



Retiree Outlook

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DROP Interest Rate Issue Resolved Through Legislation

The Market Rate of Return Issue regarding the DROP interest rate has been favorably resolved.

Some time ago, we advised you of the potential negative effect of a new Internal Revenue Service regulation

that could have restricted the System's DROP interest rate. We are now happy to announce that through the efforts of the Board and the national organizations with which we work, Congress has passed and the Presi-

dent has signed HR 7327, the Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act. The new law includes a provision that excludes plans like ours from the restrictions in the IRS regulation.

See "DROP Interest..." on pg. 2

Remembering Senior Corporal Norman Smith

Thousands attended funeral services for DPD Senior Corporal Norman Smith, 43, who was killed in the line of duty while serving a felony warrant on Tuesday, January 6.

Members of law enforce-

See "Remembering..." on pg. 2



Sr. Cpl.
Norman Smith



Remembering Sr. Cpl. Norman Smith

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ment agencies, other public safety agencies, military personnel, government officials, and caring citizens came to honor the fallen officer.

Sr. Cpl. Smith was one day away from his 18th anniversary on the department, and had been a member of the gang unit for 14 years.

His wife, Lt. Regina Smith, is also a Dallas Police officer and works in Chief David Kunkle's office.

Chief Kunkle described Sr. Cpl. Smith as one of the department's finest officers. "He was a great, great street officer. He had the heart of a warrior."

The Board and Staff of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System wish to express sincere condolences to the family and friends of Sr. Cpl. Smith.

DROP Interest Rate Issue Resolved

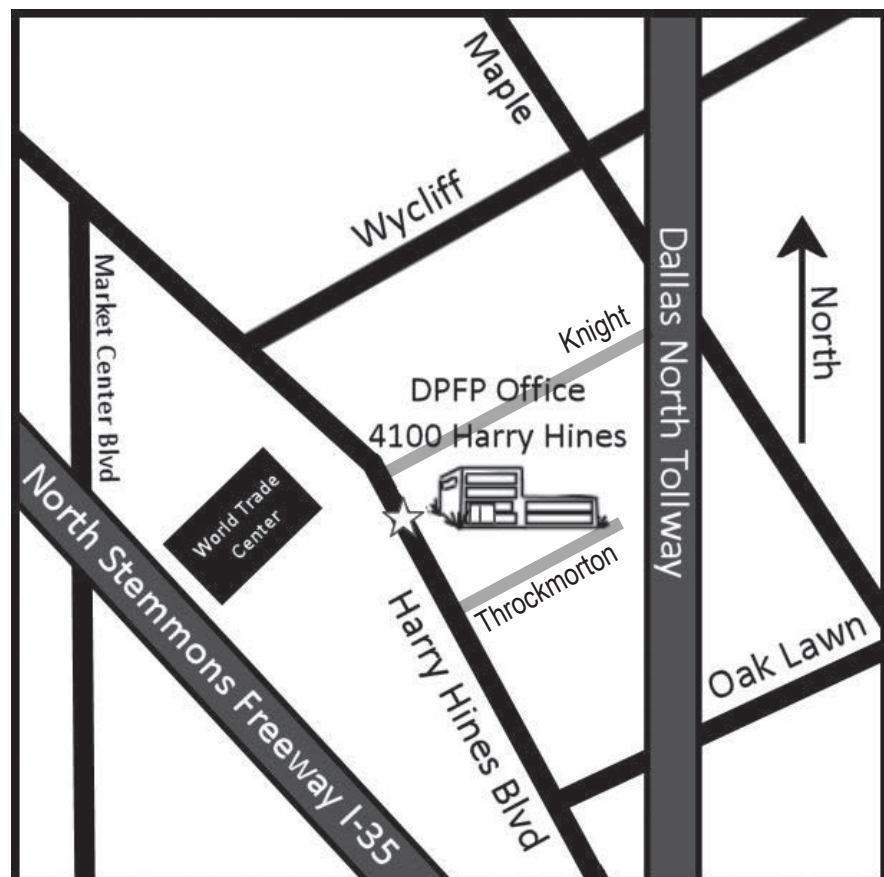
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The new law accepts interest provisions established by state or local laws or ordinances as meeting the requirements of the IRS regulation. Therefore, the DROP interest provisions currently contained in the Plan will stand as is in the Plan and not be affected by the IRS regulation.

Our New Location ... 4100 Harry Hines Boulevard

Our new offices are approximately 2 miles north of our former headquarters. We are now at 4100 Harry Hines Boulevard, Suite 100, Dallas, Texas 75219, between Throckmorton and Knight Streets.

If visiting us for seminars and meetings, please park in the upper parking deck (the second Throckmorton entrance) and enter through the back door off the parking lot. When visiting our office for business, use the lower lot (first Throckmorton entrance) and enter through the main entrance.



The Latest News from Your Pensioner Advocate

By Yvette Hall, LBSW



Hello, and happy new year to each of you!

I wanted to take this opportunity to share several things with you. As many of you may already know, Gale Paul has decided to retire from Dallas Police & Fire Pension System.

She worked for the Pension System as Pensioner Advocate for six years and will be greatly missed. Gale has taught me well, and though I am still learning more each day, I am here to help you in whatever way I can.

I wanted to share an upcoming event that you may find interesting.

Senior Day 2009 will be held at the State Capitol in

Austin, Tuesday, February 10. Last year there were 4800 seniors on the Capitol steps, and even more are expected this year.

Buses will leave **The Senior Source**, 3910 Harry Hines (right down the street from our office) at 5:30 a.m. and travel to the Capitol, with activities starting at 10:30 a.m.

The purpose of Senior Day is to recognize and celebrate the contributions made by older Texans to our State, to show that Seniors of Texas care about the issues that affect them, and to have fun and enjoy visiting the State Capitol Building.

Keynote speakers include Bob Phillips (The Texas Country Reporter), key elected officials and leaders of aging networks.

Featured entertainment

includes “Ukulele Ladies and Gents” from San Antonio, and “The Dallas Dazzlers”

The cost is a non-refundable \$20, which includes lunch and snacks.

Wear your walking shoes and dress casually. Make out your check to Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas, 3910 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75219 by February 3.

For more info, call Lynda Ender at **The Senior Source**, 214.823.5700, ext. 6113, or email her at lender@theseniorsource.org.

I hope you can go and share your concerns.

Happy Valentines Day to you all!

Hugs,

Yvette

Old Plan Pensioners Receive Increase

Effective January 1, those pensioners who retired under the Old Plan, and Survivors of Old Plan Pensioners, could see an increase in their benefit amount.

The City added an additional step to each position and added a 5% increase effective January 1, 2009. Based

on this increase, benefits paid to Old Plan Pensioners and their Survivors are eligible for the adjustment to reflect the 5% pay increase.

Old Plan Pensioners or Survivors who are Arnett-eligible will be paid the greater amount to which they are eligible.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES!

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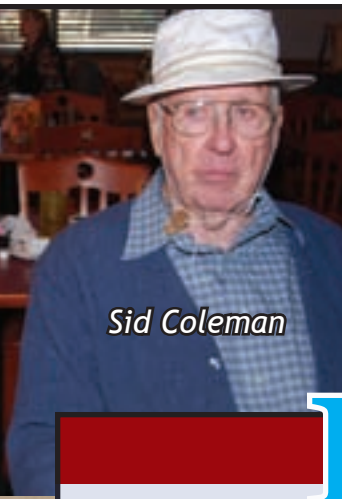
Howard R. Hulse
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FIRE

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David T. Shivers
Thomas R. Tanksley
James M. Zak



Jack Lybrand



Sid Coleman



Weldon Bell



Gene Spillman

February

If you are organizing a Retiree meeting or event, and you want your event on the calendar, please send us the details by the 5th of 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.



Tom Sherman

Steve Hull



T.D. Tolleson

Grant Lappin



Archie and Stella Kelly

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 Meeting of the Retired Police and Firefighters Association	2	3	4
8	9	10 Quarterly Board Meeting	11
15	16 Presidents Day (Pension Office closed)	17	18
22	23	24	25 "Young at Heart" Police and Fire Widows and Widowers Lunch

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

10 Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 10, 8:30 a.m.
4100 N. Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas (Park in upper lot, which is the second Throckmorton entrance)

12 Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 12, 8:30 a.m.
4100 N. Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas (Park in upper lot, which is the second Throckmorton entrance)



Barbara and Jerry Hooker



Richard Crosby

J.C. Sanchez

Tom Wafer

2009



Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7
12 Regular Board Meeting	13	14
19	20	21
26 Retired and Active Police Breakfast	27	28



Tip Tippit

Jack Hearn



J.R. Carroll

David Hernandez



P.R. Goodell

Jim Freeman

25 "Young at Heart" Lunch
 Wednesday, Feb. 25,
 11 a.m.
 Highland Park Cafeteria
 Buckner and Garland Road,
 Dallas

26 Retired and Active Police Breakfast
 Thursday, Feb. 26,
 9:00 a.m.
 Circle Grill
 I-30 and Buckner Road
 Dallas



Good News From Your Fellow Pensioners

Police Retiree Records Country CD

(Submitted by Lester Taylor)

For those of you who don't know or don't remember, Jim Farr (see photo below) was a DPD officer from 1955 until 1980. During that time Jim loved to "pick & grin" in his off-time. After retiring, Jim and his wife Barbara moved to Dallas, GA, where he has been a Magistrate Judge for over 20 years.

Jim recently recorded a country music CD for the Paulding County, GA, Sheriff's Office Family Relief Fund.

This 17-song CD is truly amazing—it's hard to believe that at 79, Jim still sounds like he always did. To receive this CD, the Paulding Co. Sheriff's Office is asking for a donation of \$10.00 plus \$4.00 for shipping and handling. Let's all pitch in and help Jim make this Relief Fund a big success.

For more information or to order, call Jim at 770.445.0705.



Jim Farr

We Wish You a Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to Fire Retiree **Tony Pinka and his wife Barbara**. They celebrated their 63rd anniversary on December 20, 2008.



Tony and Barbara Pinka



Congratulations to **Leslie and Patricia Warnock**, who celebrated their 57th anniversary on December 22, 2008.

Leslie retired from the Fire Department in 1981, after serving for almost 25 years.



Leslie and Patricia Warnock

Best Wishes to Police Retiree **James Hobbs and his wife Odell**. They celebrated their 57th anniversary on January 5, 2009.



Odell and James Hobbs



Best Wishes to **Paul and Barbara Jarrell**. They celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on January 10, 2009.

Paul served with the Dallas Police Dept. from 1959 until 1985.



Barbara and Paul Jarrell

Please send **Good News** items by e-mail to: info@dppf.org

or to:

Dallas Police & Fire Pension System
Attn. Kevin
4100 Harry Hines Blvd., Suite 100
Dallas, TX 75219

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

Dallas Retired Police and Fire Fighters Association

Greetings!

January 4, 2009 was a great day for our meeting. Several members that had not attended for awhile were there. We need your support. We missed you.

February is our month to nominate new candidates. Second Vice-President is open. A firefighter would be an asset, as we like to alternate each year.

Membership dues are payable as of January 1, 2009, \$5.00 per year. Thank you for keeping current.

Our guest speaker for March will be Danny Mack, the chaplain of Christian Care Hospice and Pastor of a Church in



*Barbara Ballard
President*

Mesquite. He will speak on "The Art of Happiness."

New information is given to us from the Pension office when available. This is very helpful.

Thanks to Barbara and Lester Taylor for their help in keeping us informed of friends who have passed away. Condolences to Verna Scott, widow of Bill Scott who passed away on January 3.

Jess Lucio has available for \$5.00 each, coins commemorating J.D. Tippit. Proceeds go to the "Assist the Officer" Foundation. A pin with a DPD badge and pink ribbon is also available, with the proceeds going to fund cancer research.

John Mays brought enlarged photos of the meeting room at the new pension system building. The facilities are impressive. At any later date, should we choose to have our meeting there, it will be available.

2009 Trustee Election Schedule

February 23 - March 4
Application Filing Period

March 4
Applications due by 4 p.m.

March 12
Board certifies Trustee candidate applications at Regular Board meeting

March 17 & March 18 (Tentative)
Trustee Candidate Training

March 27 - April 6
Voting 8 a.m. March 27 to 12 p.m. (noon) April 6

April 9
Board certifies election results at Regular Board meeting

May 1 - May 8
Run-off election if necessary
Voting 8 a.m. May 1 to 12 p.m. (noon) May 8

June 1
New Trustee terms begin;
(Current terms end May 31)

Sunday, February 1, 2009 is our next luncheon. We will meet at 1 p.m. at the J. Erik Jonsson Community School (Sponsored by the Salesmanship Club), 10th and Beckley in Oak Cliff.

Barbara Ballard
President of Dallas RPFPA

IN MEMORIAM

James F. Butcher
Police - Retired

Walter E. Potts
Police - Retired

Nina "Lee" S. Reynolds
Widow of George A. Reynolds
Police - Retired

William H. Scott
Police - Retired

Norman S. Smith
Police - Active

Thomas J. Stephens
Fire - Retired



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We have moved!
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From the Administrator

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



Warmest Greetings to you. As we start the new year, we all hope for a return to better financial times.

In this newsletter, we honor DPD Sr. Cpl. Norman Smith, who was killed in the line of duty on January 6. See page one for more on this fine officer.

You should have received a special newsletter with the details about our upcoming Trustee election. As a reminder, we have included the election schedule on page 7 of this newsletter. Voting will be by telephone or over the internet, Sample ballots will be mailed to Pensioners on March 26.

There is good news about the DROP interest rate issue. See page 1 for more on this. If you are in DROP, you should receive your DROP Statement the last week of this month.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that we have completed our move to our new building. Find all the details on page 2.

As always, call or email us if you have any questions or concerns.

Richard L. Tettamant
Pension System Administrator

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