

President's Message

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Time for another message! Your retired association is continuing to work toward obtaining psychological benefits for retirees. We have not had any recent contact from the Manager's office but we have been assured that any retiree referred to Peer Support will be handled as if they were active.

I know that there are retirees who were involved in the Peer Support programs and some of those retirees have contacted Peer Support to let them know they could be called upon if the need arose. These are important services and we will continue to work to make sure we are not forgotten after we separate from the Department.

It's surprising how many questions come up regarding the pension, health insurance, social security, funeral and bereavement services, and many more services we need and use in our later years. We are gaining information every day and are willing to make it available upon request. If you have a need just give any board member a call.

If you were at the last lunch at Cinzetti's you were able to meet with the new pension administrator, Laura Hall. She was there with Nicole Mondragon from HR. It's nice to see that there is now a willingness to come and meet retirees and answer any question they may have about their pension and other benefits the City may offer.

If you attend the dinners and luncheons you are now aware that there are some of these functions where you pay your own bill for food and drink. This seems to work well for both the retiree and the DPRA. We have never been in the business of making any money from the events we sponsor but we have always been aware of the complaints that are involved in collecting and paying for these events. This also opens up other avenues for some additional fun things.

Hopefully, you may have seen the advertisement for the Police Week event at the Adams Mystery Playhouse 2406 Federal Blvd., May 10, 2019. Murder on a Harley is the crime to solve and this will be something different. \$44.00 per person and mention the DPRA so we can all sit together.

We are looking for some other events for the spring and summer. If you have any ideas let us know what you might want to do

All of the Roster Books have been mailed and we have not received any back as undeliverable. Hats off to Glen Miller for keeping the membership database up to date. Our membership has never been higher and we are committed to keeping you informed. Our web site is receiving more than 8000 visits every month and we thank you for using the site.

If there is anything, we can do for you let us know.