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President's Message

There is not much new information I can share with you since your last newsletter. The pension board meeting for March won't occur until after this newsletter has been printed. At the February 27th pension board meeting the best news was the investment return as of 1/30/2013 was +6.4% for this fiscal year. And the market value of investments was \$1.669 billion. It's no surprise as the stock market is doing well, and our numbers should be even higher by the time you read this.

In the issue of the Parker lawsuit interest money there has been no progress. The case was sent back to the appellate court asking for a re-hearing, and both attorneys are still filing motions.

Remember, there is no way to speculate on the outcome for a 13th check until the actuary reports to the board of trustees at the May 22nd pension board meeting. We'll post it on our web site then, and the pension office staff will mail a notice to all retirees by May 31st.

Pension administrator Jennifer Campbell has attended several of our luncheons. She reminded us that pension plans throughout the state will come under scrutiny again during the next couple of years because of tight government budgets. And right on cue, today's Tampa Tribune has front-page news with the headline "Pension fund fight brewing". Of course the article was discussing different bills in the state house and senate pertaining to the FRS pension. But, it is another example of a sound fund with deep pockets that will come under attack by governing politicians. And, last time this happened local plans came under scrutiny too. So, she and the board chairman, along with representatives from the FOP and PBA, are monitoring and attending legislative meetings and sessions in Tallahassee to minimize any detrimental effects on our pension plan. They were all involved when it happened a few years ago and were very effective.

During our general membership meeting on Thursday April 4th it is time once again for nominations for your associations executive board. I've had the privilege of serving several terms as police vice president, then treasurer, and now president. (cont pg 2)



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Treasurer's Report

What have I been up to?

It all started in July, 2012, I decided to repaint and correct some issues with my 1967 Barracuda convertible. You know, the standard fix, some rust in the lower quarter panels, smooth a few bumps and it grew from there. The last time I did my car was in 1995, a job I did myself in the carport of our house on Rock Rd. I was very pleased with the results and got a couple of trophies over the years since then, at local shows. Well, after installing Aerospace disc brakes on all corners and installing a new Mopar crate engine 360 magnum 390 HP I really looked at my car and said "John, you need to do it right this time". That is where it all started. I went to see a good friend who has been in the body shop business, 40 years, and told him of my plan. He looked at my car and told me what I needed to do and said he would help as he had time. First off he had me take off the hood and the trunk so it could be more easily worked on. After that came the right fender and door. You have to remember that I am driving the car to and from my friend's shop, first without a hood and trunk and then with the fender and then the door. I got a few strange looks driving to and from my house to the shop on Broadway. None the less, I am learning and have the help of one hell of a friend. I only go maybe two sometimes three days in a week, my friend has a working shop, employees and needs to earn his living.

After we got those parts done and back on the car we started on the quarter panel. Stripped it down to bare metal, as with all the parts, and surprise, surprise as to how much damage and rust was under the pretty paint, damage I didn't know was there and was not discernible with the naked eye. Well, thanks to my friend's experience and never ending patience with me, he cut out the rust and replaced it with new metal. Now my real learning started. After some good old fashion metal work the process of putting on and taking off body filler began. My friend, his name is Dave, would apply the filler and I would air file it smooth. After about five coats of filler and smoothing I was left with approximately 1/16-1/8 inch of filler on the panel I thought I was finished with the quarter then Dave said "Not quite." Damn! What is next? We had to use leveling putty for the last time and I had to use a long board and guide coat to finish the prep of the panel. That process was two days and then it was 2k primer, guide coat and final sanding of the quarter panel, which I did at home. A few days later I took the car back to Dave. He sprayed it with base coat/clear coat, and it was beautiful and straight. It more than likely didn't look this good when it came off the assembly line. ***(cont pg 3)***

It's been an honor to serve two terms as your president, but I think its time for other members to serve on the board. So, I won't accept a nomination as president this time, and instead will nominate Billy Lynn for the position of president. According to our bylaws someone who has served for more than one year as vice president on the board must fill the position. Well, Billy Lynn has served several years as fire vice president. As you know, he attends all pension board meetings, was the initiator of our monthly luncheons, and is always on hand to help out at our general membership meetings. He is a very qualified candidate for president and I hope he receives your support. Whoever is elected, it would leave an opening for a vice president and provide that needed slot for at least one new face on the board. As it stands right now, Bobby Moody is the latest member of the executive board. He has demonstrated his enthusiasm, and needs to be joined with new members and fresh ideas. So, I hope that some of you will consider serving and place your name in nomination. At the July general membership meeting nominations will be open again, and election of officers will be held at that time. As past president I intend to stay involved with the association, and will continue to contribute to the newsletter by writing articles sharing any information I think is valuable to our members.

Our next general membership meeting is Thursday, April 4, 2013 at Larrick hall. Its mini crabs, stuffed potatoes and cubans for dinner. Come and visit with your friends. They miss you!

Tommy DePolis

Well, now we have moved on to the left side and started with the quarter panel first, hoping it wouldn't be quite as damaged as the right, and it isn't. Some rust in the lower quarter and a couple of small dings in the fender lips. So far it is stripped down and a bit of the rust has been cut out and a piece of metal welded in. It has been two weeks since we started the quarter panel, but I am learning and I am happy to have a friend like Dave and happy that I am learning some thing more about cars.

I promise I will make a delicious spaghetti dinner, with the help of my beautiful wife and partner, come hell or high water, even if the car is not finished and there is a little paint in the sauce for the July meeting. Hope to see you all at the April meeting where I'll give the Treasurers report.



JJ



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, Apr 24th
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, Apr 29th, 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....

Colson R Jones, 12/21/12, Fire

Larry Prieto, 12/24/12, Fire

Betty Ann Wells, 12/24/12, Fire Spouse

Stephen M Smith, 1/14/13, Police

C Virginia Beasley, 1/14/13, Fire Spouse

Jean E Bryan, 1/16/13, Police Spouse

Daniel Rio, 1/12/13, Fire

John R Johnson, 2/15/13, Police

Jake Ingram, 2/27/13, Fire

Robert Nicholson, 3/1/13, Police

Robert Sparkman, 3/7/13, Fire

Joseph Jernigan, 3/12/13, Fire



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, Apr 4th, 2013

Cubans & Crabs Dinner At 6:30 PM

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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5. Significant Other Contact: Wife, Friend, Children

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