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WELLNESS REPORTS

(Note) Wellness information for fire department personnel has been sent directly to the Grapevine for this month.

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: Arthur Bernstein, in the hospital recovering from colon problems. Surgery pending; Alvin Powell, in hospital being treated for a heart attack; Vick Abate, recovering from injuries of several bone fractures and minor internal injuries suffered in a fall; Bill Turner, recovering from a fall with external injuries.

DECEASED: Rebecca Herrera, 6 yrs, 7/23, the daughter of Officer John Herrera, assigned to SAPD Bike Patrol Unit; Larry Parnell, 75 ,8/5/11, died of a heart attack.

SPEAKER: Our speaker today was Anita Fuller from RENNERTRAVEL. She gave her presentation on the use of travel agents to book vacations, cruises and business trips, explaining that it usually does not cost any more to book with an agent than booking yourself, as well as using an agent is a time-saver in making reservations. The fees collected by the agents are paid as commissions to the agents by the provider and not the customer. She left several pamphlets and brochures for members to take.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PENSION FUND COMMITTEE: Warren Schott reported the fund is slightly down from the previous month. However, it has a + 6% YTD growth. It was noted that the benchmark is now 7.75% instead of the previous level of 8%.

PRESIDENT: Vice-President James Baer reminds us that the upcoming luncheon will be on Wednesday, October 12. He also reminds us that the membership will need to appoint a nominating committee next month and the November meeting will be our annual Insurance Meeting at which the City of S.A. representatives will be present with enrollment information, along with the 2012 rates for the pre-89rs. At the next meeting President Trainer will give a report on public pensions.

NEW BUSINESS: Board Members Office Terms- Recording Secretary Earnest Gay reported on a possible up-coming by-law change that may be presented at the September meeting regarding the length of terms and staggering of various terms of officers to prevent a total turnover of the board in any given year; SAFD Fire Museum- Some discussion was held regarding a fundraising Gala on September 9th and whether a contribution by our group would be appropriate and legal (in compliance with our tax status) to that cause. The Fish City Grill will donate a portion of their proceeds from Oct. 4, 2011. Contributions from anyone are welcome. Attendance this date: 46

DID YOU KNOW: As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court, you can see near the top of the building, images of a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view...It is an image of Moses, holding the ten commandments. As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the commandments engraved on the lower portion of each door. As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see on the wall right above where the judges sit, a display of the ten commandments. There are bible verses etched in stone over many of the federal buildings in Washington, D.C.

James Madison, the fourth president, known as 'The Father of Our Constitution' made the following statement: " We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the commandments of God. Did you know?... Every session of congress begins with a prayer by a preacher. That fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies, that Thomas Jefferson worried that the courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law an oligarchy rule over many.

NOTABLE UTTERANCES

"...Always remember that you are Americans and it is your birthright to dream great dreams in this sweet and blessed land, truly the greatest, freest, strongest nation on earth"
Ronald Reagan

