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CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

## President's Message

By John Pallohusky

Congratulations to 50 officers that were recently promoted to sergeant. I encourage you to become familiar with the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association and your additional benefits provided to you by our contract. Remember, this is now your Association and it is as strong as you make it.

Our 2007 Golf outing was one of our most successful yet. I would like to thank all of the sponsors, participants and especially our retired members who volunteered so many hours to make this outing a huge success. All proceeds from this event go into our Death Benefit Fund. This fund is used exclusively to provide a \$3,000.00 payment to the designated beneficiary of an ACTIVE member upon their death. Reminder - please ensure that your benefit information is up to date. You may contact the CPSPA to verify your information or to obtain a beneficiary card.

Contract negotiations are moving forward. This past 10 Oct 07 was our third formal meeting with the City. Several more dates have already been schedule through November. On 16 August 07, we first met with representatives of the City of Chicago and the Police Department to formally commence contract negotiations. Prior to this, we had several meetings and discussions with our labor attorneys and advisors to discuss strategy and devise an action plan.

Our contract requests and plan is partly based upon the input that we have received from our membership. I would like to thank all our members that have taken the time to provide some very thoughtful and constructive suggestions concerning the next contract.

Some of the issues raised by our members are concerns over insurance rates, medical benefits,

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retirement benefits, wages, bids, overtime issues, discipline, residency, work schedules and enhanced benefits. So far the City has made a presentation outlining health insurance issues which included provisions that we had previously proposed during past contract negotiations. We view this as a positive step in moving these negotiations forward. As of the last meeting on 10 Oct 07 several issues are under discussion, but no agreements have been formalized.

I want to assure our members that your concerns are being heard and that our goal is to aggressively negotiate in the best interest of all our members. It is my intention to keep the membership informed of the progress of these ongoing negotiations and post updates and details when feasible.

As always, Stay Safe! ⚡

*John Pallohusky*

## November Meeting

The November general meeting will be held on **Thursday the 15th of November**, starting promptly at **1900 hours**, at our office **1616 W. 39th St.** Our annual Turkey Raffle will be held after the meeting. Hope to see you there. ⚡



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



## General Meeting Raffle Winners

At the July 2007 General Meetings we raffled off numerous prizes, and the winners were:

**Tim Brophy (Retired)**

**Stephanie Stuart (640)**

**Tim Koren(620)**

**Al Piantkowski (018)**

**Ed McGuire (Retired)**



## Attention Active Duty Sergeants!

Please, please make sure that we have a record of your beneficiary on file. In the event something happens to you there are benefits that both our Association and the PB&PA make available to your family. We would like to get these benefits to your family as soon as possible, and if you didn't fill out a card this delays the process. If you know you have not filled out a beneficiary card, contact our office and we will send one out to you. ⚡

## United Health Care Information

Complaints - Mike Telesky: 312-424-4807

Dental: 1-800-996-7523

Vision: 1-800-980-2961

Enrollment: 1-888-484-0048

To Cancel, call Enrollment and press #1

For a widow or widower to continue the program after the husband or wife passes away call Mary Flynn at 312-424-5623. ⚡

# Pension Report

By Sgt Mike Lazzar, Sergeant's Pension Trustee

Thanks to City Comptroller Steve Lux and Police Pension Board Executive Director John Gallagher Jr. for attending the September Sergeant's Pizza meeting. Both gave excellent speeches and answered questions asked by active and retired Sergeants. There were a total of 73 members who come to this meeting, compared to 54 in 2006. The general meetings are held every-other month, on the 3rd Thursday. The next scheduled general meeting will be on November 15. I always tell Sergeants that they shouldn't miss the pizza meeting in September, the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner in February, or the "turkey raffle" meeting in November. Come to the meetings! Your input is important, negative and positive. In my opinion the Association's biggest problem is apathy. It's your organization, get involved.

On June 8, it was announced that Paul Volpe was selected by the Mayor to be the City's Chief Financial Officer and was appointed to the Police Pension Board. He attended his 1st pension board meeting this August. There are four appointed board members, each selected by the Mayor; besides Paul Volpe the others include Robert Reusche, Steve Lux, and Stephanie Neely.

I have been at the pension board for almost 2 years. I enjoy the job and slowly but surely have learned what needs to be done and have initiated several positive improvements. I spent 23 years in the patrol division, and didn't realize I would miss the daily grind and especially the friendships that were made. Since I was elected I have visited many roll calls both in districts and units, including on the 1st watch. One of my campaign pledges was to get

information to you on a personal level. While I was elected to represent the Sergeants, I feel that my actions affect all sworn personnel and retirees. I will attend any roll call anywhere, anytime! Just give me a call at 312-744-3891.

The Fund has investment meetings every month, although all eight trustees attend, it is a closed meeting. While this is allowed under the "Open Meeting Act", I believe anyone should be allowed to attend this meeting to see how the Board investment process works. At the September Board meeting I made a motion to make the Investment meeting an open meeting, but the motion was tabled. I will make the same motion at the next meeting.

New Pension Legislation:

**WIDOWS REMARRIED** - No widow's annuity will be terminated by re-marriage, but if your benefits were terminated in the past you must re-apply for this benefit. (It is not retroactive) So far 16 have applied for the benefit as of 10 October.

**CHILD'S ANNUNITY** - There are no longer age restrictions on benefit for a handicapped child.

**WIDOWS MARRIED LESS THAN ONE YEAR** - if an active or retired member passes away, and was married less than a year, their spouse may now petition the Board for benefits. Approval is dependent upon special circumstances.

**JUST PASSED** - Public Act 95-05-30, SB-0065 - allows a Chicago Police officer, and/or police from other pensions to transfer up to 5yrs. of pension credit to the State Police Pension Fund. 🏠

# September Meeting

By (Ret.) Sgt. Don Januszyk

We had a great turn out for this meeting. The last two years there were only about 50-55 in attendance. We decided to move to another location which may have been the reason for the increased participation. There were 73 persons attending. Several important issues were discussed with only a few questions from the Sergeants. Pizzas were served after the meeting. There were two speakers who addressed the Sergeants, and they were Steve Lux City Comptroller, and John Gallagher Jr. Pension Director. We were happy to see a good group of working Sergeants there, but they had to leave just as

the pizza was coming out. Next time guys.

A suggestion was made to alternate the pizza meetings between the north and south side. Drop us a line via the email on the website or snail mail with your comments.

Some stats on Sept. Pizza meeting attendance:

**Sep '05:** 39 Active, 17 Retired, 3 Civilians = Total 59

**Sep '06:** 32 Active, 19 Retired, 3 Civilians = Total 51

**Sep '07:** 50 Active, 18 Retired, 5 Civilians = Total 73



**John Gallagher, Jr.,  
Executive Director Pension Fund**



**Steve Lux, Chicago Comptroller and  
Pension Trustee**





# Political Action Committee (PAC) Report

By Sgt Robert Kirchner, PAC Committee

***Have you joined the PAC yet?  
Have you even heard of PAC?***

The Sergeant's Association has a Political Action Committee. As we observed in the last aldermanic election, the infusion of monetary donations to candidates made a difference in the election. The Sergeants Association joined several other unions and made a difference in the makeup of the Chicago city council. We have met with the legislators and other elected officials to inform them of our concerns and issues that effect our members. We are taking a more active role in elections and will keep the membership informed of candidates who either support or oppose

our positions. The truth of the matter is that elections are expensive and candidates are looking for contributions.

How can you help? Fill out the form attached at the bottom and have one (\$1.00) dollar from your general dues be placed into the PAC account. You are not paying any additional money and your dues are not being raised to donate to the PAC. You are already paying your dues to the Association and this form merely authorizes the movement of one (\$1.00) dollar from the general fund to the PAC account. If you have any questions contact the association for further details. ⚡

## Political Action Committee Fund (PAC Fund) Authorization Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Star \_\_\_\_\_

Emp# \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Authorize the Chicago Police Sergeants Association to deduct \$1.00 each month from my basic union dues for contribution to the Chicago Police Sergeants Political Action Committee Fund.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Wanted!!!

Many of our retired and active duty Sergeants take trips out of state and frequently out of the county. We would like to start a collection of law enforcement patches which would be displayed in our meeting room.

If you have any extra patches from countries or states you have visited, we would appreciate it if you can send us one. If you have any future plans, please keep this project in mind, and see if you can obtain a patch for this collection. We do have Sergeant Association lapel star pins available for purchase, which some of our members have given to their counterparts in other counties and U.S. municipalities. When you do send us a patch, please include your name, and any relative information on the patch. ⚡



# Membership News

By Sgt. Robert Kirchner, Chair Membership Committee

Congratulations to the 50 new Sergeants on their recent promotion and we welcome them to the Sergeant's Association. With the addition of the new Sergeants there are currently 1,304 Sergeants on the active rolls. Of these, there are currently 5 fair share members.

A fair share member is a Sergeant who has not joined the Association but is required to pay a "Fair share" of dues anyway. By not being a member, the fair share Sergeant is unable to attend meetings, is not eligible for the death benefit fund should he or she pass away, and they cannot vote in association elections, but most importantly, they are not covered for legal defense. Every Sergeant's Association member who is required to give a statement or make an appearance at OPS/IAD is entitled to be accompanied by our attorney. If any Association member is involved in a shooting, we not only send out our incident response team, but an attorney also responds. No other organization provides such a benefit. ⚡

## Mark Your Calendar

The annual **Corned Beef Dinner** honoring all the Sergeants who retired in 2007 will be held on the south side. The date is **Thursday February 21st, 2008**. It will be held at the **European Chalet, 5445 S. Harlem Ave.**, in Chicago. There will be more information in our next issue. ⚡



Polish P.O.s in B.D.U.s with *Chevrons* Editor



Polish Police Officers in Krakow, Poland



Desk Sergeant in Krakow, Poland

# 2007 Annual Golf Outing

By Sgt. Sgt. George Whiteside, Ret. Sgt. Mike Stather, Ret. Sgt. Don Januszzyk

We had another great time this year, and the weather was perfect. The net profit that was deposited into the Death Benefit account was \$9,916.77. This was \$762.58 less than last year. There were 306 retirees, and 181 active Sergeants who turned in their raffle tickets. We would like to take the time to thank the Sergeants who sent in additional monies, because they cared. It was great reading the personal notes that the retirees sent in along with their raffle tickets.

We maxed out with 225 golfers this year. We were able to stick a few extra in with the help of Silver Lake. We had 151 door prizes and 32 paid hole sponsors, both down from last year.

The Ladies Longest Drive was won by Kathy O'Toole, the Men's was Ed Agurera, and the Closest to the Pin went to Mark Vanderploeg.

None of this would have been possible without the help of our retirees. Money hole workers were the traditional retirees Don Fournier & Ed McGuire on the north course and Ted Raab & Joanne Anya on the south course. Also working were Jackque Boyd, & Don Barry. Also a special thanks to Sgt. Al Piantkowski and Ret. Sgt. Gerry Saturnus for their contributions. A big thanks to the folks from J.P Morgan, National City, and the Patrolmen's Federal Credit Union. A special thanks to the staff and rangers at Silver Lake Country Club who made sure our day was perfect.

The next Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday the 11th of August 2008 at Silver Lake. Make sure that you mark your calendars. Have a safe year. ⚡









## 2007 Golf & Benefit Raffle Winners

\$500 1st Prize - Ret. Sgt. Ken Burger, Chi.

\$500 Vegas Trip - Sgt. Mike Voight Unit 153

Bear Football by Charles Tillman #33

- Ret. Sgt. Thomas Dugan, Matteson

Cubs Baseball by Jacque Jones

- Keith Griffin, Bellwood

Bulls Pennant by Luol Deng

- Ret. Capt. Ken Januszyk, Orland Park

Gold Sgt's Wall Clock

- Ret. Sgt. Charles White, Chi

Chicago Fire Hat Team Signed

- Sgt. Lisa Muller, 153

Lava Lamp - Ret. Sgt. John Burke, Chi

Sgt's Wall Clock - Sgt. Dennis Hinkson, 001

Cobra 2-Way Radios - Ben Minow, Chi

B&D Drill Set - Capt. Al Nagode

B&D Drill Set - Sgt. Tom Mills, 025

Sgt's Deck Clock - Ret. Sgt. Edwin Gora, Chi

Hilton Northbrook - Ret. Sgt. Rich Nelson, Chi

Westin O'Hare - Ret. Sgt. Dan Gallagher, Chi

Westin Chicago - Sgt. Dale Nowaczyk, 166

Men's Golf Set - Ret. Sgt. Richard Smith, Chi

Ladies Golf Set - Paddie Ploger, Chi

Golf Foursome - Ret. Sgt. Terry Fahey, Chi

Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants Certificates:

\$125 - Ret. Sgt. Tom Hennigan, Homer Glenn

\$125 - Ret. Sgt. James Webb, Geneva

\$100 - Ret. Sgt. Jim Scott, Oak Forest

\$100 - Sgt. Jim Henighen, 009

\$100 - Sgt. George Whiteside, 025

\$100 - Sgt. Veronica Blackwood, 192

\$50 - Sgt. Mary Grobarcik, 004

\$50 - Frank Barbaro, Chi

\$50 - Inv. Al Szudarski, 610

\$50 - Brooke Whiteside, 025

\$50 - Ret. Sgt. Jim Kulekowskis, Cresthill



## 2007 Donors & Sponsors

**W**e would like to take the time to thank all of the businesses and individuals who donated time and money to the Golf Outing and Death Benefit Raffle which made it a success that it was. We would also like to thank several Sergeants both Active and Retired that made significant contributions to assist us financially.

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Polo Café

Progress Printing

Quartino Restaurant & Wine Bar

RAS Communications

Sam's Liquors

Second City Theatre

Shedd Aquarium

Shomrim Society of Illinois

The Signature Room

Turtle Wax Car Wash

UBS Asset Management

Union Liquor & Beverage Co.

URTS Towing

Wellington Management Company

Wendela Cruises

Westin Hotel

Westin Hotel O'Hare

White Castle

Zanies Comedy Club 

# The Retirees' Corner

*By Retired Sgts. Mike Stather (Northside Rep.) and Don Januszyk (Southside Rep.)*

First we would like to thank all the retirees who participated in the Death Benefit Raffle. It was great to hear from all those who included a note in their returns. The IRS reversed themselves and is allowing the \$3,000 medical deduction, and you will be able to claim it when you file your 2007 taxes. The Pension Board recently sent out a news letter relative to that issue.

The bill sponsored by State Senator Meeks that would have taxed our pensions is in committee, and is not expected to be an issue. However, I would still be aware that it does exist and is a possibility. The Sudan bill which was signed by our Governor, that I mentioned in the last news letter, does not affect our pensions.

The vision and dental health care plans from United Health Care have run into problems. Of the many retirees who signed up for the plans, so far over

two hundred have opted out of the plans. Additionally, in the Oct 7th issue of the Chicago Sunday Tribune, in an article written by Robert Pear, it was stated that United Health was listed as one of the companies involved in improper denial of claims. The Illinois Dept. of Insurance listed the company as having a minimal amount of complaints against them. As in everything we retirees do, use caution and make sure that the plans you sign up for meet your needs and are in your best interest.

To our recent retirees in 2007, you will be honored at the Corned Beef Dinner on February 21st. This year it will be on the south side at the European Chalet on 5400 S. Harlem. The recent retirees will be notified by letter, and additional information will be published in the next issue of the Chevrons. Again, if any of you are changing your address please let us know. 🏠

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## Before You Retire . . . READ!!!

*By Sgt. Don Januszyk, Retired*

Before you retire, and you intend to live in the City of Chicago, make sure you are satisfied with the weapons you have. If you decide, after you retire to replace or purchase an additional handgun, CHICAGO WILL NOT PERMIT YOU TO OWN IT.

The current city ordinance only permits peace officers to purchase or own a handgun within the city limits. Now, the federal law SB218, authorizes you as a retired peace officer, to own and carry a handgun after you meet the current qualifications. According to attorneys the federal law should supersede the city ordinance, but the City does not care.

Currently, one of our retired Sergeant's residing in Chicago purchased a handgun to replace a defec-

tive one. The Sergeant was notified that this violated the city ordinance. When the Sergeant attempted to register the weapon, he was told that it must be turned into the City or sold. The Sergeant is fighting back and requested a hearing. The Sergeant, who was represented by an attorney at the hearing, was advised by the panel that they would render a decision shortly. It is expected that they will rule against the Sergeant. None of the parties in this action are named so as not to jeopardize the outcome of this action.

So to be on the safe side, make sure you make any changes to the kind of weapon you carry prior to retiring from the department. We will keep you advised. 🏠



# Retiree Roll

Congratulations to all of our retirees. These sergeants have provided the City of Chicago with many years of service. We wish a long, healthy and prosperous retirement to all!!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Star</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Retirement</u>
Eldridge, James R.	2018	008	62	35	01 May 07
Smulevitz, Leslie	2265	017	58	29	02 May 07
Kelly, William D.	1674	008	56	32	15 May 07
Peeples, Otis C.	2626	002	56	20	15 May 07
Bertini, Donald R.	2026	145	63	17	18 May 07
Madgett, Edward M.	984	132	60	26	31 May 07
Chavez, John M.	1686	192	60	26	15 Jun 07
Knasiak, Lawrence	1841	008	57	29	15 Jun 07
Rylko, Warren R.	1199	020	57	37	15 Jun 07
Cunningham, Dennis J.	1625	009	60	30	15 July 07
Robinson, Gerald	1799	007	56	31	15 July 07
Rose, William H.	2140	630	53	25	15 July 07
Sullivan, Joseph M.	2291	153	60	37	15 July 07
Hardt, Gary	2490	013	60	34	17 July 07
Ramirez, Armando	979	189	60	31	15 Aug 07
Callahan, William P.	1044	005	57	31	15 Aug 07
Ptaszkowski, Gerald C.	1348	701	57	35	15 Aug 07

# In Memoriam

The following Sergeants have passed away and will be missed. We extend our condolences to their families and friends. Please contact our office if you hear of any of our brothers or sisters passing on, we are not always notified in a timely manner.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Passed Away</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Passed Away</u>
Silas, Clifford	Retired	1989	Byrne, Lawrence W.	Retired	Aug 02, 2007
Howard, Robert S	Retired	June 18, 2006	Norka, Anthony D.	Retired-Fl.	Aug 19, 2007
Powers, Richard J.	Retired	July 15, 2007	Rich, Thomas	Retired	Aug 23, 2007
Swanson Jr., Roy C.	Retired	July 20, 2007	Becker, Warren P.	Retired	Sept 03, 2007
Bouse, James	Retired-Fl.	July 20, 2007	Jurich, George P.	Retired	Sept 30, 2007
Woods, Thomas J.	Retired	July 25, 2007	Velle, Jesse	Retired	Oct 06, 2007
Sloan, John P.	Retired-Fl.	Aug 01, 2007	Jones, Walter	Retired	Oct 06, 2007
Mills, Farly	Retired	Aug 02, 2007			

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Star # \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

I have moved. My current address information is as follows

Old Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (new) \_\_\_\_\_

I have changed Units. My current unit is as follows

Old Unit \_\_\_\_\_ New Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Day Off Group \_\_\_\_\_

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:  
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