

Retiree Outlook

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DPD Retiree to Bring Cycle Event to Dallas

By Kevin Killingsworth, DPFP Communications Specialist

As a DPD Motor Sergeant and Motorcycle instructor, Ben “Chainlink” Caperton’s life revolved around motorcycles. He was also very involved working against child abuse. Ben’s wife, Jamie Caperton, served as the Executive Director of the Collin County Children’s Advocacy Center for close to 10 years.

Ben has continued with these interests in his retirement. “I am retired from police work, but not retired,” he said. “I am busy planning events benefiting charities.” Ben, who now resides in Colorado, will be bringing the second annual “Million Dollar Ride for Children” to Dallas.

The purpose of the event is to increase awareness and solicit funding for National Children’s Alliance (NCA) as well as Children’s Advocacy

Centers across the country.

If you ride, you can join other riders from across the USA for a Parade of Bikes, ending in a two-day Bikers and Badges motorcycle rally in Dallas’ Historic West End September 8 & 9, 2006. So far, there are groups planning to ride from Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Highlights of the event include food, live entertainment, bike shows, bike build-offs, motorcycle competitions and children’s entertainment areas. A special feature of the event will be a nationwide Police motorcycle competition with officers from across the country.

Volunteers are needed. “If you’re not a rider, there are still plenty of ways that you



DPD Retiree Ben Caperton

can help,” Ben explains. “We will need volunteers to help at the event at the West End.”

Since the inception of the Children’s Advocacy Center movement in 1985, local centers have experienced strong support from local motorcycle dealerships and

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Update on Police Commemorative Book and Retiree Photos

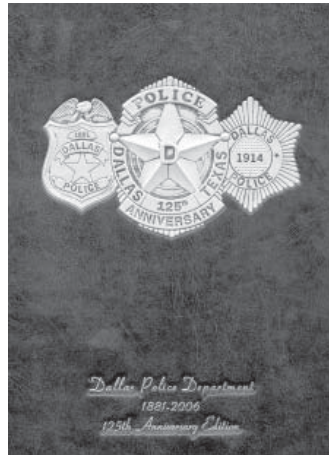
By DPD Senior Corporal
Jess Lucio

There are still about 100 Commemorative Books that have not been claimed. Also, there are still about 70 picture packets that have not been picked up. These packets include extra copies of the "mug shot" pictures of personnel that are in the Book.

The items can be picked up at the Police Media Relations office on the second floor of the Headquarters Building on Lamar Street.

If you purchased a Book or extra copies of your pictures and have not yet claimed them, PLEASE contact the Police Media Relations office at 214-671-4065

to collect them soon.



*The Dallas Police Department's
125th Anniversary Edition
Commemorative Book*

Good News

Congratulations to Mesquite Chief of Police Gary Westphal, who was named Top Cop by the Texas Police Chiefs Association. Gary is the son

of the late Lt. Roy Westphal, who retired from the Dallas Police Department, and Wilma J. Westphal of Mesquite.

If you have an item for the good news column, email it to us at info@dppf.org, or send it to Dallas Police and Fire Pension System, Attn: Retiree Outlook, 2301 N. Akard Street, Ste. 200, Dallas, TX 75201.

Address Change?

If you move, please fill out a change of address form, then sign and return it to us. You can find the form on our Web site at www.dpfp.org. Click the "Just for Members" tab, then the "Forms" tab. Or call our office at 214.638.3863, and we will send you the form.

DPD Retirees Lunch With Chief Kunkle

From the DPD:

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 25, 2006. Starting at 11 a.m., Chief David Kunkle will host a barbeque lunch for sworn Police Retirees, each of whom may bring a guest. The event will be held in the Media Conference Room in the Jack Evans Police HQ.

There will be seating available for the first 140 persons that make their reservations. To ensure all retirees have an equal opportunity to respond, no

reservations will be accepted before Monday, June 19.

Information on where to park will be available soon. Call 214-671-3063 to make your reservations starting June 19th; If you have to leave a message, please spell your name, give your badge number, contact phone number and whether or not you are bringing a guest.

Come and enjoy good food, good fellowship with other retirees and meet some of your "still working" friends in the HQ building.

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES!

FIRE-RESCUE

**HARRIEL D. LONG
RICHARD S. PEEK
WANDA SYKES-MOORE**

POLICE

**JOSEPH M. DUNN
DAVID MENDENHALL
THOMAS E. SHAUGHNESSY**

Million Dollar Ride

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for Children's Advocacy Centers across the country. The goal is to create a nationwide united and enjoyable experience that ultimately helps in the fight against child abuse and neglect.

If you would like more information on the "Million Dollar Ride for Children," log on to www.milliondollarride.org.



Pictured are riders from last year's "Million Dollar Ride for Children." This year, the ride culminates in Dallas with a two-day event at the West End September 8 and 9.

Firefighter Motorcycle Club Helps Injured Children

The Wind and Fire Motorcycle Club is a national club of firefighters who ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and do charity work, primarily benefiting children.

The Dallas Firefighters Chapter raises money to help burned children go to Parkland Foundation's Camp I-Thonka-Chi. The camp is open to youth, ages 6 to 18, who have been hospitalized with burn injuries. Some of the planned activities include swimming, fishing, boating and horseback riding.

For more information on the Dallas Chapter of the Wind and Fire Motorcycle Club, call Richard Jolly, at 214-629-7231.



Bo Culp, a member of the Dallas Chapter of Wind and Fire Motorcycle Club, has customized his Harley with a Firefighter theme, including a listing of fallen firefighters.



JUNE 2006



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 DALLAS RETIRED POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION	5	6	7	8 REGULAR BOARD MEETING	9	10 TEXAS BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL DALLAS LUXURY URBAN LIVING TOUR
11	12	13	14 FLAG DAY	15	16	17
18 FATHER'S DAY	19	20	21	22	23 PENSIONERS/SPOUSES WORKSHOP	24
25	26	27	28 YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH GROUP	29 POLICE BREAKFAST	30	

Community Happenings

JUNE 2006

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.

Dallas Luxury Urban Living Tour
 Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. (last tour leaves at 3:30 p.m.). Be chauffeured in coach buses and tour 5 luxury properties; SoLo Townhomes at Perry Heights, Maple Terrace Condominiums, The Travis @ Knox Residences, and West Side at State Thomas. Tour kick-off at American Airlines Center Lot C, Woodall Rogers & Field. Tickets \$20 per person, please contact Christie Helm at 214-559-2515.

"COOL THURSDAYS"
 "Cool Thursdays" at the Dallas Arboretum. Concerts overlooking scenic White Rock Lake begin each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. through July 27. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$14 for non-members. Bring your blankets and stretch out!

June 8: *4 Way Street* - Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young tribute presented by True North Advisors
 June 15: *Road Crew* - 70's Funk and Dance
 June 22: *Boys Named Sue* - Classic Country with a kick
 June 29: *Vince Vance & The Valiants* - Wacky family entertainment presented by Amegy Bank

GREATER TUNA
 25th Anniversary Tour - (Tuesday, June 27 - Sunday, July 2, 2006). GREATER TUNA will be making its debut at the Eisemann Center's Hill Performance Hall. Tickets priced from \$15 to \$50 are available online at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling (972) 744-4650.

4 DALLAS RETIRED POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTER ASSOCIATION
 Sunday, June 4, 1 p.m.
 Salesmanship Club,
 Tenth and Beckley (Oak Cliff), Dallas

8 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 Thursday, June 8
 8:30 a.m.
 2301 N. Akard Street, Dallas

23 PENSIONERS/SPOUSES WORKSHOP
 Pre-registration required
 Friday, June 23
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Mesquite Arts Center

28 YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH GROUP
 Police & Fire Widows & Widowers
 Wednesday, June 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Golden Corral
 1902 Town Centre Drive, Mesquite
 For more info: call Gale Paul at 214-382-4422

29 POLICE BREAKFAST
 (Active & Retired)
 Thursday, June 29
 9 a.m., Circle Grill
 I-30 & Buckner Blvd., Dallas

IN MEMORIAM

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

Ralph L. Comfort
Fire - Retired

William E. McDonald
Police - Retired

Frank O. Mote, Jr.
Police - Retired

Myrtle B. Murphy
Widow of J.E. Murphy
Police - Retired

Alfred L. Owen
Police - Retired

Velma V. Ross
Widow of Fenton Ross
Police - Retired

Norman L. Stanglin
Police - Retired

Toni H. Toney
Spouse of J.B. Toney
Police - Retired

Thomas E. Wathen
Fire - Retired

Dallas Retired Police & Fire Fighters Association

Time is moving so fast. May is already gone and now we are looking at June 2006. This year is going by like a whirlwind. Why don't we take about 2 to 3 hours of time June 4 and meet together and maybe slow things down for a short while.

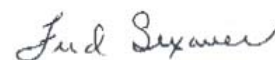
We want to thank Cathy Tamez of Fidelity Investments for an interesting look at the first quarter financial report. We appreciate her taking time out of her busy schedule to come and visit with us at our last meeting.

We had a total of 63 people sign in on May 7 and one new member joined, Bobbie Greenhaw. We want to

w e l c o m e
h e r and any
others who can
make it to the
Salesmanship
Club at 10th
and Beckley Streets in Oak
Cliff. I can guarantee you we
will have lots of good food,
and the fellowship cannot be
matched anywhere.

The purpose and aim of this organization is to bring retired firefighters and police officers together to reminisce and just have fun.

Remember, 1 p.m., June 4,
2006. Mark your calendars!



Fred Sexauer
President

Traveling Vietnam Wall Coming to Area

A traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is coming to Arlington.

The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall Experience was created in 1990, and has visited more than 200 cities. The memorial is a three-quarter scale, faux granite replica, which is 240 feet long and 8 feet high. It contains the names of more than 58,200 Americans who died or are listed as missing in Vietnam.

The Memorial will be on display June 23 to June 26 at

Moore Funeral Home and Cemetery, 1219 North Davis Drive, in Arlington. Viewing is free to the public, 24 hours a day.

If you would like to volunteer or for more information, call Gary Westerman at Moore Funeral home at 817-275-2711 or log on to www.VietnamWallExperience.com.



Top Fire-Rescue Personnel Honored at Banquet

By Kevin Killingsworth
DPFP Communications Specialist

It was a night to honor those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. The annual Dallas Fire-Rescue Awards Banquet was held Saturday, April 29, at the World Trade Center in Dallas.

The Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to Mark Tyler, Fire and Rescue Officer assigned to Truck 24, B Shift. During 20 years of service, Mark has distinguished himself by his ability to assess emergency situations and act upon them, and by his willingness and ability to teach rookies about firefighting.

The Paramedic of the Year Award was presented to Larry Joe Mitchell, Second Driver, assigned to Rescue 44, C Shift. Larry has served as a paramedic since 1981, and has been assigned to Rescue 44 since 1985. He has trained over 55 interns from seven different cities, and has helped shape the careers of many firefighters. He is known as a tremendous example of great customer service, treating each citizen and patient with the utmost respect.

The Rookie of the Year Award was presented to Aaron Zabochnik, Fire and Rescue Officer assigned to Engine 31, C Shift. Aaron was commended for his work ethic, job knowledge, and respect shown to co-workers

and citizens.

There were seven Meritorious Service Awards presented. The Meritorious Service Award is the third highest award presented by the Department. This award is presented to uniformed members for an act that demonstrates an exceptional degree of professionalism in the performance of their duties in an emergency.

The Meritorious Service Award was presented to Fire and Rescue Officers Kenneth Dearing, J.C. Jackson, Gabe Ortiz, Driver Engineer David Greer, Second Driver David Johnson, Lt. Patricia Krafft, and Cpt. Bernard Pipkins.

There were seven Distinguished Service Awards presented. The Distinguished Service Award is the second highest award presented by the Department. This award is presented to uniformed members who risk their lives in an effort to save others.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Fire and Rescue Officers Roy Binion, John Caldwell, Brandon Green, R.M. Verver, Driver Engineer John Armstrong, Second Driver Gary Woods, and Lt. Don Spencer.

Sherwood Blount, Jr. was named Honorary Chief of Dallas Fire-Rescue. He learned appreciation and respect for



Retired Fire Chaplain Denny Burris served as the Master of Ceremonies at the 2006 Dallas Fire-Rescue Department Awards Banquet.

the Fire Department as a child from his father, the late Captain Sherwood Blount, Sr. of Station 17. Sherwood continues his father's tradition with his contributions and support of the Fire Museum and the Fire Walk of Honor.

Chief Eddie Burns, Jr. addressed the attendees. Chief Burns, who was sworn in as Dallas Fire Chief on April 21, took the opportunity to thank all of the honorees and to encourage each firefighter, paramedic, dispatcher, staff officer and fire officer to continue to strive for excellence, and always work to improve the Department.

From the Administrator

By **Richard Tettamant**
Pension System Administrator



Richard Tettamant

This is the second issue with our new format. I hope you find it easier to read. If you have a suggestion for an article or topic, please contact Kevin Killingsworth at k.killingsworth@dppf.org. He will contact you about your idea.

- The National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems recently held its annual conference which provided us many educational opportunities. Health Insurance and our healthcare delivery systems were discussed. The push in the future will be to try to educate people to get healthier. There is no other viable solution to rising health costs and subsequent rising insurance premiums.
- The fight to keep pension plans like yours, which is classified as a “defined benefit” (DB) plan, continues. There is a push by several conservative organizations to eliminate DB plans from the public sector. The anti-DB groups are re-energizing themselves after their loss in California last year. More than 30 states, including Texas, have groups formed to eliminate DB plans that provide a meaningful retirement benefit for the middle-class professional including police officers and firefighters. We will provide more information soon.

Richard L. Tettamant

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