

# Don't Rush Me



## TAMPA RETIRED FIRE & POLICE ASSOCIATION



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***President's Message:***

The news about our fund's investment return for the first quarter of our fiscal year was very positive. Usually, the first quarter following September 30th, is very slow and many times shows a loss. But, the report at the December pension board meeting showed the investment return was a positive 3.2% at the end of November and a positive 4.3% by the meeting date of December 18th. Of course since then, there has been escalated conflict in the middle east which will certainly show in the stock market. Also at the December pension board meeting the actuary gave a report on their Stochastic Projection Study. This is just a fancy name for a "guess" on how well the fund will perform through 2047, based on past performance. The results of the study determine what the Assumption Rate should be, and in turn determines what the city and employee contribution rate will be. The current assumption rate is 8.5% and the actuary recommends it remain the same. So, the board voted to take no action to change it at this time. A side projection that retirees would be interested in was the PRAA Insolvency Probability. That is, what's the chance of the COLA fund going broke in that same time frame? The projection showed 0% chance through the year 2033 and only 7% chance through 2047. I guess we're safe for awhile.

At the December retirees luncheon I informed your executive board that my current term as your president expires this year, and I would not be running for re-election. This is the second time I've served as president, as well as vice president and treasurer in the past. It's been an honor that you've placed your trust in me, and a privilege to have served you.



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# TREASURER'S REPORT



The City of Tampa Fire and Police Association annual membership dues are due for 2020. Please forward a check for \$60 to the below listed address.

TAMPA FIRE AND POLICE ASSOCIATION  
PO BOX 891269  
TAMPA FL 33689

Widowers of members are not required to submit dues to continue their membership including receiving the newsletter. I wish all my brothers and sisters a prosperous 2020.

Bobby Moody  
Treasurer

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Also, our by-laws call for a vice presidents position to be alternated between a fire representative one year, and a police representative the following year. This year you will need to elect a vice president from the police side. JJ Oliva is the longest serving current police vice president, so his position will be up for re-election. We'll discuss elections at the January meeting. The procedure is for nominations for office to be opened up at the April quarterly meeting, and again at the July meeting. With elections held at the July meeting for new officers to take office. The January meeting will be on Thursday the 23rd of this month, and I hope to see you all there. And two things, please give some consideration to serving on the executive board; and bring a new member to share in our fellowship.

*Tommy DePolis*



# SICK COMMITTEE



**Information on retirees that have recently passed away:**

**Retired District Chief John N. Parker passed away on December 14, 2019 at the age of 86 and funeral services were held on December 18, 2019 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Tampa, Florida.**

**Retired Deputy Chief Gus Butler passed away on December 24, 2019 at the age of 88 and funeral services were held on December 29, 2019 at Gardens of Memories Chapel in Tampa, Florida.**

**Retired Tampa Police Officer Henry Huerta passed away on December 27, 2019 at the age of 86 and funeral services will be held on January 11, 2020 from 1-2 p.m. at Hillsboro Memorial Funeral Home in Brandon, Florida.**

**As of this date, Retired Deputy Chief Fred W. Jones is still at Lutz Health-care & Rehabilitation Center located at 19091 North Dale Mabry Highway, Lutz, FL 33548. He has been there for at least six months and is still having problems with the ability to walk. He would like visitors for anyone who would like to go spend some time with him. Let's hope he has a full recovery soon.**

**Retired Fire Chief Albert Diez is still recovering from major surgery on his foot and he has limited walking ability on it. It has been a slow recovery process, but he is hoping to make a full recovery soon.**

**If you have any updates on any retirees' recent deaths or serious health issues, please bring the information to the association meeting.**

**Respectfully,**

*Billy Lynn*

**Vice President**



# FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

Tiffany Ernst, Tampa Fire and Police Pension Fund Plan Administrator, recently contacted the Retirees Association to remind pension fund members of upcoming free financial information meetings provided by the pension fund.

Tiffany conveyed that the brochure with detailed information on the Financial Planning Workshop was sent with the last pension check or deposit notice.

*The meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 and Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at the Tampa Convention Center.*

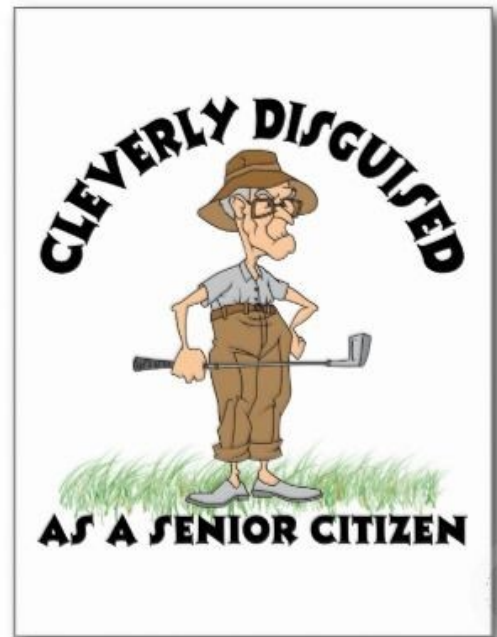
Attorneys and professional financial planners trained in the field of LIVING TRUST & ESTATE PLANNING, tax issues, pension financial decisions and Social Security issues will be conducting the workshops.

Seating is limited and it is suggested that any member interested should contact the pension office at 813-274-8550 for further information and to reserve a seat. Inquire at the pension office regarding what part of the workshop that you would like to attend as there are various topics on the two dates listed above.

This info is also on the FACEBOOK page.

## RETIREMENT SCHEDULE

Sunday - Do  
Monday - Whatever  
Tuesday - The  
Wednesday - F...  
Thursday - I  
Friday - Want  
Saturday - To Do



## Retirement

is wonderful.  
It's doing nothing  
without worrying  
about getting  
caught at it.

- Gene Perret



## RETIREMENT:

Twice as much  
husband...



Half as  
much money.





# COMMUNICATIONS

Today (12/30/19) at our end of the month luncheon (also end of the decade luncheon) I was asked about “communications” with members.

It dawned on me, we do have pretty good communications system, but in some cases, not enough.

**FIRST:** The primary communications happens when you attend a meeting, (board, luncheon, quarterly or even pension board meetings). This is the best way. Come to the meetings and be heard or visit with friends.

**SECOND:** Electronic communications, either phone or computer. We offer a website: [www.tamparetiree.com](http://www.tamparetiree.com) and a Facebook site: search on Facebook for “Tampa Re-tired Fire & Police Association” or use the Facebook code: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1933585820291853/> the code is too much trouble.

The website allows “read the message or post the message” but not direct two-way communications. You need to contact me to get an ID and Password, please note: (we will register any Tampa Fire or Police person wishing to communicate on our message board, great for a person running for Pension Officer). The Facebook is very similar, you have online communications for reading and posting and you also have private messaging, but only for other Facebook members. Both of these methods work pretty well.

**THIRD:** We have a Newsletter, limited to one-way communications, still very effective to get a message out to the members. Contributions to the Newsletter is encouraged and not necessarily limited to the Pension news. As you have read in the past I’ve written about many subjects.

Our Board members often have at least one attendee at a Pension meeting and a good thing too. It keeps the Pension Trustees on their toes, we try not to let the Pension Trustees slip one by us again, like the failure to pay the 13th check. Thanks to one of our members to take it upon himself to sue (Rest in Peace John Parker) we are beholden to you.

During the Pension Elections, our Board screens candidates, then makes a recommendation. The power in numbers have been on our side during all the recent elections, without the retirees help, present Pension Board members may not be there. Without a retiree member on the Pension Board we don’t have a vote on pension items, but without the power on voting members, the Fire or Police Board members may not be there.

Please take time to write us with Newsletter articles, attend our Luncheon or Quarterly meeting, we know not everyone lives locally, but you can still contribute a Newsletter article.

*Happy New Year, 2020 Jerry Wotherspoon*

# FUTURE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

So you don't have to wait for meeting reminders, but we'll send them anyway, here are the 3 remaining meeting dates for the year:

April 23rd

July 23rd

October 29th

(moved to the last Thursday due to a scheduling conflict)



## 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, January 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, January 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...*

Kenneth G. King 10/12/19 - Fire

Edward Wilkerson 10/18/19 - Police

Cathy Clarke 10/23/19 - Police

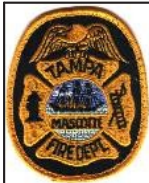
Harry Scott 10/29/19 - Police

John Hocker 12/23/19 - Police

John Parker 12/14/19 - Fire

Gus Butler 12/24/19 - Fire

Henry Huerta 12/26/19 - Police



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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Thursday, January 23rd, 2020**

***Cubans & Crabs for 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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