

Retiree Outlook

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Getting the Word Out: Pension System Communicates Using Both New and Traditional Methods

Over the last two decades, the way we communicate with one another has changed greatly. In the last few years, the Internet has spawned social networks and tools such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

According to a study from The Radicati Group, Inc., a technology research and advisory firm, the number of worldwide email accounts is expected to increase from 3.1 billion accounts in 2011 to nearly 4.1 billion by year-end 2015. Another trend is that a large amount of corporate and consumer communication is shifting to other forms of communications, in particular Instant Messaging (IM) and social networks.

The Pension System is embracing these new communications tools as additional methods to keep you

informed. We will continue to communicate through our Website, monthly newsletters, email, and periodic informational briefings, like the ones we held last month, while we expand into these new methods.

Board Chairman George Tomasovic has begun a series of short video updates, which are posted

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Chairman George Tomasovic reports to the Membership through periodic videos accessed from our Website and YouTube Channel.

At the Dallas Police Memorial Ceremony



On May 18, the Dallas Police Department honored Officers killed in the line of duty (pictured: The Dallas Police Department Honor Guard)

Getting the Word Out: How We Communicate

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at our Website (www.dpfp.org) and our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/DPFPSystem). So far, we have covered topics including the recent legislative session, the election of new Trustees, and an update on some of the Pension system Investments.

Members who use Facebook or Twitter can keep up with what is going on in the Pension System through these media. Usually, these will be reminders about upcoming Board meetings or other events.

We also work with various Police and Fire retiree email lists and social networks. Many times, we will send information out to these groups, and ask that they pass it along to the members of the group.

The Dallas Retired Firefighters Association sends out email updates. This list is administered by Pat Warnock. To be added to their list, send your email request to patriciawarnock@sbcglobal.net.

There are at least three Police groups. First, there is an email list that is administered by Police Retiree Lester Taylor and his wife Barbara. They

send out email reminders of Retiree get-togethers, as well as notices of ill members and deaths. To be added to this email list, email your request to Barbara406@coolaccess.net.

There is a Yahoo newsgroup that is set up for police retirees. Police retiree Steve Hull is the administrator. This is a group where Members can socialize and tell old stories, but also share information. You can choose to sign onto the site and read the entries, or the entries can be emailed to you. It is a closed group, so you will have to sign up for newsgroups on the Yahoo Website (yahoo.com), and

then you will have request to be added to the group. Send your request to dpdsteve@sbcglobal.net.

There is a relatively new Facebook group called Dallas Police Retirees- Closed forum. It is administered by Police Retiree Hans Bryson. To join, search "Dallas Police Retirees" and the group will come up. Click on join, and it will begin a message to the administrator. Please include your name and badge number in the message.

For more information on how to interact with us through the Internet, see the quick reference guide below.

Quick Reference to DPFP on the Web:

Our Website: www.dpfp.org



Our email address: info@dpfp.org

Our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/DallasPoliceFirePension



Our Twitter feed:

www.twitter.com/DPFP_Info



Our YouTube Channel:

www.youtube.com/DPFPSystem



Establishing a Web Member Services Account

To securely interact with us online, you must first establish an account on Web Member Services following these steps:

1. On your internet browser, go to www.dpfp.org.
2. On the right side of the home page, you will see "Web Member Services." Below that, are the words: "Go to sign in page." Click on this link.
3. When Web Member Services opens, look to the left side of the page. Look for the words: "Need an Account?" and click on the link.
4. This will open a screen where you will choose your user name and password, and answer a series of questions.
5. After answering these questions, an account will be set up for you and you can sign in using your chosen user name and password.

There is an on-line "help" function with "easy-to-understand" menus which give outlined steps for accomplishing each task.

Security of your personal information is of prime importance to us. Our use of state-of-the-art encryption technology ensures your privacy as you access and navigate this site.

We hope you will use and enjoy this service. As always, we welcome your suggestions for improvement; you may share them with our staff at info@dpfp.org.

Dallas Retired Police and Fire Fighter Association



*Bob Foster
President,
DRPFFA*

Greetings, and I hope that you enjoy your 4th of July week-end. We would love for you to come spend some of it with us. We will meet on Sunday, July 3 at 1 p.m. for the "First Sunday" covered dish luncheon.

We meet at the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System, Second Floor, 4100 Harry Hines Boulevard (at Throckmorton). There is plenty of parking on the upper level lot. There will be signs directing you where to park. Hope to see you there.

Bob Foster
President, DRPFFA

IN MEMORIAM

Wilburn L. "Barney" Barnard

Police- Retired

Millard S. Cook

Police - Retired

Janet A. Gall

Widow of Harvey O. Gall

Police - Retired

Cyrus R. Huie, Jr.

Fire - Retired

Stella M. Kelly

Wife of Archie R. Kelly

Fire - Retired

Charles E. Shankles

Police - Retired

Tommie S. Townsend

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Police - Retired

Arthur N. Williams

Police - Retired



Carl Craft

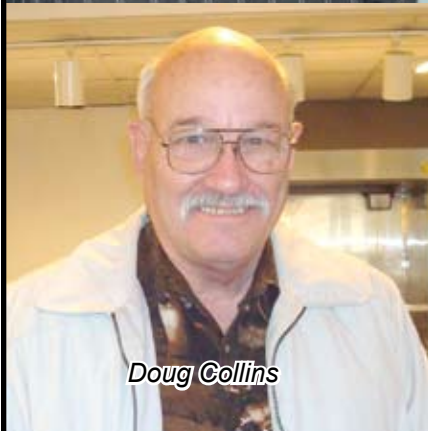
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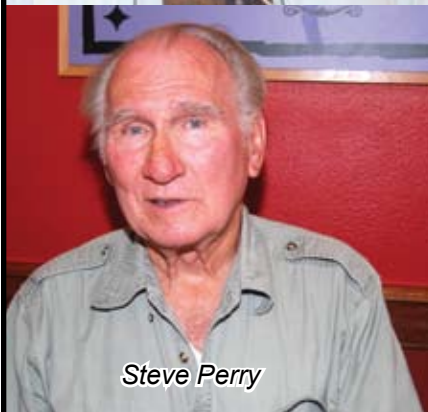
Earl and Judy Sanges



Lee Bourland



Doug Collins



Steve Perry

July

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday



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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@dppf.org. Submitted items will be printed as space permits, and may be edited. Thanks.

3 First Sunday Meeting of Dallas Retired Police & Fire Fighter Association	4 Independence Day - Pension System Office closed	5	6
10	11	12 Fire Retiree Lunch - Garland	13
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3 Dallas Retired Police & Fire Fighter Association Luncheon Sunday, July 3, 1 p.m. 4100 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas (Park in upper lot, which is the upper Throckmorton entrance)

12 Fire Retiree Lunch Tuesday, July 12 11:00 a.m. Furr's Restaurant 1540 Eastgate Drive Garland

14 Regular Board Meeting Thursday, July 14 8:30 a.m. 4100 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas (Park in upper lot, which is the upper Throckmorton entrance)



Larry Abbott

Richard Coleman



Ennis and Donna Hill

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14 Regular Board Meeting <hr/> Police Retiree Lunch - Arlington	15	16
21 Police Retiree Lunch - Mesquite	22	23
28 Police Breakfast	29	30



Bob and Jo McGovern



Jimmy Holland

Rev. Gary Henry

14 Police Retiree Lunch (Arlington) Thursday, July 14, 1:00 p.m. Spring Creek BBQ 3608 S. Cooper Street Arlington (Info. Contact: John Allen 817-572-2741)	21 Police Retiree Lunch (Mesquite) Thursday, July 21 11:00 a.m. Golden Corral Restaurant 1902 Town Centre Blvd. Mesquite	27 "Young at Heart" Surviving Spouses Lunch Wednesday, July 27 11:00 a.m. Golden Corral Restaurant 1902 Town Centre Blvd. Mesquite	28 Police Breakfast (Retired and Active) Thursday, July 28 9:00 a.m. Circle Grille Buckner and I-30 Dallas
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Good News From Your Fellow Pensioners

Happy Anniversary



Bill and Jean Frazier

Bill and Jean Frazier celebrated their 50th Anniversary on April 2, 2012.

Mr. Frazier retired from the Dallas Police Department in 1977, after 27 years of service.

(Editor's note: Our apologies for not running this earlier)



Johnny and Charlene Corum

Johnny and Charlene Corum celebrated their 49th Anniversary on June 2.

Mr. Corum started with the Dallas Police Department in 1962 and retired in 1991.



Carl and Louise Smith

Carl and Louise Smith celebrated their 53rd Anniversary on June 27.

Mr. Smith started with the Dallas Fire Department in 1957 and retired in 1989.



Fred and Lorrie Sexauer

Fred and Lorrie Sexauer will celebrate their 47th Anniversary on July 10.

Mr. Sexauer started with the Dallas Police Department in 1960 and retired in 1984.

Please send **Good News** items to:

info@dpfp.org

or to:

Dallas Police and Fire Pension System

Attn: Kevin

4100 Harry Hines Blvd.

Ste. 100,

Dallas, TX 75219

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW RETIREES!

FIRE

C. G. Contreras

Billy J. Johnson

Roy G. Matkins

POLICE

Raymond Beaudreault

Laura L. Brakefield

Eddie W. Crawford

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Debra L. Easton

John M. Easton

Bruce A. D'Ostroph

Steven P. L'Huillier

Carol L. Mazzola

Jill M. McCollum

William E. Norman

Dan W. Runnels

Paul D. Stanford

Stephen L. St. Clair

Peggy J. Warren

The Dallas Retired Fire Fighter Association Chooses Recipients of the 2011 Denny Burris Scholarships

By Ennis Hill, DRFFA Scholarship Committee Chairman

The Dallas Retired Fire Fighters Association is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2011 Denny Burris Scholarships. Each Recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship.

The recipients are:

Dylan James Carter of Rockdale, TX, grandson of retired DFD member John F. Bell.



Dylan has been accepted and plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin. He plans to major in communication/business and hopes to own a commercial real estate business, become governor of Texas and start an orphanage for under-privileged children. He is attending Temple College while finishing at Rockdale High School and will have 34 hours college credit upon graduation.

Nicole June DeYear of Plano, TX, daughter of active DFD member Battalion Chief Daniel DeYear.



Nicole will attend the University of Oklahoma. She ranks 7 in her class of 650 and has qualified for a National Merit Scholarship. Upon completion of her undergraduate studies, she plans to attend Princeton for studies that will facilitate her joining the Peace Corps or working for the US State Department or other global organization in pursuit of peaceful ties with the Middle East.

Jake Landon of Tishomingo, OK, son of active DFD member Kelly Landon.



Jake is active in the Civil Air Patrol and is concurrently completing high school and taking classes at Murray State College. He will attend the University of Central Oklahoma at Edmond, Oklahoma. He plans to major in Industrial Safety and minor in leadership. When he graduates he wants to become a professional firefighter/paramedic.

Taylor Lane Reed of Sulphur Bluff, TX, the granddaughter of retired DFD member Captain Ronald Reed.



Taylor plans to attend Paris Junior College to study nursing. As a registered nurse she wants to work in the nursery or labor and delivery unit of a major hospital. She applied for our scholarship with the idea of repaying her grandparents for the sacrifices they have made in caring for her and raising her since infancy.

We had more than 50 applicants this year. Our independent selection committee was challenged to choose from this field of outstanding candidates. We appreciate the time and effort committee members invested in choosing the recipients of the scholarships.

Congratulations to all four Denny Burris Scholarship recipients.



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From the Administrator

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



Greetings! In this month's issue of the *Retiree Outlook*, we discuss the many ways that we communicate with you. When it comes to your Pension benefits, we want to provide the most timely and helpful information.

Our Website at www.dpfp.org is the source for all of our publications, including back issues of our newsletters, Member Handbooks, and our Plan document. You will also find the latest news, links to Web Member Services and other useful sites. See page 1 for more information.

Also, we congratulate the recipients of the Denny Burris Scholarships from the Retired Firefighter Association (page 3).

Remember, we are here to serve you. If you have any questions about your Pension Benefit, you may call or e-mail us.

Richard L. Tettamant
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