

## **President's Message**

**John Schnittgrund**

Communication has always been the feature reason for belonging to the retiree group. Keeping in touch with the people we have spent most of our lives with is the reason we exist. Staying in touch keeps us up to date with anything that might affect our lives. I am happy to report that there is nothing of great concern to report this time.

Peer Support for our retirees has always been an important concern and Mark Beluscak is now leading that group. They just concluded their annual training session and have added some new faces to their group. If you need their assistance, please contact them at the number in the Roster Book.

We just had a pension board meeting and there was nothing to discuss other than the usual business of returning time to the active officers and approving widow benefits. The annual census is complete and there are 583 old hire retirees and 296 old hire widows. Laura Hall extends her thanks for the prompt return of the census as it makes her job as the administrator a lot easier when we respond promptly. The number of New Hire retirees is kept by the FPPA and that number was not available at the meeting.

With no problems to focus on, we have been able to turn our attention to the planning of the social calendar. We have had good attendance at the recent luncheons and dinners. Getting together with friends and sharing stories, past and present, is a great way to stay close. The theatre events we have had in conjunction with the Police Museum have been very popular.

Looking forward to more theatre events and several lunches and dinners in the coming months. Keep your calendar clear for the annual picnic at Clement Park August 17 and we have finalized the Laughlin Reunion for October 14 and 15 in Laughlin, Nevada.

The Laughlin Reunion will again have a golf outing as part of the time in Laughlin. This outing was very well received last year, and we are going to make it better this year. While some costs are going to rise a little, this remains a very affordable vacation and a get together with retirees from the Arizona and Nevada areas. The more people we see at this reunion the more enjoyable it is.,