



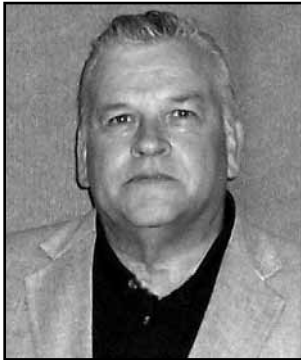
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*Quarterly Voice of the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters*

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## PRESIDENT

*Don Taylor*

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer, now it's time to prepare for another Michigan winter. It's also that time of the year for Healthcare Open-enrollment. Hopefully everyone has received their open-enrollment package and completed their selections.

Speaking of Healthcare, the VEBA Trustees have finally agreed to make the benefits available to all qualified retirees. This includes hundreds of Weiler Spouses that are Class Members and were denied any benefit. It is unfortunate and regrettable that it took so long to resolve this issue. Benefits were not made retroactive, so all those affected lost two years of benefits. Although I question the reasons for such a long delay in granting benefits to all eligible retirees, this was certainly a move in the right direction and appreciated.

Moving on to our Legislative efforts in Lansing, as we approach the end of this legislative session, we

have seen some success, but had hoped to have seen more movement on our issues we are pursuing in Lansing. Following is a short recap;

### **Senate Bill 218, Signed into Law Public Act 284 of 2016**

On a positive note, Senate Bill 218 was passed and signed into Law. This Bill grants Healthcare Coverage to the surviving spouse and dependent children of Public Safety Officers killed in the line of Duty. During the legislative process there were changes to the Bill, both negative and positive. On the negative the language was changed to place a cap on the coverage to 5 years. The positive was it was made retroactive to October of 2015. This means the family of Detroit Captain Ken Steil will have coverage under the legislation. The Healthcare coverage to be provided will be comparable to the medical benefit plan offered to retired State Police Troopers.

### **Senate Bill 368**

SB 368 the Bill would amend the Income Tax Act to extend to a person who was born after 1952 and retired as of January 1, 2013, an increased deduction for retirement or pension benefits from governmental employment that was not covered by Social Security. Would grant the same deduction given to those retirees born between 1946 and 1952, \$35,000 single, \$55,000 for a joint return and maximum deduction of \$70,000 if both husband and wife retired from employment with a governmental agency that was not covered by Social Security.

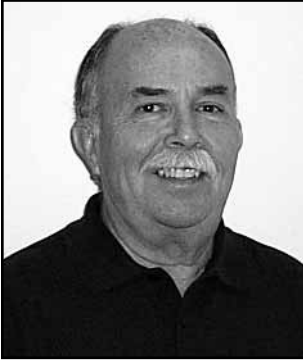
### **House Bill 5421**

HB 5421 would establish a governance policy for Healthcare VEBAs formed as a result of a Bankruptcy. HB 5421 has been passed by committees in both the House and Senate and the full House of representatives, but we are still waiting for final approval by the full Senate.

## **RDPFFA 2016 Election Update**

The 2016 election for Association Officers and Trustees and DPB&A Trustees is now complete. Please see page 4 for details.

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## VICE PRESIDENT

*Gregory Trozak*

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the Retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Association Vice President for another term. I am honored that the members of the Association have had the confidence in myself as well as the entire team of elected members of the Board of Directors to continue to serve the members of the RDPFFA. **THANK YOU AGAIN.**

As the end of 2016 approaches and 2017 is set to begin, we as retirees should use the start of a new year to assure that our affairs are in order. This is a good time of year to check on our financial and medical information and make sure our wills and beneficiaries are correct and by the time you are reading this issue of the **UNITY** you should have received your open enrolment packet for any medical changes you may desire.

Read the information carefully and make certain that you make any corrections or additions and return the forms in a timely manner.

Speaking of 2017, it is never too early to start planning events for the new year. Already set are the monthly General Membership meetings which take place on the first Thursday of each month and alternate between the east side and west side locations. The January, March, May, September and November meeting are on the east side @ Polish Century Club located at 33204 Maple Lane – Sterling Heights, MI and the February, April, October and December meetings are held @ The Joy Manor located at 28999 Joy Road – Westland, MI. There are no meetings in July or August and the June meeting, as has been the last few years, will again take place in conjunction with the annual picnic in Frankenmuth, MI. The dates for this year's picnic and General Meeting are set. The Annual Picnic will take place on Monday, June 26, 2017 and the breakfast will be on Tuesday the 27th. The Bavarian Inn has rooms blocked for our group and more information will be forthcoming so get those calendars out and mark the dates. It is always a great time.

Check out the listings of all the satellite groups of the RDPFFA for the location, dates and times they meet and if they are near you or you are interested in joining to get involved. Remember we lose on the average, 200 retired Detroit Police and Fire Firefighters annually. Which brings me to the Veteran members of the RDPFFA? There are two (2) Veteran Organizations associated with retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters, The V.F.W. Post 1519 and The American Legion Post 161. Both of the organizations have a similar concern: **membership**. If you are a Veteran and do not belong to either, consider joining or if you are a member of a different V.F.W. or American Legion Post in another state or area consider transferring your membership.

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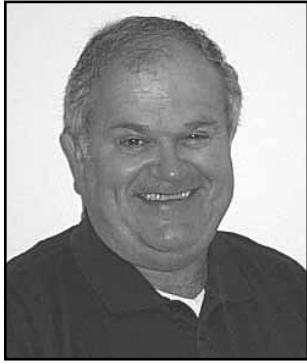
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## SECRETARY/ TREASURER

*Al Grant*

As part of our By-Laws, Section 5 states that at all General Membership Meetings the order of business shall be followed in a specific order.

In regard to Section F of that order, Reports of Financial officers, the likely people to report will be the Secretary-Treasurer and Trustees of the Association. At General Membership Meetings I repeatedly notify the attendees that the Board of Directors meet monthly prior to the General Membership Meeting and thoroughly review and discuss all expenses.

As the Secretary-Treasurer, I address the membership by highlighting expenditures taking notice of the Association's income and expenses. Please be advised that financial reports are available for members to review in the office during business hours.

At the September 1, 2016 General Membership Meeting, instead of only reporting income and expense figures, I must have given too many specifics in my presentation and left the impression that the Association was in dire financial shape with the need to generate more income. A member stood up and suggested an increase in dues to assist the RDPFFA and avoid monthly cash flow shortages. I sincerely appreciate that member's intention to assist the financial situation of the Association knowing our membership's history of always coming through to help when a request was put forth.

The Association is not contemplating raising dues, between the thirty-six dollar annual dues and our pro-

fessionally managed portfolio, which supplement them, we have enough money to cover expenses. I apologize if I left any attending members with the impression that an increase was needed. May I repeat, the Association's Officers and Board Directors will continue to strictly monitor all expenses carefully and if the need develops, a request to the membership will be addressed.

There are two ways to help the Association's cash flow:

First, for those who have not signed up for a payroll deduction, please consider doing so for the following reasons. The Association receives one check from the City of Detroit on a monthly basis. Currently, we incur many bank processing charges for all of the members' checks that we deposit individually. This cost can be significantly reduced if more members used payroll deduction.

Second, RDPFFA members ought to constantly be on the look-out to recruit new members. Specifically, if you know anyone leaving the Detroit Police or Fire Department, please, encourage them to join the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association. Apprising them also that the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association provides its Members with information concerning the status of their Pension, Hospitalization and Insurances and keeps its Members informed on all matters relative to the best interests of the Association and its Members. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

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## PRESIDENT *(continued from page 1)*

That's it for now; once again I'll point out that the Association will continue all of its efforts to improve and protect what benefits we still enjoy, but to do so require your participation and assistance. You need to contact your Representatives in Lansing and ask for their support on our legislative issues, and we need your financial support.

Before I close, with the Association Election process now completed, I want to Thank You for allowing me to continue to serve as your President. I sincerely appreciate your support!!

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## RDPFFA 2016 Election Update

On October 6, 2016, at our General Membership meeting, Election Chairman Woodruff and committee members Barr, Bogan, Gidner, G. Jackson and Opolski announced the second reading and requested nominations for two DPB&PA Trustees positions. The current DPB&PA Trustees are Luther Shannon and Gregory Trozak, whose terms expire on 12-31-2016. Hearing no nominations for the Trustee positions from the floor and running unopposed, Chairman Woodruff declared the nominations closed and recognized L. Shannon and G. Trozak as trustees for terms expiring on 12-31-2019. They accepted their nominations at the September 1, 2016 General Membership meeting.

Next, Election Chairman Woodruff opened with a brief description of the RDPFFA Election Rules and opened the procedure for nominations from the floor. All positions are 3 year terms.

The following members were officially nominated for 8 positions:

POSITION	MEMBER NOMINATED
President	Donald Taylor (I)
Vice President	Gregory Trozak (I)
Secretary-Treasurer	Allan Grant (I)
Sergeant at Arms	Gordon Jackson (I)
(2 positions)	Richard Kosmack (I)
Trustee (3 positions)	John Barr (I)
	Kenneth Gidner, Jr. (I)
	Chester Opolski (I)

Eight of the above members are Incumbents and nominated themselves and accepted the nominations in accordance with the Election rules. Hearing no nominations for the 8 positions, Chairman Woodruff declared the election closed and the incumbents recognized for terms expiring on 12-31-2019.



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Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 P.M.

Buddy's Pizza - 13 Mile Rd. and Van Dyke

## **Fire Fighters Breakfasts**

*First Monday of the month at 9:00 A.M.*

Voyageur Restaurant – (810) 329-4101

525 Riverside Dr. – St. Clair, MI

*First Tuesday of the month at 9:30 A.M.*

Step Inn Restaurant

325 N. Main St., Downtown Cheboygan, MI

*Third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 A.M.*

Omega Coney Island

22501 W. Eight Mile Rd., Detroit, MI

*First Thursday of the month at 10:00 A.M.*

Little Chef Restaurant 101 Brookside Lane,

(Enter off Grand River) Exit 145 off of I96

*Call the Association Office*

*if you need additional information*

# Welcome New Members!

## **August 2016**

Dollinger, Timothy - Police

Wright, Judith - Police

Wielezoposki, Jeffrey - Fire

Wright, Richard - Fire

## **October 2016**

Ridley, Michael - Fire

Saulsby, Darrell - Fire

# ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

**NEW!**

## **General Membership Meeting Schedule**

**EAST SIDE/AMERICAN POLISH CENTURY CLUB**

33204 Maple Lane - Sterling Heights, MI - 7 PM

Nov. 3, 2016 • Jan.5, 2017

**WESTSIDE/JOY MANOR BANQUET CENTER**

28999 Joy Road - Westland, MI - 7 PM

Dec.1, 2016 • Feb.2, 2017

## **West Side Silver Ladies\***

2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 P.M.

Archie's – 30471 Plymouth Road – Livonia

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1st Tuesday of the month

Meeting at Filippa's – Time: 2:00 P.M.

Mound North of M-59, Utica, MI

## **Police & Fire Club of Florida\***

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Meet 2nd Sunday of the month

May thru December

at “BJ's” Restaurant in Gaylord, MI

Social Hour 11:00 AM – Meeting at 1:00 PM

\*Refer to columns for specifics or program changes

## **Articles for the Winter 2017 Issue**

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**December 16 , 2016**

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### **Richard J. Alkema**

Born 8-5-26 / Died 8-5-16  
 Police Officer – Detroit Police Department  
 Appointed 4-11-49 / Retired 4-11-74  
 RDPFFA President 1984-85  
 Member RDPFFA Board of Directors  
 Served RDPFFA Trustee 2004 / 2009

Richard passed away Friday, August 5, 2016. He was a WWII Navy Veteran and proudly served as a Detroit Police Officer for over 25 years before retiring. Mr. Alkema served as Past President of the Detroit Police Officer Association and was a life member of the Mason's and former VFW Post #1278, of which he was a past Commander. Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association.

In remembrance of Richard J. Alkema  
 Thank you for your service!

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### **Charles Frederick Gerds**

Born 11-22-24 / Died 9-1-16  
 Detective Lieutenant – Detroit Police Department  
 Appointed 8-21-52 / Retired 8-21-77  
 Detroit Police Benefit and Protective Association Trustee

Charles served his country as a Sergeant in the Army Air Force during WWII. He joined the City of Detroit Police Department in 1953 and retired after 25 years rising to the rank of Detective Lieutenant. While on the Police Department he earned his Associates degree in Criminal Justice from Mercy College and he also graduated from the FBI Academy. After he retired from the police department Charles worked for the Taubman Corporation as Director of Security.

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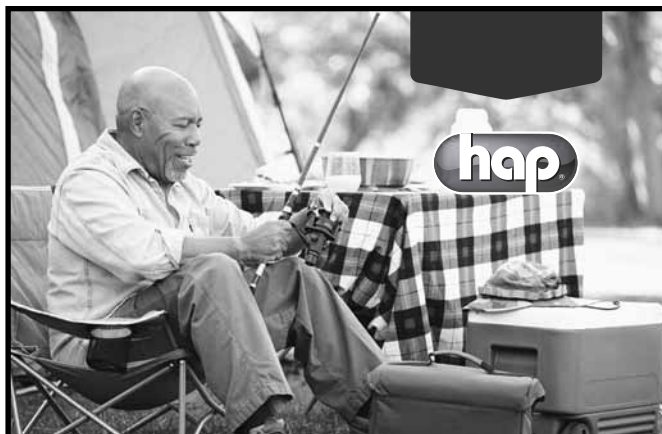
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- **Would you rather know that you're covered 100%? Or pull out your calculator and checkbook?**

I want to thank all of you for letting me help you through this difficult time. Although I have helped as many of you as I can this year, it has been very difficult to reach out to as many of you as would have hoped given the strict time constraint placed upon your situation. I'm sure some of you feel that you haven't had enough time to gather the information necessary to make an educated decision in regards to your health insurance.

As some of you may know, having had my own family be affected by this situation, I have taken this responsibility very seriously. That being said, you may find yourself at some point throughout this next year needing some sound advice. Here are some examples that may lead you to reach out to me:

- You or your spouse are turning 65
- Annual Disenrollment Period (Jan. 1st-Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Know of anyone that is under 65 needing ACA (Obamacare)
- Retiring at any point in 2016

If I didn't get a chance to help you this Open Enrollment Period and if none of these apply to you, know that I will be able to aid in your decision during open enrollment of next year. Although your situation isn't ideal, it can very well be a blessing in disguise for most of you. It is not too often that you have an organization that is willing to offer a set amount of money to you to go shopping for your own insurance. I have advised hundreds of police officers, firefighters, and their families over the last couple of years and will continue to do so.

You can contact my office at **855-724-7500**, or e-mail me at [paulp@sbgra.com](mailto:paulp@sbgra.com) to schedule a free consultation. We will also be offering free seminars, please call for more information.



## VICE PRESIDENT *(continued from page 2)*

Remember you can still visit any location throughout the country. The contact information for both organizations is in the **UNITY**.

In wrapping up my article for this issue, please, remember to cast your vote in the upcoming national election, we all know how important it will be this year. If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please, give the office a call. And, as always, be careful out there. It is a different world we live in today. Thanks again for your support.

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## Westside Silver Ladies

*Geri Henningsen*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, WESTSIDE SILVER LADIES. September 23 marked our 19th anniversary. Thru this group, many of us have made long lasting friendships. Who knows better of what you are going thru than someone who has been there? As president of this association for the past 13 years, I thank all of you (past & present) members for what you've done for me.

Congratulations Dolores Tanana on her recent acquirement of three great-grandchildren all born on 8-5-16.

Our 50/50 winners were...Hilma Clifford for August and Marilyn Noseworthy for September. We had no drawing in July because I was in Maine and I had the tickets!!!

Members celebrating birthdays in the next few months are Dolores Tanana – 10/7, Theresa Kelley – 10/15, Bonnie Klisz – 12/13 & Louise Progar – 12/19.

THANK YOU, Retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Assn. for working diligently on behalf of all retired police officers and fire fighters whether a member or not (shame on you if you're not) and all of us widows.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "There aren't enough crutches in the world for all the lame excuses"!!!

HEALTH NOTE: "Are you drinking enough water"? I must have heard this 100 times this summer from my five children.

Our Christmas luncheon will be at Archie's again this year. If you are not at the meetings, you will receive a letter with all the details in late November. Happy Holidays.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Once again, we call the roll and acknowledge those friends and associates who have left us since our last publication. It is hard to let go of good friends but it is easy to remember the good times we shared and realize that now they rest in peace.

### *June 2016*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Arendash, Felix	Lt.	Police	8-1-50	4-30-83	6-27-16

### *July 2016*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Caramagmo, Thomas	P.O.	Police	1-6-69	12-15-89	7-1-16
Click, John	Sgt.	Police	8-3-53	9-1-78	7-1-16
Hutchinson, Mary	Lt.	Police	9-17-62	9-18-92	7-20-16
Jones, Floyd	Sgt.	Police	11-29-71	3-31-08	7-11-16
Kastner, John	Lt.	Police	1-21-51	3-28-79	7-18-16
Parker, Stephen	Sgt.	Police	7-5-49	7-5-74	7-25-16
Pertler, Jack	Sgt.	Police	7-5-49	8-7-74	7-6-16
Whalen, Thomas	P.O.	Police	6-18-73	9-27-91	7-1-16
Haidys Leo	Sgt.	Police	7-13-59	1-3-85	7-29-16
Casper, Donald	P.O.	Police	7-5-49	7-5-74	7-29-16
Bist, Conrad	Chief / Arson	Fire	1-19-56	6-29-92	7-29-16
Cronin, Donald	Bt. Chief	Fire	11-23-42	8-17-78	7-5-16
Filas, Edwin	Bt. Chief	Fire	2-15-54	4-5-88	7-1-16
Jachym, Frank	Lt.	Fire	8-3-53	5-10-85	7-29-16
Manley, Donald	FEO	Fire	6-24-49	5-6-78	7-14-16
Sobonya, Julius	Bt. Chief	Fire	7-2-62	1-5-99	7-2-16
Stesiak, Gerald	Chief	Fire	10-2-67	6-29-92	7-19-16

### *August 2016*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Alkema, Richard	P.O.	Police	4-11-49	4-11-74	8-5-16
Bolger, Gary	Sgt.	Police	9-12-60	4-23-86	8-19-16
Brady, John	P.O.	Police	2-15-60	2-22-67	8-12-16
Buyak, Arthur	P.O.	Police	5-10-65	5-10-90	8-10-16
Dabrowski, Raymond	P.O.	Police	1-9-67	1-10-92	8-15-16
King, Tawnya	Inv.	Police	5-16-73	7-5-05	8-3-16
Klukowski, Roger	P.O.	Police	7-7-86	5-12-90	8-29-16
Reczko, Henry	Sgt.	Police	1-2-46	11-3-71	8-16-16
Stevenson, Alicia	Inv.	Police	10-31-67	5-12-99	8-23-16
Weiler, Alan	P.O.	Police	12-23-67	9-11-79	8-25-16
Beyer, John	Lt.	Fire	9-5-61	10-1-86	8-10-16
Boor, Richard	Capt.	Fire	11-4-46	3-11-77	8-2-16
Jones, Michael	Sgt.	Fire	12-5-77	6-2-99	8-14-16
VandenBoom, John	SFPI	Fire	11-18-57	6-5-86	8-17-16

### *September 2016*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
Avery, Timothy Jr.	P.O.	Police	12-19-77	1-11-03	9-15-16
Baker, Linda	P.O.	Police	1-13-86	7-13-08	9-2-16
Cloutier, Leo	Sgt.	Police	8-3-53	8-3-78	9-19-16
Eminger, Gordon	Sgt.	Police	2-23-48	8-27-75	9-2-16
Gerds, Charles	Lt.	Police	3-2-53	8-21-77	9-1-16

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# IN MEMORIAM (Continued from Page 10)

**September 2016 (continued)**

Name	Rank	Department	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death
Heads, Herbert	Insp.	Police	11-14-47	7-30-74	9-18-16
Lesko, John	P.O.	Police	4-19-48	4-20-73	9-6-16
McBride, Preston	Insp.	Police	5-10-71	1-17-03	9-5-16
Pattwell, John	Sgt.	Police	7-5-49	1-6-77	9-1-16
Peden, Allan	P.O.	Police	1-3-72	10-18-96	9-9-16
Scherf, Donald	P.O.	Police	8-27-56	4-1-86	9-26-16
Steil, Kenneth	Sgt.	Police	11-20-95	Died Active	9-17-16
Tiderington, Dale	Sgt.	Police	1-2-56	2-26-86	9-12-16
Wesley, Majorie	P.O.	Police	3-10-47	3-10-72	9-8-16
Grable, Dale	Capt.	Fire	9-9-57	6-14-90	9-1-16
Latka, Richard	Bt. Chief	Fire	8-3-53	8-8-86	9-20-16
Mills, William	Lt.	Fire	9-12-55	10-10-80	9-28-16
Moses, Samuel	FFD	Fire	7-1-57	12-18-72	9-8-16
Mucker, William	Lt.	Fire	2-20-85	12-18-07	9-20-16

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# Members Letters

Dear Sirs: having once been elected and served as the Sec/Treasurer of the DPL&S Assoc. I know what a tireless, thankless and difficult job it is to serve in the union but you are doing a great job. Thank you very much. Use this money where it is most needed.

Alfred Bensmiller (Cmdr. Retired)  
Naples, FL

Dear Sirs: please find enclosed a check for wherever it is most needed. We send this in memory of Robert Hogue who was killed in the line of duty in December of 1973. We also thank you, the staff, for all your efforts over the past many months.

Paul G & Paula Spaulding  
Venice, FL

Thank you for all the effort and hard work you do! Apply this where it is most needed.

Louis J (Doc) Koehler  
Grosse Pointe, MI

Thanks to all for the hard work that got accomplished. Use the enclosed check wherever it is needed. In memory of John K. Pike DFD FEO.

Lois A Pike  
Prudenville, MI

RDPFFA, I sure appreciate all the work the officers continue to do on our behalf. Keep up the good work and accept this donation to the legal fund in memory of Jesse Coulter.

Jim & Sandy Purrington  
Whitmore Lake, MI

Please use this donation wherever it is needed most. My father retired from DPD Homicide in 1975, and my husband retired from the DFD in 1994. I want to thank you for all that you do for this group.

In memory of Edward "Jubie" Jubenville

Cheryl Jubenville Parsell  
South Lyon, MI

RDPFFA, Keep up the good fight. Any progress is good; Keep moving forward!

Eileen Foley  
Clay, MI

Thanks for all your hard work on behalf of the members. For the Legal Fund

Charles Staples  
Surprise, AZ

Here is a gift to our Legal Fund in memory of Lt. William Glazer & Sgt. Bernard Quinn. Keep up the good work! I turned 90 in July & got confused a few months ago to cancel my .09 a month insurance, I want to cancel it. Can you help?

Norman Salo  
Lantana, FL

Please accept this check in memory of my late husband Sgt. Mark Marchioni and to thank the men and women of the DPD for the job they do every day protecting the people of Detroit with a special acknowledgment of the sacrifices of their spouses and families.

Judy Marchioni  
Macomb, MI

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the retirees & their families. Also in memory of Frank Stieger, Leo Haidys, Mike Dowd, Bill Fabian & those members of the Armed Robbery Unit of that era. That made us proud to be Detroit Police Officers.

Henry "T" Bone  
Clinton Twp., MI

Please use the enclosed check where needed. It is in memory of my best friend "Peggy Stinson" wife of Sgt. Richard Stinson. She is missed dearly, but not forgotten!

Doris Ancheta  
(Ex of J.W. VanDevender  
past President of DPOA)  
Crossville, TN

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# Members Letters cont.

Thanks for all your work on our behalf! Please accept the enclosed toward the Legal Fund, or other need in memory of Gerald B Barba.

Ruth Hayes-Barba  
Portland, OR

Enclosed is a small donation. You can use it as you see fit. Thanks!

Den & Mag Barton

My father John Pattwell passed away on 8/31/16. He requested that a donation of \$500 be donated to the RDPFFA.

M. Pattwell  
Troy, MI

Here's a couple bucks. Put where ever it's needed most. We really appreciate all you do for us.

Roger & Jan Thom  
Sebring, FL

Please accept my check for the Legal Fund in the memory of Ronald Chikowski, one of DFD's Finest. Also, I want to thank the RDPFFA for all the hard work done for us retirees. Due to the H.R.A. account, I have avoided neck and back surgery with a co-pay for my chiropractor. In nine months, my pain of 9 – being bad has improved to 2 – being good. Without H.R.A. I would have been forced to undergo back surgery, with a 50/50 chance of living the rest of my life in a wheelchair. Thank You! Thank You!

Roger Kummer  
Macomb, MI

Hope that everyone is in good health and had an enjoyable summer and ready for the fall hunt. Keep up the good work that you are doing for the retirees. Please accept this check in memory of two friends and work associates, Lt. Ann Wondero and Sgt. Leo Haidys.

Dan & Diane Budz  
Dearborn Heights, MI

Thank you for all the hard work you do. Please use this check for the Legal Fund, in memory of Capt. John Vanden Boom Detroit Fire Dept.

Marilyn Vanden Boom  
St Clair Shores, MI

Please use this contribution where it is needed the most. This is in memory of my best buddy who left us almost 4 years ago. Her name was Josephine "Jo" Ryan 11-16-12 and also my oldest son Tim Ryan 5-10-16. Thank you for your dedication for the Retired Detroit Police and Firemen.

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## Silver Ladies



Carol Curley

Our autumn this year has come early. What a welcome relief from the "southern" summer we have had!

We Silver Ladies are inviting D.P.D. and D.F.D. widows in the Eastside and farther out, if you don't mind the drive, to meet us at Filippas Restaurant on Mound and Hall Road at 2:00 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month. We eat, talk and smile in a relaxed atmosphere. We celebrate Christmas and other holidays with bright beautiful decorations. We don't have to cook or clean up afterwards. At our meetings we give each other life stories, health care information and friendship. Think about it. We all have similar history and experience from our husbands honorable and proud jobs.

And we will treat you to a lunch on your first visit (before you even join our group) and a dessert if you like!

Our birthday for November is Irene Brooks. July 50/50 was won by Irene Brooks. August 50/50 was won by Judy Wagner (YEA!) September 50/50 winner was Marcy Rolf.

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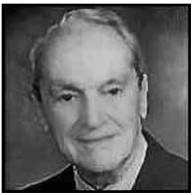
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# Local Korean War veteran to be memorialized in D.C. and Lansing

By Sharon Longman, The Oakland Press 09/14/16



Highland Township resident and U.S. Army veteran William Cassidy, 81, is very proud of his brother, Korean War veteran U.S. Navy Cmdr. Lloyd Cassidy Jr., who died in February of this year, at age 87.

On the Marine Corps' 241st Birthday, at 9 a.m. Nov. 10, Lloyd Cassidy Jr. will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., following a service with full military honors including a horse drawn caisson, Navy band, Navy Chaplain, Prayer Service, flag presentation, the playing of taps and a 21-gun salute. In the Michigan State Senate on Sept. 21, William Cassidy will be recognized from the Senate floor by Senate Majority floor leader Mike Kowall for William's military and police service and his brother Lloyd's military service and interment at Arlington National Cemetery.

Lloyd and William were born in Detroit and attended Mackenzie High School. Lloyd was a graduate of Wayne State University and swam on his high school and college swim teams. He served as a P-2 Neptune Bomber Pilot during the Korean War and as a Commander in the Naval Reserves, retiring after 20 years of service, serving at Grosse Ile and Selfridge Air National Guard Base. He then had a successful and rewarding business career at Lane Furniture in Michigan and retired to Lynchburg, VA.

"He was my big brother and mentor," William said. "He would guide me in making decisions in my life and he was just a wonderful person. We never had a bad word or a fight between us in our life."

William said that he and his younger sister Marilyn looked up to him.

The son of Lloyd Sr. and Mary Cassidy, Lloyd was the devoted husband of the late Mary Anne Cassidy for 55 years. They met at Mackenzie High School. Mary Ann will be interred with him at Arlington. A loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he is survived by two sons, Lloyd Charles Cassidy III (Monica) of Glenview, IL.; Michael Warren Cassidy (Karinna) of Rolling Hills Estates, CA; two daughters, Susan Cassidy Postans (George) of Celebration, FL, Linda Cassidy Mlnarik (Robert) of Plymouth, MN; a brother, William W. Cassidy (Pat) of Highland, MI, a sister, Marilyn Beaudoin (Don) of Dearborn, MI, fourteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

"He and his wife had a wonderful life and they had beautiful children and grandchildren," William said. "He would tell me 'there are still good kids in this country of ours, we just don't hear about them.' He was a true gentleman and an inspiration to all."

Brother William is a Korean War veteran and served as an Army Corporal stationed in Okinawa, Japan for two years. After his military service, he served with the Detroit Police Department, retiring as a Sgt. after 25 years and then worked for General Motors for 22 years. William is a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit, the Knights of Columbus Men's Club and American Legion Post 216 in Milford.

The Cassidy family has a long history of military service. Father Lloyd Cassidy Sr. was a Marine in World War I. William's son Timothy is a retired Marine Lt. Col. Lloyd's son-in-law Robert Mlnarik, married to his daughter Linda, is a retired Marine Lt. Col. and Mlnarik's daughter Molly served as a Navy nurse and married Marine Rich Wolford and his son Chase is in pilot training for the Marine Corps.



*William Cassidy is pictured in front of his home with Knights of Columbus tuxedo on.*

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## Snowbirds

*Dan Zemaitis*

Greetings from beautiful Northern Michigan.

I need to start with the bad news first. We lost two more long time members – Dorothy Heise who passed on 6-10-16 after a long illness and Leo Haidys who passed on 7-29-16. They will be sincerely missed and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to their families.

We received phone calls from Moe and Georgette Gekiere who moved to Bushnell, Florida also, Nick Zazula – he and Pauline also moved to Florida. Also received calls from Kay Worden, Will Christopher and Jeff Ziegler retired Fire Lieutenant who expressed interest in joining the Snowbirds. Met John Elsey retired Police Sergeant who worked Stress and #12; we go to the same church.

The RDPFFA picnic/General Membership meeting was very enjoyable and very well attended by our “Snowbirds” – approximately 31 members. My wife Jey won one of the raffle prizes which made it even nicer.

Our “Snowbird” picnic was also great - good people, good food, fun, games and comradery. Rich Carlson won the 50-50 “Big Bucks” drawing and Lynn Kniaz had a home run swing that broke open the piñata. Lorraine Dennerly won the Beach ball game. The Water balloon toss was won by Dan and Jey Zemaitis. Putting was won by Bruce Cox (1st) and Ed Krajewski (2nd) for the men. For the women – 1st was Lynn Kniaz and 2nd was Karen Haderer. Basketball; 1st for the men was John Wood and 2nd Bob Haderer. Shoe kick: 1st for men’s – Don Rem 2nd Dan Zemaitis and Women’s 1st Jey Zemaitis 2nd Cindy Rem. Women’s Basketball 1st was Jey Zemaitis 2nd Lynn Kniaz and 3rd Melanie Pauch.

A special thanks to all who helped out at the picnic: setting up, cleaning up, shucking corn etc...My apology to Jerry Brehm for missing your July birthday.

September Birthdays: Joan Buda, Jey Zemaitis, Carolyn Wood, Isabella Ninelist, Lorraine Perry and Delphine Raska

October Birthdays: Lillian Edwards, Bob Haderer, Raymond Meyer and Herbert Rodgers

November Birthdays: Pat Samborski, Della Rozanski and Betty Saier

Get Well thoughts and prayers go out to: Nancy Schmidt, Ernie Huffman, Roy Mantay, Ted Farguhar and Gar Nicholls

Our “Snowbird” dues of \$3.00 a year is due and can be paid to our treasurer Cindy Rem at 7475 Cedar Rd., South Branch, Michigan 48761 phone # (313) 737-1854. Thank You!

Do you remember having to make a pull at the call boxes at each end of your beat? How about the police picnics at Walled Lake Park and Edgewater Park where we did the 3 legged races and could win a wheelbarrow full of booze?

Our members welcomed two new members in June: Dave and Melanie Pauch – Dave worked at Scientific and Bomb Squad. In August we welcomed Firefighter Paul Sevald and Police Officer Bruce Cox who worked at #11 and was a previous long time member. We are happy to have Arlene Joiner also back with us.

Our meetings are still the 2nd Sunday of the month through December at 1:00 p.m. at B.J.’s Restaurant in Gaylord.

In the meantime, stay safe and well and support our RDPFFA.

Any questions call – Dan and Jey at (989) 735-3450

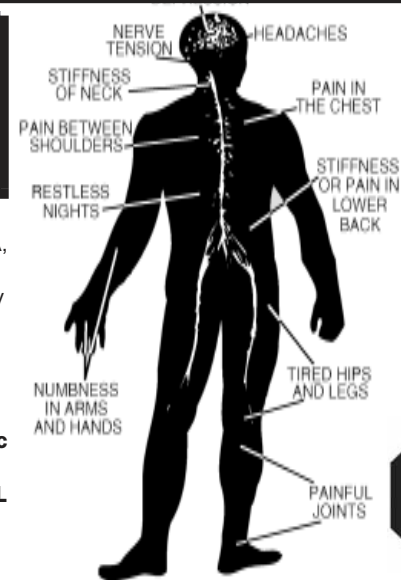
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*Donald Rem*

*There were no meetings due to summer break.*

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Our membership is \$10 per year and the year runs from October to October. There are no initiation fees. The 2017 dues will be due in October. Per our bi-laws, if you are delinquent

for more than three years, you will be dropped from our roster.

Many retirees attended the Retired Detroit Police Fire Fighter Association. I am glad to report there was no tornado reports this year in Frankenmuth, Michigan. We attended the R.D.P.F.F.A. breakfast with the many members. We welcomed the news from Don, Greg Al Gordy and the guest speakers. It was great, seeing members and getting caught up.

Do not forget to donate to RDPFFA that are working hard in our behalf.

Well, until next time, you can reach me at (313) 737-1854 or e-mail me at:

[diffrentstrokes@yahoo.com](mailto:diffrentstrokes@yahoo.com)

### **MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE**

For your information and the Associations benefit it is important that, when your summer/winter address changes, we are notified in advance of the move and again when you are returning to your home address. That way we can keep you current. We don't want to lose you in the process.

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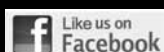
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According to the Seddon Harvard University study, Lutein and Zeaxanthin have been correlated to a 43% lower prevalence of Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD). Lutein protects the retina by functioning as an antioxidant and by blocking harmful ultraviolet radiation that can damage the delicate macular tissue.

Antioxidants from Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Zinc, and Selenium have been shown to stabilize and prevent further progression of AMD. Patients who have already developed the disease are encouraged to take a vitamin with high doses of Lutein and antioxidants to minimize further loss of vision. Vitamin supplements designed specifically for the eye (MaxiVision) are available in our Optical Studio. Specific dietary components, particularly the carotenoids found in dark green leafy vegetables have shown great promise in reducing the incidence of AMD. Vitamin supplements are readily absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract resulting in increased blood serum levels and macular pigment density. Omega3 supplements available in purified fish oil enhance the beneficial effects of these vitamins. High concentration pharmaceutical-grade supplements are recommended for optimum effect. These supplements are also available in our optical studio.

### CATARACTS AND CUSTOM CHOICE IMPLANTS

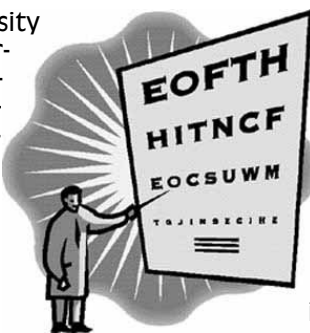
If you believe you may have a cataract, don't worry. Every year, 3 million Americans have cataract surgery. Modern cataract surgery has developed into one of the safest, most successful and most patient 'friendly' surgical procedures available. The improvement to your vision can be life changing. With the latest advancements in laser-assisted surgery, multifocal and astigmatism correcting lens implant technology, we are able to offer even more dramatic vision changes to improve not only your distance vision, but also your intermediate and near vision, as well. It is quick and painless and almost always results in a dramatic improvement in vision for the patient. That's good news since cataracts are a normal part of the aging process!

The first step is to have a complete eye examination to determine what type of implant is right for you!

### GLAUCOMA TREATMENT

It is estimated that almost 50% of people who have glaucoma don't even know they have it because they have not had a comprehensive eye exam. The pressure in the eye is unusually elevated in patients with glaucoma, but there is no pain or visual loss until it is too late. Left untreated, vision gradually declines and eventual blindness will result.

Fortunately, glaucoma can be detected by your doctor during your comprehensive eye exam. Early treatment can prevent visual loss. Advances in treatment include new eye drops called prostaglandins and a revolutionary laser treatment called SLT. Using SLT to treat glaucoma, doctors can eliminate the need for eye drops in some cases! You have a higher than normal risk for glaucoma if you are African American, have a family history of glaucoma, or had an eye trauma. For more information, go to our website, or call for an appointment.



### LASER VISION CORRECTION

We are delighted to be using the Bausch & Lomb ZyoOptix™ Personalized Laser Vision Correction System for the treatment of nearsightedness and astigmatism. This revolutionary technology is enhanced by the use of an additional space-age laser, INTRALASE® that creates the LASIK flap without the use of a blade. We call this 'High Definition Vision'! The advanced diagnostic system used analyzes thousand of data points across the entire eye - to produce a personalized vision treatment plan.

By using the B&L ZyoOptix System for traditional LASIK or PRK, our doctors are able to treat most patients who desire to eliminate or reduce their need for glasses.

The good news is that the LASIK procedure *may be* covered by U.S. Health and Life for current and retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters.

### AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION TREATMENT

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is a disease associated with aging that gradually destroys sharp, central vision. Central vision is needed for seeing objects clearly and for common daily tasks such as reading and driving. AMD affects the macula, the part of the eye that allows you to see fine detail. AMD causes no pain.

In some cases, AMD advances so slowly that people notice little change in their vision. In others, the disease progresses faster and may lead to a loss of vision in both eyes. AMD is a leading cause of vision loss in Americans 60 years of age and older.

For a complete medical eye examination to determine if you have AMD and how we can help, call us today for an appointment.

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