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President's Message:

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As we head towards the end of April I am happy to report that all seems to be running smoothly. This a good thing. Our dues collections are up so we can provide a place to meet, the food we enjoy on meeting nights, print our newsletter to keep you informed, the postage needed to mail your newsletters, small donations to causes we feel are worth our bucks and flowers to the families of our departed members. In every organization there are costs that are necessary to run a smooth operation. We have heard a few members who express their views that the dues are not necessary or are too high. These are wrong assumptions. In fact, our dues cover our operational expenses with not much left over. Without our dues the organization cannot exist. I don't want to harp on these matters but wanted to at least address the issue. Hopefully everyone can now see why dues are necessary. On an upbeat matter, I see many emails from some retirees who are not members of our association. Many of them respond to the new Facebook page set up by our Publisher, Scott Heims. See his article for more info.

As a reminder, at the May pension board meeting, we will find out if we will be getting a 13th check this year and how much it will be. Keep your fingers crossed that no unforeseen issues arise. I know that the 13th check sure helps my budget.

I want to mention an issue that is very important to us all and is coming up. At our April meeting the floor will be open for nominations to the executive board of directors of our association. As we all know this has been a problem in the past and it really should not be. I would encourage you all to be thinking of someone to nominate. LADIES: there is no reason that you shouldn't be on the board. In fact, I can think of quite a few of you who would be an excellent board member. Think about it, it's almost painless, I promise. The election to the board will be held at the July meeting.

I have a suggestion. I know many of you members know of a retiree who isn't a member. Why not invite them to the meeting. We'll even feed them. At our meetings we always impart information that retirees need to know. Who knows, you may reconnect with someone you worked with but have lost contact with. If that happens that would be a good thing.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at the April meeting.

Larry Vincent, Interim President, TRF&PA





TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Message:

April pushes our association into the second quarter of 2018. We have received approx. 45% of the total dues for the year. Most of the delinquent dues are from our members outside of the Tampa Bay area. These are the members who need our newsletter the most. The newsletter is our most expensive cost. Our goal is to reduce our association's expenses. Please see our newsletter editor, Scott Heims' article on how to reduce our newsletter cost.

Mail Dues to: TRF&PA, PO BOX 891269, TAMPA FL 33689

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facebook

We now have a Facebook page for the TRF & PA. It has over 300 members already. It will have the latest info pertaining to pension and other related matters for retirees. You can find it on FB by searching Tampa Retired Fire & Police Association or here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1933585820291853/.

Trying to save the Association approximately \$2000/yr and make things simpler, we're trying to figure out who really needs this newsletter mailed to them. So if you still need it snail mailed, please let me know by emailing me at trfpanewsletter@yahoo.com. You can have a friend email me if you're not online. The newsletter has always been posted at www.tamparetiree.com or we can email it to you. If we don't get any responses, we'll assume that no one needs it mailed to them and will stop sending them out.



50/50 DRAWING



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

PENSION BOARD MEETING

The Pension Board will be holding their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 25th, at 1:30pm.

Location 3001 North Boulevard.

Come on by, the pension board loves company.

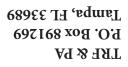
reminder

The Retirees monthly luncheon will be held on Monday, April 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

Julius Scott - 12/5/17 - Police Arthur Earnest - 3/2/18 - Fire George Cortez - 1/1/18 - Fire Richard Dittman - 3/4/18 - Fire William Broedlow - 1/7/18 - Fire Joseph Mirabella - 3/6/18 - Police Nancy Sloan - 1/23/18 - Fire Spouse Elaine Warner - 3/14/18 - Fire Spouse Rosalie Tucker - 2/28/18 - Fire Spouse





Anytown, US 12345-1234 123 Any Street John Sample

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

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

Thursday, April 26, 2018 $\star\star$ Cuban Sandwiches & Deviled Crabs for Dinner 6:30 PM $\star\star$

- Meeting to follow -

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