

# Retiree Outlook

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## Investment Update -- Investing in Natural Resources

By Rector McCollum, Police Trustee



Anyone that reads this column understands by now that the staff and Trustees

have made the commitment to track down any and all possible investments that will enhance the investment return for the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System.

The volatility in conventional institutional investments has reached a level of risk exposure that we intend to mitigate. Allow me to put things into perspective. The collapse of the sub-prime market is still causing problems. Some of the stalwart financial institutional icons have gone under or are in con-

siderable financial trouble. Bear Stearns sank a few weeks ago. Lehman Bros., a financial heavyweight since the Civil War, is gone as of a few days ago.

In addition, American International Group (AIG), one of the largest insurance companies in the United

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*See "Investment Update" on page 2*

## Annual Police Retiree BBQ/Picnic Planned for Oct. 4

The annual Police Retiree Barbecue/Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2008 at Hogg Park in Quitman, TX.

To reach the park, take US Highway 69 north from Tyler to Mineola; then go north on State Highway 37 for about 8 miles to Quitman. The park is off State Highway 37 about 6 blocks south of the Wood County Courthouse.

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*See "Picnic" on page 6*



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States, has been bailed out by the U.S. government.

America's largest financial mortgage lenders, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are now under government oversight.

Because of these events, and others, the board and staff made a commitment over time to minimize our domestic equity exposure and adjust our investment strategy to a more global approach. This creates more investment opportunity, an idea supported by an article in the September 8th issue of the *Wall Street Journal*. The U.S. percentage of capitalization in the world stock markets has diminished. In 1966, the U.S. had 66% of the world capitalization, but now it is down to 43%.

We have been very busy looking for alternative investments and have found some very interesting prospects. For instance, water. Along with our search of alternative energy investments, we discovered some interesting facts about water. Try this on:

Every year about 21,000 to 28,600 cubic miles of pre-

cipitation falls on the world's continents and islands. Two thirds of that reverts directly to the atmosphere through evaporation. Of the remaining 35%, two thirds of that flows into waterways and is not fit for human use. Bottom line? Three quarters of the earth may be covered in water, however only 3% of it is freshwater, and less than 1% is accessible freshwater. And out of that, 70% is used worldwide in the agricultural sector.

Couple those numbers with this. The world's current population is 6.6 billion people. By 2050, the U.N. predicts a global population of 9.2 billion. See where this is going? Even in God's own Texas, water is mostly taken for granted. But that will end when the demand for water becomes greater than the earth can supply. That will create laws mandating the use and conservation of water in the agricultural, public, and private sectors.

That will require us all to change to higher quality, more water-conservative equipment in all sectors. Agribusiness will have to change from huge, wasteful

sprinklers to drip irrigation methods. Businesses will have to retrofit or build new water conservation equipment. Even our homes will have to change in the way we manage water.

To those ends, we have found S.A.M. (Sustainable Asset Management). Their representative in the U.S. introduced us to the investment last February. S.A.M. is a Zurich, Switzerland based company that invests in water-sensitive infrastructure and manufacturing companies. After six months of analysis, S.A.M. looks like a favorable investment opportunity for the system, so we sent some staff and Trustees to literally cross the Alps and performed a due diligence meeting. The staff of S.A.M. was very impressive and we feel the investment will enhance the System's rate of return.

In the September monthly meeting, the board voted unanimously to make the investment.

And so it goes,

*Rector C. McCollum*  
*Police Trustee*

# Pension System Gearing Up for Relocation

– *Check our Website for Information on our Move*

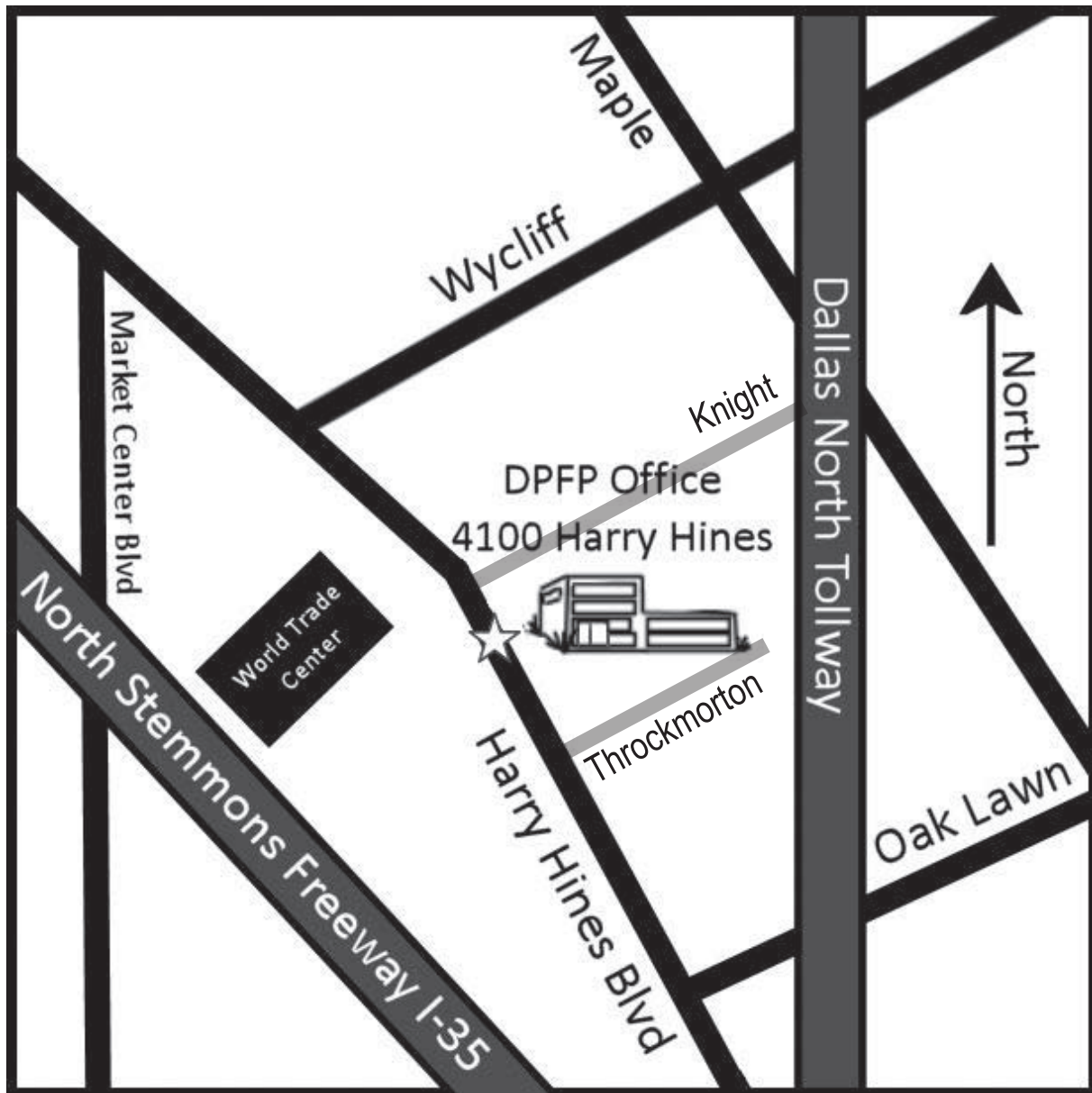
This fall, we are planning to move to our new location at 4100 Harry Hines Boulevard. There have been some construction delays, so please check our Website ([www.dpfp.org](http://www.dpfp.org)) for the most up-to-date information regarding our move.

Our new facility will enable us to serve you better. We will have more space for our educational seminars, room for retiree gatherings, more counseling rooms, and plenty of parking.

If you are planning to come by the office this month,

please call first to confirm our location and availability. Our phone numbers will remain the same.

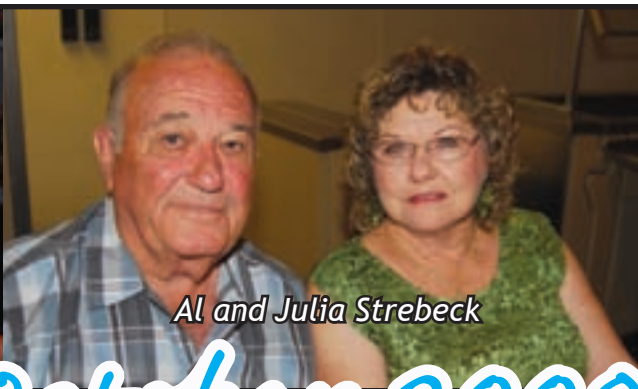
There is a map provided below so that you can easily find our new facility.



*The location of our new facility will be 4100 Harry Hines Boulevard, between Throckmorton and Knight Streets.*



Robert and Donna Phillips



Al and Julia Strebeck



David

# October 2008



R. T. Hunter

Richard Sims



Steve Perry

Terry May



L. M. "Lum" Loggins

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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5 Meeting of the Retired Police and Firefighters Association	6	7	8
12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22 "Young at Heart" Police and Fire Widows and Widowers Lunch
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**2** NW Patrol Retirees Lunch  
Thursday, Oct. 2,  
11:00 a.m.  
The Mecca  
10422 Harry Hines Blvd.  
Dallas

**2** East Texas Fire Retirees Lunch  
Thursday, Oct. 2,  
11:00 a.m.  
Ranchero Restaurant  
I-20 and State Hwy 19  
Canton

**4** Police Retiree Picnic  
Saturday, Oct. 4,  
11:00 a.m.  
Hogg Park  
Quitman  
(see pg. 1)

**5** Dallas Retired Police & Fire Fighter Association Lunch  
Sunday, Oct. 5, 1 P.M. at the Salesmanship Club (J. Erik Jonsson School), Tenth and Beckley (Oak Cliff), Dallas



and Susan Ward



Curtis Goodwin Jerry Hoffpauir



Cecil Mitchell Gary Jones

**Thursday**      **Friday**      **Saturday**

<b>2</b> NW Patrol Retiree Lunch ●●●●●●●● East Texas Fire Retiree Lunch	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Annual Police Retiree Picnic (see page 1 for more information)
<b>9</b> Regular Board Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>16</b> East Texas Police Retiree Lunch	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Fire Auxiliary reunion (see page 6 for more information)
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>30</b> Retired and Active Police Breakfast	<b>31</b>	



Mike Bruton Bob Irby Ron Hill



Chuck Allison Don Howard



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<b>9</b> Regular Board Meeting Thursday, Oct. 9, 8:30 a.m. 2301 N. Akard Street, Dallas	<b>16</b> East Texas Police Retiree Lunch Thursday, Oct. 16, 11:00 a.m. Tele's Mexican Restaurant Hwy 154 between Quitman and Gilmer	<b>22</b> "Young at Heart" Lunch Wednesday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. Highland Park Cafeteria Buckner and Garland Road, Dallas	<b>30</b> Retired and Active Police Breakfast Thursday, Oct. 30, 9:00 a.m. Circle Grill I-30 and Buckner Road Dallas
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# Good News From Your Fellow Pensioners

## **Happy Anniversary**

Best wishes to Charlie and Marie Haas on their 70th Anniversary. They were married on August 27, 1938. Charlie retired from the Dallas Fire Department in 1975 after serving more than 27 years.

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## **CAPERS Dinner**

Retired and active DPD CAPERS personnel are invited to a dinner “get together” at Steak Angus, 717 N. Bryan Beltline Road

in Mesquite, 6:30 pm on October 2. To RSVP or for more information, contact Tom Willingham at 214.289.9134.

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## **A Note from the Auxiliary of the Dallas Firefighters Association:**

The Fire Auxiliary will hold its 50th Anniversary celebration on October 18.

For more information, contact Elaine Maddox at 972.296.4095 or Donna Chumley at 972.636.9328 direct.

Please send **Good News** items by e-mail to:

**info@dpfp.org**

or to:

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*(Submitted items are printed as space permits and may be edited)*

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## **DPD Picnic Scheduled for Oct. 4 in Quitman (con't from page 1)**

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This event is traditionally attended by over 300 DPD pensioners and families. For more information, contact:

Cline or Ruth Wright

Phone: 903.878.2945;

Email: rucli1395@aol.com  
or Karen Graham

Phone: 903.240.9925;

Email: kg3779@gmail.com



## Dallas Retired Police and Fire Fighters Association

The September 7 meeting found our attendees in good spirits. We were so privileged to have Bill and Gail Jones entertain us. Bill is a professional bass fiddler, and Gail has a lovely voice. They are friends of Jim and Marga Lyde. There is an open invitation to return as their schedule permits.

John Mays brought us up to date on the progress being made at the new pension office. When finished, we will have access to the meeting rooms, along with other groups.

Dick Hickman filled in for Fred Sexauer as chaplain, as Fred and Lorie were on vacation. Bob George and Marty Shamburg brought guests with them.



*Barbara Ballard  
President*

Last month, Sergeant Steve Shaw, an active officer and Vice Chairman of the Pension Board of Trustees, visited with us. He told us of an effort plant a rose garden at Hogg Park in Quitman, which would be dedicated to police officers.

Anyone who wishes to participate in this effort may send their donation to Sgt. Shaw at the Police Department.

Sr. Cpl. Jess Lucio, DPD Museum coordinator, has been selling pins to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research. The pins feature a small DPD badge and a pink ribbon. He still has a few left.

Please remember the families of those we recently lost. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 5 at the J. Erik Jonsson Community

## CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

### POLICE

Michael D. Addison  
James E. Bryan  
Gregory G. Evans  
Jose G. Gomez  
Charles W. Grayson  
Fred Hall  
Timothy D. Jones  
Stephen J. Marksteiner  
John T. Means  
Luther Moore, Jr.  
Thomas G. Moorman

### FIRE

Johnny L. Culpepper  
Roland R. Gamez  
Robert N. Haberle  
Samuel L. McClellan

## IN MEMORIAM

Samuel Berry  
Police - Retired

Thomas R. Breedlove  
Police - Retired

Jack A. Elder  
Fire - Retired

Donna J. "Jan" Ivie  
Wife of  
Anthony R. "Pete" Ivie  
Fire - Retired

Sammy H. Kelley  
Fire - Retired

James A. Minnis  
Fire - Retired

School (sponsored by the Salesmanship Club), located at 10th and Beckley in Oak Cliff.

*Barbara Ballard  
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**Retiree Outlook**  
October, 2008

**From the Administrator**

*By Richard L. Tettamant, Pension System Administrator*



October is here and we are officially into Fall. In this newsletter, we have an interesting and informative article about some of our investments, and information on several retiree gatherings.

Speaking of retiree meetings, we are excited that our new building will have plenty of room to host your gatherings. If you are putting together a reunion or need a place to host your meeting, call us. We hope to be in the new building soon. There is a map and more information on page 3.

At the August 14, 2008 Board meeting, the Board approved a change in the interest rate for the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) to 9.75%, effective October 1, 2008.

The DROP interest rate is a yield rate, compounded annually, equal to the 10-year average of the System's market rate of return, as determined by the System's actuary.

Call us if you have any questions or concerns.

**Richard L. Tettamant**  
*Pension System Administrator*

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