



# Chevrons

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## President's Message

*By Bob Kirchner President*

Spring has finally arrived and it is about time. We have had a very busy schedule lately, and we will be very busy this spring. The Illinois State Police Memorial is in Springfield on Thursday, May 5. The National Memorial in Washington, D.C., is always on May 15. This year Sgt. Jason Kaczynski will be honored as one of America's "Top Cops" at the NAPO Annual Top Cop awards in D.C.

on May 12. Sgt. Kaczynski is being honored for his heroic actions after he shot and wounded Officer Thor Soderberg's killer in July, 2010. Congratulations to Sgt. Kaczynski.

The first daytime general membership meeting was held on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1200 hours. There were well over fifty members in attendance, and it was a good meeting. The topics discussed were the upcoming court cases against Sgt. Pallohusky, pension reform bills, and contractual language. I also offered an apology for the poor quality of the corned beef at the annual retiree dinner this last February. We are hoping to find a centrally located venue for next year's dinner, which will be catered.

We have been down to Springfield to lobby against proposed legislation SB1874. This is the bill that would effectively eliminate the sergeant's elected position on the pension board. Many of the downstate legislators were willing to listen to our plight. Public pensions across the country are under attack. We do not feel that this is the time for the police unions to be fighting among ourselves when we should be banding together to protect our hard-earned pensions. Hopefully, the new in-



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coming FOP president will have his priorities in order and put an end to this proposal. We will keep you updated on our website of this and other legislation that may threaten our well-deserved pensions. I also went to Springfield to testify in favor of HB 0148. This is the Right to Carry Concealed legislation that would allow law-abiding citizens the right to carry a firearm concealed if they met specific qualifications. Forty-eight other states already allow their citizens this right. The city and the department marched out the usual opponents. Mayor Daley and the rest of the Cook County politicians evidently feel that the public should not be allowed to protect themselves.

Our unit representative program is up, and we will be having our first meeting shortly. We are extremely grateful to the wonderful response we had when we asked for volunteers for these positions. It is extremely important to keep the lines of communication open. These positions will be open for election early next year.

The elections are over and even though our choice for mayor did not win, we did okay with many of our choices for alderman. With a new mayor coming in, we are awaiting his choice for the new superintendent of police. We were pleased to see some immediate changes instituted by Interim Superintendent of Police Terry Hilliard. Maybe pride in our department can be restored now that we have come to an end of an error.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Run to Remember" race and walk will take place on Saturday, April 30, 2011. For additional information and to register to participate, go to the Memorial website at: [www.cpdmemorial.org](http://www.cpdmemorial.org). The Annual St. Jude march takes place the next day, Sunday, May 1 at CPD Memorial Park. I hope to see everyone there.

Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19 at 1800 hours. Until then stay safe and have a great spring.

**Uniform Resale**

Spring Inspection is Right Around the Corner...

Money is Tight and Uniforms are Expensive!

Whether you are looking to Save Money or Make Money the  
Sergeants' Association's First Semi-Annual Uniform Resale is the place to be!

**Friday, 22 April 2011 0900 – 1300**

Chicago Police Sergeants' Association, 1616 W. Pershing, Chicago, Illinois

uniform shirts \* blouses \* reefers \* pants \* leather goods

Tables will be available in the Hall. Sellers should be in the Hall by 0800 hrs. to set up their wares. Anyone interested in donating items can drop them off at the office, M-F between 0900 and 1500 hrs., anytime before the date of the sale.

Any questions? Contact Sgt. Michael P. Murphy at 312-656-6179

**Vice-President Report**

*By Jim Ade Vice-President*

This is the first on-line only issue of the Chevrons for active sergeants. An email notice was sent to each active sergeant's chicagopolice.org email accounts to alert them to the availability of the Chevrons on-line. Whenever the Association sends out an email notification, the "bcc," or blind carbon copy option, is used. This is done so that recipients cannot reply to all and begin an onslaught of emails to everyone listed. Comments and criticisms on the department email system are not encouraged. The Association website has a forum set up in the members' section for anyone to voice their opinion. Each sergeant was issued a user name and password for this board. Sign in using your five-digit star number. Your password is your first and last name, without spaces. Please change your information after the first time that you visit this forum. If problems signing-in occur, please call the office and we'll ensure that you can utilize the message board.

I recently attended a meeting of the Illinois State Senate Committee on Pensions and Investments where SB 1874 was being considered. As most of you are aware, this bill would provide at-large elections for the pension board trustees, thus limiting the possibility of a sergeant being elected. After much discussion on representation and fairness, Senator Martinez, who sponsored the bill, agreed with the other members of that committee that the bill would not be presented for a vote until an agreement between the parties existed. As of April 1, we were the only party to approach Senator Martinez with any ideas for compromise on the issue.

I read in one of the above-mentioned emails that "we aren't a labor union". We currently work under a negotiated collective bargaining agreement. We have a grievance procedure in place. We are provided legal defense for job-related incidents. We pay dues to an association that works for all of us. I ask you this: "If it looks, quacks, and waddles like a duck, is it not a duck?" I believe that we are a labor union. The Association fought for collective bargaining rights back in the nineties and won the rights of protection, bargaining, and organizing. Please, tell me it didn't take only fifteen years to forget when we weren't a labor union.

**Chevrons Additions**

If you have any items of interest that you would like to see added to the Chevrons publication, please submit them to Jim Ade at [vicepresident@chicagosergeants.org](mailto:vicepresident@chicagosergeants.org). Your submissions will be considered by the Chevrons Committee depending upon space and content.

**RETIREMENTS 2011**  
as of March 29<sup>th</sup>

P.O. & Detectives	87
Sergeants	17
Lieutenants	3
Captains	2
Exempt Rank	1
Total	110

**DISTRICT / FIELD REPRESENTATIVES**

These members have been appointed to serve as Representatives in their respective locations:

- Scott Slavin 145
- Rich Moravec 002
- Robert Goode III 003
- Milan Vujic 004
- Raimondo Brown 005
- Andres Zayas 006
- Dave Harris 253
- Al Cain 008
- John Ward 009
- Jerry Negrete 010
- Tom O'Connor 012
- Mark Juska 013
- Tom Linnane 014
- Pat Donahue 015
- Bill O'Reilly 050
- Bill Kaupert 017
- Gene Richmond 018
- Tim Kusinski 630
- Kelly Lewison 020
- Theresa Odom 021
- Tim Szarzynski 022
- Lou Danielson 023
- Dawn Jackson 024
- Mike Tantilla 025
- Saadia Carter 142
- John Curry 153



# 2011 CPSA / PBPA Unit 156A's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

This year's Golf Outing is on **Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of August**, at the Silver Lake Country Club, located at 14700 S. 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. in Orland Park. Silver Lake Country Club has treated our organization very well, and we have had many compliments. The current fee is only **\$100 per golfer**, which includes doughnuts, goody bags, golf, a cart, beverages on the course, snack at the 9<sup>th</sup> hole, dinner with free beer, wine and soda, door prizes, raffle, and a great time. The \$100 fee also includes entry for both the longest drive and closest to the pin contests; this should eliminate the lines during check-in. It's a shotgun start at 0900 hours. We will again use the "Texas Scramble" format; it sped things up last year and we all had a great time. If you missed last year's outing, our version of the "Texas Scramble" is that every golfer drives the ball and all four golfers continue from the best drive, and from that point all golfers play their own ball.

Reservations will be on a first-come prepaid basis. Last year we received requests from people who do not golf and wanted to attend the dinner and raffle; we will be selling dinner tickets for \$50, which includes dinner w/beer, wine, and soda.

Raffle tickets will soon be for sale again, and the tickets will be 7 tickets for \$10. Ticket books will be mailed to retirees and will be sold to active members by area representatives and other board members; we will also have tickets in the office. You can contact the office or Rick Wiser if you need tickets, and they will be mailed to you. The prizes will be as follows: one-1<sup>st</sup> place prize of \$1000; two 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes of \$500 each; and three 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes of \$250 each.

Any questions can be directed to Rick Wiser at [sgtatarms@chicagosergeants.org](mailto:sgtatarms@chicagosergeants.org). Mail can be sent to the office via US Mail to CPSA, 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois 60609. You can also call our office at 773-376-7272. Check [www.chicagosergeants.org](http://www.chicagosergeants.org) for additional information.

Remember all golf and raffle profits go directly to the Sergeants' Death Benefit Fund for Active Duty Sergeants. Hope to see you there!

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**2011 Golf Outing Registration Form**

Golfer #1 (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer #2 (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3 (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer #4 (print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Tickets will be picked up at check-in on the day of event)

Per Golfer \$100/ Foursome \$400

Make check out to CPSA and return to: Chicago Police Sergeants' Association  
1616 W. Pershing Rd. Chicago, IL 60609

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<b>Pension Board Trustee Report</b>	<i>By Mike Lazzaro Pension Board Representative</i>
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Defined Benefit (DB): A retirement plan in which the amount of the annuity is a formula. Benefits are calculated based on age, length of service, and final salary. **The benefit is a guaranteed lifetime annuity for the person and also for the lifetime of the designated beneficiary.**

Defined Contribution (DC): An individual account where the benefits are based solely on the amount contributed to the participant's account plus any income, expenses, gains, and losses. **Does not guarantee fixed benefits. The individual can outlive the plan's funds.**

DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION (DB) ENVY: When the stock market was booming and people in private industry were getting pay increases and big bonuses at the end of the year, I don't remember any complaints from public employees. But now a lot of those bonuses are gone. Wages are stagnant or being reduced, and private sector employees are furious about their losses. Many have lost their defined benefits plan and have been put into defined contribution plans. They do not want to pay more taxes to shore up governments DB plans. It is said "people love public services but hate to pay the taxes for them."

For more than two years now there have been many attacks on public employees' pension benefits. In this country, it used to be, "You have something I don't have; I'll go to my employer (and union) to get it too." Now, with union membership declining in private industry, the attitude is "I don't see any chance of getting it, so I don't want you to have it either." The lead Wall Street Journal editorial on March 26, 2010, said that "America's most privileged class are public union workers." They claim DB pension benefits are extravagant; tell that to the more than 1300 older widows in our fund who are getting the minimum annuity of \$1000 a month. It is presented that public employee wages and pensions are the cause of many state and city budget problems. The State of Illinois has not properly funded pension obligations for more than seventy years, and this year it is funding the pensions with borrowed money! The current mayor has always wanted to keep property taxes low and, because of this, the City of Chicago has not raised the tax multiplier for the Police Pension since 1982. As a result, for the last twenty years the Police Pension Fund has had to use investment money to pay obligations. Illinois and the City of Chicago need to properly fund the DB pensions. The good news is that the bill that allowed the city to create a two-tiered system also mandates the city must start actuarially funding the pension in 2015.

DB pensions allow people "to live out the rest of your life comfortably." The media campaign of certain interest groups continue with their class warfare, pitting private employees against public employees. Instead of trying to take away our benefits, there should be a campaign to make sure all workers can participate in a DB pension, so they can look forward to having a stable retirement.

**THE CHICAGO POLICE PENSION APPROACHES ITS 124TH YEAR IN OPERATION..**

The Chicago Police Pension Fund was established on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 1887. The Fund has survived many challenges in the past 124 years. According to the February 7, 2011, edition of Pension & Investment Newspaper's annual list of the largest 1,000 retirement funds in the U.S., the Chicago Police Pension is ranked 350 with assets of 3.285 billion dollars.

**"IT IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO KILL BAD BILLS THAN TO PASS GOOD ONES."**

Thanks to all the sergeants who have called State Representative Joseph Lyons and State Senator Iris Martinez to oppose H.B. 1198 and S.B. 1874. These are the bills that would eliminate supervisors' representation on the pension board. We have prevented these bills from passing and will continue to track them while the Legislature is in session.

If you have any questions concerning your pension or if there is a particular issue you would like to be addressed, please contact me at 744-3891 or at [mjlazzaro@chipabf.org](mailto:mjlazzaro@chipabf.org).

## Chaplain's Corner

By Rabbi Moshe Wolf Chaplain

Recently I was called at my office with the following question, "Rabbi, why does G-d do good things and bad things?". I responded "please let me rephrase the question". "Why does G-d do good things and then He does things we don't understand?". It reminded me of the following story... "Did G-d create evil?"

### "Re: "Did G-d Create Evil"

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A University professor at a well-known institution of higher learning challenged his students with this question.

"Did G-d create everything that exists?"

A student bravely replied, "Yes he did!"

"G-d created everything?" The professor asked.

"Yes sir, he certainly did," the student replied.

The professor answered, "If G-d created everything; then G-d created evil. And, since evil exists, and according to the principal that our works, define who we are, then we can assume G-d is evil."

The student became quiet and did not answer the professor's hypothetical definition. The professor, quite pleased with himself, boasted to the students that he had proven once more that the faith the student practiced was a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said, "May I ask you a question, professor?"

"Of course", replied the professor.

The student stood up and asked, "Professor does cold exist?"

"What kind of question is this? Of course it exists. Have you never been cold?" The other students snickered at the young man's question. The young man replied, "In fact sir, cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is in reality the absence of heat. Every body or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-460F) is the total absence of heat; and all matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature. Cold does not exist. We have created this word to describe how we feel if we have no heat."

The student continued, "Professor, does darkness exist?"

The professor responded, "Of course it does."

The student replied, "Once again you are wrong sir, darkness does not exist either. Darkness is in reality the absence of light. Light we can study, but not darkness. In fact, we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colors and study the various wavelengths of each color. You cannot measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn't this correct? Darkness is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present."

Finally the young man asked! the professor, "Sir, does evil exist?"

Now uncertain, the professor responded, "Of course, as I have already said. We see it every day. It is in the daily examples of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil.

To this the student replied, "Evil does not exist, sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of G-d. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence of G-d. G-d did not create evil. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have G-d's love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat, or the darkness that comes when there is no light." The professor sat down. The young man's name -- Albert Einstein

Kind of makes you put your fore finger on your forehead and go hmmm... Let us take a moment and think about this, let it sink in. Whatever religion or faith you practice, hold on to what you have, because there are moments in life that a little prayer and faith is all that is needed to get us through those difficult times. As the saying goes "when you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot, say a prayer and hang in there". If you would like to discuss it further, please don't hesitate to drop me a line or give me a call.

On behalf of all your Chaplains, may G-d bless you and keep you safe. Amen.

Compliments of Chaplain Rabbi Moshe Wolf 773-463-4780 or e-mail: [moshewolf@hotmail.com](mailto:moshewolf@hotmail.com)

*For the curious.....*

*Please note: I do not spell out the name of G-d out of respect.*

*Spelling out "the name" and then throwing it in the trash, some would consider it to be a desecration of "the name", so I put in the dash. This is a religious custom I follow, and please don't be offended. Thanks for understanding.*

**Benefit News***By Mary Boyle Recording Secretary*

The Chicago Police Department's Peer Support program was initiated in April of 2000. The Peer Support Program is modeled after the same program used by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The ATF also provided the initial training.

Peer Support is a completely volunteer-based program, made up of members of the Chicago Police Department, who receive absolutely no compensation for their time and service. Peer Support members come from all ranks, all backgrounds, a variety of experiences, and are an extremely diverse group of people. By having such a wide-ranging group of people from assignments throughout the Chicago Police Department, Peer Support helps create a work environment where there is someone from our police family available to talk to or help, twenty-four hours a day. The Peer Support Program is committed to ensuring that if a police officer or a police officer's family member needs assistance, whether that is a compassionate ear, a referral to mental health resources, or some other assistance, a Peer Support member is available to assist the member.

Peer Support members go through an initial intense five-day training to ensure that they have the right expertise, qualifications, knowledge, and awareness of resources. The training includes topics concerning suicide, depression, post-traumatic stress syndrome, compassion fatigue, ethics, and trauma resources that are available through C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors). Peer Support training continues as helpful information or additional mental health resources are discovered. How exactly does Peer Support work? They provide confidential 24-hour, 7 days a week guidance, direction, and emotional support during and after times of professional or personal crisis, for police officers and retired officers as well as their family members, who express a need for assistance. The Chicago Police Department Peer Support Program has been so successful, other agencies, such as the Chicago Fire Department, have developed peer support programs within their own agencies. Peer Support is now over 300 volunteers strong, counting our outside-agency members.

Peer Support is located at 1759 West Adams, within the Employee Assistance Program offices, and can be reached 24 hours a day at 1 (312) 743-0378. After business hours or on weekends, the call will be taken by an answering service and a peer support volunteer will call you back. Peer Support adhere to the following Administrative Special Orders: 04-16, Professional Counseling Service/EAP; 04-16-1, Crisis Intervention; and 04-16-2, Confidentiality Policy.

If you have any questions regarding Peer Support or wish to volunteer, you can reach the Peer Support Program Coordinator David Saucedo at 1(312)743-0378.

**Committee News***By Paul Bilotta Financial Secretary*

The Bylaws committee has conducted their final meeting and has agreed upon the changes that should be implemented in the new updates. These changes have been sent to our advising law firm and to the CPSA legal counsel for their review and approval. Once approved by legal counsel, the changes will be presented to the CPSA Board of Directors for their approval. Upon being approved by the Board, the changes will be presented to the membership for their vote of approval. This rewrite has been a long and arduous task. I would like to thank all the sergeants that have helped me with this committee, especially Sgts. Chris Pettis, Lavester Dunhan, Matt Brown, and Bob Kirchner, as they have generously given of their time and talents to assist in rewriting our Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Bylaws

**Retiree Report***By Don Januszyk Retiree Liaison*

First I'd like to thank all those who took the time to attend our Annual Retirement Dinner in February. The attendance this year was down with only 151 attending. Last year it was 175. Out of the seventy-four Sergeants who retired in 2010, sixteen did not call the office to advise if they would be attending or not. We all had a great time.

I have to clear up an error stated in an article by a vice president in one of our brother unions in a February newsletter. The Korshak Decision, which has to do with medical benefits for retirees, is **NOT** protected by the Illinois Constitution. The person is quoting Article 13, Section 7, of the Illinois Constitution, which has nothing to do with pensions. I would suggest to those interested to look up Article 5, Section 5-167.5, of the Illinois Pension Code to see that Korshak is not a protected issue.

In this issue there is an article from Attorney Clint Krislov, the lead attorney on the Korshak Case, which explains what has happened and what his intent is. This same article was printed in the Retired Chicago Police Association Newsletter and is reprinted here with their permission. At the present time there is a new governor, a new mayor, and most important, a new judge assigned to this case. Take this information seriously.

Our Pension Board has been taking a lot of heat lately. Their meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month, and you are most welcome to attend. Some of our members think that a Disability Pension is a member's right, and all those who apply for one should have them granted. Remember, when a Disability Pension is granted, it costs you, the member, money. Yes, there are those who rightfully deserve the ruling, but when a case is taken to the Appellate or higher court, there are attorney fees that go right along with it. Take the time and attend a Board meeting as there are always disability cases on the agenda. Educate yourself. Also, investment meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, and they are also open to the members.

Not sure how to get this part across, but recently several of our elected officials have been asked to introduce bills which are not in the best interests of our members, active or retired. There was a big push to contact these officials to express our discontent and it was successful. I was informed that contacting the elected official is not always a good idea because sometimes they are friends who support our issues, and when they are asked to introduce a bill they may not be aware of its contents or purpose. I have spoken to a few of our elected officials or their staff and this has happened in the past. Introduced bills usually take a while to proceed through the process to become law, however, if they so choose, our elected officials can introduce a bill and pass it into law within an eight-hour period of time, as they did with the pension bill this January 2011.

I was informed that organizations have paid individuals whose responsibility it is to keep abreast of introduced bills and acts, and frequently they are the best-informed persons on how to deal with a proposed negative bill and the person who introduced it. That seems like appropriate advice. With the way things happen on the local and federal levels, I would think that you, the voter, is the best-informed person on how to react to a negative position taken by someone that represents you or someone that you may have voted for. The bottom line is to do something.

Be safe and have fun.



**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, as we are not always notified in a timely manner of their passing.

<b>Name (Age)</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Passed Away</b>
Sgt. William F. Kennedy	Retired	June 2002
Sgt. Anthony Norka	Retired (FI)	2007
Sgt. Walter N. Glass	Retired	2010
Sgt. William Townsend	Retired	2010
Sgt. Frank Nowak	Retired	2010
Sgt. Janelia E. "Kitty" Freeman (57)	Retired	03 Jan 2011
Sgt. Richard S. Michaels (84)	Retired	16 Jan 2011
Sgt. Merrill V. Lynch (90)	Retired	29 Jan 2011
Sgt. Edward H. Louis (85)	Retired	10 Feb 2011
Sgt. Lawrence A. Turro (88)	Retired	11 Feb 2011
Sgt. Kenneth E. Brooks (85)	Retired	01Mar 2011

**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!!

<b>Name</b>	<b>Star</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Retire Date</b>
Sgt. Richard Adamski	1744	016	60	34	15 Jan 2011
Sgt. Gregory G. Green	2594				
Sgt. Michael A. Jamison	2065	002	51	25	15 Jan 2011
Sgt. James T. McKittrick	1797	010	62	39	15 Jan 2011
Sgt. Don O. Parker	2130	701/702	56	26	
Sgt. Thomas Rodriguez	818	013/167	60	30	15 Jan 2011
Sgt. Thomas C. Staples	1633	384	60	35	15 Jan 2011
Sgt. William M. Voight	2166	006	60	38	15 Jan 2011
Sgt. Stan L. Wolak	2120	477	52	29	15 Jan 2011
Sgt. Donald R. Vetrovec	1392	014/543	63	31	16 Jan 2011
Sgt. Peter R. Ochoa	1370	014	52	23	15 Feb 2011
Sgt. John C. Salyers	1130	DPR/			27 Feb 2011
Sgt. Mark A. Halko	837	384	52	29	02 Feb 2011

## Membership Report

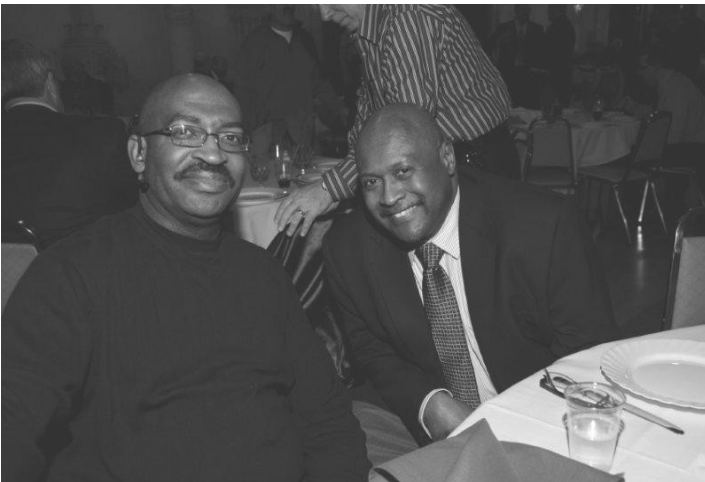
*By Jim Ade Vice President*

Currently, the number of active duty sergeants stands at 1190. This year has already seen seventeen retirements. With the enhanced retirement benefit for those that are fifty-five years of age, it is expected that many more will go in November. Hopefully, with the new mayor taking office, and a new superintendent to be appointed, promotions and new hires will be imminent.

Our next general membership meeting will be held at the association office on May 19 at 6:00 in the evening. Remember that the July meeting will be held at 12:00 noon.

## Annual Retirement Dinner Photos

*Taken by Debbie Trainor*



## The Chicago Police Association Of Nevada

Our Annual Reunion is planned for September 18-20, 2011 at The Orleans Hotel and Casino. We have negotiated a special room rate of \$35 per night (plus tax and \$5 surcharge). To get this rate you must identify yourself with ID#1CPAC09. We are now accepting reservations for the dinner dance on September 19 and the Lake Mead Luncheon Cruise on September 20. Reservation forms are available on the 2011 REUNION Link on our Home Page of this website.

[www.cpaon.org](http://www.cpaon.org)

**Retiree Health Care***Submitted By Don Januszyk Retiree Liaison***Retiree Healthcare Alert-a short note from Class Counsel Clint Krislov to bring you up to date on where we are, how we got here, and what's next!**

A short history of 23 years of relatively continuous litigation. In 1987, in retaliation for being forced in *Ryan v. Chicago*, to repay the pension funds for using the pension tax levies for itself, the City retaliated by suing the pension funds for a declaration that it could cut off retiree healthcare, that it had been paid for by an appropriation that did not include annuitants. We intervened for participants, asking the court to force the City and Funds to continue the fixed-rate 55/21 healthcare plan for life, for the participants. After the trial, but prior to a decision by Chancery judge Albert Green, the City and Funds trustees entered into an agreement for a ten-year settlement that set an allocation between the City, the Funds, and participants through 1997, rejecting our participants' unanimous Class 1 objections. For your Retired Chicago Police Association, and then-president Richard Jones, we filed suit to challenge it in federal court, as well, but both the State and federal courts rejected us, all the way through the U.S. Supreme Court.

When 1997 rolled around with no permanent resolution in sight, We moved to reinstate the case for the participants classes. Over the City's opposition, and with no help from the trustees, Judge Green rejected our reinstatement, but the appellate court ruled that we were, indeed, entitled to reinstate the claims for permanent healthcare plan, both because it was promised, and as a benefit protected by the Illinois Constitution's Article 13, Section 7, protection of benefits of participation in pension funds against being diminished or impaired. That eventually produced a couple of extensions, and the 2003 settlement that is currently in place through June 30, 2013. Between now and then, we will continue to each year set premiums, reconcile, and make refunds as appropriate.

What happens in 2013? Sometime before June 30, 2013, the City's Retiree Healthcare Benefits Committee will make a recommendation, and the City will declare what it is going to do for most retirees. For people who were participants in the retirement funds (i.e., began working for the City) before August 23, 1989, especially those who retired before then, we will move to reinstate the claims for lifetime healthcare under the 55/21 plan for the rest of your lives.

Victory is by no means assured. **We need your help and participation.**

**From each of you**, we need your name address, phone, email, full contact information, and description of your situation. Are you the retiree?, or a widow? Retiree's retirement Date? Do you have other coverage? Or not? Do you qualify for Medicare? Or Not? What are you paying now? What percentage is that of your income? **Tell us your situation and why you need the fixed rate, subsidized healthcare plan for life.** Since there are many of you, we need to get it in writing, by email or mail or fax. Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely, Clint Krislov, Class Counsel

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# Chicago Police Sergeants' Association

*Police Benevolent & Protective Association, Unit 156A*

1616 West Pershing Road

Chicago, Illinois 60609

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## Have you moved, changed units, or changed your star number? Make sure we know!

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

I have moved. My current address information is as follows

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

New Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt./Unit \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ 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:  
CPSA/PB&PA Unit 156A, 1616 W. Pershing Rd., Chicago, IL 60609**

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