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Unit 156A

Chicago Sergeants



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President's Message

By Jim Ade, President

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far. With the additional summer furlough segments that we were able to gain through the arbitration process over the 5B segment block-out, more sergeants are able to enjoy some time off. During that 5B furlough segment Chicago hosted the NATO Summit, to which many of our members were assigned. The sergeants and all of the officers assigned did a great job and made the department proud.

Unfortunately, a not so proud moment occurred in June when former sergeant John Pallohusky was sentenced to twelve years in prison for embezzling over one million dollars from our Association. He pled guilty on April 19 and promised to make restitution. However, the Association has not received one dime from him or his attorneys. We will now push forward with the forfeiture and civil proceedings to recover as much as possible. The State's Attorney had previously seized over \$470,000, to which we made a claim to as an innocent owner. In civil actions, we will seek a judgment for the balance. We had hoped that restitution would have been paid and we could have moved on from this. We will work diligently to recover funds for the Association.

As of June 30, our collective bargaining agreement with the City of Chicago expired. The entire agreement remains in effect until a successor agreement is reached. This includes the enhanced health benefits for those who retire after attaining the age



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of 55. With formal negotiations commencing in the next couple of weeks, we will be on our way to securing a new contract. With your input through the surveys, e-mails, and phone conversations, I believe that we have a clear idea of what our membership is looking for.

The Labor Management Cooperation Committee and the City of Chicago wellness plan, "Chicago Lives Healthy" will be rolling out at the end of July. The organization selected to administer the program is Healthways. They are one of the leading wellness systems companies in the country and are based outside of Nashville. Through the labor advisors working with the city administration, we were able to secure opportunities for employee participants to attend roll-out informational meetings and get their health screenings while on city time. Each sergeant will be notified of important information regarding the wellness plan in the next few weeks. The wellness program is a free benefit to all who wish to participate. Healthways will have a dedicated web-site and a toll free number available by the end of July to answer questions you may have regarding the benefits and the workings of the program.

In June, we reached an agreement with the city to settle a salary reimbursement issue. Since the first of July 2001, the Association was responsible for reimbursing the city for the salaries of sergeants that were detailed full time to the Association. The amount was in dispute for many years. It wasn't until 2011 that the amount was decided upon and that amount was over one million dollars. We were able to negotiate a one-time payment to settle the debt which saved the Association considerably. Since 2011 we have been reimbursing the city regularly.

Please continue to keep Jason Kascynski in your thoughts and prayers. You'll remember Jason suffered a pretty dangerous heart attack while serving a search warrant. He was just released from the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago – Northwestern Hospital, and is now at home. He is doing great, but still has some work to do for a full recovery.

On September 20 at 1800 hours, we'll hold our Annual Awards / Pizza Meeting at Home Run Inn Pizza located at 4254 W. 31st Street. The Association golf outing, which funds our death benefit, will be held on August 13 at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. The outing is a great time and is filling up, so get your reservations in soon. Hopefully, we'll see you at one of these events. Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay safe.

Police Benevolent Labor Committee

One of the benefits of membership in the Police Benevolent Labor Committee is legal representation for appearances at the Internal Affairs Division and the Independent Police Review Authority. When you receive notice as an accused, call the office of Robert D. Kuzas, Ltd., at 312-629-1400 so an attorney can be scheduled. If you receive notice to give a witness statement, legal representation is usually not necessary. However, if questions become accusatory in nature, you have the right to stop the interview and request another date so that you can have an attorney with you. Call Robert D. Kuzas, Ltd. at 312-629-1400 to schedule an attorney.

Vice-President Report*By Paul Bilotta Vice-President*

This has been a very busy year thus far for your Association. As everyone is aware, the sentencing of John Pallohusky concluded in early June, and he received a sentence of twelve years.

We have also filed several class action grievances on your behalf.

The CPSA filed a class action grievance on behalf of all the Sergeants working for NATO. This grievance was filed because the city was not allowing Sergeants to elect time but rather had the money box checked on all the overtime slips. The city chose to settle this grievance and did allow any Sergeants that wanted time the opportunity to take time.

We filed a grievance regarding Sergeants working as District Station Supervisors, but not receiving out-of-grade pay. The Lieutenants also filed a similar grievance. The Lieutenants had their grievance heard by an arbitrator in early June, and that decision is pending. Your Board of Directors is waiting for the outcome of the Lieutenants grievance. That decision will help us to decide which direction our grievance will go.

Our 50th Annual Golden Anniversary Golf Outing will take place on 13 August of this year. We will again be hosting the outing at Silver Lakes Country Club, 14700 S. 82nd Avenue, Orland Park. This outing is always well attended and we have always had everyone enjoy the day. Reservations have been coming in at a steady pace. If you plan to attend the outing please do not procrastinate. I would not want to see the outing get filled up and have anyone unable to golf.

We are looking forward to another good year with friends, family, and co-workers. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 13th and am requesting good weather from the man upstairs. This is our only fund raiser of the year and the entire proceeds from this outing go directly into the Death Benefit Fund. If you are not familiar with that fund it is used to give the family of any active Sergeant that dies a check for \$3000.00 to assist with expenses during that horrible time.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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These members serve as Representatives of the PB&PA Sergeants' Association.

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**CPSA / PBPA Unit 156A's
50th Annual
Golden Anniversary
Golf Outing**

The Golden Anniversary 50th Annual Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Golf Outing will be held on Monday, August 13th, 2012, at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, Illinois. The cost of the outing will remain the same as last year, \$100 for each golfer, and will include a gift bag, 18 holes of golf, a cart, beverages on the course, lunch on the 9th hole, and a buffet dinner with additional beverages. We will also hold the drawing for cash prizes (winner need not be present). This year we will be selling dinner tickets for the non-golfers for \$50, which includes dinner with beer, wine, and soda. Please call to reserve your ticket.

In addition to the cash prize drawing, there will be a bucket raffle at the event, which in the past has included such prizes as LCD TVs, I-Pods, Glock Handguns, GPS navigation devices, roundtrip airfare, travel certificates, etc. Join your Association for our only fundraising event of the year that supports our death benefit fund. If you cannot attend you can still support your Association by participating in our raffle.

Raffle tickets will soon be on sale for our death benefit fund. Representatives will be selling the tickets. The death benefit fund, available only to active members, provides a check in the amount of \$3000 to the sergeant's named beneficiary to help the member's family at the time of their loss.

We have already started taking reservations. Send in the reservation form below, naming your foursome, along with a check payable to CPSA, and mail them to CPSA, 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, IL 60609. Details are posted on our Web site at www.chicagosergeants.org. Registration forms are also available on our site.

Paul F. Bilotta
Vice President & Golf Chairman
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2012 Golf Reservation Form

Golfer #1 (print) _____ Golfer #2 (print) _____

Golfer #3 (print) _____ Golfer #4 (print) _____

Contact Person _____ Per Golfer \$100.00 / Foursome \$400.00

Name _____ Make check out to CPSA

Address _____ Return To: Chicago Police Sergeant Association

Phone _____ 1616 W. Pershing Rd.

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MONUMENTAL BETRAYAL

“Everyone sees what you seem to be, few know what you really are.”

In 2003, John Pallohusky joined the Sergeant's Association Board. He was assigned to Area Four, was well liked, very competent, and was the “go-to guy” for Police involved shootings and high profile cases. He had a solid background in accounting and finance. I thought he was very conscientious and I was glad when he was later elected President of the Sergeant's Association. But his 6 years on the Board turned out to be an unmitigated disaster. Almost from the beginning he was embezzling small amounts of money from the CPSA. He became emboldened and, starting in 2007 through the time of his indictment and arrest in 2009, he was embezzling large amounts from the Association. The man everyone trusted was a scam artist.

Using his money management skills, one of his scams was to open up several credit card accounts in the Association's name. He disguised his dishonest acts through a sophisticated shell game, writing checks out of petty cash funds to pay balances of said credit cards.

It was ironic that on the day (April 17) John Pallohusky pled guilty to theft by deception of Sergeants' Association funds, the long time Chief financial Officer of the city of Dixon, IL was arrested for stealing more than 30 Million dollars. It is a sad fact of life there will always be people entrusted by others who will put their selfish needs above their peers. They are willing to destroy their good reputations and steal large amounts of money to live lavish lifestyles. They think nothing of the devastating consequences to other people and the organizations they damage.

After pleading guilty, Pallohusky agreed to pay back all the funds he had taken before his sentencing hearing on June 1st. He was told by Judge Cannon in no uncertain terms that he could be sentenced up to 14 years in prison, and that probation was a possibility if he did pay back the funds taken. It wasn't the best possible outcome, but it would help the CPSA get back on our feet financial and allow us to move on with our business of working for our fellow Sergeants, with a small safety cushion.

At the June sentencing, it was apparent that Pallohusky made no serious attempt to repay the funds he stole. Later, he was allowed to address the Court and actually said “I apologize for the things I might have done.” I attended many of the Court hearings and this statement was further proof of his lack of remorse. Pallohusky's blasé demeanor consistently showed that he wasn't too concerned about his actions or the consequences. It seemed he thought he could pull something out of his hat and make everything go away.

Then Judge Cannon handed down her sentence of 12 years in prison. Pallohusky appeared shocked. He seemed even more surprised when he was immediately taken into custody to start serving his sentence. The day of reckoning that he thought he could dodge finally came.

The CPSA board took steps to deal with the aftermath of this betrayal. We instituted new controls to ensure this will not happen again. The Association will continue our civil suit to recover funds from Pallohusky. I am still mystified by the breach of trust, and angered by his lack of remorse. I will always regret trusting Pallohusky and the damage he did to our Association while I was on the Board.

To have the honor to be elected President of a fraternal organization that was founded in 1907 and then to almost destroy it is reprehensible beyond belief. Pallohusky caused the biggest scandal in the 105 year history of the Association. Honesty and integrity do not have a price but unfortunately Pallohusky lacks basic ethics. As a retired Sergeant said “it's bad enough when someone steals from others but when a Sergeant steals from his fellow Sergeants that is about as bad as it gets.”

"Did G-d Create Evil?"

Talking to a member of our flock one night on the street, and we had the following discussion. What is the best defense against temptation? Why do some handle trials and tribulations of life a bit better than others?" It seems, some walk around content with their lot in life, while others always seem to be bitter and find it difficult to smile. I responded, "keeping G-d close to the heart always helps in making the load feel not so heavy". It reminded me of the story of the student and the college professor, "Did G-d Create Evil"??.....

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 faith in the L-rd and religion, 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.....The moral of the story, A little faith, a little prayer, a little spirituality, goes a long way in helping to nurture the heart. As the saying goes "If you have questions, ask G-d, If you don't, thank G-d".

Retiree Report

By Don Januszyk Retiree Liaison

It looks like there is a temporary lull in what's happening in Springfield, but don't let down your guard. Up front things may be quiet, but behind closed doors, who knows what's happening. Our elected officials, who are responsible for the mess we are in, will try to make things right on the backs of present and future retirees.

People don't realize that every pension system or union contract is different. Different laws govern different pension systems. There is a big difference between what happens downstate and what happens here in the Chicago area. From what the elected officials have said, it looks like they are trying to write one bill to cover or fix all of the pension problems. There is nothing to indicate that they are willing to responsibly discuss the issues with the different pension systems or labor groups.

What *you* can do is contact your state representatives, state senators and other elected officials and make them aware of your concerns. If you wait too long, you will lose. After the November elections, it's reasonable to think all hell will break loose.

The Korshak Ruling which expires in June of 2013 is in limbo. I've heard of nothing that is going forward. The health committee, which Mayor Daly initiated, is not whole. Several members have left the committee because they were not indemnified. From what I have heard, nothing will start happening until after the election.

The Association's Golf Outing for the Death Benefit Fund is August 13th. Retired Sgt. Mike Stather and I had chaired the event for several years. Sgt. Rich Wisner took over after us, and did an even better job. Sgt. Paul Bilotta is the current chairman.

EVERY PENNY MADE ON THE GOLF OUTING GOES INTO THE DEATH BENEFIT FUND which is then used to assist the families of any active duty Sergeant who passes on. There are many active and retired Sergeants who volunteer at this day long affair. While we welcome constructive criticism, it becomes useless if it is lowered to the level of anonymous venting. Please let us know your concerns, who you are, and how we may contact you to discuss these matters.

Take care out there and stay safe.

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!!

Name	Star	Unit	Age	Years	Retirement Date
Sgt. Kenneth L. Abels	1747	640	62	42	08 Feb 2012
Sgt. William Kaupert	1884	017	60	40	15 Mar 2012
Sgt. Walter P. Kinasz	1064	701	52	21	31 Mar 2012

MEETING NOTICE

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Director Report*By Debra DeYoung Director***Voice of the 99%**

We are the 99%. The police officers that come to work every day knowing that they will do the right thing, and make the right choices. We don't have to think about it: it's why we are here, it's what we do.

It has been wonderful to hear what well behaved men and women we were during NATO. We don't hear it often. However, it is disheartening to see that people believe that we would act any differently.

All the praise made me realize that Chicago's' perception of the police is deeply rooted in the 1%: the 1% that the media showcases to the public; the 1% that came on the job for all the wrong reasons; the 1% that don't belong within the ranks of the Chicago Police. It's sad that the citizens of Chicago feel that it is acceptable to judge all police based on the 1%. The 1% doesn't represent who we are yet they always get all the press. The 99% are proud to do what we do, to serve and protect. It was nice to finally see the media spotlight the 99%.

Sgt. Debra DeYoung, CPSA Director

Membership Report*By Paul Bilotta Vice President*

As of this writing we have 1079 members at the 9171 pay code. Our budgeted level is now 1190 (down from 1350 only two years ago). There have been no promotions since September 2010. We are told that a promotional class is pending and may even be in the academy by the time you are reading this article.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Fellow Sergeant's (active or retired) **PLEASE** let our office know when you move, change your apartment or unit number, or get married. We update our data bases as soon as we are notified of a change.

There is a significant cost when communications are returned to our office. If an item is returned to the office from a retired Sergeant, we send a letter through the Pension Board. The reason for this is that the Pension Board does not release any relative information on any retiree. It also cost the Association triple postage. So please help us to keep you informed and our records update. Thank you.

Membership Report

By Paul Bilotta Vice President

As of this writing we have 1079 members at the 9171 pay code. In the most recent city budget, our budgeted strength is now 1190 (down from 1350 only two years ago). There have been no promotions since September 2010. We are told that a promotional class is pending and may even be in the academy by the time you are reading this article. At a recent meeting with Superintendent McCarthy, we were told that enough promotions would be made this year to bring us up to our budgeted strength. We were also told that a class of lieutenants would be made soon. As of this writing, we're still waiting.

Benefit Information

With the golf outing coming up, that funds our Association Death Benefit, an audit of our Death Benefit Beneficiary Card file was conducted. This audit revealed that nearly half of our active members do not have a card on file. Without beneficiary information, payouts to the family of a deceased active member could be delayed by several months. This situation could also cause no payout at all. Please, if you don't remember filling out a card or may have a change in order, complete the card below and send it to the office via police mail to Unit 545 or to 1616 W. Pershing Road, Chicago, Illinois 60609. For further information, call the office at 773-376-7272. Remember, this is a benefit for your family and loved ones. Please, take the appropriate action as soon as you can.

**CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION
DEATH BENEFIT FUND
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Members Name: _____ Star: _____ Employee: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Additional Contact Phone: _____ Social Security: _____

Beneficiary

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security: _____

Additional Beneficiary

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security: _____

Active Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Some points to ponder....

Maybe, we were supposed to meet the wrong people before meeting the right one so that, when we finally meet the right person, we will know how to be grateful for that gift...

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way...

There are moments in life when you miss someone -- a parent, a spouse, a friend, a child -- so much that you just want to pick them from your dreams and hug them and never let go. So if you are fortunate enough to have them in real life, let them know how much they mean to you and cherish them..

The best kind of friend is the kind you can sit on a porch and swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had...

Always try to put yourself in others' shoes. If you feel that something could hurt you, it probably will hurt the other person, too....

Remember to do something nice for someone every single day, even if it is simply to leave them alone, we all have a burden to carry.

Also remember, giving someone all your love is never an assurance that they will love you back. Don't expect love in return; just wait for it to grow in their heart; but, if it doesn't, be content that it grew in yours.

Maybe . . . you should try to live your life to the fullest because when you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling but when you die, you can be the one who is smiling and everyone around you crying.

On behalf of All your Chaplains, May G-d bless you, keep you safe and always keep you in His loving care. Amen. If you ever need a shoulder to lean on or if you wish some company for a ride-along, don't hesitate to give us a call.

Compliments of your Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf
773-463-4780 or e-mail; moshewolf@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

50th Annual Golf Outing August 13 0900 Hours Silver Lake Country Club

Awards Dinner September 20 1800 Hours Home Run Inn Pizza

Meeting & Turkey Raffle November 22 1200 Hours PB&PA Hall

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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: _____

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