

President's Message

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A new year has begun, and we are already seeing some differences from last year. The election of Chris Hoag to the board gives us 3 new hire members. The mix of old and new gives us the ability to represent all of our members equally. Our membership grows as we continually add new retirees.

We still attend the meetings of the Old Hire Pension Board and maintain a good relationship with the people in charge of administrating our benefits. We have been able to assist in the location of some members who might have fallen through the cracks and in the returning of benefits to the estates of members that have passed away. A meeting with the FPPA for old and new hire pensioners is still in the planning stages and will take place this summer. It will be an opportunity to ask any questions you might have concerning your benefits.

I can report that the Peer Support Program is open for business and some of our members have asked for assistance. Remember to ask for help if you need it.

We have partnered with the Police Museum to purchased City flags. These flags will be flown over the City and County Building and presented to the families of retired members when they pass away. This is just another way of making sure our service to the City is remembered. Thanks to Mike Hesse and Barb Cisneros and the Museum Board.

A list of the events planned for this year is on our web site at <https://DPRA.info>. You will see that not all the events planned are dinners. We just held a Barn dance event and it was one of our best evenings. Everyone seemed to enjoy the night and requested that more of these of events be scheduled. We will again be at the Mystery Playhouse in May. This was a popular event last year. We're trying to come up with a variety of social activities and we hope to see you at many of them so hurry and sign up.

I would like to give some attention to the Laughlin Reunion in October. This has been an annual event organized by Dale Lawless. It has been a reunion for the members who live in Nevada and Arizona to get together with members from Denver. A lunch and a dinner with old friends have always been enjoyable. Laughlin is an affordable place and there are many places to stay while attending the reunion.

It's always nice to report that there are no crises on the horizon. It's all about getting together and just enjoying the company of friends. Give the web site a look and join us at some of the many events we have planned.