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## Looking Forward to 2007

By **Gerald Brown,**  
**Chairman and Fire Trustee**



Happy New Year! The Pension Board of Trustees and staff hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Joyous Holiday Season.

This is the first newsletter of 2007, and it finds the fund having another good investment year. The annualized return for 2006 is 17.75%. This is an unaudited number

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### 2007 Trustee Election Schedule

**February 26 - March 7**  
Application Filing Period

**March 7**  
Applications due by 4 p.m.

**March 13 & March 14 (Tentative)**  
Trustee Candidate Training

**March 30 - April 9**  
Voting 8 a.m. March 30 to  
12 p.m. (noon) April 9

**June 1**  
New Trustee terms begin;  
(Current terms end May 31)

## Trustee Election Planned

The 2007 Trustee election will be held this Spring from March 30 to April 9, 2007 to fill the two Fire Trustee positions and the Two Police Trustee positions that expire May 31, 2007. The Trustee positions which will be voted on are Fire Place 2, currently held by Gary Edge; Fire Place 3, currently held by George Tomasovic; Police Place 2, currently held by Steven Shaw; and Police Place 3, currently held by Rector McCollum.

### Running for Office

The filing period for applications will be from 8 a.m. February 26 until 4 p.m. on March 7. Any active Member who wishes to become a candidate in the Trustee Election must do the following:

- Personally pick up an application from the Pension System office, presenting your employee ID and Driver's License;
- Sign a form acknowledging receipt of the application and all attachments;
- Return the completed application to the Pension System office by 4 p.m. March 7;

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and will not be finalized until later in 2007 when the final numbers are in for real estate and other illiquid assets.

Last year was busy, and we expect 2007 to be as well. I would like to discuss issues that we believe will be important in the next year.

First, our state legislature opened their session January 9, and will be in session until the end of May. Already a great number of bills have been introduced for the session. So far, none seems to target pension plans, but we will stay vigilant and notify members if one arises. The State Pension Review Board

will continue meeting quarterly during the year, and we will attend those meetings.

Second, we are always trying to identify new asset classes that might add value to the investment portfolio of the fund. This year, we have two in mind. They are Global Equities and Tactical Global Asset Allocation. Any new investment requires research. This research is a team approach between the Board, the staff, and the fund's general investment consultant. When the research is completed, the Board must make a decision on whether or not these make sense to our fund.

Third, the Board has approved and our I.T. Team is implementing the new web service program which will allow members to access their personal accounts and benefits. This will be implemented in stages and should be introduced by the end of Spring.

The Board and staff work diligently to make the fund one of the best, if not the best, in the country. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any Board or staff member at any time.



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- Attend a half-day training session, tentatively scheduled for the week of March 12-16.

### **Trusteeship**

A summary of the requirements and responsibilities of a Trustee is in the candidate application packet. This

information will help you decide whether or not to run for the Board of Trustees.

### **Telephone and Internet Voting**

Members will cast their votes by telephone or on the Internet. Ballots and instructions will be mailed to

Members' home addresses on file with the City of Dallas. If you have changed your address, please contact the appropriate office in your department to have your address updated as soon as possible.

# Dallas Firefighter is Finalist in Cook-off

By Kevin Killingsworth, DFPF Communications Specialist



*Captain Rett Blankenship*

Captain Rett Blankenship (Station 11, A-shift) has been selected as a finalist in the Tabasco Cook and Ladder Competition to be held February 6 at the Institute of Culinary Education in New York City.

Firefighters from across the country submitted original recipes for appetizers, soups, salads, entrées, side dishes or desserts. The judges chose the ten finalists, including Capt. Blankenship, who will be flown to New York to compete in the cook-off.

This will be Capt. Blankenship's second trip to the National "Tabasco Cook and Ladder Competition." He has also competed in several local and regional cooking contests.

After the recipe is completed, it will be judged on the following criteria: taste, appearance, originality, creativity, recipe clarity, and use of one or more Tabasco pepper sauces.

The first prize winner will receive \$10,000, with the second prize receiving \$5,000 and third prize \$2,000. Prize money is split evenly between the winner and his Firehouse.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW RETIREES!

### ***FIRE-RESCUE***

Donald M. Lehman  
Joe W. Parsons  
Jesse A. Valentine  
Milton Wright

### ***POLICE***

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Harry Green, III  
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Richard F. Moore  
Ronny J. Salter  
Steven L. Slaton  
Eddie E. Stone

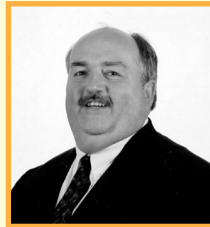
## PENSION SYSTEM CALENDAR

- FEB. 8: REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- FEB. 13: SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
- FEB. 19: OFFICE CLOSED; PRESIDENT'S DAY
- MAR. 8: REGULAR BOARD MEETING
- MAR. 15: PREP SEMINAR

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## *From the Administrator*

By **Richard Tettamant**,  
Pension System Administrator



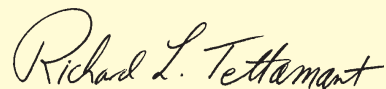
*Richard Tettamant*

I hope you had a great holiday season, and are looking forward to 2007. We expect great things for the new year.

The 2007 Trustee election is coming up, and we have included details in this newsletter, including a complete election schedule on page 1.

Also, I wanted to remind you that your annual benefit statement or DROP statement, will be mailed out at the end of February. It is mailed to the address which the city payroll department has on file. If you have recently moved, make sure that you update your address with your department, and with the city.

Best Wishes,



Pension System Administrator

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