

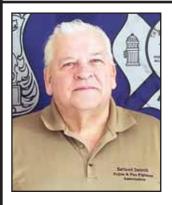
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PRESIDENT

Don Taylor

I want to start by expressing our prayers, concerns and best wishes for all those that may have been affected by the recent hurricane in Florida, especially all our members who live there full or part time, or own property in the affected areas.

Social Security Windfall and Pension offset. For over 50 years we have been waiting for the legislators in Washington to step up and overturn these unjust and unfair portions of Social Security that discriminates against many public safety officers. For the first time it looked as if the House of Representatives were finally going to vote on legislation overturning these portions of Social Security, under House Resolution 82. HR 82 was introduced by Representative Rodney Davis (R-IL) on January 4, 2021 and referred to the Ways and Means Committee, Chaired by Richard Neal (D-MA), Under a relatively new US House rule any legislation which reaches and maintains 290 or more cosponsors for 25 Legislative days, and the committee of jurisdiction does not report the legislation, it will be placed on the House Consensus calendar and would require a vote by the full house. H.R. 82 reached the required 290 cosponsors on July 15, 2022 and a motion was made to place the legislation on the Consensus Calendar. Now the bad news, H.R. 82 was referred to the Ways and Means Committee in January of 2021, and they did not take any action on the legislation until

September 20, 2022 the date the legislation would be moving to the Full House for a vote. The Ways and Means committee met and voted out the Legislation without a recommendation. I watched the Hearing and it was obvious that the only reason they met was to meet the requirement of the Committee of jurisdiction reporting out the legislation. By meeting and voting out the legislation, it was removed from the fast track consensus calendar, which removed the requirement that the House Vote on the legislation. So the bottom line is that the action taken by the Ways and Means Committee, likely killed any chance of this legislation being passed into Law. The current legislative session ends on December 31, 2022, so any legislation not signed into law by that date will expire.

On a little more positive note on the Federal level, "H.R. 3967 Honoring our PACT Act of 2022", was signed into law and gives some additional benefits to those Veterans with diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents which there is now a presumption of service connection for veterans who served in certain locations. This new law includes those that served in Vietnam and suffer from hypertension. If you served in the military you might want to talk to one of the Veteran Organizations to see if you may be entitled to some benefits.

We continue to monitor a number of items of legislation in Lansing that may have some effect on our members. With this being an election year the legislators have not been meeting much in September and October while they are out campaigning. Once the election is over they will return for what is referred to as the lame duck session. This is when they stay for long days and push through as many pieces of legislation as they can. With the divided government in Lansing it is not likely that any controversial legislation will be signed into law.

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VICE PRESIDENT

Gregory Trozak

Greetings everyone, I hope you all enjoyed the summer months and had the chance to spend them with family and friends. I would like to begin by saying THANK YOU for allowing me to continue as the Vice President of the Association (although the reason being is that no one else ran for the position) which brings me to my next request, the entire Board was re-elected for the same reason I mentioned above. Although the present Board works great together and is made up of some dedicated members the bottom line is we are not getting any younger. So I would like to put it out there to all the (younger) members that if you or someone you know would like to get involved in the Association please consider it. Again, I speak for the entire elected Board members, a big THANK YOU for having the faith in us to continue in our positions.

The latest information from the Pension System will make Police members of the old plan very happy. The DPOA & LSA have agreed to a new 5 year contract with the City, as of this writing both unions are in the voting process for ratification which is expected to be approved by the members. Old plan members will see a raise on their pension for the next five (5) years. To be able to give the amount at this time would be hard to estimate but rest assured there will be a raise coming. I was told that this may not happen until after the 1st of the year due to the fact that the contracts must be approved by City Council and after the active employ-

ees amounts have been activated by the City. So hang in there it will be coming. Remember this is for old plan Police retiree's only the Fire Fighters old plan members did receive their increases on the August checks. We will make every attempt to keep those involved apprised on the progress.

We had the west side meeting this month and I think those that attended enjoyed themselves and the food was great as usual, Benesys was in attendance and answered some individual members questions and concerns, with that being said we all should have received the Open Enrolment Packet for 2023. We ask that everyone open and read the information and if you have any questions give the office a call or if you can attend one of the Open Enrolment Meetings, the locations, dates and times are in the packet.

The next General Meeting will be on the east side and is scheduled for December 1st, 2022 at the Polish Century Club, mark it on those busy calendars and hope to see you there. There will also be meetings in March and May 2023, the March meeting will take place at the Stitt American Legion Post on the west side and the May meeting will again be at the Polish Century Club. Again next year the Annual Picnic and June General Meeting will be in Frankenmuth at the Bavarian Inn with the picnic on Monday, June 26th and the General

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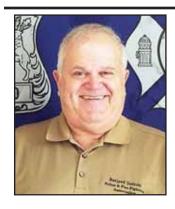
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Just a reminder, the Association General Membership Meetings dates have been changed. The Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters will continue having east side and west side meetings. The Association will host five meetings annually. The General Membership Meeting schedules are as follows:

1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

WEST SIDE

American Legion 23850 Military Rd. Dearborn Hgts. October 6, 2022 March 2, 2023 October 5, 2023

EAST SIDE

American Polish Century Club 33204 Maple Lane Sterling Hgts. December 1, 2022 May 4, 2023 December 7, 2023

NORTH

Bavarian Inn Lodge Frankenmuth June 27, 2023

The RDPFFA Board of Directors is always keeping in mind services for our Membership. We will continue to keep our Membership informed and updated through our General Membership Meetings. As usual food and beverages will be provided. Also as stated in our Bylaws a special Membership Meeting may be called if necessary.

Next, I am going over information previously stated in a prior issue reminding our members not to overlook a Living Trust, Wills and Beneficiary updates. I have noticed a number of family member calls regarding their beneficiary status after an unexpected death of a loved one. Some are shocked and upset after receiving information that documents were not updated.

Take the time and put the information together. It is important to list where documents and financial information can be found such as a Will, Trust, Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate, Original Social Security Card, Insurance Policies, Deeds, Bank

Accounts Pins to Accounts, Credit Card Accounts, Tax Returns and Stock Certificates.

Plus, the location of Monetary Assets, Banks, Investment Accounts and Personal Computer Accounts should be recorded. It may seem overwhelming but you must take the time putting the information together for you and your families benefit. In addition, Power of Attorney, Health Care and final funeral, as well as burial family's arrangements are of upmost importance for your beneficiaries.

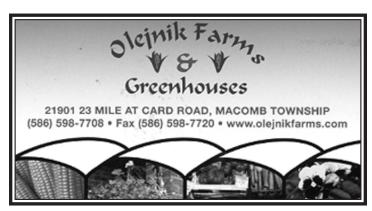
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As a final point, the nominations and election of RDPFFA Officers and Board of Directors ended. The eight positions which run from January 2023 through December 31, 2025 will be filled by the current Officers and Board of Directors. All of the incumbents ran unopposed. On the surface, we would like to believe that the election results show that the membership is satisfied with the representatives. We thank all members for their support.



PLEASE NOTE:

The RDPFFA would like to recognize and thank Olejnik Farms for their generous contribution of flowers adding to the beauty of our building grounds.

PRESIDENT (continued from page 1)

At the October General Membership Meeting the election process for the Association Officers came to a conclusion, with all of the current Officers being reelected. I thank you for your support and look forward to continuing to represent you as we move forward.

Next General Membership meeting will be in December on the east side. Hope to see you there.

VICE PRESIDENT (continued from page 2)

Meeting on Tuesday the 27th. There will be a lot more information coming we just wanted to get the dates out there so you can add it to those schedules. Always a great time so if possible make your plans accordingly.

All you Veterans out there, Veterans Day is approaching and remember if you are not already a member of the Police & Fire V.F.W or American Legion now is a great time to join and help out both of these great organizations, we need the members both young and old and thank you for your service. I would like to close out by thanking everyone again for allowing me to continue in my position. With this being the last UNITY for 2022 (I know it is early) I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a Great Holiday Season. Enjoy it with family and friends and remember it is all about God, Family and Country. Please be safe out there and remember this is a whole different world we are living in. Take care.

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Little Chef Restaurant 101 Brookside Lane, (Enter off Grand River) Exit 145 off of I96

Call the Association Office if you need additional information



ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS* Updated!

General Membership Meeting Schedule AMERICAN LEGION

23850 Military Rd - Dearborn Heights, MI - 7 PM

March 2, 2023

AMERICAN POLISH CENTURY CLUB

33204 Maple Lane - Sterling Heights, MI - 7 PM

December 1, 2022 • December 7, 2023

East Side Silver Ladies*

1st Tuesday of the month
Time: 1:00 P.M.
See Column for Location

Snowbirds Of Michigan*

Meet 2nd Sunday of the month

May thru November

at "Fred of Roscommon"

430 N. 5th Street - Roscommon, MI

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

RDPFFA Annual Picnic

Monday, June 26, 2023 Bavarian Inn - Frankenmuth, MI

RDPFFA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 Bayarian Inn

*Refer to columns for specifics or program changes

Articles for the Winter 2023
Issue should be "submitted" by
December 16, 2022



Greetings from Northern Michigan where the leaves are starting to change and the night air is cooler and refreshing.

At our September meeting we had the election of officers again. John Wood was reelected as President, Bob Haderer as Vice President, Cindy Rem as Treasurer and Dan Zemaitis Secretary. Thank you for your contributions and long tenure.

The members also voted to cancel the November 13th meeting due to weather issues and attendance.

Our last meeting of 2022 will be in the books due to the Unity's publication date. The next meeting will be on May 21, 2023 at 1 PM at Fred of Roscommon because of Mother's Day on May 14th.

September Birthdays: Joan Buda, Delphine Rasko, Lorraine Perry and Carolyn Wood

October Birthdays: Donna Andrizzi and Bob Haderer

November Birthdays: Pat Samborski, Della Rozanski,

John Wood, Zigmund Boqumil and

Mary Ann Sypniewski

December Birthdays: Dennis Flanigan, Joan Cherry, Ted Ponik and Bob Rentz

Happy belated July Birthday to Charles Dusty Rhodes. Happy Birthday to all.

August money winners: Melanie Pauch,

Sue Burkhalter and Bob Haderer

September winners: Don Rem, Al Bickford and

Zig Boqumil

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- 1. Top Value Stamps
- 2. Holden Red Stamps
- 3. Gold Bell Stamps
- 4. S&H Green Stamps

That was in the 60's and 70's

Our "Snowbirds" elected to do a September outing which consisted of a 3 hour paddle boat ride on the AuSable River – Thanks to Don & Cindy Rem for setting everything up!

Hope everyone stays healthy and safe. I'll be in Florida from November to April.

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While the Detroit Police Benefit & Protective Association will normally contact the City of Detroit with the information, it would be reasonable to follow up with a call to the Pension Bureau, (313) 224-3362 or 1 (800) 339-8344 and BeneSys at (833) 725-5336 to make sure that they were notified. Last but not least, notify the Retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Association at (586) 795-1734.

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The above agencies will assist you with the notification process. It would be a good idea to put this information with your secured legal documents or some other obvious place where your survivors can locate it.

Members Letters

RDPFFA, This little sum in memory of all the "Old timers" who taught us how to be Cops, when we were fresh out of the academy and knew everything. Thanks!

> Den & Mag Barton Caseville, MI

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Thomas J. Brown Farwell, MI

Do with this donation in memory of all our fallen Officers and Firefighters.

Terry & Cathie O'Dea New Hudson, MI

We thank all the officers & volunteers for all they do for the retirees. We remember all those who have passed on and especially James Stack (Lt.)

> Vic & Nancy Hess Livonia, MI

Thanks for the great job you do. Use as you see fit.

Jim Holycross
Livonia, MI

Thank you for all of your hard work for retirees! Please accept this donation in memory of my wonderful husband Ted Banach.

Wilma Banach Crossville, TN

RDPFFA, Please use this wherever you need it. We appreciate all you do to protect the needs & rights of retirees.

Roger Clapp (Retired Sgt.) Milford, MI

Thank you for all you do for the members.

Charles & Dorothy Mahoney
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In memory of my husband Roger Lambert who was a proud member of the City of Detroit Police Dept.. He loved helping the community and his fellow officers. He would be sad to see how many benefit from the work you do, but would not even pay the small dues each year. Hopefully this check will help with your effort in helping us. Shame on the slackers!

Dianne Lambert Washington, MI

RDPFFA, Thanks for all you do for us! Use this small donation wherever it will do the most. Given in memory of Charlie Sherrill: good partner, good cop, good friend.

Joe & Gerlinde Schrader Hillsboro, OR

I'd like to thank all the Association Officers for your efforts on behalf of the members. Please accept this check in memory of Lt. Terry Lambrecht.

Jim & Sandy Purrington Whitmore Lake, MI

Thank you for all you do for us. Please use this check as most needed in memory of my husband FEO Jerry Edwards.

Louise Edwards Richmond, MI

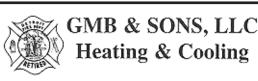
Like all the rest of our paid members, I am appalled at the number of retirees that do not participant in our union. I know I am repeating myself again, but if you look at the list you will see that these are the same guys who disappeared when it was time to buy a round.

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Sunday, September 11, 2022

A Memorial Ceremony was held on Sunday, September 11, 2022 Commemorating the Anniversary of 9/11 and to honor Michigan Fallen Firefighters and Officers. The event was held at the Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial, Pontiac, MI. New Names of Michigan's Heroes from Police and Fire were added to the wall. The service was opened by Master of Ceremonies Kevin Dietz of WJR Radio. Following the opening ceremonies, the Remembrance of Our Heroes began with the reading of A Hero's Welcome, a poem by Robert Longley, by Abbey Leveille (daughter of fallen Trooper Todd Leveille). Captain Derrick Maye of the Detroit Police Department on behalf of Fallen Officer Loren Michael Court, Sheriff Michael Bouchard of Oakland County and the Reading of Names 2022 by State Senator Rosemary Bayer.



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Carol Curley

Here we are again, almost at the years end! Spring was very wet, Summer very humid and hot and Autumn was abruptly switched on to a cold wind, garden frosted and trees of color. We've been around long enough to know the seasons always come and yet never treat us the same or do I just not remember?

Things on my mind!

I can't believe Russia had to attack the Ukraine and blow up their buildings, their land and their lives!

Our food prices are higher and petroleum, that runs the machinery that makes living better is compromised and sold to other countries.

Educators are not teaching history, science and brotherhood to children but instead mess up their minds and bodies with untruths!

We Silver Ladies at least have a break from modern confusion. We have our monthly lunch at different restaurants and talk about experiences we have had.

We are also grateful to our Detroit Police and Fire Fighters husbands for the life they have shared with us.

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2022 RDPFFA GOLF OUTING A HUGE SUCCESS!



On Friday, August 12, 2022, 128 golfers lined up to start our 31st Annual Golf outing at Oak Ridge Golf Club in New Haven. Members and their guests shared in some great comaraderie, stories from days past and an attempt to win the hole-in-one prize of \$50,000 on the 15th hole proivided by Luke Nowacki of Pinnacle Wealth Strategies! While there were no winners, everyone enjoyed trying to be the one to claim the prize!



Donna Latouf and Gene Zuzga volunteering to get this event underway!



Golfers getting to their carts.



Final staging before the start!



And off they go. The 2022 RDPFFA golf outing is officially underway!

2022 GOLF OUTING CONTRIBUTORS!

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July 2022						
Name	Rank	Dept.	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death	Age
Branham, David	Sgt	Police	10-30-71	12-1-20	7-21-22	72
Collins, Walter	Sgt.	Police	8-3-53	8-3-78	7-10-22	93
Courts, Loren	P.O.	Police	2-27-17	Died Active	7-6-22	40
Frank, Richard	Sgt.	Police	9-7-54	2-20-86	7-15-22	94
Hodo, Stefon	P.O.	Police	10-6-06	9-28-13	7-14-22	31
Hrubiak, Ronald	P.O.	Police	1-12-70	8-1-98	7-6-22	75
Robertson, Judith	P.O.	Police	3-1-82	3-2-92	7-3-22	73
Antoniotti, John	Lt.	Fire	7-7-52	7-15-79	7-27-22	96
Chmielewski, David	FEO	Fire	5-22-72	2-8-06	7-14-22	72
Hawthorne, Robert	Lt.	Fire	10-30-72	2-1-00	7-26-22	79
Lyon, Douglas	Dep. Chief	Fire	8-8-77	1-22-16	7-17-22	66
Tederington, John	Bt. Chief	Fire	3-5-51	7-14-86	7-5-22	93
August 2022						
Name	Rank	Dept.	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death	Age
Alston, Tommy	Insp.	Police	10-18-65	5-11-96	8-3-22	77
Bondy, James	Sgt.	Police	2-25-60	4-17-92	8-3-22	88
Jackson, Paul	P.O.	Police	3-6-72	7-15-88	8-14-22	80
Lambrecht, Terry	Lt.	Police	2-17-69	7-5-04	8-2-22	74
MacNicol, Bruce	P.O.	Police	6-24-75	1-25-79	8-30-22	69
Mitchell, Frank	Dep. Chief	Police	11-18-63	11-19-98	8-24-22	85
Prill, James	P.O.	Police	1-8-62	1-8-87	8-20-22	86
Raines, Milford	Invg.	Police	11-25-69	8-25-00	8-20-22	82
Schumacher, Melvin	P.O.	Police	11-18-63	7-4-89	8-7-22	80
Tessler, August	P.O.	Police	10-20-47	2-1-73	8-14-22	96
Tillman, Richard	Lt.	Police	10-26-53	5-1-87	8-22-22	90
Carlen, David	Capt.	Fire	7-2-62	1-10-92	8-31-22	85
Dillon, Johnnie	Bt. Chief	Fire	7-1-65	6-30-98	8-8-22	82
Dowgiallo, Ronald	FF	Fire	8-10-92	2-1-01	8-4-22	68
Loranger, William	Bt. Chief	Fire	1-2-62	1-2-98	8-4-22	81
September 2022						
Name	Rank	Dept.	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death	Age
Clement, Walter	Sgt.	Police	10-24-77	2-8-13	9-19-22	68
Garner, Michael	P.O.	Police	5-12-97	8-1-18	9-19-22	61
Huff, David	P.O.	Police	7-10-61	11-30-72	9-7-22	81
Jansen, John	P.O.	Police	12-18-67	2-10-12	9-1-22	79
Karson, Gerald	Sgt.	Police	3-26-62	3-15-88	9-17-22	87
Majcher, James	P.O.	Police	5-8-67	5-9-87	9-10-22	76

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Quick, Lucius	P.O.	Police	4-2-73	2-5-86	9-10-22	70
Roberts, John	Sgt.	Police	2-15-60	2-12-86	9-12-22	85
Shepherd, Mary	P.O.	Police	12-12-74	12-14-99	9-25-22	72
Tischbein, Albert	P.O.	Police	4-25-60	8-30-85	9-25-22	85
Todd, Lloyd	P.O.	Police	2-22-93	8-2-01	9-12-22	57
Cherget, Robert	FFD	Fire	9-12-55	1-28-71	9-30-22	93
Cichocki, James	Capt.	Fire	12-5-77	7-13-09	9-5-22	69
Felder, Dennis	Capt.	Fire	6-18-84	9-16-10	9-9-22	57
Holcomb, Herbert	FEO	Fire	12-30-46	9-4-80	9-28-22	96
Leverington, John	FEO	Fire	12-11-72	1-3-01	9-20-22	79
Riopelle, Robert	Lt.	Fire	1-2-68	1-4-94	9-15-22	77
Stanton, David	Lt.	Fire	7-22-85	7-11-09	9-20-22	73

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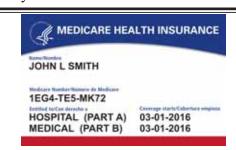
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