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By James Ade President

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer thus far. The last couple of months have been pretty busy with contract, legislative, retiree healthcare, and other general business. We've added a Facebook page to keep the members up to date on these issues and to provide general information. Find us at Chicago Police Sergeants' PB&PA or simply go to our website www.chicagosergeants.org.

The continuous feed on the website is available for those who don't follow Facebook and is updated just as frequently.

In contract workings, both parties have identified their arbitration issues to Arbitrator Beirig. Also, both parties were restricted to five economic-only issues. The procedures set forth in the arbitrator's order state that both sides shall identify their issues in dispute and file an initial offer on the disputed issues. That is the point we are at currently. Simply, these are the points to be argued in the arbitration process. The next step is for each side to file their pre-hearing briefs. These briefs will set forth the evidence and arguments in support of the offers. The actual hearing will be scheduled in August.

Governor Quinn recently called a special session of the General Assembly in order to pass pension relief legislation regarding State of Illinois employees. Paul Bilotta and I attended the General Assembly Committee hearing on the state pension problems. Several people testified to the committee with their positions including PB&PA of Illinois' Sean Smoot. Both Senate Bill 1 (Madigan) and Senate Bill 2404 (Cullerton) were discussed at length. This committee is being charged with the task to develop strategies and legislation to reform the pension



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systems of state employees. We have been following this committee very closely. In the past, enacted legislation regarding the state pension plans is an indication as to what we can expect here in Chicago. Our webpage and Facebook page is frequently updated with legislative information. Please check in frequently to keep informed.

In May, the Board of Directors unanimously passed a motion to assist in the funding of legal action regarding retiree health benefits. Attorney Clint Krislov is the original attorney that previously handled the legal battle that led to the Korshak Agreement. Krislov, who has extensive knowledge and expertise on these matters, has already started this legal battle which will affect over 30,000 retired City of Chicago employees. He has filed an initial amicus curiae/ friend of the court brief in the State employees' healthcare litigation in the Illinois Supreme Court that likely will affect city employees as well. He also filed a motion to revive the Korshak litigation asserting the post-June 30, 2013 entitlements of affected retirees.

The Association's 51st Annual Golf Outing will be held on August 12, 2013 at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. The Golf Outing is starting to fill up, so please round up your foursomes and register. The information and registration material is posted in this issue, on our website, and on our Facebook page. This golf outing and raffle are the only funding sources for the Death Benefit Fund that pays the family or beneficiary of an active sergeant. If you haven't sent in your raffle tickets yet, please do so soon.

Please keep Sgt. Gene Richmond and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Gene is the District Representative in the 018 District and is working through some pretty serious medical issues. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Our next general meeting will be July 18 at our offices at noon. The Annual Awards / Pizza Meeting will be held at Home Run Inn located at 4250 W. 31st Street. The meeting and festivities kick off at 1800 hours on September 19. Hope to see you there.

Please stay safe, take care of your people, and enjoy the rest of the summer.

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.

Name (Age)	Status	Passed Away
Sgt. Reginald Carpenter (64)	Retired	11 Mar 2013
Sgt. Nels I. Holmquist	Retired (Wi)	06 Apr 2013
Sgt. Henry J. Barsch Sr.(67)	Retired	11 Apr 2013
Sgt. John D. Paskey (82)	Retired	11 Apr 2013
Sgt. Joseph T. McManus (80)	Retired (FI)	14 Apr 2013
Sgt. Richard Maraviglia (62)	DPR (FI)	18 Apr 2013
Sgt. Philip G. Michaels (75)	Retired	21 Apr 2013
Sgt. William R. Bonner (87)	Retired	24 Apr 2013
Sgt. Gertha Mae Booth (75)	Retired	24 Apr 2013
Sgt. John D. Zitek (78)	Retired	13 May 2013

Vice-Presidents Report

By Paul Bilotta Vice-President

Since Jim Ade and I have been here full time, the following issues were addressed and resolved for the benefit of the membership.

1. A new central location has been acquired for conducting the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner with no charge to the CPSA for this location (thank you, St. Ignatius College Prep.).
2. Building alarm prices were renegotiated with a savings of \$85.00 per month or \$1020 per year.
3. Our AT&T bill was renegotiated with a savings of \$115.00 per month or \$1380. per year.
4. The CPSA recovered \$475,000 of the \$1,100,000 stolen from us by John Pallohusky. A summary judgment against him was granted us weeks ago, allowing us to further pursue the real estate and other funds owned by Pallohusky.
5. Three years (2009, 2010, 2011) worth of taxes were completed and filed that were formerly neglected to be filed. The taxes for 2012 were completed and filed early this year.
6. A debt of \$1.1mm to the city was renegotiated down to \$700,000 and completely paid off.
7. The building mortgage was refinanced two percentage points lower and paid down to \$150,000 (now at \$144,000) thus enabling the building to be paid for, free and clear, in five and one half years.
8. An independent accounting firm has been approved by the Board to be hired to do the monthly reconciliations of our books as well as our taxes.

An interesting side note. Since I have been in this office I would like to share with you the meeting attendance numbers from those active sergeants that signed in to the meetings, excluding Board members:

19 Jan 12 - 29, 15 Mar12 - 26, 24 May12 - 11, 19 Jul 12 - 18, 20 Sep 12 - 22, 05 Nov 12 - 25, 17 Jan 13 - 22, 21 Mar 13 - 33, 16 May 13 - 10

Meeting attendance is status quo. The same faces usually show up with a spattering of new people here and there. Petitions to run for one of the 15 spots on the CPSA Board of Directors will be available in September, 2014. To be eligible to run, you must have attended fifty (50) percent of the regular meetings in the twelve (12) months prior to the filing of nominating petitions. Only Active duty Sergeants may run for office. If you want to have the greatest effect on how your union is run, start now. Our next meetings are July 18th at CPSA and September 19th at Home Run Inn.

I, like most people, was not interested in the union until I heard that someone stole my/our dues money. I urge everyone to get involved. This is your UNION!

DISTRICT / FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

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

**Scott Slavin 145
002**

Robert Goode III 003

Milan Vujic 004

**Jim Calvino 005
006**

Kris Rigan 007

**Al Cain 008
009**

Jerry Negrete 010

Adam Zelitzky 011

Mark Juska 012

Tom Linnane 014

Jim Raffae 015

Bill O'Reilly 050

Michelle Rubino 017

Gene Richmond 018

**Angelo Hitiris 019
020**

Tim Szarzinski 022

Dawn Jackson 024

Mike Tantilla 025

Saadia Carter 142

Homan Square

Chaplains Corner

By Father Dan Brandt

Thanks to the many who made our annual outdoor Fathers Day Mass at Gold Star Families Memorial and Park a tremendous success. It was the best-attended such Mass I've seen and Mother Nature came through for us as always.

Last month, Police Chaplains Ministry hosted hundreds of **Gold Star Family** members on a luncheon cruise aboard the Spirit of Chicago. It was a first-class outing and a chance to again remind our esteemed guests that the loved ones they lost in the line of duty are **NEVER FORGOTTEN!**

Thank you to all who financially supported this outing! If you would like to join our mailing list so that you can help us with these worthwhile endeavors in the future, please visit our website, listed below, and click on the appropriate link.

We continue to remember those killed in the line of duty (as well as other deceased CPD family members) at the regular **CPD Mass**, celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (this month, that's the 14th and 28th) from 1100-1130 hrs at Mercy Home: 1140 W. Jackson Boulevard. No matter your faith tradition, ALL ARE WELCOME.

Congratulations to CPD Chaplain Kimberly Lewis-Davis, who after five years of graduate-level study, recently earned her Master of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary!

Kudos also to CPD Chaplain Bob Montelongo, who just celebrated his first anniversary of ordination as a Deacon of the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago!

Finally, I'd like to call your attention to the **Police Chaplains Ministry website: www.ChicagoPCM.org**. On this site, you can request Mass cards, contact a chaplain, make a prayer request or donation, read archived FOP newsletter submissions from the chaplains, check out links to related sites, view memorial cards from recent line-of-duty deaths, request a ride-along by a chaplain, research several police-related resources, obtain information on the regular police Mass and many other outreaches/ministries—as well as a host of other “cyber-stuff.” There is also a photo album page with some terrific pictures...check it out as you may see yourself there!

God bless you in your most noble, God-ordained work,

Fr. Dan Brandt, CPD Chaplain

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Membership Report

By Paul Bilotta Vice-President

As of this writing there are 1100 members in the 9171 pay code. The budgeted strength for our pay code is 1190 (down from 1350 a few years ago) which leaves us 90 sergeants short at this time. We are down nine sergeants from the last published Chevrons due to retirements.

There was a request for meritorious Sergeants quite some time ago which would usually promise a future promotional class. There has been no further discussion regarding promotional classes, or the number of new Sergeants that will be promoted. There has been talk about future promotional exams for the ranks of Sergeant as well as Lieutenant. As of this time, we have received no explanation from the Department for the delay in promotions.

Food for Thought

By Rabbi Moshe Wolf

Do you ever ask yourself, "I'm just one person, can I, do I, really make a difference out there on the streets?"

And the answer is a definite "YES". Let me share a lesson with you that I learned from one of our own, while on the streets. I was out the other night, doing a ride along in one of the toughest and busiest districts in the city. We started out at 6P.M. It was a cold night but the radio was non-stop, hot call after hot call. "Battery in progress", "man with a gun", "domestic battery", "person shot" "theft in progress" and the list goes on and on. The officer I was with just looked at me and said "this is a typical night in this district, and we do the best we can". I didn't even realize it was 11:00 P.M. and we still did not stop for lunch. I told my partner "take me back to the District so you can go down for lunch". He said "I have one stop to make before I drop you off". That said, the officer pulls in to a gas station, and stops at the end of the lot in front of an elderly man sitting on the curb. The copper went into the gas station, bought a sweet roll and a cup of hot coffee and gave it to the man sitting on the curb. Then the officer got back into the squad car and said to me words that I'll never forget. "Rabbi, that man is a homeless man, with no family; I stop by every couple of days and get him something to eat. It helps me count my blessings and reminds me that there are so many out there that have so little, and how grateful I should be for all I have". He made me smile, made me proud, he did us all proud. Moments like these warm the heart and are priceless.

He reminded me of the story of "The Star Fish"...

An old man had a habit of taking early morning walks on the beach. One day, after a storm, he saw a human figure in the distance moving like a dancer. As he came closer he saw that it was a young woman and she was not dancing but was reaching down to the sand, picking up a starfish and very gently throwing them into the ocean. "Young lady," he asked, "Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" "The sun is up, and the tide is going out, and if I do not throw the starfish back in the ocean they will die." "But young lady, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it? You cannot possibly make a difference." The young woman listened politely, paused and then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves, saying, "It made a difference for that one." The old man looked at the young woman inquisitively and thought about what she had done. Inspired, he joined her in throwing starfish back into the sea.
End of story.

Yes, to throw back all star fish would be a monumental if not impossible task, but rather than being overwhelmed by the task, she took action. She threw one back, and then another, and another. That young woman made a difference to each and every starfish she threw back, even though they may have added up to only a tiny percentage of the washed-up, dying starfish. She did what she could.

How often do we look at some of our problems and feel paralyzed because it seems overwhelming? How often do we detach ourselves and think it's not our problem? Bureaucracy, politics, war, violence, poverty. The list goes on. It's so easy to get stuck in helplessness, passivity, cynicism, but yet it's OUR world.

So instead of thinking about what you can't do, consider what you can do. What is the smallest action you can take? It might even be just a small act of kindness to a friend or stranger as simple as bringing a smile to someone who desperately needs one. Maybe

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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!!

Name	Star	Unit	Age	Years	Retirement Date
Sgt. Patrick Riordan	1784	050	63	40	28 June 2013
Sgt. Patrick Moyer	1289	018	50	26	15 June 2013
Sgt. Richard Piek	1338	630	62	40	14 June 2013
Sgt. Joseph Tokarski	2251	020	50	24	02 June 2013
Sgt. Carla Grubisic			50	26	01 June 2013
Sgt. Joseph Kostuchowski	2578	191	53	27	15 May 2013
Sgt. Mark Zenere	2382	008	60	27	15 May 2013
Sgt. Richard Kearney	1892	050	60	31	30 April 2013
Sgt. David Rucci	2205		60	36	15 April 2013
Sgt. Brian Orseno	2099	025	53	26	11 April 2013
Sgt. Peggy Johnson	977	015	63	31	30 March 2013
Sgt. Raphael Ramos	1099	050	60	31	15 March 2013
Sgt. Neal Jack	1704	610	63	37	02 March 2013
Sgt. Donald Koplitz	1585	050	63	40	28 February 2013
Sgt. Edward Howard Jr.	2337	376	50	26	20 February 2013
Sgt. Richard Witney	866	016	62	20	15 February 2013
Sgt. Jose Ortiz	2641	014	63	26	09 February 2013
Sgt. Elvin Boone	1964	003	60	22	15 January 2013
Sgt. Kenneth Glover	2070		51	22	15 January 2013
Sgt. Susan McDonald	895		51	30	15 January 2013

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it's a personal challenge that you need, to rock yourself out of complacency.

Look at a problem in your life, one that seems insurmountable, and think of the tiniest action you can take, and just do it. Because YOU DO MAKE a bigger difference than you think, to those whom you assist in time of need. Remember the quote "to the whole world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world".

So on behalf of the Chaplains we say, thanks for all you do, thanks for each of you for making our city a better and safer place to live. Should you need a shoulder to lean on, wish some company for a ride along, have some good humor to share, don't hesitate to give us a call.

May G-d bless you and always keep you safe. AMEN!

Compliments of your Chaplain

Rabbi Moshe Wolf 773-463-4780 or e-mail: moshewolf@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

51st Annual Golf Outing
Monday, August 12

Awards / Pizza Meeting
Thursday, September 19



2013
CPSA / PBPA Unit 156A
51st Annual Golf Outing



The 51st Annual Chicago Police Sergeants' Association Golf Outing will be held on Monday, August 12, 2013, 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, 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 to support our death benefit fund will be sent out soon. The death benefit fund, available 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, 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.

Mark Andersen

Golf Outing Chairman

mandersen@chicagosergeants.org

2013 Golf Reservation Form

Golfer #1 (print) _____

Golfer #2 (print) _____

Golfer #3 (print) _____

Golfer #4 (print) _____

Contact Person

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

(Tickets available at check in on the day of the event)

Per Golfer \$100.00 / Foursome \$400.00

Make check out to **CPSA** and return To:

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1616 W. Pershing Rd.

Chicago, IL 60609

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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:
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