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Pensioners Newsletter- 10 January 2012
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WELLNESS REPORTS

(Anyone having information about deaths or illness involving fire department personnel, retirees or relatives, is invited to call Breezy Briseno @ (210) 654-3580) with information.

FIRE---by "Breezy" Briseno ILL OR INJURED:

Get well card sent to Leroy Pierson who had suffered a stroke.

DECEASED: None reported

POLICE--- by *Bill Turner*

Anyone having information about deaths or illness involving police department personnel, retirees or relatives, is invited to call Bill Turner @ (210) 525-9962 with information.

ILL OR INJURED: Larry Ripley is recovering at home from cancer surgery; Maria Canales, widow of Tony Canales, is suffering from cancer; Bob Katz, is at home recovering from surgery. Myself, recovering from treatment for A-fib.

DECEASED: Dorothy Leona Kalka, 11/12/11, wife of Charlie Kalka Jr.; Mary Alvarez Scott, 11/16/11, wife of George M. Scott; Billy Hohensee, 73, 11/24/11; Patrick Ray Kilough, Age70, 12/4/11; Walter Allen "Corky" Dennis, 74, 12/23/11.

SPEAKER: President Trainer introduced Sen. Jeff Wentworth as our guest for the January meeting. Sen. Wentworth administered the oath of office to the newly elected executive board. After administering the oath Sen. Wentworth was given the opportunity to address the membership. Sen. Wentworth advised that he was on the ballot for reelection and would appreciate our vote.

Sen. Wentworth has been an ally on fire and police issues for many years. Sen. Wentworth is also an honorary member of the San Antonio fire and police pensioners Association. Larry Reid spoke of how Sen. Wentworth has been a strong ally for the last several sessions and he has even kept in touch when we had no legislation pending.

President Trainer announced that we will read the bylaws changes today of the November meeting, so that all members could be aware of what we were adding to our bylaws. After the bylaws changes were read President Trainer announced that we will be having a vote on these changes to our bylaws towards the end of the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer

A question from the floor about the reporting of the funds in the PAC, asked if the treasurer was going to include the financial status of the PAC in her monthly presentation. President trainer advised that the PAC has its own accounts, treasurer and accounting. President trainer further explained that the funds from the Association and the PAC cannot be combined and must be reported on separately. The Treas. for the PAC, Don Wagoner, will report on the PAC financials at the monthly meetings independent of the association financial report.

Pension Fund Committee

Larry Reid reported that the fund was up about 4 1/2% year-to-date. Larry also reported that the cola was at about 3% at the end of November and that the numbers for December should be out in mid-January and our cola increase for our pension checks should come in the January check.. The pension fund's annual audit should be completed and presented on January 30 as well the actuary the fund completes each year. The fund is currently interviewing for a general consultant. This position will advise our trustees on how to evaluate managers that are investing our money.

The old office at 311 Roosevelt is under contract to be sold and the buyers did have a due diligence time period which will end on January 16, 2012, at which time we will know if they will continue with the purchase.

Fire trustee Bart Moczygemba has retired and the fund will now hold an election for his replacement. The date for this election will be decided at the January pension board meeting. Larry reported that the PRB recently put out ratings for pension funds and the San Antonio fire and police pension fund ranked number five. This ranking was based on unfunded liability and all the funds that came in ahead of our fund were between \$1 million and \$5 million funds.

Pre-Funded Health Insurance Committee

Henry Trevino reported that the fund was up. Henry advised that everyone should have received their new health benefits cards and you should destroy the old ones. The new cards have a lot of information on him and everyone should read them. Henry also advised us that precertification has been a problem. Everyone should be aware that all inpatient and outpatient procedures require precertification regardless of who the primary insurance company is. Do not depend solely on the doctor or the facility telling you precertification has been made. Everyone should call the health fund office to assure that precertification has been taken care for each procedure. The health care plan document makes it the responsibility of the patient to take care of precertification and if this precertification has not been done the patient is responsible for any payments not made. Henry also advised that every member should make a list of medications and have it available along with any directives to physicians you may have in case these are ever needed. President Mike trainer advised that Carlos and Christina Madero would now be a part of his healthcare committee. Carlos and Christina had been the air ambulance committee and the committee is now being dissolved.

PAC Committee:

Our PAC Committee Chairman, Ralph Medina, stated that there was not much more that could be said that hasn't already been said at the meeting today. Donald Wagoner, the PAC treasurer, advised that there are over 200 members currently in our PAC. To date the PAC has raised over \$8000. Don expects the payroll deduction members will have their largest contribution paid this month with the January checks as that is when most of the members have agreed to start their contributions. The PAC has set up a checking account with Generations Credit Union and all transactions, expenses and donations will be posted for members to see anytime. The PAC is including a letter in the annual mail-out along with a donation form

NOTABLE UTTERANCES

“Consider also that everyone will be judged according to the light they have been given: the light of creation (Romans 1; the light of conscience (Romans 2; and the light of Christ (Romans 3). God is not capricious! Thus, we can rest assured that those who respond to light will receive more light. As the prophet Jeremiah put it, ‘you will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart’

