

Retiree Outlook

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Pensioner Trustees to Serve Another Term

The March 4 deadline for candidates to file for the 2009 Trustee election passed with only the incumbents filing to run, so in accordance with the Pension System's election procedures, the incumbents are deemed elected without a vote. Police Pensioner Trustee John Mays and Fire Pensioner Trustee Richard

Wachsman will continue to serve on the Board.

Mr. Mays was elected as the Pensioner Police Trustee on the Board of Trustees effective June 2001. He is a member of the Investment Advisory Committee.



John Mays
Police
Pensioner
Trustee



Richard Wachsman
Fire
Pensioner
Trustee

See "Pensioner Trustees..." on page 2

DPFP Green Focuses on Environmental Responsibility

The Dallas Police and Fire Pension System believes in our responsibility to our members, their families, and future Police Officers and Firefighters. One of the ways that we can care for our Members is to do whatever we can to protect our environment. This environment-friendly mindset has been referred to as being "green."

We want to do things that will positively affect our surroundings. We can accomplish this

See "DPFP Green" on page 3



Our environmentally-friendly initiatives are highlighted at DPFP Green, on the Website www.dpfp.org/green

Pensioner Trustees to Serve Another Term

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Prior to his current Board position, Mr. Mays served as an employee-elected member of the Board of Trustees for almost 20 years (1981-2000) and has served on various committees. He retired from the Dallas Police Department in 2000 with over 35 years of service, holding the rank of Sergeant.

Mr. Mays is an active member of the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS), the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS), and the National Association of Police Officers (NAPO). He is past Editor of the Dal-

las Police Association News and has been a pension conference speaker. He attended Sam Houston University and Bishop College.

Mr. Wachsman was elected as the Pensioner Fire-Rescue Trustee on the Board of Trustees effective June 2001. He is a member of the Administrative Advisory Committee.

Prior to his current Board position, he served as an employee-elected Fire Trustee for over 17 years and served on various committees. He retired from the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department in 2001 with 41 years of service, holding the rank of Battalion Chief.

Mr. Wachsman has been a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) and currently serves as treasurer.

The Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting is held the second Thursday of each month at the Pension System headquarters, 4100 Harry Hines Boulevard in Dallas. The meetings are open to the public.

“Young at Heart” Welcomes Chief Carlin

Assistant Chief and Fire Marshall Debra Carlin recently spoke to the Young at Heart group, a support group for surviving spouses.

It was a very informative program. The chief spoke about the operation of the fire department, the fire inspection program, and the importance of fire prevention.

Young at Heart meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information, call Yvette Hall at 214-638.3863 or email info@dcpf.org.



Assistant Chief and Fire Marshall Debra Carlin speaks to the “Young at Heart” survivors support group.

Amanda Towns



The Pension System staff wishes to honor the memory of Amanda Towns, who passed away after a long illness. Amanda was an Administrative Clerk supporting the coordination of Board meetings, human resources, employee payroll, and other administrative duties. She was an excellent employee, diligent and thorough, with a wonderful attitude. She was most admired for her courage and grace in facing her serious illness and is greatly missed by her coworkers. She is survived by her husband, Vinson, daughter, Zoie, her parents, and many other family members and friends. We extend our sincere sympathy to all.

in a variety of ways.

Our new headquarters was refurbished using Green Building Standards, giving us a building which operates in such a way that it is more energy efficient and has less of an impact on the environment. A cistern is now being constructed for the collection of rainwater and re-use for irrigation. The building features large windows to let in natural light, and the lighting in the building utilizes compact fluorescent lights (cfl's) which use a fraction of the

energy of conventional light bulbs.

Our Trustees have researched and invested in environmentally conscious investments. For instance, we have invested with Sustainable Asset Management (S.A.M.), a firm that invests in companies which deal in things such as water, energy, resource efficiency, climate change and healthy living.

Another one of our investment managers, Ecotrends Investing, invests in companies which are committed to providing solutions to environmental concerns, including the EcoEnergy, Pollution Control, and Clean Water Sectors.

We invest in timber through RMK Timberland group, whose goal is to achieve competitive timberland investment returns while exercising environmental stewardship. They believe that active and environmentally responsible forest management is good business.

The City of Dallas is also very involved in environmental concerns, and we have provided a link to their Website, Green Dallas (www.greendallas.net). The site provides tips on "going green," along with

IN MEMORIAM

Bill W. Bowles
Fire -Retired

Winnie M. Dickson
Widow of H.S. Dickson
Fire -Retired

Linda L. Dooley
Spouse of Charles M. Dooley
Police -Retired

Richard K. Finch
Fire -Retired

Evelyn C. Hendrix
Widow of Merrell C. Hendrix
Fire -Retired

William A. McDonald
Fire - Retired

Flo D. Rawlinson
Widow of
Leo W. Rawlinson
Fire -Retired

Wanda Warren
Widow of Mason .J. Warren
Fire -Retired

James G. Westbrook
Police - Active

CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

POLICE

William B. Buchanan
Gladys P. Chatman
Calvin A. Cunigan
Ronald G. Hale
John C. Henderson
Howard E. Johnson
Michael C. Mason
Jack Misak
Steven B. Oulliber
Curtis Watts

FIRE

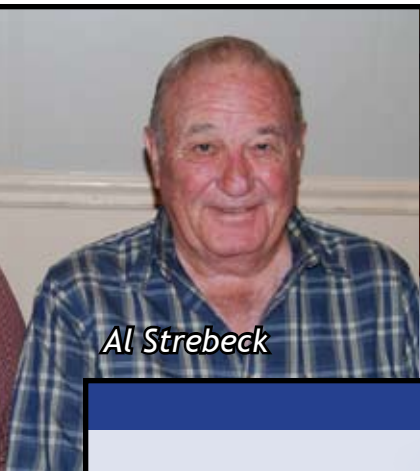
Larry G. Bailey
Jake J. Escamilla
Kenneth D. Foster
Harold L. Sumner

information on air quality, climate change, green buildings, water, recycling, and more.

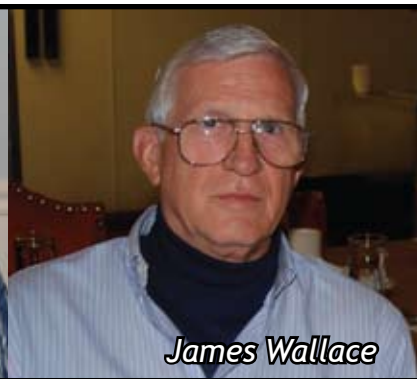
To learn more about our green initiatives, visit our Website at www.dpfp.org, or go directly to DPFP Green at www.dpfp.org/green.



James Barnwell



Al Strebeck



James Wallace



James Stacy



George Holland



Keven Whitsell



Jim and Gay Craft

April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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5 Meeting of the Retired Police and Firefighters Association	6	7	8
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19 /	20 /	21 /	22 "Young at Heart" Lunch /
26	27	28	29

2 CAPERS Bi-annual Dinner
Thursday, April 2,
6:30 p.m.
Steak Angus Steakhouse
717 Bryan-Beltline Road
Mesquite
RSVP: 214.289.9134
(see page 6 for more info.)

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

9 Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, Apr. 9,
8:30 a.m.
4100 N. Harry Hines Blvd,
Dallas (Park in upper
lot, which is the upper
Throckmorton entrance)

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Mike Stewart

Gary Coleman




T. E. Knighten

J.D. Mercer



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PENSION SYSTEM



Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 CAPERS Bi-Annual Dinner	3	4
9 Regular Board Meeting	10	11
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23  Retired and Active Police Breakfast 30	24	25



Marlene Cargile

Claudia Hauck



Rodney Vike

Marty Shamburg

“Young at Heart” Lunch for
Police and Fire Widows and
Widowers
Wednesday, Apr. 22,
11 a.m.
Highland Park Cafeteria
Buckner and Garland Road, Dallas

30 Retired and Active
Police Breakfast
Thursday, Apr. 30,
9:00 a.m.
Circle Grill
I-30 and Buckner Road
Dallas

*If you are organizing a Retiree meeting or event,
and would like your event on the calendar, please
send us the details by the 5th of the month before
the event. Send by e-mail to: KevinK@dpfp.org.
Submitted items will be printed as space permits,
and may be edited. Thanks.*

Good News From Your Fellow Pensioners

We Wish You a Happy Anniversary!



Lloyd and Maxine Hiller celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on February 17. Mr. Hiller retired from the Dallas Fire Department in 1972.



Bobby and Evelyn Moore will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on April 16. Mr. Moore retired from the Dallas Fire Department in 1988.

CAPERS Personnel to Meet for Biannual Dinner

Retired and Active DPD CAPERS personnel are invited to the bi-annual reunion dinner. The group will meet on Thursday, April 2, at Steak Angus, 717 N. Bryan Beltline Road in Mesquite. To RSVP or for more information, contact Tom Willingham at 214.289.9134.

DPD Ski Team takes Third Place in Competition

(Submitted by Ben Caperton)

The 20th North American Police Ski Championships took place in Snowmass Village, CO between March 7-14, 2009. Active and retired police officers from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Austria, and Germany, met for a week of Seed Racing (establishing race level), slalom, giant slalom, and super giant slalom. And the most important, raising money for the Winter Sports Programs of Special Olympics and The Twin Towers Initiative which benefits the new law enforcement officers museum being built in Washington, DC.

This year the race raised over \$34,000 for Special

Olympics and \$15,000 for TTI. This brings our totals for Special Olympics to \$665,000 over 18 years, and over \$35,000 for TTI after 4 years. TTI honors the memory of the 72 police officers lost on 9-11-01.

The Dallas Police Ski Team consisted of Ben Caperton (retired), Carl Craft (retired), Les Myers (retired), Rick Lusk, and David Frykolm. The Dallas team took the 3rd Place Team trophy.

The 2010 North American Police Ski Championships destination will be announced within the next month. Additional news, Ben Caperton will step down as the Fundraising Chair and take over as

Chair of the event. We look forward to seeing those we missed this year back with us in 2010. And we could use some new team members. For more information, email ben.caperton@thecaperton-group.com.

Please send Good News items by e-mail to:

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Dallas Retired Police and Fire Fighters Association

Greetings! I will be taking over as President of the Association from Barbara Ballard. She has done an outstanding job for the past year. Women have always been the backbone of the organization since it was started in 1952, but she was the first woman president. I hope I can do as well as she did.

At the March 1 meeting, we had an excellent speaker: Danny Mack, a Police Officer's son (E. E. Mack).

He is currently a hospice minister. At 8 years of age he

contracted polio. Unfortunately his 5, year old brother died from it.

Danny said he could remember the happiest day of his life. He had recovered from polio, he was in the sixth grade, and he was the captain of the baseball team. He hit a home run and was declared "safe!" by the umpire. His team won the game, and the girls ran out to congratulate him and they all "loved him".

You can probably remember your happiest day too. You

can choose to be happy or sad when life throws you a curve. It's up to you.



*John Mays
President*

Try to make it to the April 5 meeting at the J Erik Jonsson Community School (Sponsored by the Salesmanship Club), 10 and Beckley in Oak Cliff. You will see some of your old friends.

John Mays

President, DRPFFA

Retiree Spotlight: Retiree/WWII Vet Invited to Washington DC

By Kevin W. Killingsworth, DPFP Communications Specialist

Retired DFD Captain and WWII veteran Robert Phillips has been invited to travel to Washington, D.C, in May, as part of a contingent of WWII Veterans who will be honored for their service.



Robert Phillips

There will be medical personnel on the plane in order to provide care and in case of any medical issues that might arise.

In addition to the ceremonies, there will be tours of the various memorials, and sights in

the nation's capital.

Mr. Phillips served in the 98th Bomb Group of the Army Air Corps from early 1943 until October of 1945. He was an aerial gunner in a B-24 Liberator.

He joined the Dallas Fire Department on February 1, 1947, and retired on September 30, 1988.

He made the rank of Captain at age 27, which at the time was the youngest that anyone in the department had been promoted to the rank. "At the time," he explained,

"there was a captain on each shift at every station."

The department opened Station 49 in 1960, and he was captain there on "A" shift for 14 years. He served with DFD for 41 years, and was a captain for 34 years.

Since retiring in 1988, he has travelled all over the western U.S. and he loves to read.

His first wife passed away and he was alone for nine years before marrying his wife Donna. They currently reside in DeSoto.



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From the Administrator

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



Welcome to Spring! I hope that you have been enjoying the mild weather.

In this issue of the **Retiree Outlook**, I would like to congratulate our Pensioner Trustees John Mays (Police) and Richard Wachsman (Fire). They did not receive any opposition in the Trustee election, so they will serve another term on the Board.

The environment is a very important issue today, and the Pension System is doing our part to be "green." Read all about it starting on page 1, and at the Website, www.dpfp.org/green.

We also have news from retiree organizations and from some of your fellow retirees. If you have any news that you would like to include, please email it to info@dpfp.org, or send it to us here at the Pension System office. Also, feel free to call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Richard L. Tettamant
Pension System Administrator

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