

President's Message

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The New Year has begun and we are looking forward to a full 2016. As you can already tell we are attempting to find out if any changes to the operation are necessary. The questionnaire that was e-mailed to you is our attempt to find out if any changes in what we are doing is needed.

We have always tried to sponsor events that appeal to retirees and to service as many members as possible. There are also some informational events that could be of interest to you that we will try to arrange. There are always questions about retirement, health insurance, and pay raises that can be answered in a group setting.

The questionnaires are being returned and they are being reviewed by the board and the answers will serve to give us some direction on how to proceed this year.

We attended a meeting last week about the museum. The museum is beginning to move forward in the planning of a permanent site and we are pleased to have been included in the planning stages. We have advocated for the museum and hope that our members will see the value in volunteering in any of the activities that might interest them. We will be placing museum information on the web site so you can stay up on their progress.

After the last election the board welcomed Lt. Roger Barker as the new Vice President and Sgt. Mark Chaffin to the audit committee. The Board is changing and this may be the beginning of a new era for the Board. The questionnaire is a start to what, we hope, are some new ideas to make us a better and more inclusive organization. We are the only Retiree Organization that I know of and we need to use the group to assist each other and stay in touch.

This year there may be changes to health insurance because of the Affordable Health Care Act and this is a bargaining year for the PPA and those sessions will affect the pensions of all the old hires. We intend to monitor any decisions that affect those benefits and will keep you informed of any changes.

I urge you to keep checking the web site for information and feel free to contact any member of the board any time you have any questions. See you at the next dinner.