our Fund is still in stable condition; however we do need to address the issue of increased funding.

I started my term on the pension board, along with the other three-elected officer in December 05. In January of 2006 we started having investments meeting every month instead of every quarter. We are constantly striving to maximize returns, while maintaining a well-diversified portfolio.

PENSION P.S. Since 1 Jan 06, 16 police officers have resigned and have been hired by the Chicago Fire Dept. The Chicago Fire pension is the only pension fund that has a reciprocal agreement with the police pension. ❧

Pensions In Danger!!!

By Sgt. Don Januszyk, Retired, Southside Retiree Liaison

Earlier this year Senator Jacqueline Collins 16th Dist., was able to get her bill SB 0023 passed. This bill is referred to as the Sudan Bill. It prohibits Illinois public pension funds from investing in companies which invest in any Sudan country. This bill will seriously affect the way pension funds invest their money, and will also require that the pension funds sell off any current investments in companies that deal with any Sudan country. **These investments will all be sold at a loss, and this loss is anticipated to be in the millions.**

Some small police pension funds will not be able to invest in any mutual funds, and may require their members to increase their contributions. While this will affect the current retirees, it will have a more profound affect on future retirees. This bill goes into effect in January of 2007.

To get the full reading of the bill and the list of sponsors and co-sponsors, you can go the Illinois web site www.ilga.gov. On the left side type in the bill number. Once the bill is displayed you can click onto anyone of the sponsors, and it will take you to their website which displays their office addresses and phone numbers.

I brought this issue up at the May meeting of the Retired Chicago Police Association, which represents all Chicago Police Officers of any rank. Ken Houser, the retiree representative to the Pension Board, gave an excellent and expanded explanation of the issue. I asked President Tony Finnely how our organization intends to address this. President Finnely responded "When we find out more about it will do something. We don't endorse politations." Their next meeting is in September, which leaves only 3 months before the bill goes into effect.

In the week of 18 June, there was a meeting relative to this bill sponsored by the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association. Senator Collins requested

to address this meeting, and she was allowed to attend. Senator Collins arrived with an attorney and Fr. Pflieger of St. Sabina Church in Chicago. I was not present at the meeting but reliable sources have informed me that the initial address by this group was not positive, and could be described as threatening.

After the above meeting, Senator Collins met privately with some of the members. A spokes person from the IPPFA said this small meeting was encouraging and that they hoped for some type of relief by the fall veto session

Also present at this meeting was a representative from the National Foreign Trade Council. This group represents some of the companies who will have to terminate their investments in the Sudan countries or will lose investors because of their investments in the Sudan countries. My understanding is that this organization intends to file a federal suit in the beginning of July. Additionally, there was a similar bill on the east coast that was over turned. Our own State laws provide that the Pension Board invest our funds in profitable investments. Senator Collins bill prohibits this.

There is a large list of co-sponsors, and one of them is Rep. Acevedo who is also a Chicago Police Officer. Also, Senator Antonio Munoz is also a Chicago Police Officer. My question to them is **"How can you co-sponsor and vote for a bill that is detrimental to your fellow officers?"** There was no response to several calls to either of their offices, and they both share the same Chicago location.

I checked on another sponsor closer to where I live. Senator Maggie Crotty of the 19th District. The Senator returned my call and advised me that she was aware of the Sudan bill and the effects on our pension. Sen. Crotty said that she has been in touch with Sen. Collins and they hope to amend the Sudan bill. Sen. Crotty spoke positively about assisting us, and said that she herself is from a police family. The

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Senator is on the committees for Amendments and Special Issues.

Senator Collins herself promptly returned my call. She stated that when she first introduced the bill she had no intent to undermine the pensions in Illinois. The bill was made available to all the Senators and Representatives and no one voted against it. Sen. Collins indicated that perhaps our lobbyists failed to catch the negative aspects of the bill.

She advised me of the meeting with the Ill. Pension Fund Assoc., and her intent of getting the necessary language to amend the bill so that it would not undermine the pension funds. She additionally stated that she has spoken with City Chief Financial Officer Dana Levenson and City Treasurer Judith Rice asking them to submit to her language that would alter the bill, but would not defeat her intent of the bill. Sen. Collins asked who my senator was, and sadly I didn't know. After checking I found that it was Sen. Maggie Crotty who I had already spoken with.

I checked the list of Senate and Representative Sponsors again and found that 7 of them sit on a Pension Committee. They are Sen. Mattie Hunter, Sen. Kwame Roul, Sen. Iris Martines, Rep. Ed Acevedo (Police Officer), Rep. Karen Yarbrough, Rep. David Miller, and Rep. Terry Parke. Additionally, the vast numbers of sponsors were Democratic. Sen. Collins said all 59 Senators voted for the Sudan bill. How can our elected Senators and Pension committee members allow this to happen to retired seniors and future retirees in Illinois????

I have been informed that steps are being taken to rectify this Sudan bill, however our elected representatives have already made this error and it is in our best interests to ensure that they rectify this issue and save our pension investments.

.I would suggest that you call or write, or even better do both, and let them know that we are aware of this problem and how many votes you have in

your large families. This also applies to our out of state retirees even more so.

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In Springfield: 217-782-1607

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In Chicago: 773-843-1200
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Chicago, Illinois 60609
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Chicago, Illinois 606
In Chicago: 312-744-3891

For the heck of it I contacted the FOP offices to find out if they could give me any information as to their views on the Sudan bill. However, I was politely informed that Mr. Donahue only confers with FOP members. I was told that they were aware of the Sudan bill, but there is no mention of it in any of there news letters. FOP is also endorsing Rep. E. Acevedo for re-election. Ok, all you Sgt's who still belong to the FOP, you know what to do. 🙏

Heads Up on the Wellness Plan

By Sgt. Don Januszyk, Retired, South Side Retiree Liaison

This is for active duty Sgt's and Sgt's who retired at age 60 and receive City Medical Benefits. Part of your medical benefit plan is a Wellness Benefit. The City has put \$600 dollars into each individual Wellness Account per year, they raised your deductible, but that's another issue. A lot of members have been confused over the use of this benefit. I spoke to Judy at Benefit Management Dept., and she was really great. She explained the use and also gave me a few tips which we all can use.

Each qualified member in your family has the \$600 in their own account. This is used for your eye plan (e.g. DavisVision), check ups, immunizations, routine blood work, pap smears, and etc. See the _ inch box in your booklet. These services are paid at 100%.

When you go to your medical doctor, it is best to inform them that you have preventative care coverage. If you don't tell them they may bill you in the standard format and you will only be covered for 90% of the bill. Additionally, look in the diagnosis box on the bill which they have you sign. There should be a (V) before the diagnosis code which indicates coverage by the Wellness Plan.

The Wellness Account is maintained by Blue Cross. They will send you an EOB, (Explanation Of Benefits) stating that the dollar amount was paid form the Wellness Benefit. The EOB will also state what amount is left in this account. When you go for a vision exam, Blue Cross will also send you an EOB for that service also. You don't have to advise the vision people of anything special only the medical doctors. The doc may be trying to do you a favor, and actually be costing you some money. Good Luck. 🏠

Update Your Records!

Are your records up to date?

We have received a fairly good response from our active member sergeants with respect to updating their beneficiary cards.

If you have suffered a loss or have been divorced recently, please remember to update your beneficiary information with the City, your Sergeants Association and with any individual insurance programs that you may have.

If you have had a recent birth in your family, if you have adopted or married, remember to update your Medical and Insurance information.

If your information is not current and you should pass away, your loved ones may suffer the consequences and end up in a protracted court fight. 🏠

CPSA Star Offer

The CPSA tie tack/lapel pin is being offered for sale to our current and retired members.



These pins are perfect for trading with officers from other law enforcement agencies or during the CPSA European Tour. The pin, as depicted in the accompanying picture, is a miniature replica of the CPD Sergeant's star and is gold in color with black printing. The pin costs only \$2.00 or 3 pins for \$5.00. CPSA members who want to purchase a pin (or pins) should send a written request with a check or money order payable to the CPSA. Include your name, address, phone and number of pins wanted in your written request and send it to:

Chicago Police Sergeants Association
1616 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago, IL 60609

Those who wish to have the pins mailed to their home, please add 50¢ for postage for orders of six pins or less and \$1.00 for orders of more than six pins. 🏠

The Retirees' Corner

By Retired Sgts. Don Januszyk (South Side Rep.) & Michael Stather (North Side Rep.)

Northside Retiree Report

IMPORTANT MEDICARE / PENSION INFORMATION

Reduces the amount that is deducted from your pension check to pay your hospitalization. I did my math, and will save \$125.00 a month (= \$1500 a year). Not close to 65 yet? Project this onto your next year's calendars until you are.

You **MUST** comply with the below instructions. Reproduction of the below article approved by the Pension Fund:

Affected retirees are reminded to contact the Fund immediately upon receiving a Medicare Card for yourself and/or your spouse. The Pension Fund will require a photocopy of the card(s) to be mailed or faxed to the Fund office. If you are affected, completing this requirement will reduce your current insurance premium deduction from your annuity.

This change in your status requires your personal response and will not occur automatically. If you have any questions, contact the Fund office at (312) 744-3891 Mon-Fri, 0800 to 1600 hrs. Fax number to the Fund is: (312) 726-3216. 🏠

New CPD Stars for Retirees

If anyone is interested in exchanging your old retired star for the new design retired star they must send in a letter with a self-addressed envelope with postage. The letter must contain your full name, address, employee number or your SNN, and your last star number. Address the letter to Sgt. Ray Gawne, Personnel Division, 3510 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60653. 🏠

Southside Retiree Report

Opening the mail from the retirees who have sent in their raffle tickets is really great. Many of them include a short note, and it's really great to hear from you. Many of you have sent in an additional donation, and we thank you for your generosity. Take the time and read the article on the Sudan Senate Bill which affects our pensions. If you have heard that one of our Sergeants has passed, please notify our office. Sometimes we miss obits, and we have no access to our members who live outside of the Chicago area. If you're planning on moving, again please drop our office a note with the new address and phone number. For your information, any mail that we receive from our members is shredded after we read it, especially the return address. The September General Meeting will be at Home Run Inn at 31st & Kostner in Chicago, starting at 7 PM. Remember, the retirees are always welcome at our meetings. 🏠



**Sgts. Ed Fournier, Ed McGuire, and Ted Raab (above)
Southside Breakfast attendees
Lts. Bob Cronin, Bill Antonick, and John Wolanski (below)**



2006 Golf Outing

The Golf outing and raffle drawing are on Monday the 14th of August at the Silver Lake Golf Course. I'd like to take the time to thank the retirees for their commitment. So far they have surpassed last year's turn in. Looking forward to the Active Sergeants getting their raffle tickets in ASAP. Remember Sarge, you don't have to be present to win. Southwest Airlines has sent us two round trip tickets anywhere within their system. There's still time to turn in your golf reservation using the form below. I'd call our office first and make sure their's room before sending in this reservation. Remember, singles and doubles are welcome. ⚡

2006 Golf Reservation Form

Golfer #1 (print) _____

Golfer #2 (print) _____

Golfer #3 (print) _____

Golfer #4 (print) _____

Contact Person

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Total \$340.00. Make check out to CPSA.

Return To: Chicago Police Sergeant Association, 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois 60609

Mark Your Calendar!

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2006

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7:00 PM

RETIREES WELCOME

Guest Speaker:

Mr. John Gallagher, Executive Director
Chicago Police Pension Fund



Thanks, Vince!

Vince Fagan, Retired Investigator, was and still is Vice President of United Supply Service Inc. We were looking for someone to refinish the basement floors at the Union office. We contacted Vince to get an estimate and he sent in a whole crew and did a fantastic job, and DIDN'T CHARGE US A DAMM THING! So if you're looking for floor finishing or industrial cleaning products & supplies, we highly recommend Vince and United Supply. Thanks again, Vince!

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Gold Lifetime Membership Cards

The Gold Lifetime Membership Cards are back again. Several members had inquired about them, and we are making them available again to our retirees. So far 90 retirees have purchased them, and if any retiree is interested they may fill out the form below and return it to our office with a check. They are a gold metal plate, the size of your CPD ID, with your name and star number on it. They used to sell for \$30 each, but because of new processes we have reduced the cost to \$12 dollars each. The only difference between the old and new ones is that the new cards do not have the president's or treasurer's names on them. The next time we will offer the Card in the *Chevrons* is in January of 2007.

Request for Gold Membership Card

Name (print) _____ Star # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Cost: \$12.00. Make check payable to CPSA.

Return to: Chicago Police Sergeant's Association, Gold Card, 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, IL 60609.



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Old Address _____ Zip Code _____

New Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (new) _____

I have changed Units. My current unit is as follows

Old Unit _____ New Unit _____

I have a new star number. My current star number is as follows

Old Star Number _____ New Star Number _____

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

You may mail this form via Police Mail to: **Unit 545 or U.S. Mail to:
CPSA/P.B.&P.A. Unit 156a, 1616 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago, IL 60609**

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