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PLEASE NOTE!

Because uncertainty remains regarding public meetings, the Association will continue to monitor the situation. We will keep the membership updated on the Association's ability/appropriateness regarding the scheduling of the next General Membership Meeting.



PRESIDENT

Don Taylor

Spring has arrived and we are still living with the Virus, but it appears that, many of our members are in the age group that has been vaccinated, so the association is looking forward to starting to return to a somewhat normal operation. We have scheduled the Golf outing and the picnic in Frankenmuth. Currently those two events are all that have been scheduled. There are still restrictions in place that we must comply with, and the safety of our membership comes first. Hopefully within the next few months everyone will be vaccinated and we will see an end to the coronavirus.

Not related to covid, the Association membership continues to shrink. At our peak, the membership was just below 7 thousand. Today we are just above 5 thousand. No one retires from Detroit any more, as you know, the active membership of both Police & Fire has been cut in half. The new retirees do not receive any Healthcare benefits, so they can't afford to retire, unless they have another job that provides healthcare coverage. On average, from natural causes, we lose approximately 30 members a month and gain one or two new members. If you run into anyone that is a retiree and

not a member ask them to do their part and join the Association. The Association continues its efforts to protect all retirees benefits, this includes the benefits of non-members, so everyone should do their part.

With the start of 2021, On the Federal level there is a new Senate and House of Representatives and they are discussing lowering the Medicare age. I have sent communications to both Senators Stabenow and Peters regarding this issue. On April 21, 2021 Senator Stabenow introduced new legislation that would lower the age for Medicare to 50. With the loss of healthcare for Detroit Police and Fire retirees, the lowering of the Medicare age could be a major benefit for some current and future Detroit retirees affording them the opportunity to lower their healthcare costs.

On the State level, there have been a number of pieces of legislation that could affect our membership. Legislation to repeal the pension tax has been intro-

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**The RDPFFA
Board of Directors
are endorsing the
following candidates for
Police / Fire Pension Trustee:**
Police - Gregory Trozak
Fire - George Orzech



VICE PRESIDENT

Gregory Trozak

Spring has sprung (kind of), as I sit here writing this they are predicting a mid-April snow fall, not much, just a couple inches, but it is Michigan and we are all used to this. I hope everyone is doing well, all the snow birds have had safe travel returning to their summer destinations and most of all staying safe and felling healthy.

We have some good news in case you haven't heard, the annual picnic in Frankenmuth is scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021 at Heritage Park behind the Bavarian Inn at the Jaycee Pavilion. This is the same location as prior picnics. Arrangements have been made with the Bavarian Inn for accommodations should you wish to spend a night or two to enjoy the picnic and the town of Frankenmuth. This year there will some changes and modifications because of the restrictions in place by the State of Michigan. As of this writing we will be unable to have a breakfast meeting on Tuesday,

the restrictions in place now will not allow the Bavarian Inn to accommodate more than 50 people in any of their banquet rooms. Should these restrictions change for the better we will make every attempt to have the breakfast meeting. Now the really bad news, this means that we will be unable to have the world famous hospitality room. I know this will disappoint many but please don't let that determine whether you attend the picnic or not. To make your reservations at the Bavarian Inn give them a call at (989) 652-7200 and give them our booking number 1365RV. The price for the room remained the same as prior picnics, \$109.00 per night. More information will be made available should anything change. Hope to see many of you there.

On the pension side of things I have a few updates on prior issues. As was mentioned several months ago, those that still receive a paper check through the U.S. Postal Service have been notified that effective with the May 2021 pension check you will no longer be receiving the paper check. You will be required to either have direct deposit or chose the money be deposited in a debit type card. According to the staff the response was very good with the majority of retirees making their choice and they should not have a problem. Those that have not responded will be required to go to the Pension System to pick up the May check and make their deposit choice. As far as the mailing of the monthly pension pay stub, that will continue for a few more months. Arrangements are being made for those retirees who do not have access to a computer and still would like a monthly stub to pay a small minimal fee for the mailing of the stub every month. The time frame and amount is still being determined. Retirees can still get registered in the new Pension System Retiree Personal Portal which will allow the member to access quite a bit of information that is included in your file. Data includes information from the time of hire to pre-

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Al Grant

This past year has been quite the experience, interesting, along with perplexing times, as Coronavirus Disease 2019 began spreading in Wuhan, China, it became an epidemic. Since the disease then spread across several countries and affected a large number of people, it was classified as a pandemic. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. COVID-19 spreads through close human contact, even from individuals who may be asymptomatic.

Back in October, 2020 the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association received a communication from the State of Michigan which required the office to comply with a number of policies. It was a directive that needed to be observed and posted. It required the RDPFFA to provide a clean environment with disinfectants and other items to reduce the transmission of communicate diseases in the workplace. As directed, the Association complied with the guidelines.

In addition, social distancing practices and steps to maintain a safe site were to be followed. To acknowledge the instructions, the Board of Directors decided to cancel all approaching gatherings until the situation is

safe for all involved. Businesses where our activities would normally take place were also under strict guidelines or in some cases closed. All were affected so the decision to shut down upcoming events had to be done.

The R.D.P.F.F.A. office was open and the day to day business was uninterrupted. Monthly meetings continued, attended by our Board of Directors to review statements and approve charges. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month abiding by all the requirements. A number of board members have been participating by phone conferencing and those who attend in person adhere to established policies.

The Board follows the generally accepted order of business agenda:

Roll Call	Publication
Secretary/Treasurer Report	V.E.B.A. (Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association)
Presidents Report	Pension
Trustee Report	Vice President / Entertainment
Bylaw committee	Benefit and Protective
Membership	Correspondence
P.A.C. (Political Action Committee)	Unfinished / Old Business
Election	New Business

In conclusion, on April 1, 1996, the Association moved to its present location which is 2525 E. 14 Mile Road Sterling Heights. We have made some cosmetic changes on the inside though recently have experienced and had to deal with some building work such as plumbing and siding. The roof was leaking, and high winds caused damage, therefore companies were contracted to fix the roof and repair the rotted wood resetting the siding. Overall, the Association is running smoothly and will continue to keep the membership informed through the quarterly unity magazine, emails sent to those sign-on to constant contact and if necessary, a mailing.

Comments or suggestion can be directed to me or the office either by phone (586) 795-1734 or email alrdpffa@hotmail.com

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The Pension System is in the process of the nomination and election of the two (2) Retired Police & Fire Trustees that have seats on the Pension Board. I've had the honor of serving as the Trustee for the Retired Police members and I am asking for your support in the upcoming election for the next term. Also I'm asking for the Retired Fire members to support Trustee George Orzech in the upcoming election. Thanks.

In closing out this article, I ask that the Veterans out there, if you have not, please consider joining the Police & Fire American Legion Post 161 and the V.F.W. Post 1519. The information can be found in this issue of the UNITY. And please be extra careful out there in these times, keep an eye on your family and friends and remember if you have any problems or questions give the office a call. Enjoy the spring season.



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General Membership Meeting Schedule

2021 meetings to be announced!

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

***Refer to columns for specifics or program changes**

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duced in both the House and Senate. The cost of some of these bills is as much as \$375 million a year. The different pieces of legislation could have different effects on our membership. Some members would benefit and some would loss. A hearing was held on one bill on April 14th. The bill received mixed reaction and no other meeting or hearings have been scheduled at this time.

I look forward to returning to all Association events, which include our monthly general membership meetings, so stay safe, healthy and hopefully the Association will be able to return to all of our social events shortly.

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Snowbirds

Don Rem

Greetings from Sunny Florida!

By the time you read this article we should be back in Michigan at (989) 737-3450.

I am sad to write to our loyal members that we have lost Rosemarie (Jey) Zemaitis. Dan has asked me to write this news in the Unity. Cindy and I met JoAnn Cherry with Dan and Jey last month in Wildwood to get a quick sugar fix at Russell Stover's.

We lost a long time member Frank Samborski. My heart goes out to the families experienced with such a loss of three, four, five, six, decades with a life-long companions.

Get Well Thoughts and prayers go out to Maryann Ponik and Carl Watkins and especially for Dan Zemaitis who never complains.

The "Snowbirds" first meeting of 2021 will be on Sunday, May 16, 1:00 PM at Fred's of Roscommon, Michigan. The doors open at 11:00 AM. There is plenty of space between tables to accommodate members and guests and look forward to seeing more members in May. We miss the camaraderie.

April Birthdays: Georgette Gekiere, Mike Kniaz, Mary Stano, Maryann Ponick, Leon Buda, Karen Hatter, and Cindy Rem

May Birthdays: Marsh Dreslinski, Gerald Ingsen and Gerry Henningsen

June Birthdays: John Soncrant

Happy Birthday and good health to all.

Do you remember when we used to have our police picnics at Walled Lake and then Edgewater Amusement Park?

By now Dan has gone and returned from seeing his great grandchild. I look forward seeing a picture of Dan and his great grandchild. Hope to see you at the May meeting. Take care and God Bless.

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Gloria Swistock
Harrison Twp., MI

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Jerry Ciesinski
Warren, MI

Please accept this in memory of Father Mike (Moses) Cooney, our Chaplain.

Thanks to you guys.
Den & Mag Barton
Caseville, MI

Thanks for Tom Beski's reflections on that Wednesday, fifty years ago. My then partner Leon Bemben and I, assigned to Scout 7-5, were among the first cars to respond. Held that badge and helped man the stretcher conveying Danny from that wretched scene. Enclosed is a check to be used as needed in remembrance of Danny Ellis, Leon Bemben, Danny Parrish and Academy Classmate James Brown, 68-D.

Hank Anderson
Chesterfield Twp., MI

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Lucian Harbar DPD Ret.
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Gene & Suzanne Allen
Northville, MI

Please accept this check for and towards postage costs occurred. Thank you for keeping members informed.

Eileen Foley Schumaker
Retired DPD
Clay, MI

Many Thanks, to all of you. I appreciate you being there to help with our questions and concerns. As well as looking out for all of the retirees best interest. Please use the enclosed, where it is needed----In memory of my late husband Lt. Joe Twardzik.

Helene Twardzik
Macomb Twp., MI

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Thank for all your hard work.

Arlene M. Tines
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Please use this small donation as you see fit for the Association, In memory of Dean Libby #4 & Y.B. Keep up the good work! Thank You.

Joe Schrader
Hillsboro, OR

Members Letters (continued)

Thanks for all you do for us. I'm hoping to see you all this year. So many members and workmates of mine have gone recently, almost hate to see the "in memoriam" part of the Unity. I've reached the status of Widower, lost Nancy in October of 2018. I'm enclosing a few dollars to remember two classmates Robert Spooner and Al Wendyker.

The Priority Health Plan has been great. Keep up with the good work. I don't particularly like the contact systems for Benesys, Paylocity and the benefits but I guess it is a necessary evil. I retired in July 1990 and left what I thought was the best job I ever had. I've done well because I married a genius. Again you guys are our bulwark against unwarranted attacks on our retired members by the unscrupulous bottom feeders. Regards and thanks again.

Thomas Collins
Scottsdale, AZ

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! For the work you do for the many of us out here. Use where needed.

Don Manning
Murfreesboro, TN

Please accept this check in memory of our son Police Officer Kenneth Miller, forever missed.

Jerry & Sonia Miller
Rochester, MI

Dear Fellow Retirees! When my husband Jim died and my Medicare and Priority Health disappeared, Chet Opolski knew the right strings to pull. I didn't fall out of the boat. Thanks for "having my back".

Lenore Jasman
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Gus Tessler
Lake City, MI

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Fred Schroeder
Shelby Twp., MI

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Dan Kearney
Canton, MI

Accept this check in honor of Leonard Riina, a good friend. Use where needed.

Howard & Grace Hurley
Saint Clair, MI

Enclosed is a check for the PAC in memory of Sgt. Patrick Sun, a good man who will be missed. Please continue your efforts on behalf of the members, it is deeply appreciated.

Jim & Sandra Purrington
Whitmore Lake, MI

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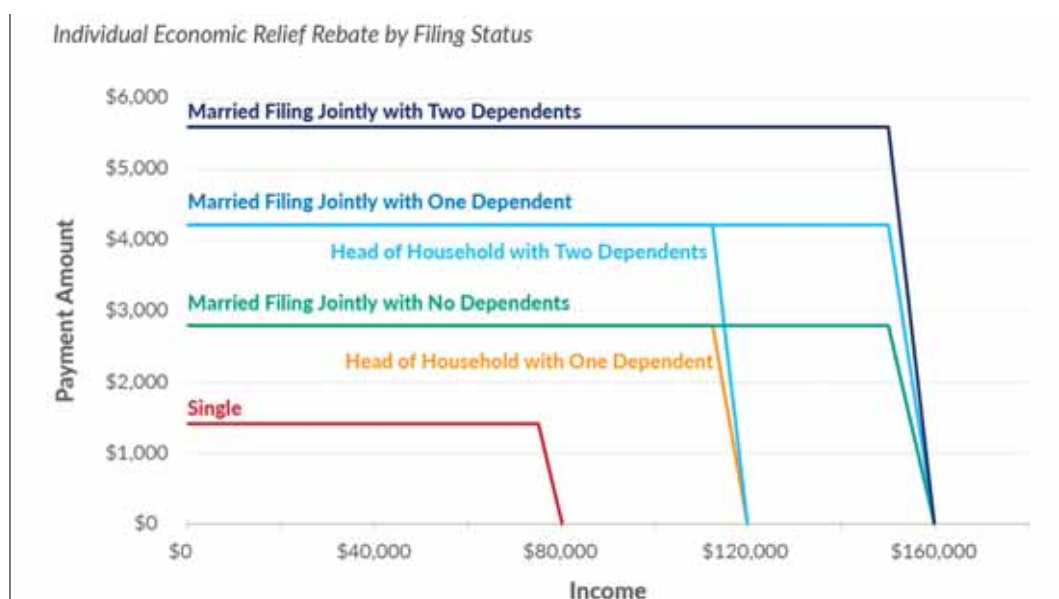
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The American Rescue Plan Is Here: More Stimulus

As we crest the one-year mark of the onset of COVID-19, Congress has passed an additional relief package in the form of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Act of 2021. The ARPAA is scheduled to be signed into law by President Biden before the enhanced unemployment benefits previously extended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (CCA) expire on March 14. This legislation contains several key provisions that could impact your personal and business tax and financial planning.

Another round of direct payments will be sent to taxpayers with Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) less than \$75,000 for single filers and \$150,000 for joint filers. The maximum payment is \$1,400 per adult and qualifying dependent, bringing total potential payments to \$2,000 per person when combined with the \$600 payments that were made under the CCA. The ARPAA expands the definition of qualifying dependents for whom taxpayers are eligible to receive payments. Taxpayers previously only received payments for dependents age 16 and under. The expanded definition now includes children who are either under the age 19 at the end of the tax year, full-time students under the age of 24 at the end of the year, or permanently and totally disabled at any time during the year, as well as qualifying relatives such as aging parents that a taxpayer might be supporting. Compared to income phaseout thresholds for payments made under the CCA and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security (CARES) Act, the AGI phaseout thresholds under the ARPA are lower, meaning that payments taper off faster (see the graph below). If you'll be receiving this additional stimulus payment and are considering options for how to use the funds, review our suggestions as outlined in our prior communication discussing the original stimulus payments authorized by the CARES Act.



Source: American Rescue Act (Senate Version), Tax Foundation calculations.

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The ARPA also temporarily expands the child tax credit for 2021 to a fully refundable \$3,600 for children age five or younger and \$3,000 for children ages six to 17, with phaseouts beginning when AGI reaches \$75,000 for single filers and \$150,000 for joint filers. In addition to increasing the dollar amount of the credit, the expanded credit is fully refundable, compared to the standard child tax credit of which up to \$1,400 could be refundable and which requires at least \$2,500 of earned income. The expanded credit also covers 17-year-old children rather than stopping after age 16. The IRS plans to periodically advance the credit to qualifying taxpayers, meaning that monthly payments are likely to hit their bank accounts from July through December 2021, with the rest of the credit claimed when they file their 2021 tax returns. Taxpayers who are phased out of the expanded credit may still claim the regular child tax credit of \$2,000 per child subject to AGI thresholds of \$200,000 for single filers and \$400,000 for joint filers.

With federal unemployment benefits about to expire, the ARPA does extend those payments of \$300 per week through September 6. It also waives federal taxes on the first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits collected in 2020 (\$20,400 for joint filers) subject to AGI limits of \$150,000. Some states do tax unemployment benefits, and they may not waive the tax to align with this new federal provision.

On the student loan front, the ARPA provides tax-free treatment to taxpayers who have student loans discharged through 2025. Absent this provision, debt cancellation is usually treated as taxable income.

From a business standpoint, the ARPA provides additional funds for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Advance Grants Program, among other grants. It also extends the Employee Retention Credit (ERC). Some of these provisions are interrelated, so we recommend consulting your tax advisor to determine the optimal tax strategy for your business. Notably, proposals to increase the minimum wage were not included in the final legislation.

As always, the Sequoia team is available to help in determining how the ARPA and other recent legislation might impact you based on your personal circumstances and goals.

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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.

November 2020

Name	Rank	Dept.	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death	Age
Pushee, Bobby	P.O.	Police	4-20-70	9-13-85	11-30-20	78
Mathewson, Stanley	P.O.	Police	8-5-68	8-5-93	11-25-20	74

December 2020

Name	Rank	Dept.	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death	Age
Hughes, Daniel	P.O.	Police	1-14-74	7-7-99	12-24-20	72
Rein, John	P.O.	Police	8-1-50	9-1-86	12-14-20	95
Wagner, Mary	Sgt.	Police	6-1-62	7-22-89	12-29-20	81
Barnes, Dennis	FF	Fire	10-5-70	1-29-90	12-2-20	71
Ellul, Edward	FF	Fire	12-5-66	6-16-77	12-31-20	76
Hallack, Melvin	FF	Fire	12-11-72	7-6-77	12-8-20	74

January 2021

Name	Rank	Dept.	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death	Age
Catanzaro, Dominic	P.O.	Police	9-22-47	12-2-72	1-7-21	95
Davis, Levi Jr.	P.O.	Police	7-18-66	7-20-01	1-8-21	83
Dawson, Johnny	P.O.	Police	6-12-72	2-9-01	1-8-21	79
Jones, Sandra	P.O.	Police	9-30-81	4-18-03	1-16-21	69
Kursinsky, Donald	Sgt.	Police	7-13-59	1-28-86	1-13-21	85
Martin, Allen	P.O.	Police	6-18-51	10-19-76	1-8-21	93
McAllister, Terrence	Sgt.	Police	2-25-57	2-25-82	1-20-21	85
McFarland, Thomas	P.O.	Police	2-11-74	10-9-04	1-12-21	68
Rusch, Thomas	Sgt.	Police	1-3-55	6-5-79	1-18-21	90
Samborski, Frank	Lt.	Police	4-27-64	5-11-90	1-18-21	77
Sun, Patrick	Sgt.	Police	7-13-59	2-10-90	1-12-21	83
Warner, Richard	Lt.	Police	7-14-57	3-1-74	1-29-21	88
Willsey, Ronald	P.O.	Police	8-5-68	8-15-94	1-7-21	66
Zwicker, Paul	Lt.	Police	7-6-54	6-16-87	1-21-21	91
Fantauzzo, Dominic	Bt. Chief	Fire	9-12-55	5-7-89	1-21-21	91
Gallo, Michael	Senior Chief	Fire	3-12-73	12-12-12	1-14-21	68
Lewis, James	Insp. (Prevention)	Fire	10-30-72	2-27-98	1-13-21	78
Monks, Thomas	FEO	Fire	7-7-64	1-2-90	1-10-21	82
Sewell, Robert	FEO	Fire	2-13-78	6-5-02	1-16-21	78

February 2021

Name	Rank	Dept.	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death	Age
Brown, James T.	P.O.	Police	6-16-77	7-22-88	2-11-21	69
Cleveland, Jesse	Sgt.	Police	10-12-70	1-3-06	2-3-21	78
Dowdy, William T.	P.O.	Police	10-24-66	1-4-02	2-16-21	78
Fisette, John	Sgt.	Police	6-10-90	Died Active	2-21-21	54
Gambrell, Paula-Day	Sgt.	Police	10-27-86	1-3-12	2-15-21	56
Hutchins, Eugene	Inv.	Police	5-19-77	6-30-13	2-14-21	71
Knittel, Edmund	P.O.	Police	10-21-57	1-4-84	2-5-21	84
Kwapisz, Robert	P.O.	Police	1-3-56	4-21-81	2-21-21	86

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February 2021 (continued)

Name	Rank	Dept.	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death	Age
Lesure, Luther	P.O.	Police	12-5-66	12-7-89	2-23-21	83
Pehrson, Charles	Sgt.	Police	11-17-47	3-3-73	2-22-21	96
Perry, Herman	Lt.	Police	2-22-71	9-2-06	2-14-21	76
Stevenson, Anthony	P.O.	Police	8-8-77	1-4-05	2-18-21	68
Stricklen, Robert	Sgt.	Police	7-19-67	8-26-86	2-1-21	76
Stringer, Travis	P.O.	Police	10-1-71	10-30-96	2-19-21	76
Malie, Edward	FEO	Fire	1-2-68	2-17-88	2-27-21	78
Shiner, Edward	Bt. Chief	Fire	9-9-57	2-20-92	2-3-21	83

March 2021

Name	Rank	Dept.	Appointed	Retired	Date of Death	Age
Chave, William	P.O.	Police	4-17-67	4-17-92	3-22-21	76
McKinney, Joseph	P.O.	Police	9-16-68	2-22-96	3-1-21	75
Prentice, Lorita	Inv.	Police	6-24-75	7-28-00	3-9-21	71
Riina, Leonard	P.O.	Police	3-10-69	3-19-94	3-15-21	74
Ross, Joseph	P.O.	Police	2-23-70	2-18-93	3-17-21	77
Sypniewski, Walter	Sgt.	Police	8-1-66	8-1-91	3-26-21	77
Zervas, Michael	Sgt.	Police	1-17-49	1-19-74	3-25-21	94
Gilmore, Josh	FFD	Fire	9-9-02	12-7-16	3-21-21	41
Herron, Gerald	Sgt.	Fire	7-5-66	11-11-83	3-22-21	79
Morgan, John C.	Capt.	Fire	5-6-68	7-25-00	3-3-21	78
Raley, David	Lt.	Fire	10-3-92	1-13-92	3-25-21	79
Richardson, Albert	Chief	Fire	6-2-69	9-1-05	3-17-21	75



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Carol Curley

Yea! Spring!

Winter was not as bad as it usually is. It would warm up to forty or fifty and go down to the teens or single digits in the same week. Not much snow either. March came in like a lamb in Michigan, but some wind storms had knocked out electricity in the south side of the state.

Up here by me we've had many field fires this past March. That's how dry it's been. The warm sunshine, birds singing and trees wondering if they should burst their buds open now or wait cause we can get snow and ice till the end of May.

It was great to see each other again for lunch in February. In March we celebrated our Twenty-Ninth

Anniversary with pretty table setting treats, good food, fine company and cheesecake for dessert. A few members have gone on vacations and have come back already.

Happy Birthdays

February: Annette Emkee, Mary Stanbury and Carol Curley

April: Judy Wagner

May: Barb Tilley and Carol Bender

50/50 winners:

February: Carol Bender

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- (g) Other gifts and prizes.

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