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President's Message

The pension board meetings have been going smoothly and quickly for the past few months and there are no major concerns at this time. At the pension meeting of January 28, 2015, the plan attorney pointed out that the state has sent out a notice to 19 state pension funds that are underfunded (less than 50%) and these pension funds need to take appropriate action to make their plan actuarially sound.

Beneficiaries of these plans were also notified that a cut in pensions are possible if appropriate actions are not taken, remember this is what happened to Tampa' fund in 1969 when it was necessary to change the contribution rate to secure our pension and make it actuarially sound. Tampa's fund is now at 93.7%

The pension board mailed a newly revised designation of beneficiary (DOB) form which was approved by the board on January 28, 2015. The pension office strongly encourages everyone to complete the (DOB) form. The revised (DOB) form can be used for all benefits due your estate. If you have any questions about this form contact the pension office at 813-274-8550 or 888-335-8550 and they will answer any questions you may have. I strongly recommend completing this form and sending it to the pension office.

Just a reminder, the pension office also mailed out the biennial pension verification questionnaire (PVQ) for all members and beneficiaries receiving monthly benefits per policy 801 pension verification questionnaires. All pensioners are required to complete the questionnaire and return it to the pension office by a specified date. This year's deadline was March 2, 2015. There are a number of forms that have not been returned, if not completed and returned by April 2, 2015, your pension check will be held at the pension office until the form is completed.

On March 27, 2015 a motion for attorney's fees and costs against ARTZ, et al was filed. As of February 28, 2015, the fire and police pension fund has paid approximately \$146,000 in attorney's fees for the ARTZ lawsuit. The pension funds fiscal year to date performance as of March 24, 2015 is 5.6% market value of \$1,956,724,771.00. Our association meeting will be April 23, 2015 at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. The day after the monthly pension meeting we will update the membership. Food will be served at 6:00 p.m. and we look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Respectfully,

Billy Lynn



Treasurer's Report

This report will be very simple and that is because nothing of significance has happened since the Quarterly meeting of 22 Jan. 2015... At the end of January 2015 the Association account balance was, \$35910.74. We have completed our filing with the Department of State and paid our fees of \$61.25. Our current balance on 1 April 2015 was \$38454.39 . Check number 1210 issued (10/27/2014) in the name of Jack Thompson Fund, remains outstanding.

Membership dues continue to trickle in, all members are reminded that we are entering our second quarterly meeting and unless you have a membership card expiring on 31 Dec. 2015, we await your participation...

The menu for the quarterly meeting, 23 April 2015 will be 1/2 BBQ Chicken with corn and green beans as sides. Refreshments and desert will be on hand as always. Don't forget about the 50/50 drawing, bring a few extra dollars, and the door prizes.

Hoping to see you all there, Larrick Hall at Forrest Hills Presbyterian Church.

JJ

"Are we getting a 13th check this year???"

I hear that question a lot. Or, *"How much is the 13th check this year?"* As though it's already been decided. The fact is that the method for determining the 13th check is more than half way through its process. The first major hurdle was Sep 30, 2014 when the investment manager reported a plus 12.4% return on investments. The next step was for the accountant to compile his report. He completed his part and reported his findings at the Mar 25th pension board meeting. By now, the reports should be at the City of Tampa auditor who will have to certify the numbers. Then they will be forwarded to the actuary who will determine actuarial gains or losses and present his report to the pension board at the May 27th meeting. That is when we will know if a 13th check will be paid, and what the amount is. The pension office will notify all eligible members of the amount (even if it is zero) by letter. And, if a check is paid, you will receive it with your June 30th pension check. Our web master will post the latest information on our website as soon as the actuary announces to the pension board.

Our president, Billy Lynn, has posted all other latest information in his article in this newsletter. I hope to see many of you at our April 23rd meeting. Please encourage someone you know who hasn't been to the meetings to come and enjoy the good food and the fellowship.

Tommy DePolis



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**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
22nd, 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 27th, 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....

Georgina McCoy 1/17/15, Fire Spouse

James Diamond Jr, 1/31/15, Police

James Alderman, 1/22/15, Fire

Ray Alcover 2/18/15, Fire

Frank Hill 1/22/15, Fire

Lamarcus Larry 2/18/15, Police

Kimberly Clark 1/24/15, Police

Julian Bridges, 2/27/15, Police

James Hoyle 1/27/15, Fire

H T Souther, 3/17/15, Fire

Dennis Pemberton 1/28/15, Fire

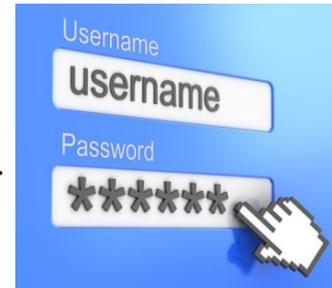
James Taylor 1/29,15, Fire

Renald Cruz 2/1/15, Fire

Some Windows Computer TIPS from Jerry

Tip #1

Are you having trouble remembering your password? Or each time you logon to a new website, like a "Medical Portal" they ask you to "use the original password, but change it to a personal password as soon as you're logged on?"



Well here's an easy suggestion. Use a phrase, for example: "**mydoghasfleas**". Much easier to remember. They may ask for a "capital letter" and or a "number" in the password. Easy, "**Mydoghas2fleas**". Just use a phrase that you are very familiar with, "**TouchdownBucs**". I think you've got the idea.

Phrases are very easy to remember and very hard to crack.

Tip#2



When you are surfing the web and you get an unwelcome popup asking you to "update" or "run a scan", it's usually a Malware type of virus. Malware stands for "Malicious Software", sometimes they are just annoying and other times down right deadly.

Here's a hint. Don't click on the bar or link on the Popup. Safest way to avoid a problem is to close your browser, (that's the thing you surf the web with) Internet Explore, Chrome, FireFox etc. When you close the browser, you are no longer attached to the Malware. Try reopening the browser, and don't go back to the same place you were. If the Malware pops back up, right away. You've been caught. Close the browser, run your antivirus and any other cleaning software you've been using. Then try again, if you've still have the Pop-ups. Call someone to help you remove the Malware. Do Not Dig the Hole deeper by, clicking on the Malware links. Remember it's fake, they are trying to take advantage of your lack of knowledge.

Good Luck - Jerry





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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, April 23rd, 2015

BBQ Chicken 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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