



A happy new year to you all. I am looking forward to serving you again for another year, not only as a director but also as your treasurer. I, as well as your Board, welcome our fiduciary responsibility when it comes to your dues. Let me take the time to welcome and congratulate Directors Craig Lally and Mark Cronin to the Board. I am looking forward to working with them this year.

The League's Scholarship Awards will be here before you know it, and who can't use a little extra money for their children's education? So for you parents with graduating seniors who want to get even with your teenager by waking them early on a Saturday morning to write an essay following a Friday night date, here is your chance! I am excited to say we are giving away a total of \$20,000 this year in scholarships based on your student's writing skills. Applications are available at the League. This year's essay contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, at the League office building, so please save the date.

In addition, the Higher Education and Training (HEAT) program will continue. Next month, the scholarship committee will meet to review the applications received, and then funds will be distributed within two weeks. The next review for the HEAT program will be in August, so get some education and we can reimburse you up to \$1,000 each fiscal year.

Worker's comp update as we begin a new year: I will continue to meet monthly with TriStar, CID Management and WC City personnel and, in addition, meet quarterly with vendors that the City contracts with to get our members healed so they can get back up and running. So if there are any issues with our vendors — such as filthy therapy conditions, excessive wait times for doctor appointments or therapy sessions and language barriers (you name it) — please let me know so that the issue can be corrected.

Last month the League sponsored the annual "Fight for Life, Battle to Beat Cancer" charity boxing event, which benefits the City of Hope to support cancer research. I attended the event along with Directors John Mumma and Peter Repovich. Needless to say, we were proud of our LAPD fighters for the work they did in the ring against the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. The event featured closely matched fights, as we split the number of wins with the deputies, winning five of the 10 bouts that evening. Congratulations to the following members for taking the time to represent the Los Angeles Police Department in the battle against cancer: Johnathan Finnegan, Ray Encinas, Ruben Rosas, Suzie Gras, Brendy Ponce, Juan Bustamante, Butch Swan, John Negrete, Josh Skeber and Ivan Guillermo. A job well done!

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