



## Welcome to the September 2019 E-newsletter



*Kimberlie Prior, CEO*

### Maximize Your Benefits

The 35th Annual Conference is behind us and if you attended I hope you walked away feeling energized and wanting more! We have one more event before the end of the year. You have one more opportunity to earn your 10 CEU's by participating in the CEU breakouts, the general session or CEU Legal Education Program along with networking with colleagues and associate members. It's also the last chance for this year to enter the CPPT

Program to work toward your certification. Attending the Fall Trustee School in October at the Sawgrass Marriott will round out your year with an awesome educational experience.

Get More Involved! Make the most of your membership!

Taking advantage of networking opportunities, it's a very important part of education. You can learn so much from colleagues just by having a conversation over a cup of coffee, or sharing a meal. During lunch sit with an associate member you don't know. The associates are there to meet you and offer services to help you and your Board. Take advantage of the hospitality/study hall to chat with fellow trustees and if you are already CPPT, lend a hand to those studying for the exam on Wednesday. Every Trustee School we have at least 50–75 new members entering the Basic tier of the CPPT program. Reach out to them, consider mentoring, make them feel comfortable and show them that they have someone in their corner. You can attend orientation and meet at least 30-50 new members!

There is no doubt that FPPTA is the place to be for education in the state of Florida. I hope to see you at October at the Fall Trustee School!

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A new brief from the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College examines how the new GASB

regulations are playing out two years after they were enacted. What they found out and what they say will happen next.

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## Education Notes

by Peter C. Hapgood, Director of Education

The October Trustee School is just around the corner and I thought I would share some of the highlights of the program agenda. The CPPT Program curriculum re-design will be available for the next two schools scheduled for October 2019 and January 2020. As done in the past, the FPPTA Education Committee meets in March or April of each year to review all of its program offerings. There are no major changes, but the committee has rotated a few presenters along with a few session topics.



*Peter Hapgood,  
Education Director*

Due to the October Trustee School falling on Yom Kipper, I want to reassure that every accommodation will be available for participants concerning CPPT testing and receiving CEU credits. The FPPTA has sent email blasts to the membership explaining the options. If you have not received this notice, please contact the FPPTA office in Tallahassee for more details.

### Broadcast Schedules – Review Them Now

The CEU program agenda will include (4) broadcast sessions. The FPPTA Education Committee strongly feels that these session topics should be available to all attendees EXCEPT those involved with their CPPT certification. With this in mind, the “live” broadcast session will take place in the CEU General Session room. To accommodate seating, these sessions are also available via broadcast to CEU Breakout A and Breakout B session rooms – which is not a new phenomenon, however this format will be used on (4) different occasions throughout the school.

- Monday, October 7th ... 8:30 -9:30 AM / The Looming Retirement Crisis
- Monday, October 7th ... 1:20 – 2:45 PM / Public Pension Issues of 2019 and

Beyond

- Monday, October 7th ... 3:10 – 4:15 PM /Discussion of the recent LeRoy Collins Institute Report
- Tuesday, October 8th ... 3:40 – 4:30 PM / FPPTA Legal Panel

New Legal Program – Don't Get Closed Out

The FPPTA Education Committee is very pleased to announce the first Legal Program, which has been scheduled for Monday, October 7th. This one-day program is available to any member who has attained CPPT status. This offering is available to the first 50 trustees who sign up. Please note that this program offers a pre-registration option ... so please utilize this opportunity to register before you arrive in Ponte Vedra Beach!

See everyone in October!



## Pension News Clips in August

Public pension stories in the news last month in Florida include reports about how well public plans are doing (see how Florida lines up), how risk sharing policies affect the cost of pension plans, and what experts say has happened to states that closed their plans. These stories and more this month.

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*Dee Lee, Personal  
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## Money Matters

**by Dee Lee**

Last month I highlighted some of the ways to save that were listed in an article in the AARP July Bulletin, "99 Ways to Save". We are always looking for ways to save. Some of the ideas have been worthwhile over the years and some downright stupid. To check them out go to AARP's Bulletin. And if you are 50 and have not joined it is a good deal, your membership gets you lots of discounts. On the ways to save, here are some of the ideas that I think are worth using:

### **See Parks Free**

The National Park Service has free admission dates each year. Check [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov) and search “free entrance days.” At age 62, an America the Beautiful senior pass for \$80 will get you and a carload of guests into any national park for the rest of your life. I got mine and last year used it while in South Dakota. My husband took a wrong turn and we somehow left the park, but we used the free pass to get back in!

### **Clean Up on Wash Day**

The top Energy Star-certified washers can save you as much as \$185 a year if your machine is more than 10-years old and often the utility company offers deals on appliance upgrades.

### **Unclaimed Property**

Check states where you have lived. They might be holding money from a savings account that you forgot, or an uncashed refund check. Go to [unclaimed.org](https://www.unclaimed.org), find your state and enter your name. Over the years I’ve found a forgotten paycheck for my niece and some stock dividends for my father-in-law when he moved

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### **Cut Cable Costs**

Call your internet provider or TV service to see what it will do to keep you. You want to speak to their retention department. Tell them you are about to retire and can’t afford the current service.

### **Lower Your Water Bills**

Update every sink and tub with a new faucet or aerator marked with the WaterSense label. Aerators, which mix air into the water, can cut water consumption by 700 gallons per year, an annual savings of up to \$350. If it is hot water you will save on heating it.

### **Credit Card Rewards**

Stay on top of your points and use them before they lose value. Don’t waste the cash or credits. I have a credit card that deposits cash into my granddaughter’s college fund.

### **Upgrade Your Fridge**

A new model may reduce your electric bill by about \$350 over five years. Also, your electric company may offer a rebate to its customers for buying an energy-efficient appliance. And they may offer \$100 to pick up that old fridge you have in the garage. We did this recently and got rid of a “beer” fridge.

## Ethics and Leadership

**by Dr. Scott Paine**

## What he says about public service leadership and why it matters



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