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CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

President's Message

By John Pallohusky

As we begin 2008, I wish to extend my wishes to all of our members and their families for a healthy and safe year. Additionally, on behalf of the Chicago Police Sergeants' Association, I would like to congratulate our 2007 retirees who will be honored at this year's Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on 21 February 2008. I would also like to encourage those that were promoted to the rank of sergeant this past year to take an interest in the Association. It is through the support of our members that the Association remains viable and can continue to represent the interest of our members.

There are several very important issues facing us as we enter 2008. As most of our members are aware the current contract expired on 30 June 2007. During 2007 we began contract negotiations with the City. In fact, we had five formal contract meetings with the City which I would characterize thus far as productive. As we begin 2008 we have two more meetings already schedule with the City during January 2008. It is my intention to get this contract settled in an expeditious manner, while ensuring that we protect our current benefits and secure a contract that addresses the issues raised by our members, including a fair economic package. We are also continuing to address the issues surrounding the recent Lieutenant's promotional examination. Our position has been and remains that this examination process was unfair and tainted by technical and administrative problems. Another area that is of major concern are the policy changes the Department has either already implemented or is proposing to implement. We remain diligent in our efforts to ensure that our member's contractual rights are not circumvented.

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It is our sincere hope that the new Police Superintendent will listen to the concerns of our members and will be proactive in restoring the moral within the Department.

I would like to thank our Membership Chairman and Vice President, Sgt. Robert Kirchner and South Side Retiree Representative, Sgt. Don Januszyk for their efforts in designing and compiling the 2008 Calendar Handbook. This was a tremendous volunteer effort on their part during the holiday season to get approximately 1,300 books out to our active members without the problems we experienced last year, which were attributed to processing and delays by the vendor.

With your continued support, I look forward to a very positive and progressive 2008.

As always, Stay Safe! 

John Pallohusky

Next General Meeting

The next general meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 20, 2008**, starting promptly at **1900 hours**, at our office **1616 W. 39th St.** Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there.



*Stay Safe!
Always wear
your seat belt!*

Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

The annual Dinner to honor all of the Sergeants who retired in the year 2007 will be held on the 3rd Thursday of February. That is the **21st of February**, it will be held at the **European Chalet**, located at **5445 South Harlem** in Chicago. The doors open at 6 PM and dinner will be served at 7 PM. All retired and active Sergeants are invited to spend the evening with us. 

November Meeting Turkey Winners

At the November 2007 General Meetings we raffled off numerous turkeys, and the winners were:

John Ryan (253)

Tim Koren (620)

Ed McGuire (Retired)

Rick Wiser (640)

Shawn Joyce (018)

Paula Schmeer (024)

Tom Flaherty (009)

Bob Mizera (001)

Gordon Barnhill (124)

Raimondo Brown (005)

Mike Voight (141)

Ken Burke (184)

Mike Stather (Retired)

George Whiteside (025)

Dennis Hinkson (001)

Tim Brophy (Retired)

Larry Lynch (005)

Jim Cosgrove (545)

John Stahl (126)



Pension Report

By Sgt. Mike Lazzaro, Sergeant's Pension Trustee

Quick Review of 2007

The Funds' investment portfolio was heading toward a 12% return for the year until the first week of August. That's when the "credit crunch" and sub-prime mortgage crisis caused major volatility, especially in U.S Equities, which is the largest asset allocation. At the end of the 3rd quarter, the actual asset allocation was as follows: 45% in U.S. Equities, 29.4% in Bonds, 19.1% in Foreign Equities, 5% in Private Equity, and 1.5% in Real Estate.

Preliminary review suggests the Fund's portfolio return will be about 9% for 2007. The fund's investments in Private Equity and International Equity were the best performers. The investment committee is moving forward, changing our asset allocation to increase alternative investments in Real

Estate, Infrastructure, Foreign Equities and Private Equity (Allocations to U.S Equities and Bonds will be reduced).

In 2007, there was a slight increase in Retirees in 2007, 336 compared to 328 in 2006. The actual figures are listed here.

<u>2007</u>		<u>2006</u>	
POs	255	POs	276
Sgts	51	Sgts	22
Lts	17	Lts	17
Capt	0	Capt	6
Exempt	11	Exempt	7



Gold Lifetime Membership Cards

The Gold Life Time Membership Card offer is back again. They are a gold metal plate, the size of your CPD ID, with your name and star number on it. If anyone is interested please fill out the form below and mail it to us along with a check made out to the CPSA.

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.



Membership News

By Sgt. Robert Kirchner, Membership Chairman

As of the end of 2007 there were 1,259 Sergeants assigned to the Chicago Police Department. This number includes the 20 Sergeants who are in pre-service training for their promotion to Lieutenant. This reflects a slight decrease in the number of authorized Sergeants. There were a total of 44 Sergeants who retired in 2007.

The 2007 retirees will be honored at the annual Corned Beef Dinner to be held on Thursday 21 February 2008. The dinner is being held on the south side at the European Chalet located at 5445 S. Harlem.

All members should have received their 2008 Calendar Handbook by this time. If you have not received one please contact the office at 376-7272. The mailing list that was used was current, and if you were detailed to a unit the book was sent to that unit.

I am asking everyone to check and see if you have any changes to your beneficiaries this past year. If you had any changes due to marriage, divorce, or wish to

make a change to your beneficiary please take the time to notify our office, and request a new card. You can submit the new card with your changes to our office via police mail (Unit-545) or the U.S. Mail. Remember there are benefits from both the Association and the PB&PA for active duty Sergeants. If you have any questions feel free to call the office. ☰



Sergeants Association Office

Chicago Police Las Vegas Convention/Reunion

Jeff Vana, President of Chicago Police Association of Nevada (CPAON) advised us that there will be no convention this year, 2008. There have been problems with obtaining space and hospitality rooms for the organization. So they decided to take a pass this year and are hoping that things will fall together for 2009.

However, if anyone is interested in joining the Chicago Police Association of Nevada they can contact him via the website (www.CPAON.org) or their address is CPAON, PO Box 82122, Las Vegas, Nevada 89180-2122. If you go to the Sgt's Assn. website there is a link and all you have to do is click on it. ☰

Death Benefit for Active Duty Sergeants

By Ret. Sgt. Don Januszyk

This has been a good year for Sergeants. In the past year 2007 there were no active duty Sergeants who passed away. To the best of my knowledge I do not recall the last time we got through an entire calendar year without losing an active duty Sergeant. I hope 2008 is just as good. ☰

Pictures from the PB&PA Convention 2007



PB&PA Chicago Delegates



Capt. Jim Paoletti & Lt. James Maloney



Attorney Shawn Smoot & Sgt John Pallohusky



Lt. Bob Weisskopf, Capt. Jim Paoletti & Sgt. John Pallohusky



Capt. Jim Paoletti & Sgt. Grayceann Paoletti



Sgts Rich Wiser & John Pallohusky



Lt. Bill Frapolly & Capt Mike Wick

The Retirees' Corner

By Retired Sgt. Don Januszyc (Southside Retiree Liaison)

Not much going on in our State Capital, except for a lot of infighting. Hopefully, they will get their act together and get some work done.

We have several elections coming up this year. One is for the office of the Cook County States Attorney. While it's important for people to support their respective political parties, it's also very important to elect the most qualified person for the position. Please keep that in mind when you vote.

Speaking of elections, there is an FOP election in March, and nominations for officers to the Retired Chicago Police Association are due at the February 10th meeting. I just recently turned 65, and found out that I had to put my wife on my supplemental BC-BS hospitalization insurance. If I didn't, at a later date, she would have to go through a lengthy process (six months) to get certified, and there is a good chance they could reject you. It's a big chance to take. At the

present time she is getting free hospitalization through her current employer. This is not the fault of the Pension Board, but it is the policy set forth by the City of Chicago. I am making our current contract negotiating team aware of this, and asking them if they could get the City to waive the enrollment time for a spouse to no later than age 65 or at their request. This would apply only to Sergeants who are retiring or retired.

Please take notice of the Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner information in this issue. Hope the weather will be better on the south side this year.

Finally, I and a bunch of other police and retirees have to say that Carol at the Pension Board is doing a great job assisting us with information on medical benefits. Mr. John Gallagher you have an awesome worker there. ⚡

ATTENTION: 2007 SERGEANT RETIREES

You will be recognized at our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner in February. You should have received a letter from the Association advising you of the date, time and location. We also asked that you confirm some requested information, and to notify our office if you will be attending or not. If you have not received this letter and you retired in the year 2007, please contact our office at 773-376-7272. ⚡



Restored Squad Car



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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>
Evans Jr., Ronald W.	1002	006	40	13	07 Sep 07
Gaynor, Sharon R.	1095	006	53	21	03 Oct 07
Hanley, Patrick R.	1643	013	54	30	15 Oct 07
Gamble, Lorenda M.	1067	015	56	25	15 Oct 07
Schmidt, Michael V.	1922	171	50	25	31 Oct 07
Battaglia Jr., Frank P.	2471	008	60	30	01 Nov 07
Puzas, Larry D.	1616	057	56	28	15 Nov 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>
Sweeney, John J.	Retired	08 Dec 1995	Boots, Roy G.	Retired-IN	18 Nov 2007
Walsh, James P.	Retired-AZ	20 Oct 2007	Mirus Sr., Joseph V.	Retired	02 Dec 2007
Thompson, George	Retired	28 Oct 2007	McHugh, William J.	Retired	25 Dec 2007
Simpson, Thomas Miles	Retired	28 Oct 2007	McGroarty, Patrick J.	Retired	11 Jan 2008
Ware, Willie	Retired	04 Nov 2007			

**Have you moved,
changed units, or
changed your
star number?**

Make sure we know!

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

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: _____



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