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# TAMPA RETIRED FIRE & POLICE ASSOCIATION



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*President's Message*

By now, all of you have received your 13<sup>th</sup> check payment notification from our pension office. Remember, the 13<sup>th</sup> check you receive on June 28, 2013 is for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2012. The check payment is always nine months behind the end of the fiscal year. Some members asked me how many 13<sup>th</sup> checks have been paid to retirees. So I've checked my personal files and found the following:

**FY 2012 = \$8,700**

**FY 2007 = \$11,231**

**FY 2005 = \$6,512**

**FY 2004 = \$5,700 (paid in 2008 as a result of the Parker law suit)**

**FY 2001 = \$876**

**FY 2000 = \$1,200**

**FY 1999 = \$1,200**

**FY 1998 = \$300**

I verified this information with the pension office, and they even placed it on their website. So you can look at it there under their "13<sup>th</sup> Check" link (thanks Tiffany). I do know that part of the reason we were eligible for a 13<sup>th</sup> check this year is that the actuary was allowed to change some of his assumption practices, which resulted in an actuarial gain. These changes should remain in effect for the next 5 years at which time they will be re-evaluated by the actuary. Now we have to hope for investment returns in excess of 10% in order to have a good chance for future 13<sup>th</sup> check benefits.

Speaking of investment returns, the investment manager's report as of the pension board meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> was +13.2%; with 1.7 billion dollars market value. As always, Jay Bowen's office is doing a fantastic job managing our investments.

In the matter of the Parker lawsuit, attorney Wayne Thomas announced the Florida Supreme Court has accepted his motion for review of the 2<sup>nd</sup> DCA ruling on payment of the attorney fees. (cont on pg 2)

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### A message for retired people:

My uncle Lon Wise has written about his part and his experiences in WWII and to read his version of what happened is truly a joy as he was a football coach and Principle of a high school in Pensacola, Fl, for many years. His manner of writing has the 😊 effect of the reader wanting more and he wrote the entire manuscript with his family in mind. He started the manuscript with a detailed account of the Normandy invasion that ended up a success after all. He also went into details about the conflict and the Hell that the average troop went through. He covered the 'trench warfare' that ensued and the type of air cover they and the enemy received, detailing the type and the strengths of each aircraft and the gun cover they received that turned out to be very good.

By the way , Uncle Lon turned 98 last April and he/we have an aunt who is well over 100. Aunt Martha lives in Abbeville, Ala. and is Uncle Lon 's aunt and my great Aunt.

Anyway, the manuscript is well written and I'm reading it for the 2nd time. He also wrote an Autobiography about his young life and the things he and his family went through during the years 1915 until after 1930. The autobiography ends in Ufaula , Ala and is approximately 150 pages. The WWII book is approximately 200 pages.

The reason I mention the writings of my Uncle is that in our older age , we should write down our experiences in our life so that our children and grand children and great grand children can read this and reflect on the life we lived!

I've started writing about my life and my experiences and have taken up about where my Uncle left off, approximately 1937 , in Dade City Fl., the year I was born!

Get in there and write GUYS, your family will appreciate it!

*Warren Bennett*

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**He cautioned that it might take upwards of a year to resolve this matter.**

**Normally, our general membership meeting is on the first Thursday of the month that we meet. But this July, it fell on Independence Day (the 4<sup>th</sup>) so meeting night was moved to July 11<sup>th</sup>. The starting time and location will remain the same. Also, this is the meeting for final call for nominations, and the election of, your board's executive officers. As I have announced, although I have been honored to serve, this will be my final meeting as your president. Of course I'll continue to be an active member of the association. And, I will continue to contribute articles to our newsletter with information that may be of interest to our members. Thank you again for allowing me to serve.**

**This is the meeting where JJ and Vicki prepare our delicious spaghetti dinner. So, you don't want to miss it! Bring a retiree who hasn't been to our meetings so they can see it's all about the fellowship. See you there.**

*Tommy DePolis*



### **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, July 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, July 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....*

Joyce Rodgers, 3/18/13, *Fire Spouse*

Myrna Lefstead, 3/20/13, *Fire Spouse*

John Fairbanks, 4/13/13, *Police*

Howard Holloway, 4/22/13, *Police*

Tommy Duncan, 5/2/13, *Police*

Fred Patnode, 5/6/13, *Police*

Paul Faulkner Jr, 5/12/13, *Police*

Beatrice Witt, 5/14/13, *Police Spouse*

Arlie Johns, 5/30/13, *Fire*

E.I. 'Boxer' Jaudon, 6/1/13, *Fire*



## **Treasurer's Report**

**I am pleased to report that the, "City of Tampa Retired Firefighters and Police Officers Association", continues on solid financial ground and we have been able to maintain such for several years. Following is a brief synopsis of our account:**

### **Starting Balance on 1 Jan 2013**

**\$28,312.62**

### **Deposits of Member dues and dividends for the period 1 Jan - 1 Jun 2013**

**\$8,096.02**

### **Expenses for the period 1 Jan - 1 Jun 2013**

**\$2,080.97 as follows:**

**Office Supplies \$54.76**

**State Department Report \$61.25**

**Larrick Hall Rental \$350.00**

**U.S. Postage Stamps \$138.00**

**Quarterly Meeting Food \$1,000.00**

**Cokes and Ice \$95.86**

**Newsletter \$231.12**

**Hospice (Sparkman) \$50.00**

**Goldshield Foundation Membership \$100.00**

**Ending Balance \$34,327.67 on 1 Jun 2013**

**JJ**

## Death & Fraud.

A few weeks ago my brother's 103 year old Mother in Law, passed. She was alert and healthy to the end, we all loved her dearly. My brother had placed a fraud alert on her credit years earlier and this alert, stopped several ID theft attempts over the past few years. Seniors in assisted living homes are often victims of ID theft. Only three days after she passed away, an attack on her ID was stopped by the credit bureaus, fraud alert placed years earlier. We later discovered that thousands of deceased individuals have their ID compromised, most often soon after the death and notice in the paper. Social Security notifies the credit bureaus, but only after weeks and sometimes months have passed. What can you do to protect your credit?

Have a Fraud Alert placed with the three credit bureaus. Also, if you can afford it, subscribe to a Credit Monitoring service, some are free and even the "Free" ones are better than none at all.

The three major credit bureaus:

TransUnion

Experian

Equifax

The only true FREE credit report (don't be fooled into paying for others):

[www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com)

Free Credit Monitoring service that I use:

[www.AllClearID.com](http://www.AllClearID.com)

For additional GOOD information:

[www.clarkhoward.com](http://www.clarkhoward.com)

I'm just thinking about you!

*Jerry Wotherspoon*

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with wine



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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, July 11th, 2013

JJ's Famous Pasta 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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