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2007 Pension Board Trustee Election March 30 - April 9 *Only Firefighters Need Vote*

Four Pension Board Trustee positions expire on May 31. Eligible members may vote in an election to fill the positions from 8 a.m., Friday, March 30, through 12 noon, Monday, April 9.

Candidates for Firefighter Trustee position F-2 and F-3 are shown in the box at the right. A voting packet will be sent to all Active Firefighters on Thursday, March 29. The packet will include a sample ballot with a personal identification number (PIN) which is needed to validate the firefighter's vote. Votes may be cast by touch tone phone or over the Internet. Complete instructions are provided in the packet. Packets will be mailed to the home address on file with the City of Dallas payroll department.

Current Police Trustees, Steve Shaw (Place P-2), and Rector McCollum (Place P-3), are unopposed. In accordance with the Board Election procedure, any candidate for a Trustee position running unopposed will be deemed to be elected

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Candidates for Trustee Election

Police Place 2- Steve Shaw (Unopposed)

Police Place 3- Rector McCollum (Unopposed)

Fire Place 2 - Gary Edge

Cristian Hinojosa

Bernard Pipkins

Fire Place 3 - Willie Reynolds

George Tomasovic

Remaining Schedule for 2007 Trustee Election

March 29

Voting packets mailed to Fire Members' home addresses.

March 30 - April 9

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

April 12

Certify results at Board meeting and determine if run-off election is needed

April 30 - May 8

Run-off election (If needed)

May 10

Board of Trustees certifies run-off election results (if needed) at Board meeting

June 1

New Trustee terms begin;
(Current terms end May 31)

Web Member Services to be Launched this Spring

The long awaited Web Member Services (WMS) program is almost here! Phase I of the WMS program is expected to be completed by the end of March. We will roll it out to our Members soon thereafter.

When Phase I is implemented, you will be able to access your personal account information and estimate your future pension benefit. DROP participants will be able to view their DROP account balance.

We are excited to provide this capability to our Members and think this will be a very welcome addition to the services we provide.

As a reminder, the ability to do DROP projections, or for Retirees to view direct deposit advices and check stubs on line and some other enhancements to the program will follow soon in Phase II.

First time users will sign up for an account and be guided through the process of setting up their user name and

password to access their information.

Security of your personal information is very important to us. The site will use state-of-the-art encryption technology which will ensure your privacy as you access and navigate the site.

We hope that you will use and enjoy Web Member Services. As always, we welcome your suggestions for improvement; you may share them with our staff at info@dpfp.org.

PENSION SYSTEM CALENDAR

APRIL 12: REGULAR
BOARD MEETING

APRIL 26: FINANCIAL
PLANNING SEMINAR

MAY 10: REGULAR
BOARD MEETING

MAY 15: QUARTERLY
FINANCIAL BOARD
MEETING

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Election Schedule)*

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when the Board of Trustees certifies the election results. Therefore, no election for these positions is needed.

Firefighters who misplace their ballot or fail to receive a voting packet should con-

tact the Pension System at (214) 638-3863 for assistance. Other voting questions should be directed to the "help" number provided in the packet.



Don Howard III has retired after 40 years of service to Dallas Fire-Rescue. He will serve as President of the Dallas Retired Firefighters Association. (Pictured left to right: Don Howard III, Dona Howard, and Don Howard IV.)

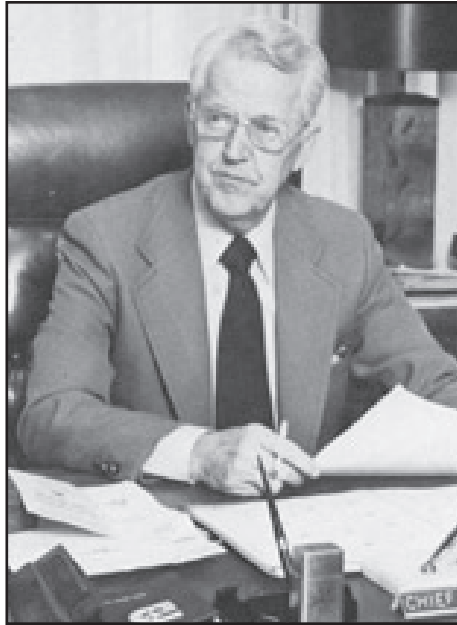
Chief Merrell Hendrix Remembered

Merrell C. Hendrix was born March 27, 1913 in Tenaha, TX, the son of John W. and Johnnie Hendrix. Chief Hendrix passed away Friday, February 23, 2007 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and his nephew, John W. Hendrix. He was preceded in death by his infant son, James, both of his parents and by his brothers A.L. "Tiny" and A.E. "Hap" Hendrix.

Chief Hendrix graduated from Forest Avenue High School where he was a popular baseball pitcher. He attended the University of Oklahoma on a baseball scholarship. He married Evelyn Combs on August 1, 1936 and they celebrated 70 years of marriage in 2006.

Following his father and his brother "Tiny" into the fire service, Chief Hendrix joined the Dallas Fire Department in 1935. His first fire was his father's last. His father died at the fire station following that fire.

Chief Hendrix served in the US Army during WWII in North Africa and Casablanca and participated in the liberation of Italy. During his 41 year career, he rose rapidly through the ranks of the Department and served as Chief of the Department from 1971 to 1976.



One of the greatest accomplishments during his tenure was the addition of the ambulance service to the Fire Department. At his insistence, all ambulance personnel were required to be certified firefighters, as well as being EMTs or paramedics.

Chief Hendrix was respected and loved by generations of firefighters and he maintained his interest in and devotion to the Department and its members until his death.

Chief Hendrix was an active participant in the civic and religious life of the Dallas community. He was a member of Lions Club International and received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. He was a 50 year member of Gibraltar Lodge, Scottish Rite bodies, Hella Temple and York Rite Masons.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW RETIREES!

FIRE-RESCUE

Jimmy D. Buckmeyer
Vernon L. Crow
Wallace J. Graves
John P. Gross
Don E. Howard, III
Darryl A. Mayfield
Audrey W. McCauley
Tommy E. McKown
Jon R. Parker, Jr.
Ray F. Reed
Patrick A. Wagoner

POLICE

Steven J. DeLoach
Marcelino Espinosa
Eric M. Kidd
Purvis G. Maroney
Edward R. Padilla
Luther D. Robertson
Rocky J. Stevens

Update on Health Savings Plan

By **Richard Tettamant**,
Pension System Administrator



Richard Tettamant

We told you a year ago about a new Health Savings Plan adopted by the Board. This new program would allow you save money by payroll deduction on an after-tax basis and to use the money after you retire to help pay for medical expenses.

We had hoped to implement the program last year. Unfortunately, we need the City's approval of the payroll deduction part of the program and are still trying to get that approval. Don't give up on us just yet. We haven't forgotten you or the program.

We are now working with the City's Human Resources Director to overcome the issues. We had a very productive meeting in mid-March at the HR Director's Office and hope we have a game plan for success.

This program is not going to be your savior, but will, when implemented, help you meet future medical expenses. At this point, I can't promise you we will get it done, but I can promise you that we are turning over all the rocks to try to come up with a solution to implement the program.

I will keep you posted and hope to have good news soon.

Best Wishes,

Pension System Administrator

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