

**CITY OF MIAMI • RETIRED
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

NEWSLETTER

AFSCME RETIREES CHAPTER 11

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September 2010

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MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

LOCATION
PICCADILLY CAFETERIA

8301 WEST FLAGLER SHOPPING CENTER, MIAMI, FLORIDA

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


The Association will provide \$12.00 each for member and one guest for the lunch bill. The next general meetings for 2010 will be at the Piccadilly Cafeteria on Sunday, December 12, 2010. Hope you can all attend.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for joining our Association and paying your dues.

For the past four and a half years, I have served as the president and it has been my pleasure to serve as your president. Now, the position of president has become difficult for me to carry out. In order to avoid the cost of an election, it would be best to have someone volunteer for the position. I would be willing to stay on as an advisor while needed.

The Board has lost several members and new members are needed to support our work for the benefit of all. Please consider becoming a member of the Board; we cannot do without you. If you are interested contact us at 305-863-8623. It only involves three meetings a year, plus maybe one or two office meetings a year.


Louis Sarsich
President

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF MIAMI

Head for the Hills! MPD Retirees 8th Annual Mountain Reunion: The mountain reunion will be held in Hiawassee, GA on October 15, 16 and 17, 2010. The first two events are at the Baguley Bldg., at the Bald Mountain Homeowner's Park (Hiawassee). Sunday will be at Trout Stream Resort, also in Hiawassee. Should you have additional questions, contact Mrs. Mike Carter at cell phone 321-480-8500, or home at 706-970-9210, or Ann Atchison at cell 706-970-9210 or home 706-379-2616.

Miami PBA Yearly BBQ is Saturday, September 25, 2010, at the MPBA Hall, 2300 NW 14 Street, Miami, FL Noon – 4 pm. The Retired FIPO Assn., will be having a FIPO General Membership Meeting prior to the Miami PBA BBQ on Saturday, September 25th at 10:30 AM. All retirees and active officers are welcome to attend the meeting and then the PBA BBQ. Location: PBA Hall, 2300 NW 14 St., Miami.

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Members who would like to get in touch with each other, know about former fellow workers, family affairs, reunions, etc. are welcome to leave or send a message of any information you want to appear in the next newsletter. *The success of this column depends on your cooperation. Start sending us your tidbits.*

Changed your address/phone number? Remember to send us the new information. Also, when calling the association, please speak slowly to give us your name, telephone number and area code.

Hurricane season starts June 1 and ends on November 30. You should prepare your homes and have emergency numbers for your area available.

Please ensure that family members, friends and caretakers of deceased retirees CALL THE GESE, FIRE or POLICE offices and the SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION 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.**

Public Employee Group Health Insurance provides for market determination of premium cost for health insurance for retirees. It requires cost of continued participation by retirees in insurance plans to be paid by the retiree, authorizes employers to segregate claims experience of the retiree group from claims experience of active employees, and authorizes separate experience ratings of retirees from active employees. **New Bill Effective on 07/01/10.**

FIRE CORNER:

Fire reunion in Otto, North Carolina will be on September 22-25, 2010.

Local 587 Union BBQ at the Benevolent Hall will be on October 24, 2010. FIPO general membership meeting will be on 06/23, 12/01, 2010 at the Piccadilly Cafeteria.

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:

The Miami Police Benevolent Association BBQ will be on Saturday, September 26, 2010 at the MPBA Hall at 2300 NW 14 Street, Miami. Retired FIPO members are welcome. It will be preceded by a FIPO meeting at 10.30 AM.

e-mail addresses for Fire and Police Retirees sites are: MFD vet.org / MPDVET@aol.com
 FIPORetaol.com/MFD memorialist Dlyon 911@aol.com. The Internet sites are: www.ci.miami.fl.us/fire/PhilDoherty. **For Fire contract negotiations information go to:** www.IAFF587.org. Telephone 305-633-3442.
Toll Free number to contact your Florida Congressperson/Senator: 1-866-340-9279. The Capitol Operator will assist you to obtain your representative's name by your zip code.

PRIZE WINNERS AT THE APRIL 18, 2010 GENERAL MEETING: Ruth Gissen, Charles Cobb, Raquel Bakalar, Maria Conway, Wilmer Parks, Nanacy Bahn, Strobel Smith, Betty Moss, Sam Givens, Joyce Cobb, Helen Myskiw, Cy Siatkowski.

NEW RETIREES GENERAL EMPLOYEES

Garcia, Lazaro	11/09	Evans, Derek	1/10	Anderson, Ozzie	2/10
Espinosa, Justo C.	2/10	Kirby, Johnny L.	4/10	Bermudez, Suzanne Y.	5/10
Sandin Dale S.	9/09	Lowe, Bridgett Y.	5/09	Meza, Javier A.	4/10

IN MEMORIAM GENERAL EMPLOYEES

Alvaranga, Jorge	3/10	Cook, Ralph V.	2/10	Griffin, John E.	3/10
McCue, Kemper	3/10	Cummings, Elizabeth	2/10	Drake, Joseph P.	4/10
Elkins, Marvin	4/10	Gardner, John E.	4/10	Tindle, Mervin N.	4/10
Wright, Thomas J.	4/10	Baker, Gerald G.	5/10	Dolnick Jr., Steve	5/10
Felton, Virginia	5/10	Piatt, Ilene B.	5/10	Joyner, Calvin	6/10
Bacotti, Anthony C.	6/10	Chalfant, James R.	4/10	Hawkins, Albert M.	7/10
Smith, John A.	7/10	Valdes-Perdomo, Miguel	7/10		

FIRE DEPARTMENT LAST ALARM

FF Dammann, Paul	6/10	Lt. Tolbert, John	7/10
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FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREES

FF Graziano, Misae	3/10	FF Trebilcock, Michael	3/10	FF Erdozain, Jack	3/10
Chief Gabriel, Stephen	3/10	Lt. Arias, Jose	4/10	Cap. Cruz, Elvis	4/10
FF Dames, Michael	4/10	Chief Duren, Reginald	4/10	FF Gamiotea, Anthony	4/10
Chief Fernandez, Joseph	4/10	FF Arvesu, Antonio	4/10	FF Gibbs, Stephen	4/10
Chief Mestas, Julio	5/10	FF Plasencia, Leonel	5/10	FF Williams, Derrell	5/10
Chief Fernandez, Fernando	6/10	FF Jones, Allen	6/10	Lt. Kemp, James	6/10
Chief Rodriguez, Hugo	6/10	FF Wimberley, Robert	6/10	Cap. Gabriel, Thomas	6/10
Lt. Hallstrand, Robert	6/10	Lt. Coto, Rolando	7/10	Lt. Gonzalez, Alejandro	7/10
Lt. Hoppe, Brenda	7/10	Lt. Stridfeldt, Carl	7/10	FF Barr, John	7/10
Cap. Bratz, Michael	7/10	FF Stayton, Alex	7/10	Lt. Alvarez, Jesus	8/10
FF Conte, Richard	8/10	Lt. Gomez, Eduardo	8/10	Lt. Lazcano, Jose	8/10
Lt. Munoz, Santos	8/10	Lt. Rashad, Kamal	8/10	Lt. Rodriguez, Alfredo	8/10

POLICE IN MEMORIAM

PO Deleon, Albert	6/10	Sgt. McDonald, Wayne	7/10	PO Scanlon, John	7/10
Sgt. Smith, Ethan	7/10	PO Mazloom, Joseph	6/10	PO Parra, Eladio E.	7/10
Sgt. McDonald, Wayne	7/10				

POLICE DEPARTMENT RETIREES

Sgt. Casiano, Juan	3/10	PO Cooper, Wayne	3/10	PO Liranzo, Francisco	4/10
Sgt. Mendez, Juan	4/10	Sgt. Visney, Thomas	4/10	PO Francis, Christopher	4/10
Sgt. Pino, Julio	4/10	PO Stewart, Erol	4/10	PO Fuentes, Rafael	5/10
PO Abraham, Jerome	6/10	PO Frazier-Martin, Cheryl	6/10	PO Johnson, Perschell	6/10
PO Merritt, Daphne	6/10	Sgt. Morin-Fernandez, M	7/10	PO Perez, Wilfredo	7/10
Lt. Monroe, Brendan	8/10				

THOUGHTS TO REMEMBER...

- Human beings are the only creatures on Earth that allow their children to come back home.
- It is better to forget and smile than to remember and be upset.
- The reason we can't take it with us is that it goes before we do.
- When I'm right, nobody remembers; when I'm wrong, nobody forgets.
- Once you get started doing nothing, it's hard to quit.
- Don't count the harsh words said, tally the years of love instead.
- Living on a budget is the same as living beyond your means, except you have a record of it.
- A penny for your thoughts is now a quarter.
- Always smile, it disguises wrinkles.
- The longer we carry a grudge, the heavier it becomes.