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***President's Message***

At the meeting of May 28, 2014 Joe Griffin of Buck Consultants presented a summary of the actuarial valuation as of October 2013. Payment of the 13<sup>th</sup> check account is determined based on Section 27(B)(1) of the pension contract. In order for the 13<sup>th</sup> check funding to occur, the actuary must certify that the following three conditions are met:

- (1) investment return for fiscal year exceeds 10%;
- (2) amount of benefit is definitely determinable; and
- (3) amount of the payment will be funded on a sound actuarial basis and that the allocation does not exceed the amount of cumulative gain in the plan.

These conditions were met and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, the 13<sup>th</sup> check allocation will be \$16.9 million which meant the retirees received a check for \$9,510.00 and an eligible spouse received \$4,755.00.

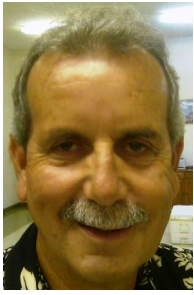
At the pension meeting of June 25, 2014, the latest investment report as of June 24, 2014 fiscal year to date performance, our fund is at 12.5%, market value \$1,906,921,829.00. September 30, 2014 is the end of the fiscal year. Let's hope it remains above 10% and we may be lucky and receive another 13<sup>th</sup> check next year.

We would like to thank Mr. Joe Griffin for his excellent professional presentation and the pension staff for keeping our pension on a sound actuarial track that will benefit all concerned retired and active participants. We have a sound pension which at this time is 94% funded.

Additionally, at the May 28, 2014 meeting, the board discussed and voted on the plan administrator salary and benefits for Tiffany Ernst. (See the attached recommendations that were presented at the meeting.) The board approved a base salary of \$130,000.00, severance pay and benefits which are in line with the responsibilities of the position. Congratulations to Ms. Ernst, we are sure she will do a good job for us.

The late fee from the IRS was dropped and the problem resolved. Special thanks to the plan administrator and Mark Lenker, CPA for saving the fund \$77,000.00.

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## Treasurer's Report

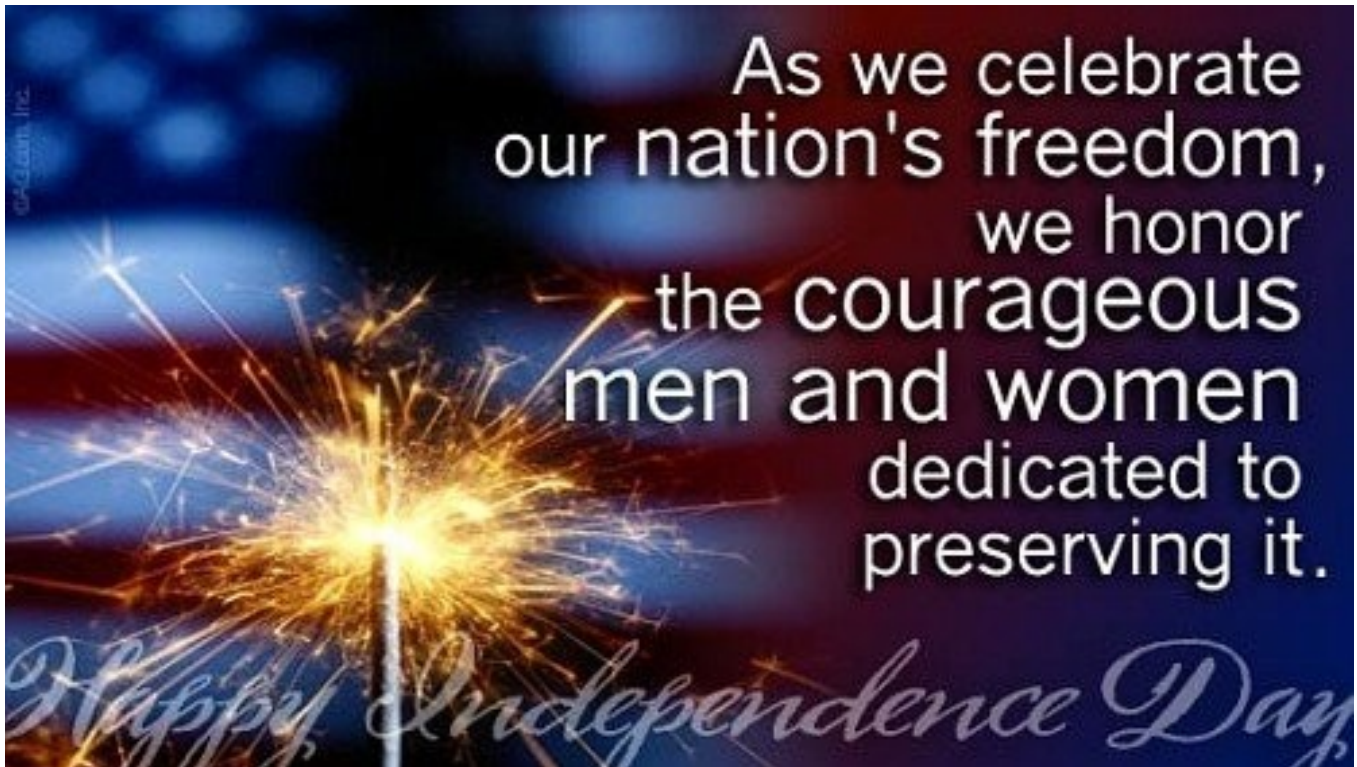
There has been little to no activity in the financial picture of our association. The balance at the end of our last Quarterly meeting was \$34,822.77. Since that time we have made our annual support payment of \$500.00 to the Gold Shield Foundation. We have deposited \$1,560.00 in dues and collected \$14.89 in dividends. Our balance, at the time of this writing, July 4, 2014, is \$35,825.88.

At the time of this writing we have approximately seventy-eight (78) members who have not paid their dues for 2014. If you do not have a current 2014 Membership card you have not paid your dues for the year. It is going to be my recommendation that newsletters no longer be mailed out to members who have not paid for three (3) years or longer. It is not just to allow the current members to bear the cost of the meetings' food and refreshments along with the cost of the printing and mailing of the newsletter.

On to the upcoming meeting on July 24, 2014. This will be the annual Spaghetti Dinner, prepared and served by your Treasurer and his motivating wife/member Vickie. We will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce, along with salad, garlic bread and dessert, As usual there will be door prizes and a 50/50 drawing after the business part of the meeting is concluded. Bring a couple of extra bucks, you could be the lucky winner of the 50/50.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. Call a couple of members and remind them of the meeting, July 24 2014 at 630 PM, Forrest Hills Presbyterian Church.

Till then, JJ Oliva.



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Don't forget the July 24, 2014 association meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Forrest Hills Presbyterian Church. J.J. and Vicky will be serving the annual spaghetti dinner and they always do an outstanding job.

We have several political candidates running for local office that want to address our association. We will welcome them and listen to their remarks and qualifications for their prospective offices.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the July 24, 2014 association meeting.

Respectfully,

*Billy Lynn*



### 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 30th 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, Jul 28th, 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....*

**Jonathan Belk, 12/19/13, Police**

**Charles Andrews, 2/10/14, Fire**

**Raymond Chrzanowski, 12/31/13, Police**

**Jewel Lawton, 2/13/14, Police**

**Linda Stanton, 1/5/14, Police Spouse**

**Frederick Tripp, 2/17/14, Fire**

**Randolph Griffin, 1/10/14, Fire**

**Joseph Harrell Sr, 3/18/14, Fire**

**Floyd Howard, 1/22/14, Fire**

**Donald Geary, 7/5/14, Fire**

**Anthony S 'Tony' Romano, 6/5/14. Police**

## Old Friends

This past January Billy Lynn and I visited Bud Maxey at his home in rural Mississippi. Billy's son, who is a Hillsborough County fire fighter, was there deer hunting with his friend. Neither Billy nor I are hunters, but we like sitting around giving advice and "supervising" the hunt along with Bud. We've been there several times, but this time was special because we got a call from John Brannigan. John also lives in Mississippi, but about 250 miles south of Bud's home. After speaking with John on the phone, he said he sure would like to see us, and asked us to come down to visit. John's health is poor and couldn't make the trip to come up to see us. So, like three teenagers, Bud, Billy and I all piled in a car and made the 5-hour trek to Brannigan's place in the woods. We visited with him for about 2 hours, then, began the long trip back to Bud's. After an all day trip, down and back, these three "teenagers" were transformed into 70 year olds with back pains and leg cramps. But it certainly was worth the trip to see John, and I know it made him happy.

John lives on a couple of acres surrounded by a secluded wooded area that covers about 250 acres, with no close neighbors. His property is beautiful and is bordered on three sides by a large lake. However, it is a long trip to town for any supplies he needs. While living on the property John uncovered and restored a 19<sup>th</sup> century cemetery. Besides his very nice home, he also has a workshop where he continues to tinker with his "toys". As most of you know, John was the originator of the Tampa Bomb Squad. He dug out an old photograph of the original Bomb Squad members and asked me to return it to Tampa. I did, and turned it over to the current Bomb Squad so it could be proudly displayed in their office. They were eager to have it.

Rather than take up any more space with my writing, I'll save it for photographs. Since this newsletter finds its way into public hands, I purposely omitted addresses and phone numbers to protect their privacy. If you would like to get in touch with John Brannigan, talk with JJ Oliva who can provide you with contact information.

Tommy DePolis



*My wife looked at me the other day and said "Your getting fat Arthur!" I told her I'd like to get a second opinion. She said "Step on the scale."*

Arthur Ritis

## Computer Corner for Seniors. Info for Windows users.

Windows XP has expired and there are NO new updates. Plus, Windows Antivirus "Windows Defender" will no longer protect your Win XP. Why? Microsoft has a life expectancy and termination of support for all their products, not a widely publicized fact, but true. What can you do with your Windows XP? Continue to use it, like always and change your Antivirus software to something new. I recommend AVG, Avast or Avira, all three are FREE and support Windows XP with continuous updates. Make sure you have ONLY one antivirus active on your machine at a time, that goes for all Windows users even Windows 8.1.

Question. Can I update my Windows XP to Windows 8.1? Probably not, without also changing your processor and motherboard. Cheaper to buy a new computer, but what about all my old data? A reputable computer store can easily transfer all your old data to the new Windows 8, (keep in mind some of your old software may not work.) It's also, easy for a computer person to take out your old hard drive and make it portable. They sell hard drive shells with all the linking cables to work on your new computer.

I know this all sounds kind of "geeky" but keep in mind that Computer Stores just want to sell you a computer and they don't care about your old data. Plus, you Monitor and Key Board and Mouse will all function with your new computer, so keep it. For security reasons to protect your personal information, DO NOT give your computer to the computer store or donate it without first "formatting" the hard drive. If you are real paranoid about ID theft. Take out the hard drive (or have a friend that knows how) and smash it to bits with a hammer. (that's old school and it works) I always appreciate someone donating a computer to me, but I format the hard drive so, so the old data is never compromised, before I give it to a church, school or anyone.

That's it on "Computer Corner for Seniors"

Your ole-tech. Jerry Wotherspoon





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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, July 24, 2014

JJ's Famous Spaghetti 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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