



The **Billy & Spanner**



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Mike Alford

Well here we are approaching the Holliday season and the year's end and with that ends my term as the President of our Association. We have weathered a few storms during my term and no doubt will face a few more in the future. I'm sure that the incoming President and Board will be up to doing whatever they need to do to protect the interests of our members.

I want to thank all of you for your kind words and encouragement over the last three years as I muddled through some of the issues. It was a pleasure to serve you in this capacity.

A reminder that our Annual Christmas luncheon will be the date of our December meeting on the 14th at 11:00 am. Remember that we are not collecting toys this year, instead we are asking for a \$5.00 donation that will be given to the toy drive to be used for things like wrapping paper, tape and other items necessary to complete their mission. We thought that since those things are often taken for granted, we would assist with it this year.

Again Thank you for your kindness and encouragement. For the sake of being politically incorrect I want to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a happy new year.

SJ FIRE CHIEF CURTIS JACOBSON LEAVING FOR CHIEF'S JOB IN FREMONT

After serving SJFD for more over 25 years, Chief Curtis Jacobson has stated that he'll be joining Fremont Fire as its new chief.

Chief Jacobson joined SJFD and has served as Chief since 2015. Unfortunately, for SJFD, this marks yet another Chief leaving the top post in rapid fire succession since 2013. Since 2013, SJFD has seen three fire chiefs. Hopefully, the Department will see more long-term, stable leadership in the future.

Chief Jacobson leaves SJFD on December 15. In the meantime, Assistant Fire Chief Robert Sapien, Jr., a veteran SJFD member serving since 1989, will serve as Acting Fire Chief.

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RAY STORMS,
President

WALTER BUGNA,
Vice President, Fire

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ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS

Christmas Luncheon 2017

Where

San Jose P.O.A. Hall
1151 N.4th St.
San Jose

When

December 14, 2017
Doors open at 11AM
Lunch will be served from 12:00 to 1:30PM
Please no toys. Dress is Business Casual

Cost:

A \$5.00 donation for each attendant.
Cash or check and checks to be made out to AORSJPO&FF

All money collected to be donated to the toy program
in lieu of bringing a toy like we have in years past

If something comes up and you are not able to make the luncheon, please let us know by sending
e-mail to Jerry Ellis at dir_jellis@retiredsjpoff.org.

**You NEED to RSVP in order to attend this luncheon.
Reservations need to be received no later than December 11**

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

Teresa Jeglum, Police Sergeant 26.83 years of service.
Eric Larson, Fire Engineer 22.88 years of service.
Natasha Tiphayachan, Police Officer 25.03* years of service.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kevin George
Todd Belton
Tammy Kimbrel

SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS GET UNDERWAY



Councilmember Son Rocha

Yes, it's that time of year again. Already. December unofficially marks the begin of campaign season as December is the month that San Jose City Mayoral and Council candidates are allowed to begin fundraising for their campaigns.

Unlike the last go-round of council elections, this cycle largely consists of incumbents. That does not mean, however, that this election is likely to be a snoozer. For retirees, our largest concern is that Councilman Don Rocha, who has been an advocate for fair treatment of public employees and retirees is termed out of office. While Councilman Rocha will turn his sights to the County Board of Supervisors, we will be working with our public safety partners, SJPOA and Local 230, to find a candidate suitable to fill Rocha's shoes. This is a critical seat as we have fought hard to elect and keep those on the Council who support public employees and the protection of our vested rights. We want to avoid a return to the Reed era.

Also, in a bit of intrigue over the last few months, incumbent City Councilmember Tam Nguyen, has become the target of criticism by both labor and business interests. What should be an easy holiday skate to the finish line is shaping up to be anything but. Based on both news stories and our own sources, candidates from all political spectrums are making the final preparations to take Councilmember Nguyen on.

We'll keep you up to speed on all the races as they develop.

A NEW FOE? GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN MAY BE PUTTING VESTED RIGHTS IN HIS CROSSHAIRS

In 2012, Governor Jerry Brown shepherded his form of pension reform through the State Legislature. Public Employees' Pension Reform Act, known as PEPRA, essentially created a two-tier pension system: benefits for current employees were maintained and lower benefits created for new hires.

Because we have our own system, San Jose was unaffected by PEPRA.

Several unions in California have filed various suits against the State related to changes made by PEPRA. For existing employees, PEPRA targeted the different types of pay one might be able to add for determining your "final salary" as well as ending the practice of allowing employees to purchase "air time", which is buying years of service credit as opposed to working those years.



Governor Jerry Brown

Why should we care? The lawsuits' arguments state that PEPRA violated the "California Rule." This rule, based in case law, essentially states you cannot take a benefit away from a current employee without providing them a benefit of equal or greater value. This is the core concept behind our own arguments defending our vested rights.

According to news reports, Governor Brown has taken over the active defense of the lawsuit from the Attorney General. It is unclear what practical impact this may have on the outcome of these cases, and ultimately the viability of the California Rule, but it should all give us a reason to be concerned and to stay vigilant as to what is happening in our courts.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/6 City Diner – Tan, 2951 Monterey Rd., SJ 408-269-5490
12/13 Burger Pit - Blue, 120 Blossom Hill Rd. San Jose 408-225-6030
12/14 Annual Association Christmas Luncheon,
 Doors open at 11AM; Lunch service from 12:00PM to 1:30PM
12/20 Goodies - Wine – Wine, 2201 S. Bascom Ave, Campbell 408-369-1236
12/20 Police Benevolent Association, 5PM
 at the San Jose POA Hall, 1151 N. 4th St., San Jose
12/27 Holders Country Inn. – Green, 1424b Saratoga Ave. SJ., 408-378-6022
1/3 Hick'ry Pit - Gray, 980 E. Campbell Ave. Campbell 408-371-2400
1/10 City Diner – Tan, 2951 Monterey Rd., SJ 408-269-5490
1/17 Burger Pit - Blue, 120 Blossom Hill Rd. San Jose 408-225-6030
1/18 Association Meeting, 11AM to 1PM
 at the San Jose P.O.A. Hall, 1151 N. 4th St San Jose
1/24 Goodies - Wine – Wine, 2201 S. Bascom Ave, Campbell 408-369-1236
1/24 Police Benevolent Association, 5PM
 at the San Jose POA Hall, 1151 N. 4th St., San Jose
1/29 Holders Country Inn. – Green, 1424b Saratoga Ave. SJ., 408-378-6022

CONDOLENCES

Robert I. Minford, Fire Captain, retired February 3, 1988, died September 23, 2017.
William A. Wien, Police Sergeant, retired March 30, 1979, died August 23, 2017.

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