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President's Message

By the time you receive this newsletter you will have also received your Cost of Living Allocation (COLA) notice for 2012 from the pension office. The table listing the cumulative COLA percentage increases by class has been out since Thanksgiving, and it seems most retirees are receiving a 3% to 5% increase. The differences in percentage increases are due to the year you retired and the permanent divisor assigned to that class.

Also, I'm sure you've heard by now that the investment return for our fund for the fiscal year ending 9/30/11 was only +2%, thereby insuring that we won't be receiving a 13th check in 2012. Remember, one of the primary factors for determining the amount of a 13th check is that the investment return is greater than 10%. However, the investment return for the following month ending 10/31/11 was up to +8.8%; and for the month ending 11/30/11 was up to +9.4% with a market value of \$1.481 billion.

In regard to the Parker lawsuit interest money, some developments have occurred. The pension board's attorney, Mr. Cohen, wrote the board an opinion that the opt-outs could be paid in return for a waiver since they were not part of the court ordered settlement. However, the attorney for the class, Mr. Thomas, wrote an objection claiming the money for the opt-outs should not come from the escrowed monies until the appeals court ruling. So, instead of voting on what to do at the Nov. 17th meeting, the board went into executive session. At that time the attorneys for the board rendered an opinion that the opt-outs are no longer part of the litigation and may not be discussed in executive sessions. So, at the Dec 15th board meeting these attorneys in open session advised that even though the opt-outs could be paid separate from the class, they recommended waiting until there is a ruling from

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Tips from the Webmaster:

Question? Have you ever accidentally DELETED photo's from your cameras memory or from your home computer or laptop?

Surprise, not all is lost, you could take the memory card or computer to a computer store and pay an Arm and a Leg to recover your losses. For example the Geek Squad at Best Buy sometimes charge up to \$250 just to check your computer out and recover undamaged photos or files (\$150 back if they can't).

Good news if you are a little computer savvy. GetDataBack for FAT (\$70) or NTSC (\$80), can be downloaded from the internet, will provide you with your own software to recover photo's, files or stuff you just lost. I have used an older version from 2009 several times for recovering photo's for friends.

Just remember if you accidentally DELETE the photo's STOP pull the memory card out of your camera and put a new card in to continue taking photo's. The photo's on the old card can be recovered. The reason I advise you to stop taking pictures, is that the old photo's are still there, but new photo's can be placed over them, causing the old photos to be permanently lost.

I'm certain there is other Photo and Data recovery software out there, but I've used GetDataBack for years and it works.

Best regards - Jerry Wotherspoon (The Webmaster)



50/50 DRAWING

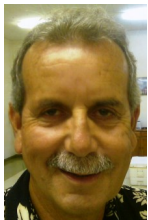
Will be held at the Membership Meeting so bring a couple of extra bucks.

Pension Board Meeting

The Pension Board will be holding their monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan 26th at 1:30pm.

Location 3001 North Boulevard.

Come on by, the pension board loves company.



From the Treasurer:

SEASONS GREETINGS

Here is hoping that everyone had a very Happy and Joyous Holiday season and now we can enjoy a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

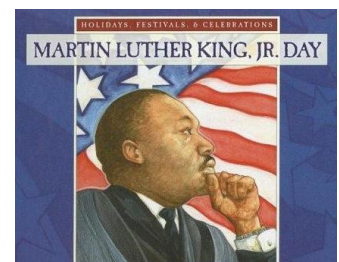
Well, another year has come and gone, and things continue to change. While change is often a good thing, there are times we wish it were different.

This year we are missing some great friends and relatives that have gone on to greater things. While we will always miss our loved ones and dear friends, we have to take comfort in knowing that they somehow enriched our lives just by being there. May God bless each and every one of us that had a personal loss this pass year.

2012 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Now that 2012 is upon us, it is time to renew your membership in the Tampa Retired Fire & Police Association. As voted upon by the membership, the dues continue to be sixty dollars (\$60.00) per calendar year which runs per from January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012. You can mail your dues to the Association address, or better yet, bring it to the January meeting, and upon receipt of same a membership card will be mailed to you. Your dues provide the funds necessary to print and publish the quarterly newsletters and postage for same. The dues provide funding for the rental of the meeting hall for the quarterly meetings along with funding for great meals and refreshments. The dues also provide the funding for condolences sent to our members throughout the year.

John & Vickie Oliva



the appeals court so as not to invite further litigation. The money for the opt-outs was included in the escrowed Common Fund. However, the board's position is that the opt-outs are not responsible for attorney fees; they are owed the interest money; and the board is obligated to pay them. So, Ms. Fox, city trustee, suggested paying the opt-outs now from the Main Fund instead of the escrowed Common Fund, as they would any benefit they owed. Mr. Lynch, police trustee, made a motion to that effect and it passed 8 to 1 with Mr. Adwell, fire trustee, the only dissenting vote. This means the pension office will be preparing waivers to be signed and making the money available to the opt-outs. By the time you read this newsletter the pension office may have already notified you. You should receive \$100 that was withheld from the principal, and an additional \$1,500 in interest for a total of \$1,600.

For those of you who attend our monthly luncheons you know we changed locations because most of you thought the food there was a huge improvement over the old location. The new location is the Classic Home-Style Buffet at 4115 E. Busch Blvd. They don't have a private room for us, but they do reserve a section and it is conducive to conducting our business. Last month we had the honor of State Attorney Mark Ober speaking to us, and we will continue to have guest speakers. Also, we conduct our executive board meeting there following the luncheon, which is open to all members.

Speaking of your executive board, some of the officer's positions will be up for election next year, including mine. Many of the existing board members have been serving for a long time and are ready to pass on the pleasure to another member. We will begin to accept nominations at the April 2012 general membership meeting, with the election on the July 2012 meeting. So, give some consideration to nominating new officers at the upcoming meetings. Better yet, give some serious consideration to serving on the board yourself. It is gratifying work to look out for your fellow retirees and to help keep them informed. And, all of us should take our turn at that.

See you at the Jan 5, 2012 general membership meeting.

Tommy DePolis

REMINDER

The Retirees monthly luncheon will be held on Monday, January 30th at 11:00am. Location is the Classic Homestyle Buffet, 4115 E Busch Blvd, Tampa.

All are invited. Hope to see you there.

IN MEMORIAM

Some of those we recently lost....

Travis R Higgins, 10/13/11, Police

Jerry T Feltman, 10/26/11, Police

Carl Gomillion, 10/30/11, Fire

Donald Phillips Sr, 11/7/11, Police



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, January 5th, 2012

Cubans & Crabs 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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