

Retiree Outlook

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New Pensioners and Spouses Workshop

By John Mays, Police Pensioner Trustee

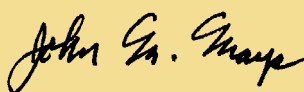
A new Pensioners and Spouses workshop will be held Friday, June 23 at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 North Galloway in Mesquite. Come at 9 a.m. and enjoy a continental breakfast.

The topics have been updated to include information on the new amendments recently ratified by the membership including the Retiree 100% Joint and Survivor Option, Child Acquired After Retiring Option, and New DROP opportunities for retirees.

There will be an update on pension legislative issues. The Board works to keep your pension system strong, and voices our concerns to our elected officials.

There will also be a legal session with Attorney James V. Roberts that we think you will find very useful. Roberts will explain wills, estate tax, and probate. During this "hands-on" presentation, he will help you complete various legal documents including Statutory Power of Attorney, Medical Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians (Living Will), and H.I.P.A.A. Authorization (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996). Most attendees should be able to leave the workshop with these forms completed.

Lunch will be provided, and the awarding of door prizes will conclude the day at 2:15 p.m. To register, call Gale Paul at 214.382.4422. A \$20 check is required to reserve your seat(s). Your check will be returned at the completion of the seminar.



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PENSION SYSTEM CALENDAR

- MAY 11 : REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- MAY 16 : QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
- MAY 17 : POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY
- MAY 18 : FINANCIAL PLANING SEMINAR
- JUNE 8 : REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- JUNE 15 : PREP SEMINAR

Health Insurance Choices When Turning 65

By Rodney Cruz,
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City of Dallas Human Resources

When approaching age 65, there are several things to consider in a retiree's/spouse's health insurance coverage. The most important change is becoming eligible for Medicare. To avoid delays, interruptions in coverage or possible penalties, all retirees/spouses need to contact the Social Security Administration at 1.800.772.1213 within 6 months of turning age 65.

Everyone pays Medicare Part B monthly premiums (\$88.50 for 2006); while the City will pay Medicare Part A premiums for retirees who do not qualify for free Medicare Part A.

Retirees/spouses enrolled in the PPO plan need to remember the Coordination of Benefits (COB) provision

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Dallas Retired Police & Fire Fighters Association

At the Sunday April 2 meeting, 72 members and guests signed in. We want to welcome returning member Mary Frith back into the fold as she renewed her membership. We were also glad to see Wally Page come in from the country to visit with us.

It's always good to see old friends that we worked with for so long, but, for various reasons, haven't seen in awhile. That's what this organization is all about; bringing old firefighters and police officers together for fellowship and to enjoy each other's company.

We missed a few of our regular folks this month, and hope to

see you back in May. Let's all make the extra effort to be together at 1 p.m. on May 7, 2006, at the Salesmanship Club at Tenth and Beckley in Oak Cliff for good food and fellowship. See you all there!

Mark your calendars!

Fred Sexauer

Fred Sexauer
President



CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES!

POLICE

PATRICK A. BOYD
DONNIE W. CHAPMAN
JOE D. HARRINGTON
T.G. HERSBERGER
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Jack Lybrand - Dancin' Man

By Kevin Killingsworth
DPFP Communications
Specialist

On most Friday nights, if you want to find Jack Lybrand, you'd better check the dance floor. Jack, who retired from the Dallas Fire Department in 1971, enjoys square dancing at the Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 West Avenue A in Garland.

Jack, an 85-year-old widower, has been square dancing off and on for the past 11 years. In the past 4 years, it has become a part of his weekly schedule. "I met a woman who was a square dancer, and she introduced me to it," Jack explained. "It takes a year or two to get pretty comfortable with it, and lessons are important if you really want to learn the steps."

On the first and third Friday nights of the month, Jack dances with the "Kissin' Kuzzins Club," at the Garland Senior Activity Center. On the other Friday evenings, he dances with various other clubs that utilize the center.

Square dancing can be described as a folk dance in which four couples (eight dancers) begin and end each sequence in a square formation, with one couple on each side of a square. Square dancers are prompted or cued to the beat of the music through a sequence of steps (square dance choreography) by a square dance caller. The caller leads, but usually does not participate in the dance.

Square dancing dates back to Colonial times in America. The various square dance steps are



Jack Lybrand dances with Ruth Montgomery at the Garland Senior Activity Center

based on the steps used in traditional folk dances and social dances of those who immigrated to the United States.

To add variety to dance nights, the clubs sometimes include round dancing, described as a choreographed ballroom

dance. Round dancing is closely associated with square dancing, since at many square dances, two square dances will be alternated with two round dances.



Round dancing uses ballroom steps, but the leader (called the cuer) calls out the steps in a manner similar to the way that a square dance caller tells the square dancers what to do. Thus, all of the couples are going around the floor doing the same steps at the same time. A choreographer chooses the steps so that they fit the piece of music being played.

Jack Lybrand encourages others to give dancing a try. "It's good exercise," he says, "and it helps to keep your mind sharp, having to listen to and follow the directions of the caller."

The North Texas Square and Round Dance Association provides dance information on its Web site at www.nortex.org. National dance information is provided at www.dosado.com.

Community Happenings

MAY 2006

PARK PLACE MOTORCARS SHOW & SHINE

Saturday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 6113 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas. More than 75 vintage Mercedes-Benz vehicles will be on display. Entertainment includes a DJ playing 1950s hits. Food and beverages at 1950s prices! Open to the public. Admission: a non-perishable food item to benefit the North Texas Food Bank. For more info call (214) 443-8290 or www.parkplacetexas.com

MayFair 2006 - Older Americans' Month Celebration

Friday, May 26, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Dallas Hotel, 300 Reunion Boulevard, Dallas. The theme is "Choices for Independence." The exhibit area opens at 9:00 a.m., while the Ballroom doors open at 11:00 a.m. Featured will be information booths, lunch, music by the Jack Melnick Orchestra, dancing, awards, and door prizes. Tickets are \$15 per person. For more information call (214) 670-4894.

JUNE 2006

Amy Tan, author of *The Joy Luck Club* and *The Kitchen God's Wife*, Thursday, June 1, 7:00 p.m., Dallas Central Library, 1515 Young Street, 7th floor. Tickets \$30 each are available at the following libraries: Central Library, Audelia Road, Fretz Park, Martin Luther King, Jr., Pleasant Grove, and Polk Wisdom or online at www.ticketweb.com

Texas Blueberry Festival

Saturday, June 10, Nacogdoches, TX. Blueberries and more! Blueberry pancakes, Blueberry Farm Tours, car and motorcycle shows, and activities for kids. For more info www.texasblueberryfestival.com

MAY 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 PARK PLACE MOTORCARS SHOW & SHINE
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 8:30 a.m.
2301 N. Akard Street, Dallas

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 16, 8:30 a.m.
2301 N. Akard Street, Dallas

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POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Wednesday, May 17, Noon
Corner of Akard and Young Streets, Dallas

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DALLAS RETIRED POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTER ASSOCIATION
Sunday, May 7, 1:00 p.m.
Salesmanship Club,
Tenth and Beckley (Oak Cliff), Dallas

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FIRE RETIREES & SPOUSES LUNCH
Tuesday, May 9, 11:00 a.m.
Furr's Cafeteria
Saturn & Northwest Hwy, Garland

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YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH GROUP
Police & Fire Widows & Widowers
Wednesday, May 24, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Casa Linda Cafeteria
Buckner & Garland Road, Dallas
For more info: call Gale Paul at (214) 382-4422
Guest Speaker: Alex Burton

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FIRE & POLICE SENIORS (50+ years old) GOLF TOURNAMENT
Wednesday, May 24
Buffalo Creek Golf Course, Rockwall
Cost \$40. For more information or to register, contact Archie Kelly at (972) 722-3229 or arkelly@classicnet.net

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POLICE BREAKFAST (Active & Retired)
Thursday, May 25
9:00 a.m., Circle Grill
I-30 & Buckner Blvd., Dallas



IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Bramlett
Spouse of William H.
Bramlett
Fire - Retired

Sylvia R. Burton
Widow of Jimmy L. Burton
Fire - Retired

Helen W. Cline
Spouse of Raymond R.
Cline
Fire - Retired

Cleta Collins
Widow of H.L. Collins
Fire - Retired

Dorothy Eades
Widow of Terry D. Eades
Fire - Retired

Elizabeth Hahnl
Widow of H.E. Hahnl
Fire - Retired

Maurice T. Hutchison, Jr.
Police - Retired

Grace McWilliams,
Spouse of J.W. McWilliams
Police - Retired

Helon Thompson
Widow of Robert A.
Thompson
Police - Retired

Police Memorial Ceremony on May 17

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a law designating May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week. In 1994, the law was amended and signed by President Bill Clinton, directing that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on May 15 each year.

The Dallas Police Department will hold its annual Police Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, May 17 at noon, at the Police Memorial, located at the corner of Akard and Young streets. At this ceremony each year, the names of each officer who has died in the line of duty are read aloud. Many of the surviving family members attend this solemn ceremony.



Officer Brian Jackson and other officers who have fallen in the line of duty will be

honored at the Police Memorial Ceremony in May 17

This year, unfortunately, another name will be added to this monument of fallen Dallas police officers. Officer Brian Jackson was killed

in November 2005 while responding to a domestic disturbance in East Dallas. Officer Jackson, 28, was a five-year veteran of the force, and previously worked as an EMT and reserve officer in Rhode Island. He was the 76th City of Dallas officer to die in the line of duty.

Health Insurance

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between the PPO plan and Medicare. For those not comfortable with the COB, the City offers the option to enroll in one of AARP's Medicare Supplement Plans sponsored by the City, (Plan C or Plan F). To enroll, retirees need to contact AARP at 1.800.392.7537, identify themselves as a City of Dallas retiree (very important!) and request an application. Sign and return the application to AARP. The final rate is determined by AARP and may be different from those published in the *2006 Benefits Guide* due to additional discounts or surcharges. Retirees/spouses also need to contact the City's Benefit Service Center at 1.888.873.7692 to inform them of their enrollment in the new AARP plan.

Another important thing to remember is that Plans C or F do not include coverage for prescription drugs. Retirees

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Pension Reform Legislation

After much debate and several delays, both chambers of Congress passed comprehensive pension reform bills in 2005. On December 15, the House passed H.R. 2830, the Pension Protection Act of 2005, by a vote of 294-132. On November 16, the Senate passed S. 1783, the Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005, by a vote of 97-2. Both bills contained a provision to remove the 10 percent tax penalty on DROP distributions before age 55. The House version included NCPERS' proposal to shield health care expenses up to \$5,000 from taxable income. House and Senate members named to a conference committee in early March are meeting to work out the differences between the pension bills passed by each chamber.

It is important to note that pre-taxing of health care expenses and removing the penalty on DROP distributions before age 55 are minor parts of the overall discussion. The bills include many other critical issues, such as fundamental changes to the current funding rules, credit balance rules, disclosure requirements, multi-employer funding, and hybrid plan issues.

Our legislative consultants have

advised that the conference committee's original work completion date in mid-April will not be met. The committee is still working on the smaller issues that most directly affect us and projects a Memorial Day completion.

The House bill, HR 2830, is the more ambitious of the two and has a much greater cost associated with it. Analysts feel that the committee will be looking for ways to cut the cost and therefore provisions in the House bill could be sacrificed.

Commemorative Book Update

By DPD Senior Corporal
Jess Lucio

The 125th Anniversary Commemorative Books are available for pickup now through May 8, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm in the Police Media Relations Unit (PMRU) offices on the 2nd floor of the Police HQ (next to the Personnel Unit). If you cannot come in, ask a friend to pick up your book.

Some errors have been found in the books. Some can be fixed, such as embossed names that were misspelled or left off all together, and some errors are not reparable. Any errors must be brought to our attention at the PMRU offices before the close of business Monday, May 8 so we can check if they can be fixed. The next day, all

the books with reparable errors go to the printer.

Mr. Jay Love with Taylor Publishing has donated 100 standard (blue) cover Commemorative Books to be sold for \$75 each. The tax deductible proceeds from these books will go to the Police Museum Fund. Checks should be made out to: Communities Foundation of Texas. In the "For" line at the bottom left of your check, write in Fund #5315. These books can be purchased in the PMRU office when you pick up your other book(s).

Also, about 70 people paid for packets of their Book pictures, but have not picked them up. The PMRU is holding these pictures, so please make every effort to collect your photo packets.

Health Insurance

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switching from the PPO plan have the option to select the City prescription only plan or enroll in a Medicare Part D plan.

Of Importance: Retirees/spouses enrolled in the HMO plan can only stay in that plan until the end of the year they turn 65. At that point, retirees/spouses must switch to either a PPO plan or an AARP plan.

This article provided by the City of Dallas Benefits Department.

New Look, New Name for Pension System Newsletters

By **Richard Tettamant**
Pension System Administrator



Richard Tettamant

In our ongoing effort to communicate with our members by the most effective means possible, we have redesigned and renamed this newsletter.

This newsletter is now known as the "Retiree Outlook." We have incorporated the Community Calendar insert into this newsletter so that you can pull out the calendar and display it monthly on your refrigerator or bulletin board (Watch for your refrigerator magnet in the mail soon!)

As always, the publication will focus on issues that you will encounter in your retirement, and will feature news on accomplishments and activities of fellow retirees.

I want to thank Kevin Killingsworth, the Pension System's Communications Specialist, along with Susan Jacobs and Alexis Olajay from Susan Jacobs, Inc. Advertising and Public Relations, for all of their work in creating the new layout.

If you have any questions or suggestions for articles, e-mail them to us at info@dpfp.org.

Richard L. Tettamant

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