

## **President's Message**

**John Schnittgrund**

The summer is drawing to a close and we are happy to say it has been a good summer so far. We just held a very successful picnic, and it was good to see so many people having a good time. We exist so that retired officers and their families have the support they need to be happy in retirement. We have several more events planned for the rest of the year and hope to see many of you at each one.

We have been able to keep watch on the old and new hire pension systems and make sure that they operate in the most transparent manner possible. We have a seat on the pension board and hope to stay involved in the future. There is nothing of importance to report pension-wise at this time. Any concerns should be reported to the City Pension Administrator, Laura Hall.

The DPRA Board has always been supportive of the retired Peer Support Program. I think that all retirees need to know that this program exists and that they should avail themselves of the Peer Support services if they need them. There have been some tragic instances this past year and the need for this program has never been more important. We are currently in the process of making Peer Support information more available.

The board works hard at planning events to get all of us out of the house and into a social environment. The past picnic was very well attended, and I think everyone had a great time. We have partnered with the Police Museum in holding some events at theatres. These events showcase the history of the Department and some units and cases that were of interest to Officers and citizens. These events have proven to be very popular, and we are looking forward to having more of them in the future.

The Laughlin Reunion is coming up in October. This year we have events planned at the Aquarius Hotel and Casino and a golf outing on the Arizona side of the river. This year will be the start of a bigger and better event for those attending. There seems to be a lot of interest so I hope there will be a nice turnout. This is the only opportunity the retirees in Arizona and Nevada have to get together with old friends and partners to reminisce. Now is the time to make your reservations. This is a very affordable vacation, and we look forward to seeing many of you in Laughlin.

There are many things planned so keep looking at the web site to reserve your spot at any of the events planned for the rest of the year.

As always if you have any questions let us know. See you at the next event.