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CHICAGO POLICE SERGEANTS' ASSOCIATION

## President's Message

By Robert Kirchner

As we begin a New Year we are also beginning a new chapter in the Association. We have been very busy implementing changes and putting safe guards in effect to guarantee the integrity of the Association. As time progresses the changes will become quite apparent and our members should be more than happy with what they see.

Our former President has been indicted on charges of theft, official misconduct and money laundering. These charges have damaged the image and reputation of this fine organization. The changes implemented by the current board should prevent any instances of malfeasance in the future.

Our contract negotiating meeting with the city that was scheduled for 11 Jan 2010 was cancelled due to a scheduling conflict between the attorneys. No new date for meetings has been set. We have met with the General Counsel for the State PBPA and we have informed the city's attorneys that mediation is demanded. This demand is the first step in the arbitration process. It appears that the city is refusing to accept our counter proposals on any aspect of their final offer. One example is that the current language the city wants us to accept does not specify a time limit that members could be suspended for if they violate the alcohol testing program. We find this unacceptable, as did 92% of those Sergeants who voted on the contract. We will keep you informed of all additional information as it becomes available.

Our Association's legal counsel has informed us that depositions on the Lieutenant's Examination lawsuit should be beginning soon. The city's attempt to have this lawsuit dismissed was unsuccessful. There is no other timeline on this suit as the Federal Court moves at its' own pace.

The new work schedule has begun in districts and areas citywide. So far there have been no complaints and we are continuing to meet with the city regarding this program. Both sides are looking into expanding the program to other units. Those dis-

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strict and units that are currently working one of the other alternate work schedules will continue to work under that schedule for 2010.

A lot of progress has been made in a short period of time, but there is still a lot of work that has to be done. It is with this in mind that I have decided to seek the President's position for the remainder of this term in the upcoming special election. Notifications are going out to the members informing them of the special election. Petitions will be available to be picked up at the Association's building starting February 1st.

I wish to thank everyone for their patience and support during this rough time we are going through.

*Robert Kirchner*

Robert Kirchner  
Chicago Police Sergeants' Association 

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## Interesting Websites

### Health Care Bill

[www.waysandmeans.house.gov/media/pdf/111/AAHCA09001.xml.pdf](http://www.waysandmeans.house.gov/media/pdf/111/AAHCA09001.xml.pdf)

### Government Printing Office

[www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov)

### Disused Police Stations | Forgotten Chicago

<http://forgottenchicago.com/features/chicago-architecture/disused-police-stations/>

### Live CPD Scanner Monitor on Net

<http://www.radioreference.com/apps/audio/?ctid=606>

### Pictures of Chicago Police

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/841485@N21/pool/>

## 2010 Corned Beef Retirement Dinner

On Thursday the 18th of February 2010, we will be honoring all of the Sergeants who retired during 2009. The dinner will be held at the European Chalet located at 5445 S. Harlem in Chicago. Doors will open at 1800 hours and dinner is usually served around 1900 hours. This dinner is for all active duty and retired Sergeants only. The Chalet is located about 4 blocks south of I-55 on the east side of the street.

If there is any Sergeant who retired during 2009 and has not received any letters from our office, please contact us immediately. On occasion the department will leave a name off of the "separation order", especially if the Sergeant is retiring off of disability.

### GENERAL MEETING


The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday March 18th, at our office located at 1616 W. Pershing Road, starting promptly at 1900 hours. Retirees are always welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available.

### PENSION MEETINGS

The Pension Meeting is held the Fourth Thursday of Each Month. 

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## Nov. Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the raffle winners from our November meeting! 


Bob Dolan (015)	Al Piantkowski (Ret.)
Shawn Joyce (018)	Mike Tantilla (025)
Richard Moravec (002)	Bob Mizera (001)
Sam Lopez (002)	Gene Richmond (018)
John Jarvis (Ret.)	Tom O'Donnell (Ret.)
Mike Saladino (025)	Louis Vasquez (007)
Bill Jaski (024)	W. Wojciechowski (Ret.)
Ron Watts (002)	Mary Boyle (020)
Tom West (151)	Raimondo Brown (005)

# Special Election

*By Ret. Sgt. Don Januszyk,  
Special Election Committee Chairman*

Because of the events that occurred this past November, the Sergeant's Executive Board has announced that a special election will be held for the office of President. Letters of notification have already been sent to the units of all active duty Sergeants. Qualified candidates will be able to pick up their nominating petitions at the Sergeant's office February 1st through the 8th of February. The petitions must be returned to the office no later than 0900 hours on Tuesday the 2nd of March. The letters stated 01 March, however that date is a holiday. If there is no run off the election committee will post the results by Thursday 04 March 2010.

If there is a run off, the ballots will be mailed to the Sergeant's residence beginning 03 March, and they must be returned via the U.S. Mail by Sunday 04 April 2010. The ballots will be counted on Monday 05 April at the Sergeant's office. The results will be posted by Wednesday 07 April. Members are invited to witness the counting.

The following active duty Sergeants volunteered for and were appointed to the Special Election Committee. What is unique is that this is the first time in four elections that active duty Sergeants volunteered to sit on this committee: David Catalano, Patrick Donahue, Christopher Pettis, Nathan Silas Jr., Robert Vanna, and Ronald Watts 

# Membership News

*By Sgt. Robert Kirchner*


There are currently 1281 active members at the time of this writing. A total of 19 Sergeants retired in 2009. We congratulate them and wish them well on their retirement. These retirees will be honored at our Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. This year's event is being held at the European Chalet Banquet Hall located at 5445 S. Harlem. The date for this year's dinner is Thursday, 18 February, 2010. Come on out and honor our recent retirees.

One of the benefits that our members enjoy but do not fully understand is the Suspension Benefit. I have recently received several calls regarding this benefit. The Suspension Benefit will pay a member \$75.00 per day, up to a maximum of 5 days per year, to a member who has been suspended for a sustained complaint register number. The benefit does not pay for suspensions a member is serving while awaiting separation for a criminal complaint. To receive the Suspension Benefit a member must first serve their suspension. Then the member will submit a To-From Subject report directly to the Association explaining their financial hardship and need for the benefit. The request will be proposed to the board at the next monthly board meeting for approval. Upon being approved a check is sent to the requesting Sergeant. If you have any questions regarding this benefit feel free to contact me at 773-376-7272, or email me at:

vicepresident@chicagosergeants.org. 

# Retired Sgt's Family Needs Help

Retired Sergeant Tommy Eich asked if we could help him out. His son-in-law, Chicago Fire Fighter Tony Consola, is suffering from a severe case of cancer. Tony and his family are fighting this challenge, but could use some help. To assist them during this challeng-

ing time, Tony's Fire Department brothers, along with his family and friends have come together to host a fundraising benefit at Hawthorne Race Course on May 22, 2010 3pm to 9pm. For more information go to the website [www.allinfortony.com](http://www.allinfortony.com) 

# Pension Report

By Sgt. Mike Lazzaro, Sergeant's Pension Representative

## Pre-Retirement Seminars in 2010

- Wednesday, March 10 (20 spots left as of 8 Jan 10)
- Thursday, May 20th
- Tuesday, July 20th
- Wednesday, October 27th

You can sign up for a seminar through the Intranet at Employee Resources Service Division. They are held in the multi-purpose room at headquarters. For more info call personnel at 312- 745-5342.

## More information on the Fund's Website: [www.chipabf.org](http://www.chipabf.org)

A new ethics law requires the Fund to post more Investment information and all "RFPs" (Request for Proposals) on the website. Check it out.

## Good Year for the Fund's Investments

An un-audited report shows that the returns on the Fund's investments for 2009 were up over 21%. The total market value of the Fund as of 31 Dec. 2009 was \$3,094,246,960. Equity and fixed income were the top performers, while alternative investments lagged. Here is a breakdown of asset classes and some of the top-performing Investment Funds, The following is the % rate of return for 2009:

Domestic Equity: \$1,410,652,779 (45.9% of the Fund)

Ariel Capital Management: 61.16%

William Blair & Company: 46.25%

International Equity: \$560,876,664 (18.13% of the Fund)

UBS International Equity: 57.10%

J.P. Morgan: 42.19%

Fixed Income: \$701,923,835 (22.68% of the Fund)

Wellington: 22.00% (AP)

Taplin: 13.34%

Alternatives: \$408,859,065 (13.21% of the Fund)

Alternatives include Private Equity, Infrastructure, Real

Estate, and Hedge Funds. In general, this asset class had a mediocre year, with the exception of three Public Real Estate Investments:

ING Clarion: 63.96%

European Investors II: 47.39%

Declaration Management: 31.51%

## To the Archives:

### The Pension Fund back in the early '70s

In the early seventies there was an oil embargo, forcing drivers to wait in long lines to fill their gas tanks. You think the Bears had a lousy year in 2009? Under head Coach Abe Gibron, the Bears record in 1973 was 3 wins, 11 losses. There were a lot of people dressed in bad polyester; I was wearing Italian knit shirts bought at Smokey Joes on Maxell St.

The minutes from all Pension Board meetings are bound and stored in the storage room. The oldest bound book I could easily access is from August of 1972 until Dec. of 1973. Here is some History of that time. Note the different terminology used back then.

Politically incorrect motion? Board meeting in Feb. 1973: It was moved by Mr. Gannon and seconded by Mr. O'Sullivan that we hire another part time boy to take the place of Louis Adney to do the microfilming.

Special investment meeting in Dec of 1972. Back then the fund Investments were limited to Fixed Income (Bonds, Treasury Bills) and "Blue Chip" stocks. The Pension Fund bought the following common stock: 200 shares of IBM from L.F. Rothchild at an approx. price of \$403.00 a share (Wow! the Google of the 1970s). This amounts to \$80,730.00 including a commission of \$130.00. 3,000 shares of CBS were bought for \$52.00 (AP) a share, which came to \$156,735.00, and a commission of \$985.00. 200 shares of Eastman Kodak bought at \$145.00 (AP) a share, total cost \$29,130.00, plus a commission for \$130.00.

Until 1976, dog catchers (now called animal control officers) were sworn and paid into the Police Pension. Here are some excerpts from a disability hear-

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ing in Dec of 1972: A "Injury on Duty Report" dated October 18, 1971, shows that at 1930 hours, at 3220 W. Lexington, Dog Catcher Harry J. Gasiorek while attempting to place a lead pole on animal's (a dog) neck, animal suddenly turned biting the index finger of right hand. He was taken to and treated at the medical section at police headquarters (no E.R. for him!). Due to the excellent treatment there, his finger was amputated at Passavant Hospital on Feb. 22 1972, and he was granted duty disability in Dec. of 1972.

Monthly Pension payments for sworn members who retired in 1972:

District Commander w/39 years service...\$1,215.00

Captain w/35 years service...\$1,088.00

Sergeant w/31 years service...\$752.00

Patrolman w/31 years service...\$666.17

The minimum widow's pension then was \$150.00 a month (In 2010 the minimum is \$1,000.00)

Finally, there is a very compelling hearing in March, 1973. Mrs. Rose Wenzel was awarded a Compensation Annuity (FYI, a Sworn Officer's surviving spouse is granted a "Comp Pension" if the Pension Board decides if a death is in the line of duty. The surviving spouse is given 75% of current salary until the deceased Officer would have turned 63). "Injured on

Duty Report" dated Jan. 19, 1973, shows that Patrolman Robert Wenzel stopped a vehicle with two occupants for an apparent traffic violation. One of the occupants approached the squad car in which Patrolman Wenzel was sitting and began firing. The offender fired four shots at Patrolman Wenzel, who in turn returned the fire wounding one of the offenders who was subsequently captured. "Crime against Person Case Report" shows that at 0527 hours that Patrol 1806 was assigned by C.C.R. to 10-1, Police Officer shot at 1900 N. Lake Shore Drive. Upon arrival were waved down by Traffic Engineers. The Officers after alighting from their vehicle observed a Police Officer lying face down on the street in a pool of blood. The reporting Officers were alerted by a citizen that "watch out, he's got a gun" upon seeing a man lying on the parkway, the reporting officers ordered him to raise his hands, and recovered a 38 Cal. Colt snub nose revolver. Assisting units arrived and Patrolman Wenzel was removed from the scene to Augustana Hospital by Squadrol 1972...pronounced DOA at 0540 hours.

According to the book End of Watch, the offender who shot Officer Wenzel, Richard Luckey, was found guilty and sentenced to 75 to 100 years. Said offender was shot several times by P.O. Wenzel and one bullet struck his spine and he is a paraplegic. He is still in prison.

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# Retiree Report

*By Retired Sgt. Don Januszyk, South Side Retiree Liaison*

**B**y the time you receive this news letter, the Illinois primary election will be over. I just hope that every one took the time to vote. For some reason, people hate to declare a party. I take a look at all of the candidates and then make my decision, no matter what the party. We in law enforcement, usually have the best insight on which judges are the best and are running for re-election. If you don't vote for any judge, then it's a vote for them, because their friends and supporters will vote them in. There's noth-

ing the matter with voting "No". For our members who live out of state please keep this in mind.

Both of the Social Security Fairness bills are still in committee. Please contact Sen. Diane Feinstein SB-484 (202-24-3841) and Rep. Howard Berman HR-235 (202-225-4695) and requested that both of these bills be taken out of committee for a floor vote.

I have been an active member of the Sergeant's Association since May of 1977. By active I mean that I have attended more then half of a year's meetings

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despite working the rotating shift, family commitments, and serving on organizations which my children were members of. The arrest of our president this past November was the most negative or devastating incident that I have seen within our organization. I have always been a proponent of members actively supporting our organization, which they have not. However, the recent events within our organization may lend support to the saying "good things always come from the bad".

We are looking forward to seeing the retirees at the annual Corned Beef Dinner. There is more information on it within this news letter. Again if you hear of one our retirees passing please let our office know and also keep your address and phone information current. Stay safe out there. 🏠

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# Retiree Roll

Congratulations to all of our retirees. These sergeants have provided the City of Chicago with many years of service. We wish a long, healthy and prosperous retirement to all!!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Star</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Retirement</u>
Sgt. Michael L. Kuber	1379		60	24	15 Feb 2009
Sgt. Roy J. Kwilos	1644	620	62	37	15 Oct 2009
Sgt. George D. Koste	1553	016	60	37	15 Oct 2009
Sgt. Thomas R. Boyce	1324	630	61	33	29 Nov 2009
Sgt. James R. Meador	1863	007	57	33	29 Nov 2009

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# In Memoriam

The following Sergeants have passed away and will be missed. We extend our condolences to their families and friends. Please contact our office if you hear of any of our brothers or sisters passing on, we are not always notified in a timely manner.

<u>Name (Age)</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Passed Away</u>	<u>Name (Age)</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Passed Away</u>
Reinke, Willard (96)	Retired (Fl)	15 Mar 2009	Grams, George E. (80)	Retired (Ind)	23 Dec 2009
Morrin, William K. (83)	Retired	19 Oct. 2009	Wielontek, Elmer T. (87)	Retire	10 Jan 2010
Powell, Melvin (71)	Retired	05 Nov 2009	Dugan, Donald A. (87)	Retired	15 Jan 20107
Proctor, William H. (76)	Retired	18 Dec 2009			

# So What's The Secret?

*Compliments of your Chaplain, Rabbi Moshe Wolf • 773-463-4780 • moshewolf@hotmail.com*

**A**fter 38yrs. of public service a member of my flock retired. At his retirement party I asked him "So what's your secret for job longevity?" He answered "I tried to keep my focus on the reason I chose public service". The reason being, "To be able to be there for others in time of need, even though it might not always be appreciated". The answer made my heart smile. It reminded me of the story "The Elder gentleman and his Doctor....."

It was a busy morning, approximately 8:30 a.m., when an elderly gentleman in his 80s, arrived at his Doctors' to have stitches removed from his thumb. He stated that he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am.

The Doctor took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him. The Doctor saw him looking at his watch and decided, since he was not busy with another patient, he would evaluate his wound. On examining his thumb, the wound was well healed, so the Doctor got the needed supplies to remove his sutures and redress his wound. While taking care of his wound, the Doctor engaged the old man in conversation. The Doctor asked him if he had another appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry and kept on looking at his watch. The gentleman answered no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife.

The Doctor then inquired as to her health. The old man told the Doctor that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer's disease. As they talked, the Doctor asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late. He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now. The Doctor was surprised, and asked him, "And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?"

He smiled as he patted the Doctors hand and said, "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is." The Doctor had to hold back tears as the old man left, he had goose bumps on his arm, and thought, "That is the kind of love I want in my life." End of story.

## Some points to ponder...

True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be and will not be.

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have. (Amen to that!).

Remember your life is a journey not a destination, enjoy the ride.

Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

Enjoy the simple things, laugh often, long and loud.

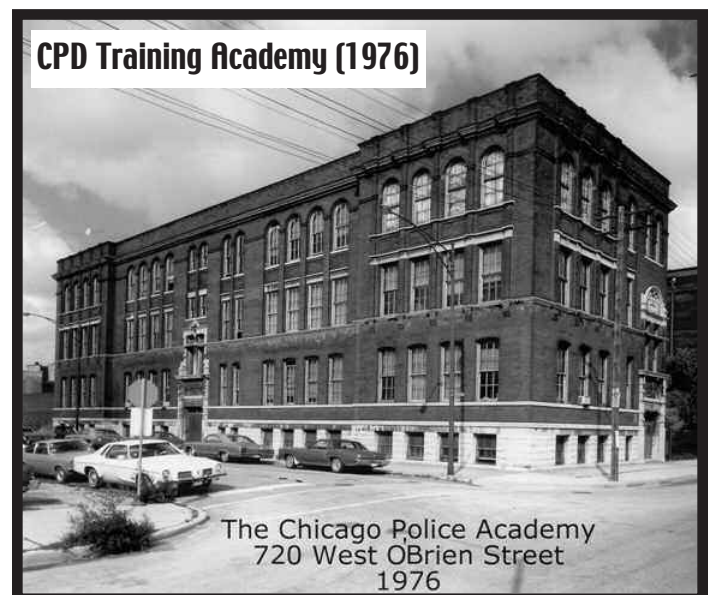
Remember, in life, tears will happen, endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. BE ALIVE while you ARE alive.

Cherish your health; If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

Tell the people you love, that you love them, at every opportunity.

And always remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away, so go ahead and make every moment special.

Blessings from all your Chaplains, for a New Year filled with good health and prosperity. 🙏



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I have moved. My current address information is as follows

Old Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt./Unit \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (new) \_\_\_\_\_

I have changed Units. My current unit is as follows

Old Unit \_\_\_\_\_ New Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Day Off Group \_\_\_\_\_

I have a new star number. My current star number is as follows

Old Star Number \_\_\_\_\_ New Star Number \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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