

President's Message

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A new year is here and there are a few items to discuss:

We had a successful 2016 with our accomplishments related to membership and solving of the pension issues. We are happy that our paid membership has increased and we pledge to continue to service your needs and hope that your confidence in us continues to remain high.

Looking ahead to the New Year there are still items that need to be monitored. We will continue to be involved in the Old Hire Pension decisions. All of our concerns have yet to be addressed and we need to make sure that they are not forgotten. Getting the administrative function of the pension away from the HR Bureau continues to be at the top of the list. I also want to look at the possibility of getting more old hires on to the Board, if that is possible.

Our paid membership has increased this year. This has always been a priority for the Board. I want to assured you that we realize that additional membership means some additional responsibility. We will be printing and sending more rosters to paid members. We will also be looking for ways to get some additional benefits for you, this year.

I invite you to visit our web page. We are always adding things that you might find helpful to the page. It is apparent that the page has made it easier for you to get involved, pay dues and reserve your place at our dinners and other events. We are always looking for ways to improve and if you have any ideas please share them with us.

Last week I had the pleasure of presenting the outgoing District Attorney, Mitch Morrissey, with a plaque recognizing his service as DA. In this politically correct world we are going through it is sometimes difficult to know where your support originates. As District Attorney Mitch Morrissey always had the police officer's back and there was no doubt as to where his allegiance lied.

We are continuing to place the DPRA in the forefront. We will continue to stay ahead of the issues that are important to retirees. I hope that you will assist us in keeping abreast of the issues that are important. If you have any questions or have any information that we need to act on please let us know and we will do our best to address your issues.

Finally, old hires will notice a little raise in your check this month. The pay raise for this year is 2% in January and an additional 3% in July. This information came from HR and every little bit helps.