

**CITY OF MIAMI • RETIRED
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

NEWSLETTER

AFSCME RETIREES CHAPTER 11

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NEXT MEETING December 6, 2009

LOCATION

PICCADILLY CAFETERIA

8301 WEST FLAGLER SHOPPING CENTER, MIAMI, FLORIDA

LUNCH COMMENCING FROM 12 TO 1PM: MEETING AT 1PM

The association will provide \$10.00 each for the member and one guest for the lunch bill. The general meeting for 2009 will be at the Piccadilly Cafeteria on December 6, 2009, at the same time; your attendance will be welcome. The next meeting will be on April 18, 2010.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the President, Officers and Board members we want to wish all our members and their families a peaceful, safe and happy holiday season. ENJOY IN GOOD HEALTH.

HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

We need your help in order to continue to maintain our organization. We need volunteers from new retirees who are computer literate. As you can see from the above, our executive board is growing smaller due to age. We are unable to attend to the business of our organization. If you want to continue receiving the newsletter and enjoying our luncheon meetings, please let us hear from you at (305) 863-8623. The continuation of our retirees' organization really depends on you. we expect to hear from you. please make it soon!!

Louis Sarsich, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louis Sarsich".

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF MIAMI

As a result of the City of Miami elections former Commissioner Tomas Regalado was elected the new Mayor of Miami. He promised a lot of changes within the City.

Police Chief John Timoney put in his resignation as of January 15, 2010. His replacement is Major Manuel Exposito.

District 1 Commissioner Angel Gonzalez is under indictment of misconduct and resigned his office on November 16, 2009. Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones has been removed from office pending further investigation. Ms. Spence-Jones intends to run for office in the next election.

Mayor Regalado announced a special election for Overtown District 5, following the suspension of Commissioner Michalle Spence-Jones. Governor Crist cannot appoint anyone under the City Charts.

Francis Suarez won the run off for commissioner of District 4, and newly elected Commissioner Frank Carollo represents District 3.

City Manager Hernández was back at bargaining with AFSME President Charly Cox with hopes that the Union will agree to cuts and pay that will save the City 7.8 Million dollars. As of today, there are no results.

Miami Fire Department

There are rumors that the City is considering to take the money from the Gates settlement to cover their deficit in the budget, even though the lawsuit was settle years ago in Federal Court.

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER?

Remember to send us the new information. Also, when calling the Association, **please speak slowly and clearly** to give us your name, telephone number and area code.

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER:

Members who would like to get in touch with each other, know about former fellow workers that they have not heard from or seen for a long time, family affairs, reunions, etc., should leave or send us a message of any information you want to appear in the next newsletter. You can contact us by mail or call (305) 863-8623. The success of this column depend on your cooperation. Start sending us your tidbits.

REMINDER:

Please ensure that family members, friends and care-takers of deceased retirees CALL THE GESE, FIRE or POLICE offices and the SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, if applicable –**NOT THIS OFFICE**- with the name of the (deceased) retiree member.

HEALTH AND PENSION ALERT

Please remember to send all health claims to the City of Miami's Group Benefits Section, PO Box 330708, Miami, FL 33233. In Miami-Dade call 305-416-1380 or 1385. Toll free 1-800-416-1385 or 1-866-494-2344, or send the claims directly to CIGNA. All pension questions or paperwork should be addressed or sent to GESE and FIPO offices listed on the back of your membership card – **not to this office**.

SUNSHINE CLUB

Call Berenice B. Bass at 1-954-434-3290 from 6 pm to 9 pm, to have a card sent for all occasions. You may also write to Berenice with the information at the Retiree Association's Office.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION FOR AFSCME MEMBERS:

The below information can be obtained visiting www.afscme.org or call 1-800-228-3523.

Health: Save an average of 18% on prescriptions cost and out-of-pocket expenses on other services such as dental and vision care. Call 1-800-228-3523, or www.afscme.org.

Hotels: Save money and support union workers when you stay at union hotels. www.afscme.org.

Vacation Tours: \$50 discount off any travel package. Open to /union members, retirees and their families. For more information call 1-800-590-1104.

Auto Buying Service: To buy a new union-made car or truck. www.afscme.org.

Retired Work Force: www.retireeworkforce.com Niche Job Site for Retirees. Is an internet based organization that connects companies with highly qualified retirees for job opportunities. There is not a charge for this service and all information is kept strictly confidential. Telephone 877-778-9675, Fax 732-975-9838.

Toll Free Number to Contact your Florida Congressperson/Senator: 1-866-340-9279. The Capital Operator will assist you to obtain your representative's name by your zip code.

RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZE WINNER

Maria Conway, Maurice Kayfman, Sam Givens, Strobbie Smith, Ursula Mierzwa and Betty Moss.

FIRE CORNER:

Fire retirees are urged to attend Local 587 Fire Department Union meetings at the Fire Benevolent Hall the second Wednesday of every month at 8 P.M., to show your appreciation for the support Local 587 gives to our needs.

POLICE CORNER:

e-mail addresses for Fire and Police Retirees sites are: MFD vet.org / MPDVET@aol.com
FIPOretaol.com / MFD memorialist Dlyon 911@aol.com George Bilberry:(941-723-3621) Ggbillberry@aol.com.
The Internet sites are: www.cl.miami.fl.us/fire/Phil Doherty. **For Fire contract negotiations information go to:**
www.IAFF587.org. Telephone 305-633-3442.

NEW RETIREES GENERAL EMPLOYEES

Castor A Morales	09/09	Javier Carbonell	08/09	Roberto Pire	08/09
Leslie S Dempster	08/09	Rafael O Diaz	07/09	Pamela E Burns	12/08
Angela E George	04/08	Cecilia Darsey	02/08	Emily M Totino	02/08
Manuel Pelaez	11/07	Roberto Rodriguez	10/07	Eduardo Gorgas	01/07
Pedro M Dominguez	07/07	Silvia Martinez	01/07	Miriam Mere	01/07
Luis P Vega	01/07	Jose C Diaz	12/06	Esther Arias	04/06
Foresteen McDonald	11/06	M Ferrer-Miralles	07/09	Juan R Caceres	04/06
Julio C Natera	04/06	Hiran Aguiar	03/06	Wilma L Hassan	12/05
Fausto Callava	09/05	Terry L Pagan	08/05	Mario E Soldevilla	05/03

IN MEMORIAM GENERAL EMPLOYEES

Ronald Lopez	10/02/09	Ezequiel Infante	09/26/09	Elliot Palmer	09/25/09
Florence Cutlip	09/23/09	Jacob Dunnom	09/21/09	Marvin Hernden	09/21/09
Virginia Hill	09/19/09	Herman Rolle, Sr	09/02/09	Heriberto Morales	09/01/09
Lilia Rey	10/24/09	Isaac Wilford, Jr	04/18/09	Arnold Pechstein	06/23/09
Opal Grubb	07/03/09	Rose Johnson	07/10/09	Carmen Snay	07/21/09
Lillian Zlotnick	08/29/09	Alfonso Lozada	08/27/09	Poinciano Spinola	08/21/09
Luis Aloma	08/17/09	Sara Rivera	08/15/09	James Crawford	08/13/09
Samuel Collins	08/12/09	Josephine Riselli	08/08/09	Laverne Pryor	08/03/09
Opal Grubb	07/03/09	Isaac Wilford	07/03/09	Rose Johnson	07/10/09
Carmen Snay	07/21/09	Fred Strong	07/07/09	Cristina Vega	07/22/09
Emery Wallace	09/06/09				

FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREES

FF Daniel Fuller	08/02/09	FF Frank Klimkowski	08/16/09	FF Leonard Poole	09/13/09
FF Osvaldo Iglesias	09/27/09	FF Rafael Iglesias	09/27/09	Lt C. Mcdermott	09/27/09
FF Armando Resillez	09/27/09	Lt Billy Rodriguez	09/27/09	FF Herman Skinner	09/27/09
FF Charles Allison	09/27/09	Lt Josef Berrantes	09/27/09	Lt Alvaro Fernandez	09/27/09
Cpt Kenneth Sowma	09/27/09	FF John Ward	09/27/09	Cpt G Souffrant	09/27/09
Cpt Henry Rodriguez	09/27/09	Chf Ruben Bagueiras	10/11/09	Lt Juan Blanes	10/11/09
FF Douglas Covalt	10/11/09	Lt Gary Dagnan	10/11/09	FF Eduardo Fabregas	10/11/09
FF Susan Hart	10/11/09	FF Gregory Lowe	10/11/09	Lt Roy Martinez	10/11/09
FF Ricardo Mayan	10/11/09	Chf Juan Metzoso	10/11/09	Lt Frank Myers	10/11/09
FF Angel Secada	10/11/09	FF Robert Barnes	10/25/09	FF Douglas Brinson	10/25/09
FF Charles Clarrington	10/25/09	Lt Alberto Lageyre	10/25/09	Lt Maximo Loynaz	10/25/09
Chf Michael Shelton	10/25/09				

FIRE DEPARTMENT LAST ALARM

FF Frederick Fuzzard	07/08/09	FF Andres Sears	03/20/09
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POLICE DEPARTMENT RETIREES

PO Yves Fortune	08/09	PO Mariline Nelson	08/09	PO Antonio Hernandez	08/09
PO Mario Garcia	09/09	PO Jorge Guerra	09/09	PO Rudolph Herrera	09/09
PO Eliezer Lopez	09/09	PO Hector Lopez	09/09	Sgt Tracey Martin	09/09
PO William Moreno	09/09	PO Marcos Munoz	09/09	Sgt Richard Mure	09/09
PO Miguel Perez	09/09	Sgt Jose Rodriguez	09/09	Lt Ronald Laberdesque	09/09
PO Robert Espinosa	03/09	Lt Mario Roman	09/09	PO Lorraine Rubio	09/09
Sgt Ruben Sanchez	09/09	PO Emilio Valenzuela	09/09	Sgt Ricardo Velazquez	09/09
PO Pedro Beltran	10/09	Sgt Eunice Cooper	10/09	PO Craig Gardner	10/09
Sgt Confesor Gonzalez	10/09	PO Omar Grass	10/09	Mjr Rodolfo Llanes	10/09
PO Jairo Lozano	10/09	Sgt Sandra McArthur	10/09	PO Jose Triana	10/09
PO Glen Maura	10/09	Ex Asst Anthony Utset	03/09	Lt Bartholomew Gunderman	09/09
PO Madelyn Hernandez	08/09	Cmdr Darrel Nichols	08/09	Cmdr Jose J Fernandez	08/09
Mjr Jorge Gomez	08/09	Cmdr David Sanchez	08/09	Sgt George Velez	08/09
Cmdr Raul Herbello	09/09	Mjr David Magnusson	09/09	Lt Gladys Amato	09/09
Lt Norberto Blanco	09/09	PO Dawn Campbell	09/09	Sgt Ricardo Fernandez	09/09
PO Roscoe Bradley	03/09	PO David Chang	03/09	PO Elio Padron	03/09
Lt Rafael Tapanes	03/09	PO Jose de Prado	03/09	Cpt Richard Walterman	03/09
Ex Asst Delrish Moss	09/09	Ex Asst Angel Calzadilla	10/09		

POLICE IN MEMORIAM

PO Joseph Ventura	12/14/08	PO William Martin	03/18/09	Cpt Robert Yee	07/20/09
Sgt George Watson	08/07/09	PO Thomas Marshall	10/24/09	Sgt Otto del Forn	10/31/09
Cpt Felix Lacks	11/04/09				
Judge Dixie Chastain	10/25/09				

THOUGHTS TO REMEMBER....

In prosperity our friends know us; in adversity we know our friends
 You've reached middle age if it's more fun recalling what you did than what you are doing
 It's funny how a few square meals will round out a figure
 To find an article quickly, buy a replacement
 A hair on the head is worth two in the brush
 Old timer –one who remembers when time was marching on, not running out
 Memory is the diary we all carry about us
 Intuition is reason in a hurry
 Happiness is the product of unselfish living
 One good thing about the future, it comes one day at a time
 What's left in our children is more important than what's left to them
 Never let a dark past cloud a bright future
 When you feel that you are not yourself, maybe it is an improvement
 Plan your future carefully...that is where you are going to spend the rest of your life
 Don't worry about wrinkles... they merely indicate where smiles have been
 Youth is not a time of life...it is a state of mind
 May you live as long as you want, but never want as long as you live
 Remember to forget the things that made you sad, but don't forget the things that made you glad
 To test your memory, try to remember what you worried about last week
 Better than counting your years is making your years count
 Life is like a bath...a wrong turn can leave you in hot water

Cherish yesterday, dream tomorrow, live today

Life is too short not to believe in Santa Claus