

President's Message

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Spring is finally here. Things are starting to look up and there is some light at the end of the COVID tunnel. Vaccinations and the lifting of regulations to let us find a new normal might give us some hope of getting back to our social agenda. We are working on plans for the summer BBQ picnic, but this all depends on whatever regulations will govern gatherings this summer. Stay tuned for more information.

Membership seems to be growing and we welcome new retirees to our group. When the COVID regulations are eased we look forward to meeting and socializing with old and new. We can only be effective if we have strength in numbers and I am sure we can continue to be a voice for the retired.

Socializing, communication and being a voice for retired members are the main reasons for our organization. We now have representation on the Pension Board and we have had a part in the hiring of the Pension Administrator. We are a voice at the table and that has given us the opportunity to share information that we receive.

We do not solicit any of the articles that come from the department. The information we receive is intended to keep you informed as to what is happening in the working world. There is information about health and well-being as well as articles concerning the everyday work of the Department.

In this politically charged world, not everyone is going to look at these articles the same way. Many of our members are not happy with the way the Department has changed this past year. There is certainly a lot of frustration and it is understandable that some of what is communicated is not what people want to hear.

There has also been an increase in requests for use of the web site for informing the membership of political information and meetings. The board has taken the position that we will continue to reprint the articles that come from the Department and we will try to assist members with requests as long as nothing is anonymous and the request is fully articulated.

The Board is committed to keeping our place at the table and we will continue to try to keep you informed by sharing any Information that comes our way.

Stay safe and Healthy.