The President’s Message

by President Robert L. Olsen

Welcome to 2016! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas/Holiday Season and a happy beginning to a New Year. Since our last newsletter publication the Retired Fire & Police Association conducted its annual Christmas/Holiday Celebration at the beautiful Sportsman’s Lodge in Studio City. The event was held on December 13, 2015 and was attended by 428 guests of both Fire and Police members and their families. Once again this event was a fantastic success and we are thankful to our wonderful office staff, Desiree Case and Maureen Incontro for their tireless dedication and continuing efforts. If you missed this outstanding chance to see many of your old friends and partners mark your calendars for our Annual Holiday Celebration on December 11, 2016.

As you can see we’ve already began to plan 2016 and it’s looking to be a full schedule. Our next General Membership meeting will be held June 1, 2016 at Grace E. Simon’s Lodge. For those of you who are new to the Association this General Membership Meeting is one of two we hold each year. At this meeting we present our nominations for the Board of

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LARFPA MEETINGS and EVENTS

General Membership Meetings

When: June 1, 2016 - 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Where: Grace E. Simons Lodge
Speaker: TBA

When: September 7, 2015 - 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Where: Grace E. Simons Lodge
Speaker: TBA

Coffee, doughnuts and box lunches will be available at the September General Membership Meeting.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

THERE WILL NO LONGER BE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS IN DECEMBER OR MARCH.

Special Event

Annual Bar-B-Que
When: June 1, 2016 – 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Where: Grace E. Simons Lodge
Following the General Membership Meeting

Holiday Luncheon Celebration
When: December 11, 2016 – 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: Sportsmen’s Lodge, Studio City, CA

For Information check our website www.larfpa.org or call (888) 288-5073.

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Wake Up the Echoes . . .

The loudest echo I hear is the one in my ear that reminds me that I failed to make the deadline for the last newsletter (I set the deadlines). I was too late to wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a wonderful Holiday season. So I will be early with good wishes for Ground Hog’s Day, April Fool’s Day and all the other special days before the next newsletter. I was able to pass on my good wishes to the many of our members who attended our Christmas Luncheon. We had a big crowd and a good time.

Please check the dates of our two 2016 General Membership Meetings. The meeting scheduled for June 1, 2016 is the meeting where the nominations for the Association’s 2016-2017 officers and directors will be made. Any member, active or retired, who is interested in becoming a member of the Board, please contact the Association office for instructions on how to apply.

The meeting will be followed by the annual BBQ. See the ad in this issue.

The General membership meeting scheduled for September 7, 2016 is also very important because that is the meeting when the election is conducted and the newly elected officers and directors immediately assume office. Please attend and support them.

One of my never ending echoes occurred on October 31, 1985. I was the Commanding Officer of North Hollywood Area when I was notified that North Hollywood Robbery Detective Thomas Williams had been ambushed and killed while he was picking up his son from a Halloween party at his son’s school. Recently the California Parole Board was considering releasing one of the conspirators in the murder of Detective Williams. I thank all of you (more than 800) who wrote letters to oppose the release of the conspirator. Your letters made a difference. On November 20, 2015 Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. referred the decision to release the conspirator back to the Parole Board for en banc consideration. RIP Tom, your partners and friends remember what you sacrificed for us and will never stop supporting your memory.

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Directors and discuss pertinent information for you, our members. This meeting is followed by our Annual Bar-be-Que event and is a great time for our members and their families. For further information on this event and to sign up you can find the flyer inside this issue or on our website at www.larfpa.org

Many of the LARFPA Directors and members of the Retired Fire and Police Association attended the wonderful open house at the new Fire Relief Association building on December 5, 2015. The Relief Association’s new building is located at 7470 North Figueroa Street in Los Angeles. Well over 300 active and retired Los Angeles Fire Department employees, their friends and family were in attendance. The Relief Association once again provided great food, friends and conversation.

I would like to personally thank Juan Albarran, past President of the Los Angeles Firemen’s Relief Association for the excellent work he did during his time as President. Also, I would like to congratulate Bob Steinbacher in his new position as President and Jeff Cawdrey as the newly elected Vice President.

Finally, the Fire Relief Association has announced the dates for this year’s Pechanga Reunion as May 23rd thru 27th. If you are interested in attending this event make sure to contact the Relief Association at (323) 259-5235. For information regarding RV or resort hotel reservations please call (888) 732-4264.

Please go to our website for a full list of events happening this year and mark our Annual Bar-be-Que and Holiday Celebrations on your calendars!
Pension & Medicare Updates

Unlike my last article, I actually do have some good news to report. As predicted, the actuarial valuation for our pension plan came in very favorably. There has been movement in our retired medical subsidy lawsuit (Fry), and clarification has been received concerning both the basic cost of Medicare Part B Premiums and the Pension Department’s Part B reimbursement program. I am also happy to report we managed a victory in protecting the retired medical plan benefits for some of our most senior members, and the Reed and DeMaio pension attack initiatives have been delayed.

ACTUARIAL VALUATION
On November 19, 2015 the Segal Company presented the June 30, 2015 Actuarial Valuation to the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners. As expected, the report showed positive results for the year. Segal noted that on an actuarial basis, the funded ratio increased from 86.6% to 91.5%, while on a market value basis, the funded ratio increased from 93.8% to 94.6%.

Segal also reported that the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) decreased from $2,436 billion to $1,567 billion. To put this into perspective, at the end of June 30, 2013 the UAAL stood at $2,975 billion. This represents a 47.3% reduction in the unfunded liability during the past two years; an outstanding performance by any measure. As of June 30, 2015, the fund also retained a total of $622.7 million in unrecognized investment gains.

As a result, the City’s contribution to the pension fund will decrease by approximately $35.9 million when applied to the City’s FY 2015-16 sworn budgeted payroll. This represents the third year in a row the City’s contribution to the pension fund has decreased.

In regard to the health fund, the actuarial funding ratio increased for the fifth year in a row; from 32.2% as of June 30, 2010 to 45.4% as of June 30, 2015.

So what can we glean from this report, other than the fact the fund is being professionally and prudently managed? The report makes it abundantly clear the Chicken Little cries out of the mouths of the CAO and several former Mayors that the City is facing impending doom and financial collapse due to the funding obligations of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension System is pure BS. (Oh, I’m sorry, was that not politically correct?) One would hope that someday these individuals will pull their heads out of the sand, or wherever their heads are, and finally acknowledge they know absolutely nothing about the financial status of our Pension System. But I wouldn’t count on it.

FRY v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES
At long last the Court of Appeals has scheduled a date for presentation of oral arguments in the Fry lawsuit. Originally, presentation of oral arguments had been calendared for December 16, 2015, but because too many cases were on the docket that day, the Court moved to delay our case until February 1, 2016. Hopefully there will be good news to report on in our next newsletter.

PENSION REFORM INITIATIVES
Former San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed and former San Diego City Councilman Carl DeMaio have announced they will not be moving forward with their two proposed pension reduction ballot initiatives during the 2016 election. Instead, Reed and DeMaio have stated they would now be targeting the 2018 ballot where they hope to qualify either one or both of their proposed initiatives.

In a statement emailed to their supporters, the two wrote, “After conversations with members of their coalition and key donors, we have decided to re-file at least one of our pension reform measures later this year for the November 2018 ballot. By then we will know the outcome of a key court case that might limit the public employee unions’ capacity to spend ‘unlimited’ resources against pension reform.”

It has been reported that Reed and DeMaio reached this decision after an independent poll showed support for their two initiatives hovering somewhere in the low 40 percent range. They had previously stated they would need support somewhere around 60 percent to move forward.
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MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM AND REIMBURSEMENT

On December 3, 2015 the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners approved the adoption of a two tier Medicare Part B Premium reimbursement plan with a maximum monthly reimbursement amount of $121.80 effective January 1, 2016.

But before discussing the workings on this plan, let me remind you that in order to receive reimbursement for the Medicare Part B Premium, a retired member must be eligible for both Medicare Parts A and B. Usually this requires that a member paid into the Social Security System for 40 or more quarters.

Effective January 2016, there are two standard Medicare Part B monthly premium amounts: $104.90 (the same as the 2015 amount) and $121.80, as established by the Bipartisan Budget Act signed into law on November 2, 2015.

For those members who were eligible for Medicare Part B prior to January 2016, had their Medicare Part B Premium withheld from their Social Security Check and had income of $85,000 or less (or $170,000 or less for joint filers) the Medicare Part B Premium and the reimbursement from the Pension Department will remain at $104.90 per month.

For eligible retired members who are new Part B beneficiaries in 2016, do not currently have the Part B Premium withheld from their Social Security check, or are higher-income beneficiaries, the standard monthly premium will be $121.80. (Note: There are higher monthly Part B Premium amounts for individuals whose annual income exceed certain thresholds. However, the Pension Department only reimburses eligible members for the basic Part B Premium amount they are required to pay.)

In October, when it became apparent there was going to be a two-tiered basic premium system implemented, this writer, on behalf of our Association, asked the Board to adopt a two-tiered reimbursement program to make whole all members according to the basic amount

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of their Part B Premium. I would like to thank staff and the Commission for taking this request to heart and complying with our request.

But before moving on, let me point out there is a saying that, “Nothing is over until the paperwork is done.” And so it is with this issue. Most, if not all, retired members should have received a letter from the Pension Department asking for information pertaining to your Part B Premium reimbursement. The Pension Department needs certain supporting documentation from members eligible for the higher $121.80 reimbursement amount. If you qualify for the higher reimbursement amount, then you will be required to submit the necessary paperwork in order to receive the higher amount. If you do nothing, then you will only be reimbursed for the lower $104.90 amount.

HEALTH CARE FOR MEMBERS ENROLLED IN LACERS HEALTH PLANS

On November 19, 2015, the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissions heard a presentation by the consulting firm of Keenan Associates concerning a small group of Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension (LAFPP) pensioners (66 pensioners and 18 dependents) who receive their health coverage through Los Angeles City Employees’ Retirement System-sponsored (LACERS) health plans. These members fell under the LACERS plans when LACERS took over civilian retiree health plan administration from the Personnel Department in 1999. Through an agreement with LACERS, LAFPP has continued to offer coverage through LACERS health plans for Harbor Port Police (9) who retired from LAFPP, as well as retired firefighters (44) and police officers (13) (and their qualified survivors) who either chose not to enroll in the Association-sponsored health plans or were not eligible to participate in plans offered by UFLAC, the Los Angeles Firemen’s Relief Association, or Los Angeles Police Relief Association.

LACERS had informed LAFPP it wished to end all LAFPP pensioner enrollment in its medical and dental plans as soon as possible, as they believe LAFPP enrollees may be having a negative impact on their plan experience/renewals.

Keenan, who had been hired to identify alternative medical options for those members currently covered under a LACERS plan, provided a list of three options. One, allow these members to remain covered under the LACERS plans; two, move these retirees into their own individual medical plans; or three, provide a new group medical plan limited to these members.

Let me digress for a moment and discuss the history of how these members ended up under the LACERS plans.

Until the mid-1990’s, sworn members had the option of selecting one of the medical plans administered by the City’s Personnel Department. Sworn members who were covered under one of the Personnel Department plans were also allowed to remain in those plans while in retirement. The Personnel Department was reimbursed by the Pension Department up to the limit of each member’s retired medical subsidy.

In the mid-1990’s the City changed the negotiated medical subsidy benefit for civilian employees. Instead of providing specified amounts for medical, dental and related benefits, the City set up a “cafeteria” benefit plan where each civilian member was allocated an amount of money that could be spent on medical, dental, and life insurance at the member’s discretion. They also had the option of taking up to $300 of that amount in a taxable distribution.

Following implementation of this program, the Personnel Department notified UFLAC and the Police Protective League that it was closing the City’s medical plans to sworn members. The City’s rational was the computer system installed to handle the cafeteria plan could

SPECIAL NOTICE TO OUR MEMBERS

Any Email correspondence that is addressed to our Association office should state the “Subject matter” under the subject space. This is necessary due to the volume of emails sent to the office.

Thank you all for your support.

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not function using sworn subsidy amounts. According to the Personnel Department, this would have required monthly entry by hand for each sworn member, a costly and time consuming process the City did not want to engage in.

The cafeteria system was negotiated with civilian employee groups, therefore, the City did not have to bargain directly with either UFLAC or the League over this issue; but the Personnel Department did agree to meet with representatives from both organizations over the practical consequences of the City’s action.

As a result of those talks, the Personnel Department agreed that while no new sworn members would be allowed to join the civilian plans, active sworn members who were then enrolled in one of those plans would be allowed to remain until they retired. These individuals would not, however, be allowed to remain in those plans once retired. It was also agreed that any retired sworn member who was in one of the Personnel Department plans would be allowed to remain in one of those plans for life.

(Note: Members of the Harbor Department Police have always been limited to the civilian medical plans. It should also be noted that the Personnel Department has not always enforced its rule prohibiting new active members from joining the civilian medical plans.)

Turning back to the Pension Commission Board meeting, this writer urged the Commission to select option one and allow these members to remain in their current LACERS administered medical plans.

My rational was straight to the point. When LACERS decided to take over the administration of these medical plans in 1999, there was no attempt to exclude these sworn members or modify the agreement. LACERS took them in without reservation.

Addressing the LACERS administrator in attendance, I said if you don’t like it, then too bad. LACERS should have paid more attention to the old saying, “Be careful what you ask for.” LACERS wanted to take over the administration from the Personnel Department, but in doing so, LACERS also inherited the agreement for the above mentioned retired sworn members.

I informed the Commission that I remember the agreement specifically because I was the UFLAC negotiator who had reached the agreement with Henry Hurd of the Personnel Department allowing these retired members to remain in the Personnel Department’s medical plans.

When I was told that no one at LACERS knew anything about such an agreement, I pointed out that, “It doesn’t matter that you know nothing about the agreement. What matters is that I know about it.”

The LACERS administrator’s argument that she was not in attendance when the agreement was reached does not alter the fact that an agreement was reached and agreed to by all concerned parties.

I also pointed out that the average age of these concerned retirees is 86.7. (Yes, you read it right, eighty-six point seven.) I then asked the Commission, do you really want to mess with people who on average are nearly 87 years old? Do you really think people that age are capable of finding new medical coverage on

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their own? What medical plan would accept them?

I concluded by asking the Board of Pension Commissioners, “For once, make the City keep its word and abide with the agreement.” I asked the Commissioner to refuse to allow LACERS to kick these very senior retirees out of their medical plans.

In the discussion that followed, I am very happy to report that the Commission agreed that abiding with LACERS request would be a travesty. Not only would it be totally unfair, but it would impose an unacceptable hardship on these very senior retirees.

When the vote was taken, it was unanimous to ignore LACERS request and instead allow these retired Fire and Police members to remain in their current medical plans which are administered by LACERS.

**MEDICARE SUBSIDY**

In my last article I wrote about the reduction in the 2016 maximum Medicare Health Insurance Subsidy and how the decision to lower the subsidy came about. Since then, I have received a number of phone calls asking why either I or our Association didn’t do something to prevent this from happening.

To give you the short answer I guess I could just say, “There is nothing we can do because that is the law and our organization lacks standing to renegotiate the benefit provisions.” I could do that, but I think you are entitled to the whole story behind where we find ourselves.

Now some who read this may not like it, but as I have always said, “The facts speak for themselves.”

Before 1975 there was no medical subsidy for retired members of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension System. There was, however, such a benefit for retired civilians.

Several Firefighters and Police Officers felt this to be unfair and decided to take action to create a similar benefit for sworn members. (Because I did not come on until February 1975 I am unable to provide you with the names of those involved.) Through the hard work of these individuals, they were able to get language voted into the City Charter allowing for such a benefit. In 1974, the necessary Ordinance language was approved that would allow for a retired medical subsidy to be provided beginning in 1975.

However, there was a caveat to this benefit. The City Council was unwilling to grant a retired health subsidy benefit to sworn members that exceeded that which was provided to civilian employees. Plain and simple, that was the price for approval.

Now because a retired health subsidy with this caveat was clearly better than having no subsidy at all, those members involved with the approval process willingly agreed. Something was clearly better than nothing.

Now fast forward to 1998 when Dick Riordan was Mayor. One of Dick’s priorities was for a new City Charter providing, among other things, more mayoral power. In his quest he created an appointed commission to rewrite the Charter. Appointed as the chairman of this commission was George Kieffer, a well-connected attorney and political power broker.

The City Council was not happy with the makeup of the Mayor’s commission so the Council created its own elected Charter reform commission. One of those elected to this commission was Janice Hahn, who received considerable help and support from UFLAC in her election campaign.

After months of hearings, Mr. Kieffer decided he had had enough and submitted his own proposed Charter

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language. With little or no discussion, this language was approved by the appointed commission and sent to the Mayor. This resulted in pressure being put on the elected commission to approve Kieffer’s Charter language so that it could go on the ballot in 1999.

During one of the final subcommittee meetings dealing with the pension language, I, as the UFLAC representative, asked that the language tying sworn retiree health subsidy benefits to civilian benefits be eliminated. Such a change would not have granted sworn members any additional benefits. It simply would have eliminated the language tying the sworn benefits to the civilian benefits. The swing vote involving this issue was Janice Hahn.

When I asked for her vote she replied in public that she would not agree because it would conflict with the language proposed by Kieffer.

I said Janice, eliminating this language doesn’t cost the City a thing unless down the road the City Council voluntarily agrees to give us more. Furthermore, I told her this is the only issue we had asked her to approve. She replied that Kieffer was a very influential individual and she would not go against him. We then got into a shouting match which only ended when Dennis Zine, also an elected commissioner, came to her defense.

In the end the elected commission refused to oppose Kieffer’s Charter language which maintained the tie between the sworn and civilian retired health subsidies.

So my friends, now you know why the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 4.1154(c) mandated a reduction in the sworn Medicare health subsidy. (This Admin Code Section was adopted by Ordinance to enforce the provisions of the New City Charter.)

Oh, and by the way, following passage of his City Charter language, George Kieffer exercised his political influence and assisted three of the elected Charter reform commissioners in getting elected to the City Council. Want to take a guess who was among the three?

In my last article I wrote about the Los Angeles City Council’s new law regarding extended magazines. This law would make it a misdemeanor to possess any firearm magazine over ten rounds in the City of Los Angeles. The law did not exempt retired Los Angeles Police Officers or for that matter current LAPD Reserves or Sheriffs, etc.

Thanks to hard work by City Councilman Mitch Englander (an active LAPD Reserve) and Pete Repovitch of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the exemption was passed by the City Council with only four voting against it. Thank you again to Councilman Englander and Outgoing League Director Repovitch.

Just when we thought we were safe from further extended magazine laws in California, this one is coming up.

A 2016 gun-control ballot measure proposed by Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom would:

Require all Californians who own magazines that hold more than 10 rounds to turn them in to police for destruction, sell them to a licensed firearms dealer, or move them out of the state.

Require licensing of ammunition sellers and instantaneous point-of-sale background checks for all ammunition purchases to weed out those convicted of a felony or a violent misdemeanor, those with restraining orders against them or those declared dangerously mentally ill. No other state has this requirement.

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Require the state Justice Department to share its information on people prohibited from owning guns with the FBI’s national criminal background check system.

Require firearm owners to notify police if a firearm has been lost or stolen.

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From Director
Don Forrest…

Greetings from Retirement Land

WOW!! 2016 has arrived. “Happy New Year” everyone…“hopefully!” It’s starting out looking rough and Rocky. The economy, presidential elections, the whole world in turmoil…yes…right here in “River City,” too.

Today is Jan 26th and I was reminded last week at our board meeting that the deadline for articles for the next newsletter is February 1st. Holy c**p! I didn’t win the “Super Lotto” either so I better get busy. Well, I work better under pressure anyway.

It’s 72° here in Long Beach today. Warm, clear blue sky and plenty of ice on hand for my bourbon. So I’ll head out to my patio deck and try to write something you may want or need to read about. That’s a tall order, but so is my drink. After sitting down, my first thought is… Wow! It’s the end of January – winter. I’m outside in shorts and a polo shirt while the Northeast is still digging out from the record breaking, massive snowstorm – over 40 inches in some areas. Well, living there is one thing, but can you imagine being a firefighter, cop or any first responder back there? Not for twice the pay. We’ve all seen the photos of icicles hanging off a guy’s helmet. Thanks guys, but no thanks. Count me out.

I don’t think this falls under “global warming,” but it sure is “climate change” and just when you thought it couldn’t get any worse, throw in the power outages. Now were talking serious bad. Watching the news last night from New York, they were showing two NYPD cops trying to dig their cruiser out of 3 feet of snow with an ice scraper and their hands and feet. Hey, Officer! You’re going to need something bigger than an ice scraper! The dozen or so people standing nearby and watching you weren’t any help either. At least they weren’t throwing snowballs at them. NYPD and FDNY – you guys are great – but not for twice the money.

OK! Now for some positive “stuff.” I’d first like to welcome our newest board member – Greg Newland – recently retired Captain II from Fire Station 48. Director Buzzell invited Greg to come and sit in on one of our board meetings and the next thing Greg knew – Wham!! Bam!! We took a quick vote and welcome “Director” Newland.” You have to keep an eye on Ken. He’s sneaky – I fell for the same stunt. You can’t trust those UCLA guys.

The past holiday season I attended several holiday events – UFLAC, the L.A. Firemen’s Relief Association in their new digs and our annual Holiday Celebration at Sportsmen’s Lodge in North Hollywood. It is always a really nice event.

It’s always great to visit with “old friends” that you worked with and share in the memories and events as LAFD members I’m sure glad we had name tags. It’s “old what’s his name.” “Pard and pal” still works though.

I was glad to see my “old friend” Johnny Sampson – retired Assistant Chief – who is recovering from some serious medical problems. Johnny was a charter member of the infamous “frappe club” at old FS 64. That was the “Wildwest” of the LA Fire Department in those days. I also ran into my old Sqd. 27 partner, Fred Nuesca. He’s the crazy guy who used to jump into the life net from the top of the aerial – and off of the drill tower – a “mad man, crazy.” What great friends and memories. This period of time on the LA Fire Department is what I call the “Golden Age” never to be repeated. Too bad!

While chatting with friends at these events, I was surprised and humbled by the guys who came over to thank me for helping them resolve the Workers’ Compensation problems with AIMS and Express Scripts.

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I have not seen any exemptions for retired law enforcement in this measure. California already has some of the strictest firearm laws in the country. In November, if the ballot measure receives enough signatures, it will be up to the voters.
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Taking on the task to get the City’s third-party administrators to start working harder to provide us with the timely and proper care we were promised started out rough. However, it certainly has improved and I couldn’t do it without the cooperation of the people at AIMS, Tri-Star and Express Scripts. That’s not to say they did all this without some pushing, prodding and challenging from me. Garrett Zimmon, my counterpart on the blue side, has had a hand in also pushing the third party administrators to work harder and continue to improve the task of taking care of our workers’ comp needs and issues. His involvement with the “boys in blue” has given me more time to focus on and deal with the fire guys at AIMS.

That being said, my “Go-to-Guy” at AIMS is Mr. Cliff Robles, a young lad at their “solutions desk.” I can “always” depend on him to take an issue or problem a member has and “without fail,” follow up and resolve the issue I pass on to him. He has NEVER let me down which also means you get your issue resolved. “Atta-boy,” Cliff! Keep up the good work.

Over the past two years we have made good progress and positive changes in our relationship with AIMS, Tri-Star and Express Scripts. There is however, room for improvement. To that end, Director Zimmon and I will be meeting again with them to discuss our successes and failures and how to continue to improve their service to you, our members. We earned it and were promised it. “Uncle Don” is watching.

Finally, I’d like to say it’s been a privilege and honor for me to help in this important endeavor. Please remember to forward the names of those charged with helping you and are providing good and timely service to you. Let’s get them the recognition they have earned.

Stay well and be safe.
Don

Old Blue Running Team
By Mike McKean

The Old Blue Running Team for 2016 is “rounding” into shape! We have held several training runs at our home location in Griffith Park. Our course starts in the back, back corner of the parking lot behind the Park Rangers Headquarters building. For those of you old enough to remember, this is directly across the street from the Merry-Go-Round where in the 60’s Metro used to hold “some training days,” on the weekends.

We have one more training run scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2016, at 8 a.m. We meet at about 7:30 a.m., warm up, run the course, cool down, and at about 9:30 a.m. we meet up at the EATZ Cafe on Los Feliz Blvd for breakfast/brunch. We have lots of extra chairs so anyone that would like to see “Old Blue Friends” can come out and join us.

Our Team Captains Bart and Jackie Landsman have worked very hard the past few years to field a team. We have lost several team members to various injuries and medical conditions during that time, and we’ve lost almost all of our sponsors, but we keep plugging away.

Our Team, so far, is comprised of Jackie and Bart Landsman, Chuck Foote, Ray Serna, Jim Stepan, Ron Hodges, Steve Keysor, Stan Lemelle, Mel Sandvig, Brian Owen, Bruce Hoover, Phil Booth and Randy Yang. Besides the runners, the support personnel are Mike Melancon, Phil Toledo, Lou Page, John Walker, Mike Arroyo, Vyn Meier, Glen and Pam Marczinko, and Mike McKean.

The Race this year, 2016, is scheduled for March 19 and 20. We start in Baker, CA and finish inside the Westgate Las Vegas Resort (formerly the Hilton Convention Center). We anticipate our finish time to be 7:30 a.m., Sunday, March 20. If you are in Las Vegas, and just happen to be in the area join us at the finish line. We aren’t hard to find, we have our jackets on and they are of course “Old Blue.” We hope to see you there. Thanks

Mike McKean
Pension Commission News...

By George V. Aliano,
Elected Retired Police member Fire & Police Pension Commission

Dear Colleagues:

**Good News**
I’m always glad to report uplifting news regarding our Pension Fund. Annually we engage the services of an actuary to perform a valuation study of our fund. These valuation studies report on the systems assets and liabilities and establish the percent of sworn payroll used to calculate the required City contribution to fund the pension system. The Segal Company is the firm we hired to conduct these valuations for the period ending June 30, 2015.

The City’s contribution rate will once again decrease for 2016-2017 due to lower than expected cost of living increases for our members. Also, the funding for our plan has increased from 86.6% to 91.5%. We are headed in the right direction. This is one of the highest funded ratios of many plans in the country. In comparison, CALPERS, the largest pension fund in the country, is currently funded at about 77%.

**Our Audit**
Under California law all Public Retirement Systems are required to furnish Audited Financial Statements to the State annually. This is also a requirement of the City’s Controller’s Office. The company of Brown Armstrong Accounting Corporation performed the audit of the Pension System’s financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2015. As reported by the auditors to the Board, this was an above normal, clean audit with no weaknesses. It was stated that we achieved the highest rating possible.

I can tell you this doesn’t happen by chance. We have an Internal Audit Section within our Pension Department that ensures we comply with all rules and policies and our staff is diligent in making sure we adhere to the high standards that have been put in place.

I can assure you your Pension Department will continue to provide the highest level of professional work required to give you and the City the confidence that we will continue to serve you to the best of our ability.

Stay safe and enjoy 2016.

Your colleague,
George Aliano

P.S. OK, not so good news. In January, the stock market took a hit of about a minus 5.5%. That caused our well diversified fund to lose about $1 billion dollars. We are always making money but when the market goes down, as it did in 2008, our profit margin declines. The market seems to be rebounding and by the time we get our next actuarial report we are hopeful that we will recover that money and the percentage of funding will remain high. G.A.
COMING
ATTRACTIONS

LOS ANGELES RETIRED FIRE
AND POLICE ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meetings
When: June 1, 2016 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Grace E. Simons Lodge
Speaker: TBA

Special Announcement
THERE WILL NO LONGER BE DECEMBER OR MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
Coffee, doughnuts and box lunches will be available at the September General Membership Meeting

Special Events
Annual Bar-B-Que
When: June 1, 2016 — 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Grace E. Simons Lodge
Following the General Membership Meeting

Annual Holiday Celebration Luncheon
When: December 11, 2016
Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Sportsmen’s Lodge, Studio City, CA

CENTRAL COAST FUZZ THAT WUZ
*Open to all LAPD active or retired
Social hour begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch
When: March 17, 2016
Where: Ventana Grill
2575 Price St., Pismo Beach, CA

When: June 16, 2016
Where: Edwards Barn
1095 Pomeroy Rd., Nipomo, CA

When: Sept. 15, 2016
Where: Cambria Pines Lodge,
2905 Burton Dr., Cambria, CA

When: Dec. 15, 2016
Where: Madonna Inn,
100 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obisbo, CA
Reservations:
Contact: Ramona Voge
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Phone: (805) 203-5066 (hm) or (805) 400-5353

RICK ORTIZ’S FIREFIGHTERS’ LUNCHEON
When: April 15, 2016
10:30 a.m. to Noon
Where: Home Town Buffet
9635 Chapman Avenue
Garden Grove, CA

BREAKFAST GET TOGETHER (FIRE)
When: Third Thursday of every month
7:30 a.m.
Where: Firehouse Cafe
1244 Sycamore Ave., Simi Valley, CA
For more info call 805-498-7990

FIREFIGHTERS FOR CHRIST
When: The FFC Los Angeles Chapter meets three times a month at 0800 hours to accommodate all three shifts (A,B,C).
All are invited. Just show up!
Where: Downtown Denny’s
530 Ramirez Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(Across from Piper Tech)
Contact: Check FFC website for scheduled meetings www.ff closangeles.com

INLAND BLUE LINE
Monthly Breakfast
When: First Tuesday of every month - 9:00 a.m.
Where: Richie’s Diner
40615 Murrieta Hot Springs Road
Murrieta, CA
Contact: Stan Kensic 951-696-1971
or Bill Fromling 951-308-4570
ITALIAN-AMERICAN POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Please note the schedule change below. Effective January 2016, the Italian-American Police Officers Association of Southern California has changed their meeting times from the 2nd Wednesday of every month to the 2nd SUNDAY OF THE ODD NUMBERED MONTHS. The time and location are the same.

When: 5:00 p.m. 2nd SUNDAY OF ODD NUMBERED MONTHS
Where: Palermo’s Restaurant
1858 N. Vermont, Los Angeles, CA
Contact: www.iapoaoosc.org

LAS VEGAS VALLEY BLUE LINE

When: 1st Monday of every month
11:30 a.m. in the Buffet area
Where: Orleans Hotel and Casino
4500 W. Tropicana Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89103
Contact: Russell Meltzer 702-371-7916 or Russellmeltzer@cox.net

L.A. BLUE ARIZONA ROADRUNNERS
(contact Jan Duke for location)
When: First Saturday of every month
11:30 a.m.
Contact: Jan Duke 775-546-3444 or email jannieduke7@aol.com

LAPD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
When: 4th Thursday of every month
Except November and December
11:30 a.m.
Where: Los Angeles Police Relief Association
600 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles (New location due to Academy Cafe closure)
Contact: www.lapcsrg.org

LAPD DESERT DWELLERS BLUE LINE
(Coachella Valley)
When: 2nd Saturday of Every Month @ 11:30
Where: Woodhaven Country Club
Palm Desert, CA
(Washington Street between Country Club and Hovely Lane)
Reservations Required
Contact: Jack Rabinowitz 760-776-8047 or jhrabinowitz@gmail.com

LAPD LAKE HAVASU
When: Last Wednesday of every month
12:00 noon
Where: Elks Lodge
Contact: Tom Bradford 928-453-4683

LAPD SILVERFOXES
Breakfast Meeting
When: Last Thursday of every month
10:00 a.m.
Where: Route 66 Classic Grill
18730 Soledad Canyon Rd.
Canyon Country, CA 91351
Contact: Bob Weisz
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Facebook: LAPD Silver Foxes

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**LONG BEACH BLUE**
When: Last Friday of the month - 10 a.m.
**December Meeting will be December 18, 2015**
Where: El Dorado Golf Course
(Studebaker St. south of Willow)
Contact: John Halligan at
dandjhalligan@me.com

**OLD BLUE RUNNING TEAM**
When: Last Sunday of month - 8:00 a.m.
October through February
Where: Griffith Park Ranger Station

**RED ROCK BLUE of SOUTHERN UTAH**
When: 2nd Wednesday of each month
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Where: The Egg and I — 435-628-0368
1091 N. Bluff, St. George, UT 84770
Contacts: Guy Bourgeois #16863 – 714-267-3951
Paul Bryson #13899 – 661-644-5902
Email: redrockblue@mail.com

**SACRAMENTO AREA BLUE LINE ASSOCIATION (SABLA)**
When: 2nd Thursday of every month except December - 11:30 a.m.
Where: Strikes Bowling Alley
5681 Lonetree Blvd., Rocklin, CA
Contact: Joe Sandoval 916-961-3679

**SIERRA BLUE GROUP OF NORTHERN NEVADA**
(meets 4th Wednesday of every month)
When: March 23, 2016
Where: Glen Eagle Restaurant, Carson City, NV
When: April 27, 2016
Where: Tamarack Junction Casino, Reno, NV
When: May 25, 2016

**SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY-NORTH COUNTY SAN DIEGO LAFD BREAKFAST CLUB**
When: Third Thursday of every month
9:00 a.m.
Where: Grandma’s Hilltop Hideaway
539 Vista Bella, Oceanside, CA
Contact: Ed Diaz 714-256-5769

**TEHACHAPI BLUE LINE**
When: First Wednesday of every month
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Where: Village Grill (upper room)
410 E. Tehachapi Blvd.
Contact: Dave Hiner
hinerteh@msn.com

**VALLEY RETIRED BLUES**
When: Third Wednesday of every month
10:30 a.m.
Where: Lamplighter Restaurant
DeSoto at Nordoff St.
Northridge, CA
Contact: Emmett Drennen 818-340-7561

**WEST-END INLAND EMPIRE BLUES**
When: 9:00 a.m. - Last Thursday of every month (*Holiday Schedule)
Where: Elks Lodge, 1150 W. 4th Street, Ontario, (Intersection Mountain Ave/4th St., two buildings west of Mountain on 4th)
Contact: Rick Alatorre: flyastro@aol.com
Mike Diaz: vn42270@verizon.net
Art Placencia: laleyplacencia@verizon.net

Where: Glen Eagle Restaurant, Carson City, NV
When: June 22, 2016
Where: Tamarack Junction Casino, Reno, NV
Contact: Lenny Munoz (775) 622-9840 or lmunozchulai37@roadrunner.com
From Director
Lee Kebler…

Odds and Ends

I’d like to take a minute to say good bye to a good friend of mine, Jerry Cremins. He wore many hats, great husband, father, policeman, Director on our Retired Fire and Police Board and Treasurer of the Associates. Jerry was one of the most dedicated, talented and consummate persons that I knew. He spent over 25 years as the Secretary of the Retired Fire and Police Association. He never missed a column in the Newsletter. Do you remember it, “The Feather Merchant.” I’ll always remember how he brought a little humor to our General Meetings with a joke or two to get our interest. You always knew where he stood and he was always looking out for our members. We missed him when he retired and we’ll miss him even more now. So long, Jerry.

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In California, all public employees are required to pay union dues for negotiating benefits but can opt out of paying any portion of the dues that is a direct political contribution. Employees pay a “fair share fee” or agency fee to pay for “collective bargaining” including lobbying. Ten California teachers believed they were being forced to pay dues for political contributions that they opposed and filed a lawsuit that has worked its way to the Supreme Court. The case is known as the Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association (14-915).

During the oral arguments on January 4, several of the justices stated that whenever the government is involved there is political involvement and that includes collective bargaining. The teachers’ attorney claims that this practice violates the first amendment of the Constitution. Union attorneys claim it will take away the right to organize and negotiate working conditions for employees and eventually destroy unions. There are 23 States and the District of Columbia that practice this law. It will be interesting to see how this plays out. Depending on the outcome this could have an impact on our active associations. Remember what affects our employee associations can affect us.

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A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. - Thomas Jefferson

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Grace E. Simons Lodge
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323-665-1155

Directions to Grace E. Simons Lodge

5 Freeway Traveling North:
Exit Stadium Way. Turn left on Riverside Drive. Turn left on Stadium Way. Turn right at top of the hill on Elysian Park Drive. The Lodge is at the end on the right.

5 Freeway Traveling South:
Exit Stadium Way. Turn left on Stadium Way. Turn right at the top of the hill on Elysian Park Drive. The Lodge is at the end on the right.
Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association

Annual Bar-b-que

June 1, 2016
12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM

GRACE E. SIMONS LODGE
1025 Elysian Park Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The General Membership Meeting begins at 10:00AM
Bar-b-que will immediately follow the meeting.

Please call the Association office at (888) 288-5073 if you have any questions.

Sorry, no telephone reservations will be accepted.

The deadline for reservations is May 25, 2016

Please return the bottom portion with your reservation payment to:

Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association
9521 Las Tunas Drive Suite 4, Temple City, CA 91780

All Members and their families are welcome to attend!

***Tickets are $5.00 Per Person***

Name________________________________________ Phone (____) _________________________

Number of Adults:_____ Children:______ Amount Enclosed:_____ Check Number:_____

Please choose one of the following: Fire____ Police____

Payments are not refundable, No exceptions.

Please RSVP by May 25, 2016
# In Memoriam

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## Fire Death Notification List

**Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension Department** — 800-787-2489 / 213-978-4545

**Operations Control Division (non-emergency only)** — 213-485-6185 - 24-hour number

**Los Angeles Firemen’s Relief Association** — 800-244-3439 / 323-259-5200

**United Firefighters of Los Angeles City** — 800-252-8352 / 213-978-3750

**LA Fireman’s Credit Union** — 800-231-1626

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## Police Death Notification List

**Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension Department** — 800-787-2489 / 213-978-4545

Report a Retired Member’s Death

**Los Angeles Police Relief Association** — 888-252-7721 / 213-674-3701

**Los Angeles Police Protective League** — 800-535-2775 / 213-251-4554

**Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union** — 800-872-2843

**Los Angeles Police Department Employee Assistance Unit** — 213-486-0190

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Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions
Is Moving to a New Location

Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions (LAFPP) will be open for business at our new headquarters location on March 21, 2016.

The new address is 701 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, California, 90013 (NE corner of East 3rd Street & Alameda Street) in the downtown Arts District. The actual move will take place from end of business Friday through Sunday, March 18-20, 2016.

We occupied our current offices in Little Tokyo for nearly 30 years. The new headquarters building purchased by LAFPP is a 54,000 square foot four-story office building constructed in 1924. LAFPP will occupy floors 2 through 4 and plans to lease out the 1st floor. The building has undergone a number of tenant improvements and will feature:

- Energy and Environmental (“Green”) Design – to reduce operating costs in the future and benefit the environment.
- Enhanced security – to include key card access to office space and a security guard.
- Larger & more counseling rooms – for private individual appointments with members.
- Upgraded Board Room – with technology to offer all stakeholders the benefits of improved viewing and audio of Board meetings. This room will also be used for training sessions for members and staff.
- Ergonomic workstations that offer employees the ability to sit or stand while they work.

**New LAFPP Phone Numbers**

All LAFPP phone numbers, including our toll-free number, will change when we move on March 21. Please take time to update your records.

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We will continue to keep you up-to-date on the details of our upcoming move through our website, social media, newsletters, emails and other mailings to your home. Our website at www.lafpp.com will always have the most current information and you can find us on Facebook and Twitter as well. We look forward to serving you at our new offices in March 2016.
Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association

Change of address/ Update form

**Please submit this form only if you have any changes and we will update our records.**

Mail to: LARFPA, 9521 Las Tunas Drive, Suite 4, Temple City, CA 91780
Fax to: (626) 285-1461 or email to: larfpa@pacbell.net

No additions or changes will be accepted by telephone.

Check one: Fire: ______ Police: ______

Check one: Retired: ______ Active: ______ Widow/er: ______

Appointment date: _________________ Retirement date: _________________ Rank: ________________

Serial or employee #: Social Security number last four:

Name: Spouse:

New Street Address:
Address: Apt/Sp #
City: State: Zip:

Primary phone (for roster publication): New email:

Secondary phone (for office use only):

Previous Address:
Address: Apt/Sp #
City: State: Zip:

Previous phone: Previous email:

Important! Please complete the following regarding your information for the next membership roster:

- Would you like your name to be kept confidential? Yes_____ No_____
- Would you like your home address to be kept confidential? Yes_____ No_____
- Would you like your primary phone number to be kept confidential? Yes_____ No_____
- Would you like your email address to be kept confidential? Yes_____ No_____
- Police: Would you like your serial number to be kept confidential? Yes_____ No_____

Email Preference: Choosing yes below, you acknowledge that your association newsletter will be emailed to you instead of postal mail.

Would you like to receive the quarterly newsletter via email? YES NO
Receive email notification of meetings & association events? YES NO

Membership Roster:

Would you like the next published membership roster mailed to you? YES NO

Newsletter:

Would you like your information published in the next newsletter as it is listed above? YES NO

Signature: Date:

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**From Director**

**Jim Mateer…**

**Miscellaneous**

**Odds and Ends**

**MEDICAL CARE AND LIVING TRUSTS**
I am sure we have all heard that as we or our family members age, medical care planning and living trust planning is vital. Both my Dad, who passed away in 2007 and my Mom were very pragmatic and have their affairs in order.

Three weeks ago, out of the blue my 84-year young Mom was diagnosed with stage four lung and liver cancer. Although the long term prognosis isn’t good, my siblings and I are blessed that we know in advance what type of insurance, Medicare and long-term health care my Mom has. Additionally, we all know what my Mom’s wishes are for her advanced health care directives. The preamble of our Membership Directory has several pages of reference material and informational resources to help all of us collect the needed data to make this process less stressful for all.

We have all heard this type of message before. I’m living it now and cannot stress how important it is for all of us to have these matters planned out.

**OUR BUILDING**
Back in 1985 LARFPA purchased the building we currently occupy. I do not know the history behind the how and why we purchased this building and I’d be interested to hear from anyone who knows the back story. In addition to our office and board room, there are three tenants. We own the building free and clear and generate income from rent.

The building has a “flat” roof which we know can be problematic. Over the years there has been minor sagging and this leads to pooling of water and the associated problems of leaks. Additionally, the two scuppers were no longer functioning properly since water was not being directed to them. It seemed like the littlest rain would cause leaks around the HVAC ducts and vents. Additionally, the four HVAC units on the roof were well over fifteen years old.

These problems were not really pressing since we have been experiencing a drought over the last five years. As a Board, we knew with the concerns of the looming “El Nino” predictions, it was time to address these critical infrastructure issues. We found a commercial roofing company, a plumbing company and HVAC company to address these issues. After a couple of months of planning we started the project of installing four roof drains, new HVAC units and a new roof. All of this was completed before the first rains of the new year. We then discovered the existing drains and scuppers were badly clogged with sediment and debris. They have since been cleaned out and we should be ready for whatever nature throws our way.

**SECURITY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP BOOK**
We all know of our concerns about the safety and confidentially of our membership book. We all have concerns that the detailed information could fall into the wrong hands and be misused. One of the little secrets I found is for several years we have had two fictitious members listed in the directory. The mailing address was a P.O. Box maintained by LARFPA. Surprisingly, we have never received any mail to the fictitious members. So, keep up the good work and be mindful of the sensitivity of the directory.

**IN CLOSING**
Abraham Lincoln is one of our nation’s leaders I admire most. Here is a quote from him we all need to heed as elections draw near. “Don’t interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties.”