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**TAMPA RETIRED FIRE & POLICE ASSOCIATION**

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***President's Message:***

The Association Quarterly Meeting will be held on the 26th of October at the regular meeting place - the Forest Hills Pres-byterian Church on Linebaugh Avenue and Ola Avenue. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and Cuban sandwiches and deviled crabs will be served. Spouses and friends are welcome to attend. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

At the regular pension meeting held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, the fund closed at 14.1% with a market value of \$2,009,472,321.00. We finally hit the \$2 billion mark. The 2017 fiscal year ends September 30th. Let's hope there are no major changes in the few remaining days of this fiscal year that could affect the possibility of getting another 13th check in June of 2018.

At the last general membership meeting, a discussion was held in reference to no current board members being interest-ed in running for president. The membership agreed to table the elections and requested that the executive board meet and come back at the next meeting with suggestion on how to proceed. Thereafter, on September 22, 2017, a special board meeting was held at the home of Larry Vincent in which all board members were present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the lack of candidates for the election to offices of the Association. At this meeting the executive board proposed a possible solution for the membership. A motion was made from the floor that called for immediately accepting the resig-nation of President Billy Lynn, the motion further instructed that Secretary Larry Vincent will accept the office of President on an interim basis until July 2018, the next election date. The motion was made by Aubrey Grant and seconded by Jimmie Bates.

An amendment was made to the motion as follows - Bobby Valdez will resign as Vice President of the Association on Oc-tober 26, 2017 and Billy Lynn will fill the Vice President posi-tion until the July 2018 election meeting. This motion and amendment was unanimously voted on and approved. This may not be the best solution but will suffice in the interim.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT



## *Treasurer's Message:*

Thank you for electing me to be your Treasurer for the next year. Brother J.J. Oliva has done a great job as Treasurer and head Chef for our quarterly meetings. Thank you J.J. and Vickie for all you have done. We have started the process of transferring all banking and corporation positions. This process may take a month but we will get it done. I look forward to serving you and our association. We have moved our post office box address to a more central location.

The new address is as follows.

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## **AFTER THE HURRICANE TO DO LIST**



Irma 2017 is now history and Jose' was just a fish storm. So, now that you've rode out the storms, what are the things you'd like to correct for next time? Right now, it should be very clear what you need to do. Priority, is health and property damage, but after that what? Put your generator away, after you drain it and clean it, so it's prepared it for the next use. I've got a nice generator (not a whole house) but nice portable generator, along with a few 5 gallon gas cans. We needed extension cords but, I found the heavy duty extension cords snaking through the house are very unpleasant to walk on. Plus, I had to unplug one thing and move the cord to plug in to another. I installed a small portable AC unit in a window, make sure it's slanted for the condensation water leaks outside not in, be sure to close doors of rooms not used, it's not like your 3ton home AC. The refrigerator was running fine and the TV with rabbit ears, (you remember rabbit ears as a kid, sometimes aluminum foil for better reception.) Well, they still work on local channels. I even used an emergency "paperclip" for an antenna, it worked fare.

I've made a short list of "wanna gets and wanna do's" for the next black-out.  
And these are important.:

1. Rabbit ear antennas for each TV. (\$15 to \$20 each)
2. Portable cheap AC window unit, buy it off season. (\$100-\$150)
3. A "transfer box" mounted on the garage wall to plug the generator in.  
(\$200 or \$300 for the box. Unknown installation fee, my guess \$200 to \$300).  
Next to a whole house generator it's the best.
4. Heavy Duty cable/chain and Lock to secure your generator. (\$50-\$75)  
(Your generator may be a big theft item during the storm.)
5. Want to make sure your home landline phone is transferred to your cell phone.  
(If you don't have that service tell your landline company you want it. It doesn't usually cost extra.)
6. Take up your friends offer to use their condo in Maui.
7. Buy canned goods you're willing to eat after the storm, so you can gradually use them up before their "eat by" date expires.
8. Give your family a "go to" phone number of an out of state family member or friend.  
That's always good when you have spotty phone service.
9. Don't forget the cookies for the TV window guy. When you get new hurricane windows and shutters.

I wrote this while two more storms brewed in the Atlantic.  
I think the storm names should be more threatening or scary.  
A=Armageddon, B=Bombastic, C=Calamity.



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It has been my pleasure to serve as the Association President for the past five years. I appreciate all of the support I have received from the Association and board members during my tenure as President. I would encourage our members to consider running for office to get involved in the management of our Association and Pension Fund - not only for your own benefit, but for our brothers and sisters who no longer have the capability of overseeing or understanding the complexities of the Pension Fund but depend on it's continued financial success and security for their day to day survival.

Be sure to attend the October 26th Association meeting and bring your spouse or a friend.

Respectfully,

Billy Lynn



## 50/50 DRAWING

**Will be held at the  
Membership Meeting so  
bring a couple of extra bucks.**

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## PENSION BOARD MEETING

The Pension Board will be holding their  
monthly meeting on:

**Tuesday, October 17, at 1:30pm.**

**LOCATION:**

**3001 North Boulevard.**

*Come on by, the pension board loves company.*



## **RECENTLY, I'VE HEARD SOME OF OUR MEMBERS QUESTION WHY WE EVEN HAVE OUR ASSOCIATION, AND IF IT DOES ANY GOOD...**

The following summary was included in one of our newsletters awhile back. As you can see, the primary goal is fellowship, and many of the members fail to take advantage of that. The good that it does is maintaining a positive relationship with the pension office staff, and the board of trustees. Which in turn, allows us to have a dialogue with them, and pass along information to our members. Any association is only as good as it's members, and their willingness to get involved in its goals. But many of our members don't even bother to pay the nominal dues necessary to provide the information, and a free meal. So, if the association purposes have any meaning for you, get involved. But, if you don't care about the fellowship, and have no interest in information about your pension, the remainder of this article will have no meaning for you.

*Tommy DePolis*

### **CITY OF TAMPA RETIRED FIRE AND POLICE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

- **Founded August 15, 1988 as a not for profit Florida corporation. All City of Tampa retired firefighters and police officers, and their surviving spouses, are eligible to join.**
- **The first goal of the association is to promote and encourage social post retirement interaction between retired firefighters and police officers from the City of Tampa. This group of retirees belongs to a unique pension plan known as the City of Tampa Fire and Police Pension. It is a contract between the retiree and the City of Tampa. So, our second goal is to monitor and interact with the Fire and Police Pension Board of Trustees, local and state governments, and the unions of the Fire and Police Departments on issues of collective concern to our members. Finally, our third goal is to keep members of our association informed on matters of mutual interest through newsletters, a web site, quarterly meetings, and monthly luncheons.**
- **Although our primary goal is fellowship, and is the original reason our association was formed, the second goal has evolved into being an interested and involved party concerning the administration of pension benefits for the retirees. The Fire and Police Pension Board of Trustees are the managers of the administration of our pension. Their obligation, as well as those professionals who assist them, is to act in the best interest of all plan members, including both future and current retirees. By attending pension meetings, and addressing issues of concern to the trustees, this association has demonstrated its willingness and resolve to work in cooperation on all matters concerning pension benefits.**



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- **A past ruling by PERC (the Public Employees Relations Commission) states the unions have the right to bargain for pension benefits. The unions correctly claim they represent the active employees, not the retirees. However, to their credit, in the past the unions have proposed and gained benefits that only pertained to retirees. And, our relationship with the Unions, the City, and the Pension Board remains highly professional and mutually cooperative. Our association, and its members, recognize that the pension fund includes all plan members, both active and retired, and welcomes all newly retired members, both fire and police, to be included by joining our association. In fact, our by-laws allow for any active fire or police plan member with 20 or more years in the plan, to be eligible for membership in our association.**
- **We are aware that the obligation of local and state government, along with the Fire and Police Pension Board of Trustees, with the assistance of their professionals, is for the proper administration of pension benefits; to all plan members both active and retired, in an equitable manner within the law. We are confident that those who administer the plan will continue to be receptive, fair and open minded to our concerns.**



# reminder

**The Retirees monthly luncheon will be held on:**

**Monday, October 30th, at 11:00am.**

**Location is the Golden Corral at 11801 N 56th St., Temple Terrace.**

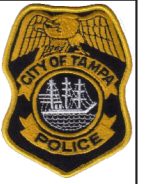
**ALL ARE INVITED. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**

## IN MEMORIAM

*Some of those we recently lost....*

**Walter E. Jones, 8/8/17 - Police**

**Bentley Thomas, 8/19/17 - Fire**



# TAMPA RETIRED FIRE & POLICE ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 6:30PM

*Cuban Sandwiches & Devil Crabs For Dinner*

**Meeting To Follow**

**FOREST HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - LARRICK HALL**

709 W. Linebaugh Ave

**Parking Will Be On The East & West Side of the Building**

***(Bring a new retiree, they'll thank you for it!!!)***

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