



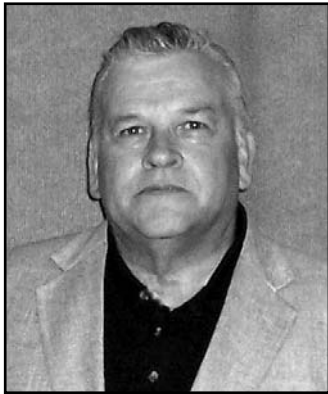
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Quarterly Voice of the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters

Volume 102, July 2010



PRESIDENT

Don Taylor

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer break. As you spend time with your family and friends over the summer don't forget to save a little time to participate in some of the activities offered by the Association, Picnic August 14th, Golf Outing August 20th and the Las Vegas Convention September 20-24 at the RIO Suites.

Speaking of the Las Vegas convention, we have sold out on the Air and hotel packages, but we still have rooms held at Rio Suites. If you are attending and need a room, just give the office a call and ask for me or Jack Devoy.

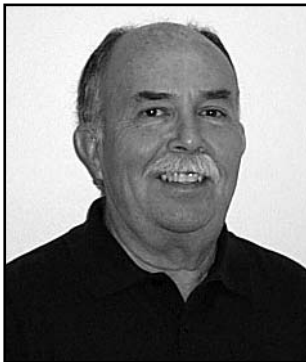
On to the business at hand. We are still waiting on the Chairman of the Labor Committee to have his committee vote HB4917 out of committee and on to the full house. It is unfortunate that this is taking so long, but as we are finding out, that is the way politics works. We believe we have the votes to pass the legislation out of the Labor Committee, but once it reaches the House floor we will need your assistance. Once again we will be asking for you to contact your Representatives to vote for HB4917.

As you may or may not know the reason for the delays have been, the involvement of some of the large labor organizations, AFLCIO, ASME, UAW, and others have expressed concern that the legislation would

have an affect on Public Employees Relation Act (PERA). This is not the case and we have had our attorneys testify to the fact that this legislation will not have any affect on PERA. But the large labor organizations were able to convince the Leadership of the House that if they were given some time they would be able to work with and assist the local unions (DPOA, LSA, COA, DFFA) in resolving the issue outside of the legislation.

As we now know no meetings were called and no real attempt was made to bring the parties together to resolve the issue. We were informed as was the Chairman of the Labor Committee by the President of the DFFA that they had placed the issue on the table as part of there final offer in the current Act 312 proceedings. As of this date we are not aware of the language that the DFFA has requested regarding the Pension Board issue. We believe that although we appreciate the DFFA taking the issue up at their Act 312, this will not resolve the issue. This is only the DFFA, and to our knowledge this language was not discussed with or agreed to by the others Unions, and in order for any changes to be implemented all four of the Unions would have to have the same language in each of their contacts. That is why we had suggested if any agreements outside of the legislation were to be pursued it should be in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Which would allow all of the Unions to amend their respective contacts at the same time outside of Act 312. So absent a uniform effort by the Unions to resolve the issue, we have no choice but to continue to pursue the legislation. Our members deserve a voice on the operation of their Pension System and we intend to continue to pursue this matter until we have an equal voice with the actives. We will

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VICE PRESIDENT

Gregory Trozak

I would like to begin by updating everyone on the results of the elections held for the two (2) positions on the Pension Board. Trustee Jeff Pegg from the ranks of the Fire Department ran unopposed and thus will serve for the next three (3) years. On the Police side of the aisle will sit a new Trustee. The new Trustee is Matt Gnatek, a Sergeant assigned to the Homicide Section. Matt defeated two (2) term Trustee Marty Bandemer in the election. Matt appeared at our Association's June General Meeting as a guest and stated he would keep our members informed and would represent everyone equally during his term on the board. Congratulations to both Matt and Jeff and all we ask is to be represented equally and fairly.

Continuing with the pension theme, it appears as of this writing that HB 4917 is again on hold until sometime this month. Apparently an active union(s) talked to the right people and on the night of May 18, just

hours before the bill was to be voted out of Committee, received a 21 day delay so a "compromise" could be worked out. After the 21 day delay the Fire Fighters union submitted a letter to the Chairman of the Labor Committee stating that the retirees concern may be addressed in their Act 312 proposal to the City but they could not state the portion that would help us. In the end the delay continues until sometime this month. As of this writing there is no schedule set for the summer recess for the Legislature so the delay may continue through this month. So keep a close eye on the website and your e-mail inbox.

It seems that HB 4917 draws a lot of attention to the Detroit Fire Fighters Association (DFFA). One of their Officers wrote his entire article in the DFFA magazine about the legislation and our Association. He seems to think our "beer drinking, pizza eating and storytelling" members should sit back collect our pensions and be happy. Well a lot of us do enjoy eating pizza, having a few beers and we have some of the best stories ever told, but we are not going to sit back and not be heard from. He seems to think that the fighting and bargaining with the City just started during his time being an active employee. The battle has been ongoing for years and years and yes our retired members were involved in many of these battles and I'm sure there will be many more in the future. So no, we are not going to sit back, drink our beer and eat our pizza. HB 4917 would give our eligible members the right to vote for the active employee(s) who are seeking election to the Board of Trustees on an equal basis, i.e. according to the department (Police or Fire) retired from, rank achieved upon retirement. This method of voting is spelled out in all the union contracts very specifically. All we are looking for is an equal voice.

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This issue I am going to start on the lighter side and make a few announcements to the membership. There is no General Membership Meeting in July and August, although the Association organizes three summer events for members to participate in. The first is the Annual Picnic to be held on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at Kopling Park located at 47440 Sugarbush Road, Chesterfield Township followed by the Nineteenth Annual Golf Outing on Friday, August 20, 2010 at Salt River located at 38633 23 Mile Road, Chesterfield (586) 725-0311, and last but not least the Police and Fire Educational Seminar in Las Vegas – September 20 – 24, 2010. We run these events so members and friends can get together and enjoy comradeship to promote a spirit of good fellowship. On the first Thursday in September, the Association will return to its monthly General Membership Meetings starting on the East Side followed by an October meeting on the West Side.

On an upsetting note, I read an article in the Fire Association paper - March, April and May 2010 issue - written by the Treasurer - The article was primarily devoted to the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association and House Bill 4917 (Voting Rights Legislation), Quoting from the paper in part, "The active members are the ones working in increasingly more dangerous conditions and living shorter lives – negotiating for retirees to get extra benefits is just something Local 344 cannot even hope to undertake".

I cannot sit back idly without a comment on this one. The subject of working conditions and length of life is a concern of many in public safety, and that includes retirees, but before the writer declares martyrdom he should not overlook, a laundry list of hardships that his predecessors - Fire and Police - had to endure as well as dangerous conditions. My response to Local 344 not undertaking negotiating responsibilities for retirees is that someone made time with pension money to negotiate retirement benefits for active members in addition to relieving the city of three annual contributions, worth 75 million dollars.

The perception is that the Fire union leadership is carrying the water for the 3 other unions - DCOA, DPLS and DPOA, who quietly sit back while all four object and/or block Retirees from having a voice on our pension fund. Most of his article lacks respect for his predecessors both Police and Fire. Adding, "They get together to drink beer, eat pizza and tell old stories". In my opinion the writer's tone is sarcastic and disrespectful to all retirees.

At the hearing of HB4917 in front of the Labor Committee, Detroit Fire personnel (the Union President and Secretary) proudly spoke of their long history of Firefighters and Police Officers on the department and then have a fellow elected officer of the Fire Fighters Association respond in this manner - What a shame to go this route! He continued with his writing, "this social group (Retired Police and Fire Fighters Association) is not recognized as having the ability to negotiate anything". I have heard more than once by actives in elected positions, "You got yours, now it's our turn". This selfish way of thinking is the problem.

All along Retirees have stated that we support active efforts to negotiate with the City the best contract that both sides can agree with, although we maintain one stipulation and that is - do not negotiate any reduction in earned retirement benefits. The Retired Detroit Police and Fire Association had to take action when union bargaining personnel, some elected as Police and Fire Trustees, negotiated benefits with pension funds for the city and active personnel. Some will say that it has been done before and that is true, but it does not make it right and that course of action must stop! HB4917 got its beginning when retirees were left out of a distribution equation. The Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association were systematically being ignored with stall tactics and statements that amounted to, you got yours now move out of the way.

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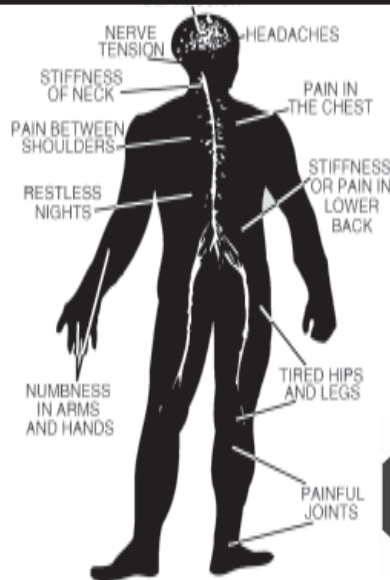
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Big Boy's at Garfield and Hall Rd. (M-59)

11th Precinct Retirees Luncheon

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

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

14th Precinct Quarterly Breakfast

Contact Ron Smolka at

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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 I-96

Welcome New Members!

April

Fields, Jamie Police • Miller, Keith Police

May

Gajewski, Timothy Fire • Jones, Samuel Fire
Sumeracki, Daniel Fire

June

Collins, Gary Fire • Peters, Candice Police
Turner, Michael Fire

ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

NEW!

General Membership

Meeting Schedule

SEPTEMBER 2010 - JUNE 2011

THURSDAY AT 7 PM

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West Side Silver Ladies*

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

Archie's – 30471 Plymouth Road – Livonia

Between Middlebelt and Merriman Road

East Side Silver Ladies*

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*

Next meeting is 1st Sunday of the month 12:30 P.M.

“October to April” at Brandon Community Center

502 E. Sadie St. - Brandon, Florida

Snowbirds Of Michigan*

2nd Sunday of the month

at “BJ's” Restaurant in Gaylord, MI

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

Nevada Jackpots*

Refer to column for next meeting's location.

*Refer to columns for specifics or program changes

**Articles for the October, 2010
Issue should be “submitted” by
September 14, 2010**

VICE PRESIDENT *(continued from page 2)*

He states that we should use our resources to force the City to enforce the City Charter for our seat on the Pension Board. Well this Association did this a few years ago and we did win in the local courts only to have the case appealed and overturned by the Court of Appeals. The reason the appeals court overturned the award was because this is a "negotiable item" and must be decided in negotiations with the City and the active unions. So this is where we stand now, still with no voice. If the DFFA Officer has a problem with our Association we have always stated that we will meet and talk at anytime and anyplace. Also he seems to think that the leadership of the RDPFFA is failing to keep its members informed and attempting to build this Association on "untruths". I would personally request that if any of our members feel this is the way this Association is headed please let me know immediately. Moving on to other matters, on the Federal Government side of issues I would like to address the General Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination

Provision (WEP). HR 235 and S 484 are still in committee and time is running out. There are 330 members of Congress and 31 Senators signed on as cosponsors of the bills. It is imperative that our members continue to write or call their representatives in Washington and state that these bills are very important to us and it is a fairness issue. Let them know that after our years of public service we are penalized because we receive a government type of pension. A short letter or phone call can do no harm and help to keep these bills on the table and get them out of committee and to the floors for a vote. Any questions or concerns please let me know. Just another reminder about the upcoming events scheduled. The picnic, golf outing and the Las Vegas trip are all listed in the UNITY so if you can make arrangements to attend please do so and I look forward to seeing everyone. Also remember that the General Meetings begin in September again.

In closing and according to the Treasurer of the DFFA, now that we are retired enjoy the palm trees, oceans, mountain ranges, green golf courses and fresh blue water. While we are at it have some beer, pizza and keep telling those great stories. Until the next time if you have any problems or questions please call or send me an e-mail to gregrdpffa@hotmail.com.



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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.

January 2010

Name	Rank	Dept.	Date of Death
Hardoin, Leonard	FFD	Fire	1-8-10

(Regrets for the misspelling in the last issue)

March 2010

Name	Rank	Dept.	Date of Death
Slaine, Richard	P.O.	Police	3-28-10
Williams, Charles	P.O.	Police	3-31-10

April 2010

Name	Rank	Dept.	Date of Death
Beer, Ferdinand	Capt.	Fire	4-11-10
Brooks, Derek	Lt.	Fire	4-29-10
Dudek, Mary	P.O.	Police	4-28-10
Fountain, John	Sgt.	Fire	4-3-10
Frazier, Milton	P.O.	Police	4-12-10
Gascon, Martin	Sgt.	Fire	4-20-10
Griem, Floyd	Lt.	Fire	4-25-10
Hopkins, John	P.O.	Police	4-6-10
Kearney, Emmett "Ray"	Lt.	Police	4-20-10
Lalonde, Edward	P.O.	Police	4-26-10
Monahan, James	Capt.	Fire	4-20-10
Mullaney, George	FF	Fire	4-6-10
Norfleet, Gerald	P.O.	Police	4-6-10
Rogers, John	P.O.	Police	4-19-10
Simpson, Lucia	Lt.	Police	4-1-10
Williams, Phineas	P.O.	Police	4-20-10
Wing, Richard	Sgt.	Police	4-16-10
Jokerst, Earl	P.O.	Police	4-6-10

May 2010

Name	Rank	Dept.	Date of Death
Andras, Brian	P.O.	Police	5-14-10
Bennett, James	Lt.	Police	5-10-10
Brodie, James	Lt.	Police	5-11-10
Daniels, Vito	Sgt.	Police	5-1-10
Edwards, James	P.O.	Police	5-2-10
Evans, Robert	Sgt.	Police	5-14-10
Hall, Carl Jr.	P.O.	Police	5-2-10
Hamilton, Johnie	P.O.	Police	5-22-10
Huff, Brian (Active)	P.O.	Police	5-3-10
Leeny, James	P.O.	Police	5-19-10
Marquardt, Robert	P.O.	Police	5-22-10

May 2010 (cont.)

Name	Rank	Dept.	Date of Death
Massey, Marvin	Capt.	Fire	5-5-10
Penick, George	P.O.	Police	5-25-10
Pezda, George	P.O.	Police	5-8-10
Sasinowski, Richard	Sgt.	Police	5-11-10
Smith, Lerendeen	Insp.	Police	5-2-10
Sweeney, Howard	P.O.	Police	5-25-10
Young, Leo	Sgt.	Police	5-13-10
Zang, William	P.O.	Police	5-26-10

June 2010

Name	Rank	Dept.	Date of Death
Benson, Barry	P.O.	Police	6-20-10
Browe, John	Insp.	Fire	6-22-10
Donohue, Richard	P.O.	Police	6-19-10
Forgue, Richard	Capt.	Fire	6-9-10
Jackson, Byron	Lt.	Fire	6-10-10
Krzyaniak, Harry	Capt.	Fire	6-23-10
Loepp, Vernon	Bt Chief	Fire	6-7-10
Lurry, Sarah	P.O.	Police	6-19-10
Mathis, Robert	P.O.	Police	6-13-10
Pankake, Carol	P.O.	Police	6-22-10
Smith, Gordon	FF	Fire	6-16-10
Stephens, Mary	P.O.	Police	6-15-10
Weismiller, Robert	P.O.	Police	6-7-10

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Gerald F. Klassa

Retired Lieutenant DFD (82)

Just a Thank You and a small check to help with the P.A.C.

Thanks,

Robert Cook

Thanks for all you have done for us over the years. I retired in 1971 and you have always been there for us.

Sincerely,

Reino Saari

Thank You for all you do. Please accept this check and use it where needed.

Sincerely

Shirley & Don Blevins

Many thanks for your constant alertness to the needs and welfare of the spouses of retirees. It is much appreciated.

Please use enclosed wherever needed. God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Catherine Ann Kennedy

Widow Angus Patrick Kennedy

Please accept this contribution in memory of Forest R. Ford who was a former President of LSA, retiring in 1970. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to maintaining and improving the lives of retirees! Really enjoyed April issue of Unity so informative. Great Job!

Mary Jane Ford

A donation in memory of my friend Bea Livernois. We were police wives together and have wonderful memories of our times. We both enjoyed all the picnics

and parties and hearing of the meetings from our husbands-Don and George.

Keep up the good work. You are so appreciated.

Nila Dewolf

Great idea to join forces- Hope it works well, keep up the good work.

Jim Srock

Please find enclosed check of \$100 to be used where deemed best. I sincerely thank you for all you have done for the retirees. My husband Howard Brandt would want me to support you in this way. He retired in 1971 and died in 1997. I would appreciate this to be in his memory. Thank You.

Shirley Brandt

Please use this donation for your PAC activities. Thank you for all your good work.

Helen & Mike Kaczorowski

I want to thank you for all that you have done for us Police & Fire Fighter retirees plus the widows of retirees. I have always been a strong union supporter but I am losing confidence in the leadership our unions are showing toward us retirees. Keep up the strong fight against the city & administration. I am enclosing a small donation for the P.A.C. I wish it could be more.

Jim Loehnis

Please accept my \$50.00 donation to the P.A.C. to help continue the challenges that all the retirees are facing in the future. I appreciate all that has been accomplished on my behalf. In memory of John Pike FEO

Lois Pike

Thank you for all the many services rendered. Very much appreciated

John G. Darnell

Kudos and many pats on the backs for all your hard work. I'd be in a sad situation otherwise.

Mary Ann Wilmers

Thank You for all you do for us, keep up the good work.

God Bless

Barbara Balhorn

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Don & Crew

Thank You for being my voice and having the backs of all Retirees. Nothing without You

Jan McKeithen

Thanks L. Winck, I really appreciate the great job you do. I'm grateful for the association. I believe dues should be \$50.00 a year. Just my opinion.

Keep your powder dry! Love you Guys!

Gary Severs

To be used where ever needed. Thank you for all the things you have saved for us.

Herb Holcomb

Hi Guys, I'm sending this update on dues.

Thanking you Guys for all you do, I'm sending this check for the P.A.C. Fund, and memory of my brother Don Yuhn .Retired DFD

Thanks

Del Yuhn, Class of 1956,

Retired LSA 1981

Enclosing a check in appreciation for being there and answering the phone.

The donation is for the P.A.C. fund in memory of Mike Lane.

Sincerely,

Jean Lane

Please find enclosed check for the PAC fund. In memory of John Given.

Thanks again for all you do.

Therese Gilgallon

Please use this donation where needed the most and thank you for all your time and hard work. We appreciate it!!

Ken Borieo

Here is a small donation. Put it where ever it is needed the most.

Enjoy the Newsletter's very much.

Louis Cardinale

Ret Fire Capt

Hello fellow Police Officers, a humble thank you for all your work.

Sincerely,

John Griffin

Hi Jack, Please see that this goes to the PAC Fund. You guys do a great job. We're all proud of your efforts. Give em Hell. Maybe I'll see you in Vegas in Sept.

Al Scarborough

Thanks for all the work you guys are doing. When I got my Unity I couldn't believe how hard you have to work. Keep up the good work.

Andrew & Leatrice Kapral

Thank you for everything that you do for us retirees, you are truly appreciated. Here is a donation for PAC I hope it will help some.

Sincerely,

Wanda Shalagan

Thank you for the fine job you are doing for us retirees. We appreciate all of your hard work. Enclosed is a donation check for PAC. (\$50.)

Alfred Fischer

Retired APB 1972

Please accept this donation for the PAC Fund. Thanks for all the work you do for us retirees.

Sincerely

Leo Krouse

Just want to let you know how much I appreciate all the work you are doing for us out here in the hinterlands. Use this where it is most needed.

Wes Dawe

Please accept this token of my appreciation for all the work that you do for the Retirees.

This check is in memory of my wife Delores.

Thank You

Ed Kuhnlein

Thank you one & all for all the good things you do for all the retired members. Believe me it is all so appreciated & we are all so thankful for each & every one of you. Please use this check as you see fit.

Sincerely,

Jack Bissett

In memory of Gus Herbstreit. I thank you for all you have done for me over the years.

Gus retired in 1976 from the Police Department.

Ruth Herbstreit

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Please use this check in any fund you feel is needed.

Thank You
Homer Buttrey

Gentlemen, the enclosed check for \$50.00 is for the PAC Fund. Thank you for the fine job you are doing for us Retirees.

Thank You
Daniel J Rogers

Here is a small check for the PAC Fund. You are right about us Retirees getting old. Everyone in my class must be nearing their mid 80s.

God Bless
Frank Bernock

Please use this check for the appreciation fund, in memory of Tom and Marilyn Perrin.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Craig T Perrin,
Retired Captain DFD

These two checks are for appreciation to the association and PAC donation.

Thanks guys and keep up the good work.
P.S raise the dues to \$5.00

Robert Campbell

Thank you for all you have done for the retirees. Please except this check in memory of Robert R Manzel RDPD. Put it in the PAC to help.

Thank You,
C Patricia Manzel

Enclosed is a check in the amount of five hundred (500) dollars. This check is for the Political Action Committee. The check represents four (4) memorial contributions, in the amount of one hundred twenty five (125) each, in memory of the following four (4) crime fighters:

Crime Fighter Chester Kotowicz
Crime Fighter George Ball
Crime Fighter Joseph Twardzik
Crime Fighter Mary Anne Campbell Dudek
United We Stand,
Crime Fighter *Loren E Wagner*,
Crime Fighter *Shirley L Wagner*

Fellow Crime Fighters and Smoke Eaters

Thank you, President D Taylor for your article in the Volume 101, April 2010 issue of Unity magazine. It was

most educational. You covered and explained several subjects in a concise, informative manner. 2nd and 3rd thank you to VP G. Trozak and Secretary/Treasurer A. Grant for further explanations and information, in both of their articles. Both Shirley and I wish to thank not only the officers and elected trustees, but also the volunteers working at the Association office.

Respectfully,
Crime Fighter *Loren E Wagner*

Enclosed is a check for \$100, Please use where most needed.

I am age 96; Are dues dropped at my age? Am I correct? I'm glad to have the Unity magazine coming again.

Thank you all for your kindness when I need to call for help or information. I'm sending donation in memory of my husband, Frank M Jones.

Clara Minnetta Jones

Thank you for all you're doing and continue to do for the retirees. Enclosed is a donation for PAC.

Bob Teipel

Enclosed is a donation to be used for PAC. Thank you for a fine job.

Dennis P Barton

Enclosed please find an appreciation check for all you people do in Michigan.

Being in AZ the Unity brings us closer together.

Dennis & Marilyn Turner

Please apply my enclosed donation to the PAC Fund, I would also like to extend a special Thank you to our Association Officers that work so hard on behalf of "All" Retirees.

Sincerely,
John W Adams

From; Retired Detroit Police Club of Florida

Enclosed is a check for the amount of \$200.00 - At our May meeting the membership again voted unanimously to send a check for \$200.00 to help our parent organization!

The members suggested that the check should go to the Political Action Fund as that is where it is most needed. Our Thanks, Thanks, Thanks, to all of you!

Treasurer *Dolores Larsen*

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Enclosed is my donation in memory of my husband, George Brooks, to be added to the PAC fund. Thanks for all your hard work on behalf of Retirees and Widows of Detroit Police Fire Depts.

Sincerely,
Irene Brooks

I thank you and all others for the work you are doing for me and other retirees. I wish I could donate more but it is all I can afford. So please give this to the PAC Fund.

Sincerely,
Frank J. Capizzo

Thank you so very much for all your hard work and time. You are doing an outstanding job for all us retirees. We truly appreciate it! Use the enclosed check where you feel it is needed the most.

Sincerely;
Ray & Judy Michalski

On behalf of the Westside Silver Ladies, Please accept this donation in memory of Jean Lewis. Our

Endorsements for Political Candidates

The Association has endorsed the following candidates, for the primary elections. All of the candidates have been supportive of the RDPFFA positions, and continue to offer their support and assistance on our issues.

State Senator

District 01	Coleman Young
District 02	Bettie C. Scott (Member RDPFFA)
District 05	Tupac Hunter
District 25	Phil Pavlov

State Representative

District 06	Fred Durhal Jr.
District 12	Rashida Tlaib
District 16	Bob Constan
District 21	Dian Slavens
District 28	Lesia Liss
District 29	Tim Melton
District 42	Harold Haugh
District 45	Tom McMillin
District 69	Mark Meadows
District 70	Mike Huckleberry
District 82	Kevin Daley
District 90	Joe Haveman
District 109	Steven Lindberg

organization appreciates the time and expense the RDP&FFA puts forth on behalf of all of us. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Geri Henningsen, President

Enclosed is a check for the P.A.C. Fund. A Big Thank You, to the Officers and Staff of our RDPFFA Assoc. for all your hard work and dedication for us Retirees.

Bob Loeffler (Retired 1973)

Sorry this took me so long to do! Please take me off your non-member list! The quilt is killing me! Can this membership payout be deducted from my check? Let me know!

Sincerely Thank You,
Candi Peters ex DPD

Please use this donation toward P.A.C. Fund. Thank you for the work you do for us.

John Vandenboom

\$75 of this check is for Las Vegas Convention. The rest can be used as you see fit.

Don & Donna Mlostek

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Westside Silver Ladies

Geri Henningsen

Are you a member of RDP&FFA and a widow of a Detroit police officer (regardless of rank) or a Detroit firefighter? If so, there is a group of widows who share the same interests and concerns as yourself. If you feel we could be of assistance, you can attend one luncheon without obligation to join. For information, eastsiders phone Irene Brooks at (586) 749-8894, westsiders phone Geri Henningsen (734) 335-6778. We'd love to meet you.

Our meetings have been well attended. Our 50/50 winners were Carol Bender (who donated winnings back to treasury) in April and Theresa Zalewski for May.

June 1, I attended the luncheon of the Eastside Silver Ladies. It is always nice to finally meet and put a face to names I've read about in the columns. I sat with Barb Tally and Marie Johnson who were two of the original members who helped form the Westside Silver Ladies. Also, I talked with Judy, Pauline and Wilma Fulton. Thank you all for such a warm welcome.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Dolores Smith = 6/20, Donna Hope = 7/26, Shirley Brandt = 7/27, Eleanor Popiela = 8/5, Dolores Linn = 8/18, Martina Burke = 9/13, Elmira Affelt & Sally Emerick both on 9/26. Let the party begin!

I know the retirees picnic is on the eastside this year but I would sure like to see some of our westsiders attend...the "price" is certainly good! Fran Murphy and myself will be selling raffle tickets as usual!

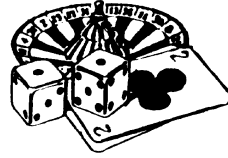
THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "None of us are responsible for our birth. Our responsibility is the use we make of life".

Let's meet at Archie's

Geri Henningsen - (734) 335-6778

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.



NEVADA JACKPOTS

Ray Downing

The last meeting of the Nevada Jackpots was held at Hugo's Cellar at the Four Queens Resort & Casino on Fremont Street, Downtown Las Vegas. It was a small get together, as these have become, with little business conducted and all in attendance just enjoying the chat and fraternalism.

Treasurer Tom Hulkkonen advised that our treasury holds \$443 at this time. A few have not sent in their dues for two years, so have been removed from the mailing list.

One very pleasant surprise was the appearance of Roma Oatey and her daughter, Kim. Roma has moved back in to the Las Vegas area from the outpost at F Troop otherwise known as Mesquite. They look like sisters so let me identify Roma as being on the left.



— Photo by Tony Pakula

It was not until after the meeting that the death of member Richard Sasinowski came to our attention. We only found out about it through a newspaper death notice. Cards were sent to the home from the Jackpots; there was no service.

The Breeds will host a dice/card party for the Nevada Jackpots in their home on Saturday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP John or Evie at 897-6395. Their address is 2283 Bildad, Henderson, in the Anthem area.

The next Jackpots meeting will be Saturday, July 10, 9:30 a.m. at the same location, Hugo's Cellar, Four Queens Resort.

REMEMBRANCE AND THANK YOU

The following supporters, their names and in names of their loved ones, have contributed most generously to our Appreciation and P.A.C. Funds. Your continued support of our Association is the encouragement we need and reflects your recognition of the Association's efforts in your behalf.

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Mlostek, Don & Donna
Patrell, Joseph
Petoskey, Melvin
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Sklut, Alma

Appreciation (Donation)

In Memory of

Chakan, Sharron *in memory of John Chakan*
Chakan, Sharron *in memory of John Chakan*
Chase, Rita *in memory of Rita Chase*
Curley, Carol *in memory of*
Lt. Gerald M Curley
Parker, Doris *in memory of Douglas Parker*
Perrin, Craig *in memory of*
Tom & Marilyn Perrin
Viecelli, Richard *in memory of the*
Ten Pct Cruiser

P.A.C. (Donation)

Abele, Gilbert
Adams, John W.
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Barber, Gary
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Bernock, Frank
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Borio, Kenneth
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Campbell, Robert D.
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Jones, Clara
Kaczorowski, Helen
Kapral, Andrew
Kiehl, William
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Manzel, C. Patricia
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Milantoni, Robert
Neill, Donald
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Saunders, Frank
Scarborough, Allen
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Shalagan, Wanda
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Sparkman, Barbara
Spytek, Frances
Srock, James
St John, Joseph
Stachecki, Craig
Stanbury, Geroge
Swientoniowski, Daniel
Teipel, Robert
Thibodeau, Terese
Tillman, Richard
Tower, Patrick

Turner, Marilyn
Vanden Boom, John & Marilyn
Walcheck, Richard & Suzanne
Watson, Donald
West, Andrew
Wilkins, William & Nancy
Wilmers, Mary Ann
Wiltse, Earl
Wojdyla, William
Wunkler, Frank
Yandric, Virginia

P.A.C. (Donation)

In Memory of

Brandt, Shirley *in memory of*
Howard Brandt, Sr.
Brooks, Irene *in memory of George Brooks*
Chakan, Sharron *in memory of John Chakan*
Cronk, Richard *in memory of Mary Cronk*
DeWolf, Nila *in memory of Bea Livernois*
Falbo, Eugene *in memory of James Monahan*
Ford, Mary Jane *in memory of Forest R. Ford*
Gilgallon, Therese *in memory of John Given*
Gwizdz, Robert *in memory of*
James Zimmerman
Herbstreit, Ruth *in memory of Gus Herbstreit*
Hix, Carter *in memory of Vito Daniels*
Kennedy, Catherine *in memory of*
Angus P. Kennedy
Kuhnlein, Edmund *in memory of*
Delores Kuhnlein
Lane, Jean *in memory of Mike Lane*
McGinity, George *in Appreciation*
of Dr. Cutler
Owczarzak, Henry *in memory of*
Charles Owczarzak
Potts, George *in memory of Paul Sheridan*
Reghi, Nicholas *in memory of*
Chief Lee Dodson
Silver, Herbert *in memory of Tony Amato*
Tomaszewski, Edward *in memory of*
Carl Hall
Wagner, Loren *in memory of*
Chester Kotowicz
Wagner, Shirley *in memory of George Ball*
Wagner, Loren *in memory of*
Joseph A. Twardzik
Wagner, Shirley *in memory of*
Mary Anne Campbell Dudek
Westside Silver Ladies *in memory of*
Jean Lewis
Yuhn, Delbert *in memory of Don Yuhn*
Zinser, Andrea *in memory of Becky Hollister*
& Diane Baragna



Silver Ladies

Carol Curley



It's Summertime! Happy 4th of July! God bless our U.S.A.

Our "Summer Picnic" will be at Andiamo's located on Jefferson near 9 Mile and will be on July 16th. I'll report in the next issue just how the weather affected this picnic!

Annual membership dues were collected at the June meeting and our thanks to our Treasurer, Wilma Fulton for the great job!

Welcome to our newest member Carol Bender. Judy Wagner is now our official 50/50 "operator". In April, the 50/50 was won by Irene Brooks and the May 50/50 was won by Marcy Rolf!

Current Birthdays are:

June: Marcy Rolf, Louise Zygmunt Towicz,
Millie Stone, Delphine Marciniak.

July: Sophie Zielinski, Wilma Fulton.

August: Marie Johnson.

F.Y.I. All errors in these articles are the writer's (Sorry!) Send me a note, I can take it!

Incidentally, another great poem from Helen Kucyk Malkowski expressing "Tribute to a Poet" acknowledging the efforts of Roy Moerschell.

A small number of us attended the Capucian Fund Raiser at Buddy's Pizza on 13 mile and Van Dyke. The salad and pizza is one of the areas best meals!

Our June regular meeting was one of the best with 17 attending and Geri Henningsen, President of the Westside Silver Ladies was our guest!

It would be great to meet and see you at our next meeting!

Just call Irene Brooks (586) 749-8894



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SEC/TREASURER *(continued from page 3)*

Over funding is a recent phenomenon in the over seventy-five history of the pension fund, this concept must be handled equally and it should be noted that there is a 13th check agreement still in place. While ignored from the beginning and even now, the Retiree's Association was available and willing to sit down and talk with all four of the union representatives, the pension fund money if dispersed is for everyone that contributed. The issue is fairness when it involves allocating funds from the Police and Fire Retirement System - Just look at the official name of the fund, "Retirement System"! We must resolve this issue equitably putting ego's aside and do what is right. Retirees need a voice!

Procedure to Obtain Retired Detroit Police Photo Identification Cards

Items needed — Send to Personnel

1) (Copy) Identification with photo

2) Electronic photo of member

Please call Central Photo for details.

3) Member requesting new Photo

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Detroit, Michigan 48226

Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope

For more information regarding this matter

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Central Photo 4th Floor

Call – most days 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.



ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

(Surviving Spouses)

Fern Garner

The East Side Silver Ladies have welcomed several new members in the past few months and we were delighted to see renewed interest in the group.

We do try to keep current with issues affecting our pensions and insurance, which with all the recent changes, has not been easy.

Now with the passage of the national Medicare plan more changes might be coming, so we will deal with them as they come. With so much going on in Lansing that our Association has been involved with and the current economic state of the City, it is a time for more concern and vigilance. I am sure our Association will try to keep abreast of these issues and keep us informed. As always their office is available to try to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

The last Pension Perspectives which the City sends out gave the market value of its assets and rate of return. It seemed to be doing better than the State system when there had been some speculation about transferring our system to that one. A new active Police member has replaced the former one on the Pension Board and we will see if that member might be more receptive to our interests.

Added note: Geri Henningsen from the West Side Silver Ladies visited the East side meeting in June but not transferring, still remaining a West sider.

This will probably not be delivered until after the 4th of July, so belated Happy Holiday



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Snowbirds

Dan Zemaitis

Greetings:

We had 39 people turn out for our May meeting and guest Lynn Martinelli our V.P. Mike's friend. It was good to see all our Snowbird friends and members after being gone 6 months.

We were happy to welcome (via mail), Tony Pakula who joined our club. Nice to have you Tony. Tony was the past president of the Nevada Jackpots and is planning to return to Michigan soon.

Vahan Kapagian sent us a letter keeping us updated and Bill and Nancy Schmidt from the Florida Club sent us a letter and dues – Thank you.

H.B.4917 was discussed at length – the transfer of our pension money to control of "MERS", a municipal entity not controlled by the State of Michigan.

JoAnn Cherry made a motion that the Snowbirds eliminate the April meetings because the people are not back from warmer climates. The motion passed. So now the Snowbirds will not have meetings, January, February, March and April.

Walt Dewaelsche brought up the Christmas party buffet and it was decided that we will use B.J.'s buffet instead of having our own.

In the meantime Jey is working on maybe doing the Chesaning Showboat one month and don't forget our picnics on August 8th at 12 Noon behind the school in Glennie. All are welcome.

The winners of the big bucks at the May meeting were: Walt Dewaelsche, Carolyn Wood, Doris Shumaker, Dennis Flanigan, Gar Nichols and Jey Zemaitis

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PRESIDENT *(continued from page 1)*

keep you updated on the progress of HB4917, and will be calling on you for your assistance as needed.

On a related matter, as you know we were recently involved in the formation of a statewide organization (Michigan Association of Retired Public Employees). As we worked on our issue in Lansing, I found that we were on our own. It was us against numerous labor organizations representing active members. Although we have been successful in maintaining our support among the State Representatives, these are elected officials, so to them numbers are extremely important. I believe that we should not count on the active Unions to protect our benefits; it is up to us to protect our own. As we know the benefits of Public Employees, both active and retired are now coming under attack on an almost daily basis. Currently the Legislators in Lansing are purposing a number of changes in State law that may have a negative affect on the benefits of Public Employees. We must continue to monitor the legislation and take action to insure that our voices are heard.

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forms from web-site rdpffa.com.

Hurry time and space limited!

So I am asking for your assistance in the formation of the new Statewide Retiree association. This is and will remain a separate organization, but as we all know any legislation from Lansing will affect all public employees. We need to bring everyone together to assist in this struggle. There are thousands of Retired Public Employees in the State of Michigan and we need to reach out to them. I believe one of the most efficient ways to reach out to Retirees from other departments is through our own membership. As you come in contact with retirees from other departments be sure to suggest they look into joining and helping to support the State Association. The dues for individual members are \$30 per year. The RDPFFA joined as an organization, but I am also asking that you consider joining as individuals. As an individual member you will receive your own membership card, communications from the association, be able to attend meetings and hold office.

We are also looking for members that are interested in getting more involved with the State Organization. Check out the web-site www.mi-arpe.com read the information displayed, and if you choose to get involved, the Board meets the Second Monday of each month at RDPFFA office 2525 E. 14 Mile Road at 10AM, and the first General meeting has been scheduled for 7PM on September 13, at FOP Lodge 128 located 28525 Beck Road Suite 114, Wixom, MI 48393. We have also included a copy of an application for individual membership on the following page.

In closing I remind everyone of the change in our membership Dues going into effect in 2011, the new Dues will be \$36.00 per year. I am also requesting that if you haven't yet signed up to have your dues deducted from your pension check please consider it. \$3 per month will be deducted. This saves the association time and money. There is an application form on page 19 for your convenience.

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By what he thinks or has to say.
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Helen Kucyk Malkowski

DEATH OF MEMBER

FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROCEDURE

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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 Human Resources (313) 224-4809 or 1 (888) 288-2684 to make sure that they were notified. Last but not least, notify the Retired Detroit Police & Fire Fighters Association, (586) 795-1734.

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Association Dues
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Board of Directors recommendation (February 16, 2010)

General Membership Approved (April 1, 2010)

RDPFFA 2010 Election Rules

Only Active Members are eligible to run for office, Associate Members are not eligible to run, or vote in elections. Candidates are not eligible to run for more than one elected position within the Association, Candidates may be nominated for any number of positions, but may, only accept and run for one position.

Nominations for offices will open on September 1, 2010 and will close on October 7, 2010, at the General Membership Meeting. Candidates for office may have their names entered into nomination during the nomination period at the RDPFFA office or at the September or October 2010 General Membership meetings.

The Chairman/Representative of the Election Committee will take Nominations from the floor at the September and October General Meetings. At the October General Meeting the Election Committee Chairman/Representative will close the nominations for all offices. For a Candidate to have his/her name appear on the election ballot, he/she must accept the nomination in writing within 14 days of being nominated.

Following the close of the acceptance period, the Election Committee will cause the election ballot to be prepared, and insure that all Candidates listed have accepted the nomination, and that all Candidates are current Active Members of the Association. If only one Candidate has been nominated for an office and has accepted the nomination, then the Candidate will be considered elected, and no election shall take place for that position.

Ballots will be mailed to all currently listed active members on November 1st, 2010; along with the ballot a specially printed return envelope will be included. In order for a ballot to count it must be returned to the RDPFFA office by November 21st, 2010, and must be returned in the specially designated return envelope. As election return envelopes are received at the RDPFFA office, the envelopes will be counted, remain sealed and placed in a lock box designed for such purpose by the Election Committee.

Voided ballots will be kept separately; the Election Committee will count and tally the ballots prior to the December General Membership Meeting. During the ballot count observers will be allowed as well as candidates or their designated representative. It shall be the duty of the Election Committee Chairman to provide instructions and appoint personnel to count ballots.

The Committee at their discretion may recount any or all ballots cast. Any candidates may request the Committee to conduct a recount in any contested position for which they were candidates within 7 calendar days of the December General Meeting. The request to the Election Chairman must be in writing and signed by the candidate making the request. Recount requests shall not be honored by the Committee if their total count for any office being contested shall show an identical count total for two consecutive tallies. All election results will be announced prior to the end of the December General Membership meeting. All ballots will be maintained at the RDPFFA office for a minimum of 60 days following the election.

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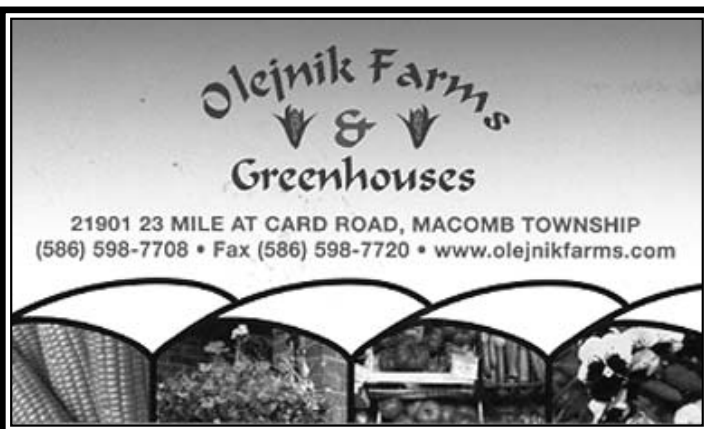
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Nancy Schmidt

The Retiree's here in Florida would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Brian Huff. To Melissa and Blair, our hearts and prayers are with you, and may God wrap his arms around you and your family at this very sad time. We would like also to send out get well wishes to the Officers that were injured in the mayhem that took place on that dark day. May God bless you on your road to recovery.

In May we lost one of our members, James Bennett of Pensacola, FL. Our thoughts go out to his wife Betty and her family. I'd like to also mention we lost a couple of great guy's back in Michigan that a lot of the FL Retirees knew and liked. Vito Daniels and Richard Wing. Our hearts go out to their families too. Get well wishes go out to Wilfred Berry who's in a Rehab in Palm Harbor, FL. I understand that Larry Dokendorf is also in a Rehab. He broke his hip. Hope your both doing better.

I just heard that Lorraine Bateson is the hospital at this time. I hope that when this becomes printed that she will be home and doing better. We heard through the grape vine that Bill Rushing is moving to Alaska to be near his family. What with the cold weather that we have had here in FL I guess Alaska won't be so bad. Good luck to you Bill and stay warm.

From the same grape vine, we heard that Steve and Phyllis Wagner are celebrating their 60th Anniversary. Congratulations to you both. I heard from Eric House (DPO), in regards to him and his wife Dorothy moving to FL in the future. Good luck to you both. Contact us when you make the move or before if you like, we would like to hear from you.

Now let me back up a little bit to the May meeting. A lot of things were voted on so here is a short rundown of what went on. First, the Elections were held by Bill Peplinski. What an easy job he had. All the current officers were voted in for another year. President Bill Schmidt, Vice President Harry Ramsay, Treasurer Dolores Larsen, Recording/Corresponding Sec. Nancy Schmidt, Sgt at Arms Jim Bateson, Chaplain Ron Goosen and Activity Chairman Bill Larsen. Bill Larsen made a motion and it was seconded by

Frank DeMercy, to discontinue the May meeting due to the small turnout. The motion carried so our meetings will run from Oct. 3rd, 2010 to April 3rd, 2011.

A motion was made by Marv Kammer and seconded by Ron Goosen to donate \$200.00 to the RDPFFA, Michigan Political Action Committee. Motion Carried.

Now for the May 50/50. You gotta love this one. Marv Kammer won the two \$12 prizes, plus he won the left over donuts. I'd say that was the Triple Crown of 50/50. Way to go Marv.

A BIG thanks to the guys who help set up the hall for the meetings. Also thanks to the Larsen's for taking care of the donuts and coffee, and to Majia for cleaning up after us. We appreciate all your help. We will be working on updating the Roster again this fall so if there are any changes let me know. If anyone has an e-mail address that they want to add to their info that can be done too. Don't forget, let me know of any happenings out there that are note worthy. As always you can reach me at 1-(352) 683-7924 or online, njschmidt@gate.net. Have a great summer. Stay Safe and Stay Well and God Bless.



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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.



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