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***President's Message:***

The 4th of July has come and gone. All the celebrations, parades, picnics, outings and of course the fireworks have ended. After the celebration dies down, I contemplate what we all have just gone through; and why.

The 4th of July is the celebration of our independence as a free Republic. On the 4th of July 1776 our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence from the English Rule. This document has led us, as Americans, through wars, depressions, turmoil and many challenges to our Republic. This document was signed and ratified 242 years ago. This document declared our Right to be free from the tyranny of English Rule or any rule except our own.

In establishing the Declaration of Independence another important document had to be created to keep us all free from the actions of our own newly established government. This document is The Bill of Rights. Almost immediately, this Bill of Rights was attacked by those who believe that they have a better idea or way to do things. There have been changes to the Bill of Rights, with a few amendments, but the primary framework is still intact.

So, for over 240 years America has been under attack by those who believe that there is a better way. This has caused a division in the American people. Through various changes at various times we have evolved into basically 3 schools of thought. America is now divided into the Independent, Democratic and Republican parties. Each party has their own idea of how best our Nation should be run. Thus we have open elections giving the ruling party the lead in guiding our Nation.

As we are all aware there is much bitterness, even hatred, between the ruling parties. It would seem that the ties that bind us, as one Nation, would surely be undone. Today, now more than ever, this separation is all too evident. I feel we will endure as a Nation even though there are vast divides among the 3 major schools of thought. With all these attacks and challenges, America will stand tall and proud. After all, we are the strongest and most prosperous Nation in the history of mankind.

Although I am only one citizen I will do my part to keep it that way. I will vote and raise my voice in the face of the hatred and lack of good common sense when it comes to how our Nation is led.



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# TREASURER'S REPORT



## *Treasurer's Message:*

The Executive Board of the City of Tampa Retired Fire and Police Association goals for 2018 was to collect 75 percent of its membership dues. We also targeted improving our Money Market Account by 10% a year by cutting cost and reducing spending. As of June 1st 2018 we have collected approximately 76 percent of our dues. Our Money Market Account is up 8 percent. I would like to thank our members for stepping up, paying their dues and for donating more than their share in Money, Food and Time.

**Bobby Moody, Treasurer**  
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We should be very proud to be Americans. We are the standard of the world, as the Beacon of Freedom. With all the hatred and wrong-headed ideas flowing in Washington, we will still survive and prosper. As Americans we stand strong and unswayed.

A word to dissenters. If you are not happy in America you have the Right to leave. May I suggest you do so. We true Americans are tired of your griping and complaining and trying to tear down the foundations of our Nation. So pack your bags and don't let the door hit you as you leave. See how you like living in another country, especially when you try to express your Rights and Freedoms. Also, feel free to take to the streets and riot to express yourselves. Your answer will come swiftly. It may be time in prison, expulsion from your new country of choice or you may end up being shot down by your protectors. American is the only country that doesn't put you in prison or end your life.

There are several choices to dissidents, none of them good. You better stay in the USA where you can act the fool, show your tails and try to destroy our American Homeland. Simply, love America or leave. We can use the extra space for people who love our freedoms and will defend this country to the death.

Larry A. Vincent, Interim President, TRF&PA

Well I've finally reached  
the Wonder Years.  
Wonder where my  
car is -parked?  
Wonder where I  
left my phone?  
Wonder where my  
sunglasses are?  
Wonder what day it is?



*Rest, Relax, Enjoy*

*Have a Wonderful Summer!*

## 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 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, July 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....*

Winfield Whitehurst - 3/15/18 - Po-

lice Diane Hinck - 4/29/18 - Fire

Ronnie Tillman - 5/24/18 - Fire

Lowell D Killian - 5/25/18 - Fire

Laurie Allen - 6/24/15 - Fire Spouse

Charles Beazell - 4/6/18 - Fire

David Lamphere - 4/12/18 - Fire

Walter Wadsworth - 4/14/18 - Fire

Raymond Gavilan - 4/14/18 - Fire



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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, July 26, 2018

*Spaghetti Dinner with all the fixins for Dinner 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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