

Retiree Outlook

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2011- The Pension System Year in Review

By Steve Umlor, Vice Chairman, Police Trustee

As another year draws to a close and we get ready to move into 2012, I wanted to take this opportunity to review the past year here at the Pension System. Next month, Chairman George Tomasovic will look forward at our plans for the new year.

The year 2011 was a year of change, but we believe that the changes will help protect the plan for the future. In January, the Board proposed several necessary changes to the plan to strengthen future funding. A Plan Amendment election was held in February, and 88%

of those voting approved the changes. As reflected in this year's report from our Actuary, the changes to the plan appear to have had the desired effect to help



Steve Umlor
Vice Chairman
Police Trustee

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Council Member Delia Jasso Appointed to Board of Trustees



Delia Jasso
District 1
Dallas City
Council

Dallas District 1 City Council Member Delia D. Jasso was appointed to the Dallas Police and Fire Pension Board of Trustees in October, and was welcomed at the Regular monthly Board Meeting on November 10.

Delia Jasso, was elected

to the Dallas City Council in June 2009, having previously served as a community and civic leader for more than 20 years. For seven years from 2002-2009, she served as former Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Elba Garcia's appointee to the City of Dallas Park and Recreation Board and was elected to Vice President of the Board by the Dallas City Council. Delia has also served and held office with the Women's

Council of Dallas County, Kidd Springs Neighborhood Association, Forward Dallas Advisory Committee, Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society and the Lecture Luncheon Club of Oak Cliff.

There are four City Council Places on the Board, which are appointed by the full City Council. There are six employee-elected Places and two Pensioner-elected Place on the Board.

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sustain the plan for the foreseeable future.

Also in February, Active Firefighters elected Lt. Samuel Friar in a special election to fill the unexpired term of retired Fire Trustee Gerald Brown. After the regular Trustee election in April, and a run-off in May, the Board welcomed two new Active Police Trustees in June. Officer Thomas White and Sgt. Dan Wojcik were elected as Police Trustees.

During the Plan Amendment election process, some members expressed concern over what they felt were deficiencies in our communications with the members. The Board heard you and is taking steps to improve our communications. In addition to printed materials, our Website (www.dpfp.org), and e-mail, we have increased our use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube to supplement the delivery of our messages when appropriate. We have produced several video messages featuring our Chairman, George Tomasovic, and posted the videos on YouTube, with links on our Website, Facebook page, and

Twitter feed. We also will attempt to make greater use in the future of each department's internal communications processes for a broader dissemination of information important to you.

In the summer, we completed and distributed the new Member Handbooks, reflecting the changes from the Plan Amendment election. Printed copies were mailed out to Members, and are also available at the Pension System office. An electronic version is available on our Website.

One other major issue that the Board has been watching is the political climate in relation to public pension plans. Constant battles are being waged against defined benefit pension plans such as ours. You can be sure the Board will keep watch and do everything within our power to protect our pension.

The Board is tasked with the "Big Picture" planning and oversight of the Pension System, and we rely on the Administration and staff to carry out the day to day operation. Through the end of September, our Benefits Counselors have conducted 460 Retirement Counseling

Sessions for members retiring and 505 Counseling Sessions for Members entering DROP. We have participated in 63 educational classes, meetings and home visits and processed 251 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders. Late this year, we offered a new education programs for our younger Members to help them better understand their benefits and also to present other financial related information to help them in this stage of their careers.

As a Board, we work for you and we will listen to your comments and concerns. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Pension System Building, and invite you to attend. It will give you a much better understanding of what the Board does and how the Pension System operates. The staff of the Pension System is ready, able, and willing to help you as well. Please call 214.638.3863 or send e-mail to info@dpfp.org.

Thanks,

Steve Umlor
Vice Chairman
Police Trustee

DRFFA Announces 2012 Application Details for Denny Burriss Scholarship Fund

The Dallas Retired Firefighters Association is pleased to announce that the DRFFA Denny Burriss Scholarship Fund will be awarding four \$500 Scholarships in 2012 to assist members of the Dallas Fire Rescue family in their educational endeavors.

Applicants should be able to demonstrate some family relationship to a current or retired member of the Dallas Fire Rescue Department. Applicants may be attending or plan to attend either a university, junior college or accredited trade school.

Applicants may obtain a complete set of requirements, guidelines and an application form by contacting:

Dallas Retired Fire Fighters Association

Patricia Warnock, Secretary-Treasurer

P.O. Box 814066

Dallas, TX 75381- 4066

E-mail: Patricia.Warnock@sbcglobal.net

Phone: 214-695-1466

The deadline for submission of applications is March 31, 2012.

IN MEMORIAM

*Robert W. Brunson
Fire - Retired*

*Tom "Junior" E. Allen
Fire - Retired*

*Emma L. Bean,
Widow of Robert E. Bean
Fire - Retired*

*Ouida F. Blair,
Widow of James W. Blair
Fire - Retired*

*Daisy L. Heifner
Widow of Olin Heifner
Police - Retired*

*Tony Ingargiola
Police - Retired*

*Clifford H. "Bob" McCaghren
Fire - Retired*

*Barbara J. Murphy
Wife of Tommie Murphy
Police - Retired*

*Billie A. Pennington
Wife of Robert C. Pennington
Fire - Retired*

*Bonnie W. Pope
Widow of T.O. Pope
Police - Retired*

*Mary "Elizabeth" Stark
Widow of Charles F. Stark
Fire - Retired*

*Gwendolyn Slavik
Wife of David J. Slavik
Fire - Retired*

*Jeanna K. Wilson
Widow of Lloyd G. Wilson
Fire - Retired*

*Melvin D. Wood
Fire - Retired*



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December

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

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.



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First Sunday Meeting of
Dallas Retired Police &
Fire Fighter Association

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1 Police Retiree Lunch
Thurs. Dec. 1, 11 a.m.
Mama's Daughter's Diner
6509 W. Park Blvd.
(at Midway Road)
Plano, TX

4 Dallas Retired Police & Fire
Fighter Association Luncheon
Sunday, Dec. 4, 1 p.m.
4100 Harry Hines Blvd.,
Dallas
(Park in upper lot, which is the
upper Throckmorton entrance)

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

Police Retiree Lunch
(Arlington)
Thurs. Dec. 8, 1:00 p.m.
Spring Creek BBQ
3608 S. Cooper Street
Arlington
(Info. Contact: John Allen
817.572.2741)



Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Police Retiree Lunch (Plano) Fire Retiree Lunch (Canton)	2	3
8 Regular Board Meeting Police Retiree Lunch - Arlington	9 Police Retiree Lunch - Oak Cliff	10
15 Police Retiree Lunch - Mesquite	16	17
22 Police Retiree Breakfast	23	24
29	30	31



Photos courtesy of Sr. Cpl. Jess Lucio and Les Warnock.

9 Police Retiree Lunch (Oak Cliff)
 Fri. Dec. 9, 11:00 a.m.
 Charco Broiler
 413 W. Jefferson
 Dallas (Oak Cliff)

15 Police Retiree Lunch (Mesquite)
 Thurs. Dec. 15, 11:00 a.m.
 Golden Corral
 1902 Towne Centre Blvd.
 Mesquite

22 Police Breakfast (Retired and Active)
 Wed. Dec. 22, 9:00 a.m.
 Circle Grill
 Buckner and I-30
 Dallas

Please note that the "Young at Heart" Surviving Spouses Group will not meet in December, but will resume regular monthly meetings in January. Watch for details in the January newsletter.

Dallas Retired Police and Fire Fighter Association

Greetings! We look forward to a great Holiday meeting featuring the Police Choir at our next meeting.



*Bob Foster,
President,
DRPFFA*

Let me personally invite you to our next "First

Sunday Meeting" covered dish lunch. We will have a traditional Holiday Dinner, with Turkey, Ham, and all the trimmings.

We will meet on Sunday, December 4 at 1 p.m. at the Dallas Police and Fire Pen-

sion System, Second Floor, 4100 Harry Hines Boulevard (at Throckmorton).

***Bob Foster, President
DRPFFA***



The Dallas Police Choir is scheduled to perform at the Retiree Luncheon December 4

City of Dallas Continues Info. Meetings for Retirees Turning 65

As announced in previous issues of the Retiree Outlook, the City of Dallas has been holding informational meetings for Retiree's who are close to turning 65 years of age.

There is one final meeting scheduled on December 13.

(See details at right)

Remaining City of Dallas Informational Meeting for Retirees Turning 65

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday December 13	City Hall L1FN Auditorium	2:00 P.M.

Good News From Your Fellow Pensioners

Happy Anniversary



Happy anniversary to *Les and Patricia Warnock*, who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on December 22, 2011.

Mr. Warnock retired from the Dallas Fire Department in 1981 after serving for almost 25 years.



Congratulations to *Rodney and Katherine Gant*, who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on December 29, 2011.

Mr. Gant started with the Dallas Fire Department in April, 1961 and retired in 1983.

Special Note from the Dallas Retired Fire Fighter Association

The Dallas Retired Fire Fighter Association endeavors to keep Firefighters informed through e-mail updates.

If you are a retired Fire Fighter and would like to

receive e-mail updates from the DRFFA, Please contact Patricia Warnock, Secretary/Treasurer of the DRFFA with your e-mail address.

Also, if your e-mail address has changed, please provide

the new address to the Association. Send the information by e-mail to:

patricia.warnock@sbcglobal.net

Thanks,

DRFFA

Please send
Good News
items to:

info@dppfp.org

or to:

Dallas Police and Fire Pension System
Attn: Kevin
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From the Administrator

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



Greetings!

In this edition of the **Retiree Outlook**, our Vice Chairman, Steve Umlor, looks back at the last year here at the Pension System. Also, we welcome a new Trustee, District 1 City Council Member Delia Jasso.

We hope that your year has been good, and that during this Holiday season, you have a restful time with your family and friends however you choose to celebrate. From the Board of Trustees, the Administration, and the Staff, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Remember, we are here to serve you. If you have any specific questions or concerns, feel free to call and talk to a Benefits Counselor.

Richard L. Tettamant
Pension System Administrator

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