



The Billy & Spanner



President's Notes

By Jim Spence

I want to start this message by thanking Tom Scully and Rich Saito for their leadership in organizing the Association's efforts to provide a home cooked meal for over 100 wounded and disabled military veterans housed at the Palo Alto VA Hospital. Numerous Association members and wives stepped up to provide a fantastic buffet of home cooked food and BBQ'ed meats for these individuals, their families and the hospital staff caring for them. Many of the meals were shuttled into the rooms of those veterans who were unable to come outside due to their injuries while others were able to take in a gorgeous California afternoon. Every Association member I talked to had

a memory, a story and sense of fulfillment they will carry with them forever. Thanks again for all who donated money, time and food to this event.

Please save October 10th to attend our monthly business meeting, especially if you are under 65 and provide health care benefits to more than yourself. As we move closer to November, when we can make health care choices and changes, Retirement Services has volunteered to discuss the impact the new City provided "family health care tier plan" starting in 2014. There will be financial impacts which the Association wants you to be aware so you can plan ahead and not be surprised.

The Coyote Member BBQ, which was chaired by Director Mike Moffett, was a great success. Tom Schultz led the group in singing God Bless America and a moment of silence to remember our fallen comrades. The food was excellent as was the music provided by DJ Mike Sanchez. City Councilmembers Xavier Campos and Kansen Chu stopped by to encourage our members to enjoy their retirement years. Both Councilmembers are strong supporters of honoring vested rights earned by retirees through contracts approved by previous City Councils. Willy & Isabel Banuelos helped sell our clothing articles to all in attendance.

At the BBQ many of you expressed appreciation to me for my efforts representing each of you in our pursuit of a fulfilling retirement. But I don't do it alone. I'm sure those comments were also directed to acknowledge ALL of the Officers and Director's who volunteer a large number of hours in directing the Association's course and activities. It was with those comments in mind as I was sitting at the BBQ watching the event, I was struck by the work of one of our Directors. I realized the need to talk about Jerry Ellis. Jerry has been through many Presidents while being the Treasurer, Billy & Spanner Editor, Director of Membership and other positions long before I joined the Association. He has kept consistency in the Association's mission and methods to achieve success for all retirees. Here is what Jerry did for this last event. Prior to the BBQ, Jerry maintained the sign-up count for the meals, kept track of who paid, constructed/updated the VIP list and sent out VIP invitations. At the BBQ, he handled the check-in and money, then brought, set-up and sold the clothing items for sale. Then after doing all those tasks, while sitting down to watch the last members enjoy the event, Jerry started to discuss with me the membership issues the Association has been working on. Every month Jerry receives a report from Retirement Services detailing the payroll deductions payments made by retiree's to the Association. Jerry compares this report to the membership rolls the Association uses to communicate with each of you. If you use thirty seconds to check each of the 1300 members this amounts to 10 hours of time, every month. In addition he sends out new member information, contacts those members who pay dues by check yearly and sends out condolences on behalf of the Association to the families of departed members. In my opinion, without Jerry's one person dedication and passion, the Association would need three volunteers to continue to operate. So the next time you see Jerry Ellis, thank him for keeping the Association on task for all these years.

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President's Notes continued...

At the August Association Board of Directors meeting, I asked the Board to answer the question which several members have asked in the last two years. The question is "What has the Association done for its members in advancing or maintaining our retirement benefits?" The Board produced a long list of points which I will share with you in next month's Billy & Spanner.

This month I am formally notifying all Association members, per the vote which was taken by mail in early 2012 of increasing the Association dues from \$15 to \$43 for one year to fund the Legal Fund. This increase will commence in January 2014. Those Association members who contributed early to the Legal Fund will have their contributions returned after April of 2014. In this way, all members of the Association will have an equal contribution in what the Association sees as a long legal battle after the Measure B court decision is rendered. If you have any questions, contact us.

Remember to enjoy your retirement you earned it.



President

Association Officer & Board of Directors Nominations Coming Up!

Another reminder that nominations for Association Officers and Board of Directors' positions is coming up in October. A key officer position, Secretary, will be vacant as long-time Secretary Jerry Boyer will not be running for re-election.

As we continue through this tumultuous time for the Association caused by City leaders, we need members to step forward to help lead this organization over the next few critical years.

Nomination of officers is held in October at a regular membership meeting (Oct. 10th) and the election will be held at our November membership meeting (November 14th). If you are interested in running for Secretary or any other office, you must be present at the October meeting or provide a letter of intent to the Secretary before the October meeting is held.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask any of the Board members.

Measure B Lawsuit in Judge's Hands

In our last newsletter, we informed you that the Measure B pension trial would begin soon. The trial has officially concluded and is in the judge's hands now. In terms of next steps, a ruling is anticipated sometime this fall. It is almost certain that regardless of the decision, the losing side will appeal the ruling to the Court of Appeals. As such, we are not likely to see this issue resolved for a few more years. In the meantime, the City will continue to spend millions of dollars on their outside legal team and our Police & Fire Departments will continue to struggle to recruit and retain quality employees. The staffing problems on the Police side have hit crisis levels, with the department having well under 1,000 officers on the street. This problem is not likely to be addressed until the Measure B fiasco is cleaned up.

Congratulations on your retirement

Gilbert Gutierrez, Fire Captain, 25.09* years of service.
Antonio Magallon, Fire Captain, 25.08* years of service. (With reciprocity)
Raymond Van de Star, Fire Captain, 25.09* years of service.
Gustavo Vega, Police Officer, 23.48* years of service.

Welcome New Members

Daniel Addiego
Diana Wunderlich
Patricia Riolo
Robert Dawson



ANNUAL ASSOCIATION BBQ PHOTOS



Retirement Report

Nick Muyo, Trustee, Police and Fire Retirement Board

I had coffee last week with Association President Jim Spence, a good man, a good cop in his day and, so far, a great mentor to me. (It's the least he can do since he got me involved with the Board!)

In discussing my article for the Billy & Spanner, Jim offered that retirees want more of an anecdotal column and less of a rehash of the minutes from the previous month. I couldn't agree more.

So starting next month, I will do just that. I will offer insight (hopefully) and opinion (pointed) on subjects that I feel are important to our retirees. I would also ask that you contact me if you have ideas or topics that you feel should be discussed.

Some topics that you are sure to see in upcoming months include Tier II employees, disability issues, updates on Measure B and other important topics.

As a reminder, here's a little bit of information about me. I was a police officer for almost 37 years. I was with Berkeley PD for 5 years, San Jose PD for another 27+ years and finished up with 4 ½ years at the D.A.'s Office. I retired in April 2012.

I am proud of my service to those three agencies and the people they serve. I am proud of the work that I have done individually and of the work that we did collectively for what was once the finest police agency in the country, maybe in the world. I am proud of you!

I take great exception to anyone who attempts to minimize the sacrifices that we as police officers and retirees have made to our lives and to our families. I look forward to serving you.

Details on our meetings are available on the Retirement Board's website at: www.sjretirement.com/PF/meetings/agendas.asp

Thank you,
Nick

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Calendar of Events

9/11 City Diner – Tan 2951 Monterey Rd., SJ 408-269-5490
**9/12 Association Meetings 11AM to 1PM at the
San Jose P.O.A. Hall 1151 N. 4th St San Jose**
9/18 Burger Pit – Blue, 120 Blossom Hill Rd., SJ – 408-225-6030
9/25 Flames – Red, 1812 Hillsdale Ave., SJ – 408-723-8393
10/2 Goodies – Wine, 2201 S. Bascom Ave, Campbell 408-369-1236
10/9 Dennys – Green, 2060 S. Bascom Ave., Campbell – 408-371-7454
**10/10 Association Meeting (Nomination Meeting) 11AM to 1PM at the
San Jose P.O.A. Hall 1151 N. 4th St San Jose**
10/16 Hick'ry Pit – Gray, 980 E. Campbell Ave., Campbell 408-371-2400
10/23 City Diner – Tan, 2951 Monterey Rd., SJ –408-269-5490
10/30 Burger Pit – Blue, 120 Blossom Hill Rd. SJ – 225-6030

Condolences

James V. Caines, Fire Engineer, retired April 3, 1991, died June 27, 2013.
Estiel L. Garringer, Police Sergeant, retired March 1, 1974, died May 24, 2013.
Edward E. Gurley, Fire Engineer, retired May 6, 1987, died May 26, 2013.
Thomas W. Johnson, Police Captain, retired June 5, 1993, died June 4, 2013.
Robert P. Nelson, Firefighter, retired May 21, 1976, died May 31, 2013.

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Directors-at-Large

David Bacigalupi, Jerry Ellis, Mike Moffett, Paul Schmidt, Paul Salerno, Tom Scully

Widows & Orphans Officers

President (COA) Bill McCluskey	408-497-1567
VP (SJA) Luis Chacon	408-926-2709
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Secretary (SJR) Jerry Boyer	408-294-0783
Treasurer (SJR) Jerry Ellis	408-730-9974
Treas. Emeritus (SJR) Mike Moffett	408-867-0405

Police Benevolent Association Officers

President - David Wysuph, Vice President - Steve Windisch
Sec-Treasurer - Larry Lundberg, Sgt at arms - Bob Moir
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**AUTOMATIC DEDUCTION ELECTION FORM: MEMBERSHIP DUES IN THE
ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS & FIREFIGHTERS**

I, _____ hereby AUTHORIZE the Department of Retirement Services to deduct my monthly membership dues to the Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers & Firefighters ("Retiree Association") each month from my retirement allowance, in the amount that is approved from time to time by the Retiree Association, and to send the amount so deducted directly to the Retiree Association on my behalf. I understand that the current membership dues are \$15 per month, but I understand and agree that the membership dues may be increased or decreased later, in accordance with the Retiree Association's rules. I agree that if the Retiree Association's monthly membership dues change, that change will automatically apply to the monthly dues deduction from my monthly retirement allowance. The dues will be sent directly to the Retiree Association in my name.

I further AUTHORIZE the Department of Retirement Services to provide the Retiree Association with my mailing address currently on file with the Department of Retirement Services and to update the Retiree Association with any changes that might later be made to my mailing address on file with the Department of Retirement Services.

**I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY CANCEL AND REVOKE THESE AUTHORIZATIONS
AT ANY TIME BY DELIVERING A WRITTEN NOTICE OF CANCELLATION AND
REVOCATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SERVICES AT LEAST 20
DAYS BEFORE MY NEXT SCHEDULED RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE PAYMENT.**

SIGNED _____ DATED _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

RETURN TO: ARSJPOFF
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