

**CITY OF MIAMI • RETIRED
EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**

NEWSLETTER

AFSCME RETIREES CHAPTER 11

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SEPTEMBER 2009

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NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 13

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 member and one guest for the lunch bill. The general meeting for 2009 will be at the Piccadilly Cafeteria on September 13, 2009, at the same time; your attendance will be welcome. The next meetings\ will be on December 6, 2009.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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!!

We hope to see all the members who live in the Miami area come to our September 13th Meeting

Louis Sarsich, President

City of Miami News: The pension fund for Fire and Police is budgeted at approximately 100 Millions.

The new budget deficit is expected to be between 80 to 90 Million..

The city has a proposal to lay off/fire approximately 100 employees due to the budget short fall.

Miami Mayor Manny Diaz says that something has to be done to curtail the raising cost of personnel. He says that pension obligations have gone from 13.9 Million to 60.8 Million in 2009 and are projected to increase to 92.8 Million in 2010.

Miami Fire Department reunion will be held in Otto, North Carolina, on September 17, 18, 19, 2009.

Under AFSCME's group tax-exemption ruling, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has exempted the International Union and all AFSCME affiliates from having to pay Federal Income tax on dues income, "exempt function income" and other receipts defined by the IRS as "excluded income."

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 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: Buy a new union-made car or truck and receive an additional \$100 savings. 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 WINNERS: HELEN NYSKIW, LORRAINE FLEITMAN, RUTH GISSIN,, MARIA CONWAY, MARGARET KERN, NAOMI BENATA, LOUISE GARABALDI, DICK REEVES, LILLIAN SLOTNICK, RATUEL BAKALAR, BETTY PLOTNICK, EVA SALTZ, CONNIE MARTINEZ, MURIEL TOWER.

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
 FIPOretail.com / MFD memorialist Dlyon 911@aol.com George Bilberry:(941-723-3621) Gqbillberry@aol.com.
 The Internet sites are: www.ci.miami.fl.us/fire/Phil Doherty. **For Fire contract negotiations information go to:**
www.IAFF587.org. Telephone 305-633-3442.

NEW RETIREES GENERAL EMPLOYEES

Maria Bao	01/31/09	Bonner, Trevor	03/29/09	Brown , Juanita	07/31/09
Gallardo, Yudenia	04/30/09	Medino, Antonio	07/31/09	Morales, Victor	06/30/09
Pagan, Terry	08/31/09	Perez, Diana	04/30/09	Tomlinson, Lilliam	05/31/09
Villanueva, Roberto	05/31/09	Walters, Norma	05/31/09		

IN MEMORIAM GENERAL EMPLOYEES

Albo, Maria A.	05/10/09	Alcaniz, Avelina	05/22/09	Barbara, Thomas	01/30/09
Barker, Bernard	06/05/09	Barone, Leila M	05/31/09	Burak, Sylvia	05/16/09
Burns, Mary K	03/22/09	Cervera, Sergio	06/18/09	Collins, Jean	04/23/09
Davis, George E	04/09/09	Gomez, Justo	06/04/09	Finkelstein, Herbert	04/11/09
FBO/Harry Gold	07/10/09	Gordon, Jaquelyn	04/27/09	Harris, Elizabeth G	06/28/09
Isaac Jr, Wilford	04/18/09	Kunzman, Mabel	07/31/09	Mersereau, Robert	07/20/09
Mycek, Joseph	06/14/09	Mullens, Marguerite	06/11/09	Niedrich, Erma	06/14/09
Norris Jr, Robert	07/15/09	Nowels, Helen	05/27/09	Scher, Pearl	05/13/09
Sidhu, Gurdev	03/12/09	Simmons, Sr, Joe	06/14/09	Striggles, Blossom	06/11/09
Stith, John	04/07/09	Suarez, Jose A	06/13/09	Tellechea, Stephen	03/27/09
Wyman, Eleanor	06/15/09				

FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREES

Lt Maree, James	12/07/08	Cpt Gonzalez, Barry	01/04/09	Lt Perez, Carlos M	01/08/09
Chf Maree, Charles	01/18/09	Lt Patterson, Mario	01/18/09	FF Galera Carlos	02/01/09
Cpt Gort, Hugo	02/01/09	Lt Arboleya, Arnaldo	02/15/09	FF Belz, William	02/15/09
Cpt Simmons, Robert	02/15/09	FF Nicholas, Zachary	03/15/09	FF Picciano, Dale	03/15/09
Lt Crenshaw, Jerome	03/29/09	Lt Tobert, John	05/24/09	FF Sheridan, Colleen	06/21/09
Cpt Crawford, John	07/19/09	FF Hood, Carl	03/01/09		

FIRE DEPARTMENT LAST ALARM

FF Hardaman, Harold	12/01/08	FF Gerry, John	12/22/08	FF Howard, Charles	01/04/09
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FF Peters, Raymond	02/19/09	FF Sears, Andres	03/20/09	FF McCollum, F Gregory	03/27/09
FF Feldmann, Larry	05/20/09	FF Bjorkman, Russell	06/21/09	FF Fuzzard, Frederick	07/08/09
FF James, Mary Lou	07/20/09	FF Nathan Jr, Kelly	--/10/09	Cpt Garcia, Robert	--/10/07
Chf McCoullough, Kenneth	08/08/09	Cpt Huguet, Kenneth	06/05/09	Lt Bower, Kenneth	06/26/09

POLICE DEPARTMENT RETIREES

Sgt Cosner, Richard	01/04/09	PO Gonzalez, Ana	01/04/09	PO Jones, Willie	01/04/09
PO La Rosa, Horacio	01/04/09	PO Acosta, Rafael	01/18/09	PO Alfonso, Francisco	01/18/09
Sgt Borkowski, Teresa	01/18/09	PO Chavez, Ricardo	01/18/09	PO Couseillant, Robert	01/18/09
PO Dominguez, Andres	01/18/09	PO Ealey, Willie	01/18/09	PO Gregoire, C.T.	01/18/09
PO Henderson, Harris	01/18/09	PO James, Paul	01//18/09	Comm Nairn, Harvey	01/18/09
PO Suarez, Edgar	01/18/09	Sgt Abascal, Wildredo	02/01/09	Mjr Caceres, Steven	02/01/09
PO Cosner, Magda	02/01/09	PO Crespo, Sonia	02/01/09	Mjr Guzman, Armandc	02/01/09
Chf Fernandez, Frank	02/01/09	Mjr Orosa, Manuel	02/01/09	PO Aagular, Jorge	02/15/09
PO Gutierrez, Alexandro	02/01/09	Sgt Jackson, Larry	02/15/09	PO Kinchen, Reginald	02/15/09
Sgt Scarola, William	02/15/09	PO Tamayo, Emiliano	02/15/09	PO Baro, Margarita	03/01/09
Lt Dominguez, Daniel	03/01/09	Mjr McQueen, Craig	03/01/09	PO Pratt, Dwayne	03/01/09
Cmm Socorro, Raimundo	03./01/09	PO Valentin, Urbano	03/01/09	PO Bradley, Roscoe	03/15/09
PO Chang, David	03/15/09	PO Padron, Elio	03/15/09	Lt Tapanes, Rafael	03/15/09
Cpt Walterman, Richard	03/15/09	Sgt Espinosa, Robert	03/28/09	PO De Prado, Jose	03/29/09
Sgt Avina, Christopher	04/12/09	Cmm Eugene, Gary	04/12/09	PO Sallano, Francisco	04/12/09
PO Arostegui, Andres	04/26/09	Sgt Toirac, Rafael	05/10/09	PO Mathis, Johnnie	07/15/09
Exec Assist Utset, Anthony	03/29/09	Sgt at Arm Carvil, Raymond	03/01/09	Cpt Vila, Albert	07/19/09
PO Mcillwain, Kenneth	04/12/09				

POLICE IN MEMORIAM

PO Ventura, Joseph	12/14/09	Sgt Gibson, Robert	12/31/08	PO Smith, Darryl	01/12/09
PO Orr, Edwin	01/17/09	PO Martin, William	03/18/09	PO Scheeren, Arthur	03/26/09
PO Zabinski, Donald	04/20/09	Sgt Bowen, Lury	06/13/09	Cpt Yee, Robert	07/20/09
PO McCain, Lawrence	06/22/09				

RETIRED CITY OF MIAMI DEPT. OF FIRE RESCUE CHIEF KEN MCCULLOUGH DIED SAT. 8/08/09 FROM AN EXTENDED ILLNESS OF CANCER. HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN DEVELOPING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN MIAMI AND ALSO THRU OUT THE UNITED STATES. HE SERVED AS FIRE MARSHAL, DEPUTY CHIEF OF AMDINISTRATION AND FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF MIAMI.

GEORGE BILLBERRY IS RESTING AT HOME AFTER A STAY AT A BRADENTON HOSPICE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHIEF WILLIAM "SHORTY" BRYSON ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT. A DINNER WAS ON AUG.7 AT THE RUSTY PELICAN RESTAURANT WITH ABOUT 350 PEOPLE ATTENDING. HE RECEIVED MANY AWARDS FOR HIS SERVICE. CAPT. RAUL FERNANDEZ DID A SPLENDID JOB AS M C. THE NEW FIRE CHIEF MAURICE L KEMP SPOKE ON SHORTY'S BEHALF. HE IS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO BE APPOINTED THE CHIEF OF THE MIAMI FIRE DEPT. A DEMONSTRATION BY THE MIAMI FIRE BOAT WAS ENJOYED BY ALL.

MPD RETIREES 7TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN REUNION WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 16TH AT ATCHISON'S HOME IN YOUNG HARRIS, GA. CONTACT MIKELE CARTER , 2114 PINE RIDGE ROAD, BLAIRSVILLE, GA 30512, (706) 745-9510.

MIAMI PBA BARBEQUE , SEPT 26 AT MPBA HALL, 2300 N W 14 ST.
 CHRYSTAL RIVER REUNION, MAY 14 – 16, 2010, PLANTATION INN GOLF COURSE.