

## **President's Message**

### **John Schnittgrund**

Another year has come and gone, and the Retiree Association has had another positive year. Membership continues to grow and the many events were well attended. We are looking forward to an even better year in 2026.

As we plan for next year, we will be asking for input to make the events better and hopefully provoke more participation. We now have members all across the country and our goal is to have those members involved whenever possible.

The November elections were held at the November dinner and we have four new Board members. Kim Hull, Kevin Malloy, Kathy Tyus and Kurt Peterson are now on the Board. New people and new ideas make for a better organization.

We have previously talked about the fact that the City will no longer offer Medicare Advantage Health Insurance to retirees. This decision on the City's part is probably going to save the retiree some money. Most Medicare Advantage programs offer coverage with no premium other than the Medicare premium paid by Social Security. We have been working with a Broker to help with any questions you might have about your coverage, regardless of which insurance plan you have whether you have. If you need any help, we can make that broker available to you.

We still have our seat on the Pension Board, and there is nothing to report with either the New or Old Hire pensions, at this time.

The Christmas Party will be held December 19 at the Sons of Italy Hall. There is still time to reserve your spot. This has always been one of our better attended events. Hopefully we'll see you there, but if you are unable to attend, we wish you and your family a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.