

# Retiree Outlook

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## Financial Update: Your Pension Benefits are Safe!

Many Members are asking about the financial impact of the current volatile market situation on the Pension System and their benefits.

It is important for you to know that you will always continue to receive your

pension benefits, because your benefits are not affected by the fluctuations in the financial markets. DROP accounts for both active and retired DROP participants are secure, as well. Your monthly pension benefit is

based on your years of pension service and salary – not investment results.

Also, the Pension System itself remains strong. We understand and expect that markets will fluctuate. Our

*See "Financial Update" on page 2*

## Rose Garden Dedicated in Memory of Don Flusche, Sr.

A rose bed at the Gov. Hogg Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens was dedicated in honor of Sgt. Don Flusche, Sr. on Saturday, October 4 prior to the annual DPD retiree picnic.

The roses were donated by the Dallas Police Association, through monetary donations from members.

The site is still under development, with the garden and nature trail taking shape. Further plans call for a Gazebo, a learning center,



Photo: Jess Lucio

*Left to Right - Rick Reid, DPA Rep; Michael Flusche; Johnnie Flusche; P.J. Allen, DPA Rep*

*See "Rose Garden" on page 2*

## Financial Update (cont'd from page 1)

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experienced staff and investment consultants have seen and weathered this kind of market volatility before. During these challenging market conditions, your Board of Trustees is closely monitoring the investment portfolio. The Pension System is a long-term investor with a time horizon that lasts over decades. The investment portfolio is profes-

sionally managed and is well diversified in many different asset classes. The Pension System can maintain a longer term investment strategy and weather short-term market fluctuations. Our long-term focus means that we are not forced to change investment strategy when there is market volatility.

Ultimately, we believe that

the investment environment will offer opportunities for patient, long-term investors such as the Pension System. Over the long-term, we believe this prudent and diversified approach will provide consistent and meaningful investment returns for the Pension System.

Call us if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Rose Garden (continued from page 1)

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and a children's area. There are other rose beds, with at least one which was created for individual memorials.

Also on the site, is the historic Stinson House, which was originally located in the Speer Community northeast of Pine Mills. Gov. James Hogg and Sallie Stinson were married in the parlor of this home in 1874. The home was moved to this location in Quitman in 1952 and restored.



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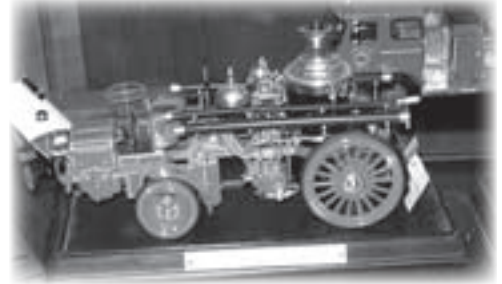
## Firefighter's Museum to Host Annual Retiree's Burger Lunch

Each year, the second Tuesday in November, the Fire Museum opens its doors and invites all Fire retirees to a Burger lunch.

This year, the lunch is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Fire Museum, 3801 Parry Avenue in Dallas (across from Fair Park).

There will be free valet parking for those who need it.

For more information, call the Fire Museum at 214.821.1500 (Wed.-Sat.).



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## Second Reading of Budget Set for November 13

At the regular Board meeting scheduled for November 13, a second and final reading of the 2009 Administrative and Professional Services Budgets is planned. The first reading was at the October 9 meeting.

The proposed budget may be changed or amended at this time. These meetings are opportunities for you to provide input to the Board. The budget will be considered at 10 a.m. at the Pension Sys-

tem office. Because of the impending move, please call ahead or check our Website to confirm the location of our offices. See more information on the move in the article below.

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## Pension System Gearing Up for Relocation — Check our Website for Information on our Move

As of November 1, we are still in our Akard Street location, but soon, we will move to our new location at 4100 Harry Hines Boulevard.

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 coun-

seling 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.



John Crofford

Foy Page

Cecil "Guppy" Mitchell

John Mays

W. G. "Warthog" Wilson

R. C. Wagner

# November 2008



Richard Rucks



"Shorty" Slemmons

Bill Anglin



Billy Combest

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>2</b> Meeting of the Retired Police and Firefighters Association	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Fire Retiree Lunch at Museum (see pg.1) ●●●●●●●● Veteran's Day (Pension Office is open)	<b>12</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>23</b>  <b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> "Young at Heart" Police and Fire Widows and Widowers Lunch

**2** Dallas Retired Police & Fire Fighter Association Lunch  
 Sunday, Nov. 2, 1 P.M. at the Salesmanship Club (J. Erik Jonsson School), Tenth and Beckley (Oak Cliff), Dallas

**6** NW Patrol Retirees Lunch  
 Thursday, Nov. 6, 11:00 a.m.  
 The Mecca  
 10422 Harry Hines Blvd.  
 Dallas

**13** Regular Board Meeting  
 Thursday, Nov. 13, 8:30 a.m.  
 2301 N. Akard Street,  
 Dallas



*John McCormack*

*Charlie Pitman*



*Linda and Robert Greenwald*

*Judy and G.R. Culpepper*

**Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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<b>6</b> NW Patrol Retiree Lunch	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>13</b> Regular Board Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>20</b> East Texas Police Retiree Lunch	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>27</b> Pension System Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



*Melinda Harbour, Karen Jachma, Marilyn Hay*



*Ken Jordan, with  
granddaughter  
(Britney) and great  
grandson (Clay)*



*Louis Gillespie*

*Don DeWees*

**20** East Texas Police Retiree Lunch  
Thursday, Nov. 20, 11:00 a.m.  
Tele's Mexican Restaurant  
Hwy 154 between Quitman  
and Gilmer

**22** "Young at Heart" Lunch  
Wednesday, Nov. 26,  
11 a.m.  
Highland Park Cafeteria  
Buckner and Garland Road,  
Dallas



# Good News From Your Fellow Pensioners



*DPD Class 43 (1954) 54 Year Reunion - Front row, left to right: John Loving, Jim Rollins; Back row, left to right: Leslie Beilharz, Roy Lowery, Bobby Hargis*

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)*



*DPD Class 60 (1958) 50 Year Reunion - Left to Right: J. Ross Morrow, P.K. Wilkins, R.C. Wagner, Jerry Pollard, Leonard Jez*

## Dallas Retired Police and Fire Fighters Association

October 5 was a beautiful day for our meeting and luncheon. We are extending an open invitation to all retirees from the Fire Department, Police Department, and surviving spouses to come and join us on the first Sunday of each month.

Your help is needed to keep all our records current. If there have been any changes in your address or phone number, let us know. Rest assured this information does not go to the general public. Our pension office needs any changes, even if

you have your check electronically deposited. They need updated contact phone numbers, and current addresses for



*Barbara Ballard  
President*

end of the year mailing of tax forms. You may call the pension office for the forms, or they can be downloaded from the Website: [www.dpfp.org](http://www.dpfp.org).

This month, our visitors were Jimmy Bentley, son of Paul and Mozelle Bentley, and Rick George, son of Bob George.

We were glad to have Carol and Curtis Clements and Bob and Ann Foster.

Police Pensioner Trustee John Mays is always informative, and Yvette Hall gave us the only information that she had on our insurance plan for 2009. You may go to the Web site for more information ([www.dpfp.org](http://www.dpfp.org)).

Each month, the food is furnished by members, and is always delicious.

Please join us for our next meeting. We will have a special speaker from Texas Border Volunteers. This organi-

## CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

### POLICE

William H. Croom, II

John E. Long

Phillip Murray

Michael J. Potter

Christopher T. Rinebarger

### FIRE

Frank De La Garza

Foster L. Evans

James Ingram, III

David S. Martin

## IN MEMORIAM

Laura L. Bone  
Widow of John L. Bone  
Fire - Retired

Thelma Dobbins  
Widow of Glenn A. Dobbins  
Fire - Retired

Jess W. English  
Fire - Retired

C.H. Haas  
Fire - Retired

Malcom A. Southerland  
Police - Retired

Billy W. Stringer  
Fire - Retired

zation works closely with the Border Patrol.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 2 at the J. Erik Jonsson Community School (sponsored by the Salesmanship Club), located at 10th and Beckley in Oak Cliff.

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**From the Administrator**

*By Richard L. Tettamant, Pension System Administrator*



On the first page of this issue of the *Retiree Outlook* is an important article regarding the security of your pension benefits. Your benefits will continue to be paid at the end of each month – just like clockwork. The volatility of the stock market is a concern for all of us and an important challenge for this country, but, fortunately, your pension benefit does not depend on the fortunes of the stock market. See Page 1 for more.

At the October Board meeting, the Board approved payment of a 4% increase on the monthly base benefit of those Retired Members eligible for the annual adjustment. The increase will be included in the October benefit payments.

Old Plan Retired Members are scheduled for an increase in January. The City included in its 2008-09 budget a 5% step increase to all police and fire pay ranks effective January 1, 2009. Because of this increase, Retired Members eligible for an Old Plan benefit will receive a 5% increase as of the effective date. The increase will be included in benefit payments beginning January 2009.

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

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