

## President's Message

**John Schnittgrund**

It's May and we are taking the usual summer break. The first half of the year was very productive for the board. The issues that are near and dear to us remain our focus. We make it a point to go to every Pension Board meeting and we are continuing to monitor the repayment of funds that were wrongly paid out. We can report that most all of the money has been recovered but the City Attorney is continuing to seek repayment of all funds owed.

The Hiring of Laura Hall as the Pension Administrator has proven to be just what the doctor ordered. As far as we know every call is returned and every question has been satisfactorily answered. She has conducted an accurate census of retirees to ensure that everyone is receiving the proper benefit.

We have been working to get answers to questions concerning the New Hire Plan. There have been questions about the Cost of Living raises and why there have not been any annual raises in recent years. The best way to have these questions answered is to have a meeting with FPPA. Det. Tyson Worrell; is the active police representative on the FPPA Board and we will ask for his input also. We are working to have a meeting sometime in the future.

He DPRA is continuing to work toward having psychological services for our retirees. The City continues to seek budget authorization, but we have been assured that if any emergency services are needed, they will be provided. A special thanks goes to Marco Vasquez. Marco has been able to add some retirees to the list of service providers for Peer Support. This gives retirees the support they might need.

We have sponsored several lunches, dinners and a special event for Police Week. It's good to see so many members at these events and to spend time with friends. We are always looking for different places to hold these events.

The dinner and play at the Adams Mystery Theatre was special. We had quite a turnout and the event was very enjoyable. Everyone in attendance participated and the play was appropriate for Police Week. I'm sure this will not be the last time we sponsor an event like this.

Mark your calendars for the BBQ at Clement Park in August. The picnic is always well attended, and we look forward to your attendance in August.

Just a personal comment... since the change in administration, I have noticed that it much more pleasant to be around the Police Building. At the Memorial Service it was nice to see officers that looked like they were glad to be a part of the event.

It's good to be received as a friend and not have the adversarial relationship that existed in the past. I hope this relationship continues so that as retirees we can still be part of the Denver Police family.