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CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

## President's Message

By John Pallohusky

**O**n behalf of all the members of the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association I would like to extend congratulations to the 21 Sergeants promoted to Lieutenant and welcome the 50 Officers promoted to Sergeant.

This past February 2007, in accordance with Article 28 of the current Agreement between the City of Chicago and the P.B.& P.A. (Chicago Sergeants' Association), I notified the City and responsible parties, of the Associations' intent to begin negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement. The current Agreement is set to expire on 30 June 2007. As many of our members are aware the current Agreement has not been available due to incorrect verbiage and information contained in this document as presented by the City. This situation recently has been corrected and we are attempting to have the Agreement available via our Web site.

As we begin the process of negotiating the new Agreement it is my intention to seek input from our members and to keep our members informed of the status of the negotiations. As I previously stated, during the upcoming months we will be holding informal sessions at the Associations' Office to gather input and exchange information with any of our interested members. In addition, we will be mailing out via Department mail a questionnaire requesting suggestions for the new Agreement. This same questionnaire will be available on our Web site. I encourage all of our members, at any time, to forward their ideas, suggestions or concerns for consideration in developing the next Agreement. All correspondence will be kept confidential. Please provide some type of contact information if you wish to discuss any of your suggestions. Remember, it is YOUR contract, make sure your concerns are heard.

We continue to have discussions with the City for developing a plan for "Post Retirement Health Benefits." We are in the process of examining I.R.S.

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guidelines for such programs. In the future, I will be providing detailed information explaining what these plans are and how they would affect our members. Before any type of program is agreed to, our members will be asked to vote on it.

Our Golf Committee is in the process of sending out raffle tickets for the upcoming Golf Outing on Monday 13 August 2007 at Silver Lake Country Club. Please remember that all proceeds from this event go directly into the "Death Benefit Account." This fund is used exclusively to provide a \$3,000.00 benefit to the beneficiary of an ACTIVE member upon their death. Winners need not be present and there are some great prizes. I would encourage everyone to participate in this worthwhile event.

As always, Stay Safe! ⚡

*John Pallohusky*

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## Attention Active Duty Sergeants!

*By Sgt. Don Januszyk, Retired*

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. ⚡

## Next General Meeting

The next general meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 17th** at our office **1616 W. Pershing Rd.** Meeting starts promptly at 1900 hours. Retirees are welcome and refreshments will be served. Support your bargaining unit by attending. ⚡

## General Meeting Raffle Winners

*By Sgt. Don Januszyk, Retired*

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

### JANUARY

**Peggy Johnson (015)**

**Charles Green (Ret.)**

**Jeff Planey (008)**

**Bill Dolan (Web Designer)**

**Mike Tantilla (015)**

**Bob Dolan (189)**

**Jim Ade (143)**

**Bill Jaski (024)**

**Jacque Boyd (Ret.)**

**Ron Graziano(001)**

### MARCH

**Tim Walsh (006)**

**Tim Brophy (Ret.)**

**Bill Dolan (Guest)**



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



# Sudan Bill Update

*By Sgt. Don Januszyk, Retired*

On Friday the 23rd of February I was notified by Sgt. Mike Lazzaro and Mr. John Gallagher Director of the Pension Fund, that the Sudan Bill was overturned in the Federal District Court for Northern Illinois. Judge Kennelly ruled that the Act was unconstitutional and entered a judgment permanently enjoining the State from enforcing the Sudan Act. We can thank the National Foreign Trade Council located in Washington D.C. and New York for saving our pension. This Act was introduced by Sen. Jacqueline Collins and voted for by all of our Senators. The Sudan Bill was re-introduced by Sen. Collins as SB-1169. It passed the Senate and is now in the House Rules Committee. Call or write your Representative, also Michael Madigan and Gov. Blagojevich requesting them to kill the bill. Remember, it's your pension. 🏠

# Board of Ethics Filing Deadline

The deadline for filing your Statement of Financial Interests is May 1, 2007. If you miss the deadline there is a \$20.00 fee, and if you fail to get it in by the 31st of May you are subject to disciplinary action which could include discharge from City Service. 🏠

# Police Beat Fire

At the 14th Annual Chicago Police/Fire Hockey Game on March 24, 2007, the Police beat Fire in an overtime shoot out. The final score was Police 6, Fire 5. Congratulations to our fellow officers! 🏠

# Planning To Retire???

*By (Ret.) Sgt. Don Januszyk*

If you are, here are a few things you'll need. When going to the Pension Board you will need to bring the following:

- Copy of the PAR Form signed by your CO
- Copy of your exit interview
- Certified copy of your Marriage License
- Certified copy of your spouse's Birth Certificate
- If you have been divorced a certified copy of the Divorce Decree
- If you have children under 18, or between the ages of 18 & 22 yrs (who will be on your insurance) you will need a certified copy of their birth Certificates along with their Social Security number.
- Double check your insurance and pension beneficiaries.

At the Personnel Division you will need to bring the following:

- PAR form with the effective date of your retirement
- Star, Shield, ID Card, and your helmet (if it's the newer model)

When you turn in your star, you will receive a retired star. If you want to order a star with your number on it contact the Personnel Div. ahead of time to determine the cost (they accept money orders ONLY). 🏠

# Thank You!!!

A great big "THANK YOU" goes out to Hayes Beer Distributing Company, General Manager James Hayes, Jr. and Mr. Kevin Warner who donated items to help complete our kitchen in the meeting area. THANK YOU!!! 🏠

# Pension News

## The Benefits Calculation Department

By Sgt. Mike Lazzaro, Sergeants Pension Fund Trustee

The Pension Fund has four different departments: benefits counseling, benefits calculation, payroll, and imaging. This month I will explain the function of the benefits calculation department.

As I'm sure you have heard the 15th of the month is considered the best day to retire. There are two reasons for this; it is the last day of the pay period and also is the last day to be put on the agenda of that month's board meeting. Generally, the Pension's Funds board meeting is usually held on the last Thursday of the month, and all retirements must be reviewed and approved by the Pension Board. Anyone retiring on the 16th or later will have their pension approved at the Boards meeting the following month. The 15th of the month is your best date if you're looking for quick money.

One thing that our members do not realize is that all members' pensions calculations are done individually, which consists of numerous calculations. Salaries are reviewed and verified for the last four years for accuracy, including duty availability allowance. Final computation is made, checked thoroughly and set up for board approval. This same process applies to Widows annuity claims, children's benefits, refunds, unpaid LOA's, and officers on disability.

## REMINDER!

There are three dates left for the Chicago Police Dept's Pre-Retirement Planning Seminars for the year 2007. They are Tuesday 29 May, Thursday 19 July, and 24 October. Contact Mr. Solon Tsaoussis at 312-745-5342. 🏠

## Taxing Our Pensions

By Sgt. Don Januszyk, Retired

In the 94th session of the Illinois Legislature, Sen. Meeks introduced SB 750 which would tax our pensions if our annual gross income exceeded \$75,000 dollars. The bill was still in committee at the end of that session and died. Sen. Meeks has re-introduced the same bill, SB 750 into the new 95th Legislature. Co-sponsors of the bill are Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford - Jacqueline Y. Collins - Rickey R. Hendon - Kwame Raoul and M. Maggie Crotty. Instead of stating a given figure, they are talking about percentages. The bill is associated with school funding and property taxes. The bill is about 226 pages and is long and complicated. Our Senators did us no favor in sneaking in the Sudan Bill, and it looks like they are trying to raid our pensions again. According to the March 27th issue of the Chicago Sun-Times Sen. Emil Jones has gotten involved with this bill with Sen. Meeks, and is using it to get Sen. Meeks to vote for Gov. Blagojevich's Tax bill. Who gave them the right to play with our pensions? It's important that you call your Senator and express your feelings. Remember they were elected to represent you. 🏠

## 2007 Calendar Book

Additions to 2007 Calendar Book:

Unit 116 is the Deployment Operations Center (DOC) ... Phone 312-745-6191 ... Pax 0308

Chaplin Father Knotek (Catholic) is replaced by Father Daniel Brandt ... Phone 773-550-2369

# 2007 Annual Golf Outing

The date is **Monday, August 13, 2007**, at the **Silver Lake Country Club**. It's not too early to start looking for prize donations or hole sponsors. Remember, this benefits the families of active duty Sergeants. Golf reservation forms will be available in the next issue. If anyone has any suggestions for golf courses on the north side, please notify our office with the name of the place and a contact person. So far, Silver Lake has been very good to us, especially when it comes to cost issues. ⚡

## 2007 Golf Reservation Form (Please Print)

Golfer #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets will be mailed out in June  
Total \$360.00. Make check out to CPSA  
Return To: Chicago Police Sergeants' Association.  
1616 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago, Illinois 60609

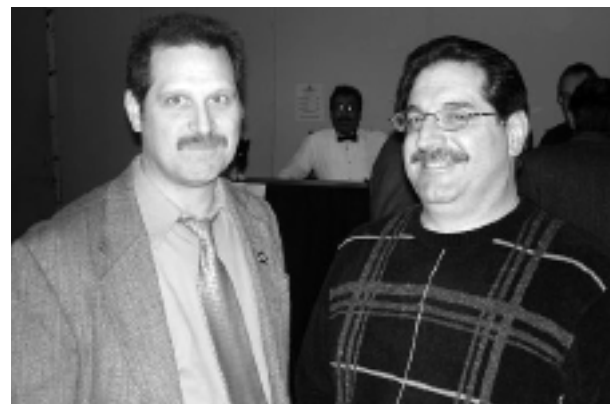
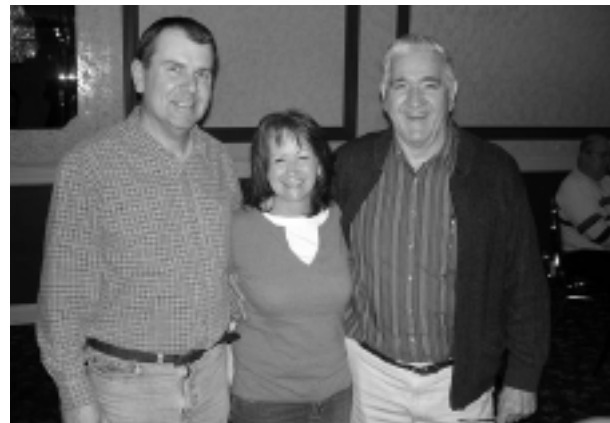


**Mike Stather, Jacquie Boyd, and Don Januszyk at the Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner honoring the Sergeants who retired in 2006 ... more pictures inside >>>**

# Snapshots from the Annual C



# Roasted Beef & Cabbage Dinner



# The Retirees' Corner

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

## Northside Retiree Report

Greetings to you all and I trust you are enjoying good health, and your well deserved retirement.

There are many groups of you that have get together, dinners etc. If you would send us a note about upcoming events, we'll put it in the Chevrons magazine for all to read.

WILLS, TRUSTS, BENEFICIARIES.ETC.

There are many issues that change in our lives as time goes by, and a lot of them need to be addressed to avoid the legal nightmares that ensue if they're not (not to mention the \$\$\$\$ that have to be shelled out to the lawyers).

Reviewing your current will is (A MUST) and make the necessary changes to insurance issues, etc. adding and deleting as necessary. Also make loved ones aware of it.

We would like to see a little better response from the ACTIVE MEMBERS, for our annual GOLF OUTING RAFFLE. Tickets are 7 for \$10.00 (buy as many as you wish). The top prizes are \$500.00 cash, 2 Airline tickets, and many other prizes that are donated. All proceeds go to the active members Death Benefit Fund. 🏠

## Southside Retiree Report

First I'd like to congratulate all of the 2006 retirees who are joining our ranks. All present at the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner had a good time. The second thing is that I'd like to remind our retirees as well as our active members to pay attention to what our Illinois Legislators are doing. Many of our Legislators are attempting to pass legislation that will undermine our pension system. I have learned in the past year that some cannot be trusted, and it's only a strong out cry that will make them think twice about what they are doing. Please read the articles on the Sudan Bill and the Pension Tax.

Another issue to watch for is the paid medical which expires in June of 2013, that is only 6 years away. This will affect not only the retirees but also the active duty Sergeants. The City is already putting forth different medical plans which will require an employee to pay into a medical account from their gross income. This will enable you to fund your medical account and avoid paying taxes on your contribution. In realty, for a young person it's not a bad plan, however it does nothing for a retired person or anyone who has an extensive amount of time on the job. The City does not want to contribute to medical premiums.

It's imperative that our organizations start putting together a battle plan to watch out for active duty members with many years on the job. The retiree's should be contacting The Retired Chicago Police Association to ensure they are working on a plan and are keeping in contact with other organizations. The vote is important, and our friends who reside out of state can also contact legislators to let them know they still have friends and family in this state who can vote for or against them.

I was one of those Sergeants who did not worry about pensions or pension legislation, at least not until I started to think about retirement. It's still not too late for me to do anything, but my advice to our active duty brothers and sisters is to look now, read, find out what your representatives or senators are doing, and take the time to call them and get involved. Most will call you back, and remember it's your retirement. Be safe out there. 🏠

## Websites of Interest

**Police Memorials By State**

[www.odmp.org/browse.php](http://www.odmp.org/browse.php)

**Safety Issue - Lock Bumping**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v+hr23tpWX81M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v+hr23tpWX81M)





# 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>
Dennis Porter	2200	001	63	39	24 Nov 06
Wayne J. Grobarcik	2147	022	57	28	15 Jan 07
Ronald Grzeskiewicz	1147	543	60	34	15 Jan 07
Mary Milam	2373	006	53	28	15 Jan 07
Willie J. Smith	1073	124	60	29	15 Jan 07
August Annerino	2141	009	54	30	16 Jan 07
Patrick W. Chambers	1076	166	60	40	16 Jan 07
John W. Nelson	956	001	57	32	26 Jan 07
Eileen P. Curran	2465	192	5	21	05 Feb 07
John J. Burke	2514	192	56	20	15 Feb 07
Jerome W. Casey	1109	021	52	30	15 Feb 07
David E. Snethen	1775	610	56	30	15 Feb 07
Dale R. Vercruyse	2204	022	50	24	15 Feb 07
Richard D. Young	1310	016	55	34	15 Feb 07
William A. Rapier	1615	124	48	20	16 Feb 07
James M. Watson	1321	023	60	33	28 Feb 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>
Johnson, Einar	Retired Fl.	00 Jan. 2004	Mundell Jr., William	Retired	03 Mar. 2007
Touhy, Martin	Retired	05 Jan. 2007	Fleming, Otis	Retired	04 Mar 2007
Jouzaitis, Frank F.	Retired	20 Feb. 2007	Trotsky, Alex	Retired	13 Mar 2007
Allen, Richard	Retired	28 Feb. 2007	Kelly, Patrick R.	Retired Az.	09 Apr 2007



# Late *Chevrons*

By (Ret.) Sgt. Don Januszyk

The fall issue of the *Chevrons* took almost 5 weeks to reach our retired members in Chicago and the surrounding areas. The January 07 issue took almost three weeks to get to the same members. An interesting point is that members who live out of state seem to get their copies much sooner. *The Chevrons* is sent out bulk mail which is the least expensive, but is low priority according to the U.S. Post Office. Trying to get a decent response from the post office is difficult. We are trying our best to resolve this problem, and we thank you for your patience. On Monday March 12th, ABC Channel 7 in Chicago reported that mail delivery in the Chicago/ Illinois area was rated last in the U.S. which we know is no surprise. 🏠

## Where Retirees Live

We mail out 1,168 copies of the *Chevrons* to our retirees. These are the retired Sergeants who have informed us of their current address. Listed below are the states the retirees live in.

Ala-1	Ark-3	Az-39
Cal-5	Co-1	DC-1
Fl-64	Ga-3	Ill-971
Ind-9	Ky-3	Mich-4
Mo-2	NC-3	Nev-29
NM-1	Okl-1	Penn-1
SD-1	Tenn-6	Tex-8
Ut-1	Vt-1	Wis-10

The State of Illinois has 971 retired Sergeants and 502 of them live in Chicago. 🏠

# Can You Beat Him?

Retired Sgt. William Baran is 94-years-old and retired on May 01, 1974. Our records do not include a DOB, so I guess this is a challenge. Can anyone beat out Sgt. Baran's claim??? I know my old Sgt. Jim Johnson from 002 is 89. Drop us a line, we are always glad to hear from the past. 🏠

## The Funny Side

### A Police Story

The Chicago Police Department recently hired ten cannibals in the interest of cultural diversity. "You are all part of the Dept. now" said the Sgt. during the welcoming briefing. "You get all the usual benefits and you can use the police cars, but please don't eat any of the other cops." The cannibals promised they would not.

Four weeks later, the Sgt. remarked, "you're all working very hard and I'm satisfied with you. However, one of our cops has disappeared. Do you know what happened to him/her?" The cannibals all shook their heads no. After the Sgt. left, the leader of the cannibals said to the others, "Which one of you idiots ate a cop?" A hand rose hesitantly, to which the leader of the cannibals railed, "You fool! For 4 weeks, we've been eating Lieutenants, Captains and above and no one noticed anything, but noooooo you had to go and eat someone who actually does something."



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# Yes, One Does Make A Difference

*Compliments of your Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf • 773-463-4780 • moshewolf@hotmail.com*

**I**t was New Years Eve 11:55 P.M., sitting in a squad car, under the el tracks, with a group of coppers, trying to stay out of gunfire around us. One of the coppers piped up and said “Rabbi, the streets are tough out here but I try to make a difference, sometimes I wonder if I do?” And I answered “one person DOES make a difference, let me tell you a story”

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

Puzzled, he approached the man and said, “Good Evening, I was wondering what you are doing.”

“I’m throwing these starfish back into the ocean. You see, its low tide and all these starfish have been washed up onto the shore. If, I don’t throw them back into the ocean, they’ll die up here from lack of oxygen.”

“But, there must be thousands of starfish on this beach. You can’t possibly get to all of them. And, don’t you realize this is probably happening on hundreds of beaches all up and down this coast. Can’t you see that you can’t possibly make a difference?”


The man bent down and picked up yet another starfish, and threw it back into the ocean. With a smile he replied, “Made a difference to that one!!!” . . . End of story.

A few thoughts to make you ponder:

1. Just remember, no matter how small the deed may seem to you, it really does make a big difference to someone else.
2. It hurts to love someone and not be loved in return, but what is more painful is to love

someone and never find the courage to let that person know how you feel.

3. A sad thing in life is when you meet someone who means a lot to you, only to find out in the end that it was never meant to be and you just have to let go.
4. The best kind of friend is the kind you can sit on a porch swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you’ve ever had.
5. Don’t go for looks; they can deceive. Don’t go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright.
6. Dream what you want to dream; go where you want to go; be what you want to be, because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.
7. Always put yourself in the other’s shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the other person too.
8. The happiest of people don’t necessarily have the best of everything they just make the most of everything that comes along their way
9. Love begins with a smile, grows with a kiss, ends with a tear.
10. When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so that when you die, you’re the one smiling and everyone around you is crying.

May G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in His loving care. Amen. 

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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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