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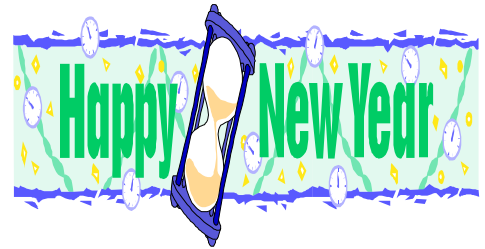
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December Dinner a success

The December dinner was successful as far as I'm concerned, as I couldn't recognize many of the new retirees attending. Dennis WARD won the 50/50 taking home \$140. We had a lively auction for two belt buckles between Chief NORIEGA and Priscilla GRANDAGE. The sale was halted when the bidding came to \$150, when both agreed to purchase the two buckles for \$150. The \$300 will be spent on our annual donation to the lowest paid widows that was started last year by President BROWNLOW. Chief NORIEGA was introduced and thanked the organization for his invitation. He went on to thank veteran Officers, now retired who guided him or worked with him during his rise to Chief. Our pension director Celia LOCKE tried to explain the new \$3,000 health deduction on this year's Income Tax form. Certain retirees will now be eligible for this deduction but a letter will be sent with the income tax forms from her office. She also announced the rate of return for this year is 15%. FOP President Bob JENKINS reminded retirees that the FOP was paying the state dues for all retirees, making us all active members.



Notes

I felt sorry for Tom LEDERMAN and his wife. They sat at our table with GOLDSTEIN and Carl WARD and had to listen to all the old stories. From those that went to prison to those who shot the wrong things.

New Board of Directors

The new Board was sworn in by FOP President JENKINS. They are President Billy O'NEILL, Vice President Lynda VESKI, Secretary Vinny APRILE, Treasurer Charlie SERAYDAR, trustees Bernie WINER, Jim BURNETTE, Lisa NEWLAND, and Joan DONNELLY OCHOA.

Attending were guests Celia LOCKE and her staff. FOP President Bob JENKINS, and PAL Director Rocky MORGAN with his wife. Retirees attending Joe BROWNLOW, Billy O'NEIL with guest, Lenny and Lynda VESKI. Vinny APRILE, Charlie SERAYDAR and wife, Bernie WINER and wife, Jim BURNETTE and LISA, Al BOZA with his wife. Stanley STEINBRECHER, Art SCHICKLER, John Van VRANKEN and wife, Frank AZCARATE and his wife, Art GANZ and his wife, Mike PUTZ and guest, Larry JESSUP and wife, Bill THRALL and his wife. Bobby BISHOP with his cousin, Dave TRACY, Eddie AVILA, Priscilla GRANDAGE and Patrick, Garth and Susie HAMMAN, Pete MATTHEWS and wife, Dennis WARD and guest, Shelly GOLDSTEIN and wife, Tom LEDERMAN and wife, Carl WARD and wife and AmyAnn and I. If I didn't name you, I apologize. Pictures of the different tables are included in this letter. I know of three couples who made and paid for reservations but failed to appear.

This and that...

Serayadar is compiling the new directory, if we have mistakes, especially e mail addresses and phone numbers, please contact him. One address change: Forrest CUMMINGS 3000 Marcos Dr, Aventura, FL, 33160, phone cell 305 725 0669, home 305 932 9389. E-mail maranatha@atlanticbb.net. Billy O'NEIL 2551 SW 104 Ave #405, Sunrise, FL 33323. Gary BERGERT 216 N Boynton Beach, FL 33438 e mail Gary Bergert@gmail.com While I'm at it Ernie PRATHER, 3058 Country Rd 201, Troy, Ala. Phone 334 897 0740. E mail Shayep@centurytel.net. Steve ROBBINS, 9571 Martinique Dr, Miami, 33189 (no phone number). Tony MARTEN, 1483 SE Conference Circle Stuart, FL 34997 phone 288 0216 amarten@versayslie.com Gene ADDIS, 2030 S Ocean Dr 1103, Hallandale Beach, FL 33009, 954 458 8296.

Old Times

While trying to clean my desk, I found a membership list when Art GANZ was President, probably 16 years ago. We had 194 members, of that 38 have died, and 5 resigned. We now have 282 names on our mailing list.

FOUR YEARS Ago - Talking about Gerald WOLFF, four years ago he and Bob LEVY, after a write up in the previous monthly letter learned they both came from Mt. Vernon, New York, then discovered their fathers were in business together

Mark HOCHSTADT had recovered from a heart attack and was back on the job. Since has retired. We lost Selma MAZER, Joe MATTHEWS opened an Italian restaurant. William TURNER had retired.

The continuing saga of Don HASLEY. Last month we wrote that after many months of trying to sell his house, Don resorted to old Irish Folk lore and buried a statute of St Joseph in his front yard. After reciting the required prayer he went into his home to answer a ringing phone. The couple on the phone agreed to buy his house. Miracle of miracles, Don then moved his furniture, etc, to an apartment in Sunrise. Chapter two, the day of the closing, the couple failed to appear. THEY HAD DIVORCED. The poker club has debated, if Don failed to bury the statue deep enough, or took it out of the ground to quickly.

UNIFORMS Old time retirees will remember our uniforms, gray long sleeve shirts in the winter, short sleeve in the summer. God forbid you were caught outside of your car without your hat on. Times change. I observed three different Pines Officers on a couple of traffic stops. They wore black T-shirts with POLICE on front and back. Their pants were black cargo (fatigues). Somehow that doesn't represent a caring policeman, but a form of intimidation. But I'm old and living in the past.

Widow's pensions

A lively discussion at the weekly poker game persuaded me to write about the different and same items in our pension plans. I say plans because there are four different options depending on your year of retirement. Note: domestic partner is included with spouse after November 2001.

ALL PLANS – a spouse receives 100% of retiree's pension at time of death, or 25% of the average monthly salary for the highest two years, for a full year.

AFTER that year, if retiree left before October 1988, widow gets 50% of retiree's pension. If the retiree left after that date, widows receive 75% of pension.

All plans, If spouse is married less than ten years, benefits are payable for a period no longer than the normal life expectancy of the deceased retiree at the time of death.

All plans benefits stop upon remarriage or death of widow, except if retiree was killed in the line of duty.

CHILDREN - If no surviving spouse, or spouse remarries, before 1988, member's children under age of 18 - \$100 per month, benefit shall continue to age 22 if the child is a full time student in high school or college. AFTER 1988, full benefit paid to child as described previously. Plus handicapped child until child ceases to be handicapped.

Legally adopted children shall have the same rights as natural born child, except no pension will be paid to stepchildren.

AFTER October 1988 - If there are no benefits payable to a child or children, the benefit shall be paid to a dependent parent.

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Happy Birthday!

Tom LEDERMAN, Bill ARWOOD, Jim CASEY, James CORBETT, Bill DAVIS, Doug DUTCHER, Pat EVANS, Ron FORRESTER, Art GANZ, Brian GARDNER, Mark HALLMAN, Phil KLEFEKER, Ozzie KRUIDENIER, Nelson LONG, Nick LLUY, Harold MANGELS, Jerry MILLICAN, Ed SANTIAGO, Pat SCHNEIDER, David TRACEY, John VAN VRANKEN, and Tevey WOOLFE.

From the members...

Bill and Linda Lamb...old age is only a number. I am 63 years young and I retired on 27 September. Lynne has decided not to retire, and we will remain in Mexico City until she retires in about two years. So I will be a kept man. I'm sure your familiar with the Children's book "find Waldo", I am going to do an adult version, "Find which Catina Bill is in". We enjoy Mexico (not so much the embassy, but the country) and try to get away from the city every weekend. I have acquired a taste for tequila, it is sipped here, unlike in the states where you do shooters. As I have often said, if you come to Mexico you have a place to stay. Frankly we enjoy visitors and would love to see you. We have had some, but most places that we have been folks do not want to take us up on our offer.



When I said my list of those over 80 wasn't totally correct, I have some retirees who I have the month but not the year. Two I missed, who will not have to pay dues next year is, Gerald WOLFF who was born in 1924. Another I missed Robert GILBERT, born in 1919, making him the oldest retiree. Good health in the New Year Robert and Gerald

- JOB COMMAND STAFF TRANSFERS effective immediately,
- D/C G NAVARRO, Patrol Division to Unit commander, Tech Svc Div
- Major W RILEY Patrol Division to D/C Patrol Division
- Major A VAZQUEZ, Tech Division to Patrol Division
- Unit Comm, Hernan CARDENO to Division Comm. Tech, Svc

A local TV news station reported Officials are investigating an accident on Interstate 95 involving a 28-year-old Miami Beach Sergeant, Jesus BARRENCHEA. According to the Florida Highway Patrol, BARRENCHEA is under investigation after his car, heading the wrong way on I-95 about 4 30 AM hit another car, which was traveling in the right direction. Officers first found BARRENCHEA's personal car abandoned not too far away from the scene, and found him wandering around the area. When troopers tried to interrogate him, sources said he was not cooperative. While FHP is investigating the accident, Miami Beach Internal Affairs is conducting their own probe. BARRENCHEA has been removed from road patrol and placed on administrative duty.

Christmas

Thank you everyone for the great number of Christmas good wishes. I received a goodly number of cards, most impressive was from Marshall GARBER, who has sent one every year since I retired. The week before Christmas I averaged over 30 e-mails a day, with the most of them being Christmas cards (touch the tree, touch the star, etc). Best was two phone calls, one from Jesse WEBB, the second from Bill GOODMAN, who I haven't heard from in a while. TO ALL RETIREES BOTH OLD AND YOUNG, HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Retirees

Tom LEDERMAN was born in Toledo, Ohio, but before he was a year old, his father transferred to South Florida for a job opportunity, bringing the family to North Dade. Tom attended school in North Miami, and then enrolled at Miami Dade Community College. In 1981, he was a few points shy of graduating when the Beach advertised for officers. Tom applied and was hired. In the Academy, one of his classmates was Vinny APRILE, and although John F. TIGHE was assigned to the Academy, his T.A's were from Miami and Hialeah. Assigned to Patrol, his FTO's were Phil KROMSKY and Don FREEMAN. He worked his first assignment, midnight patrol, for 3 ½ years, then SIU for 3 years, then Marine Patrol for 5 years. In 1983, he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to Bicycles. That assignment lasted only a year and a half when he was transferred back to SIU where he remained until his retirement.

Tom has been married to Diana for 16 years, after a friend introduced them. They have a 14-year-old son who is in Cypress Bay High. Tom has been hired part time by Surfside, doing training and crime prevention. The fact that it is part time appeals to him, as he then has quality time with his son. His address 966 Briar Ridge Rd Weston, Fl 33327, phone 954 349 0560.

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Back from vacation...

The first week of December, AmyAnn and I were on a cruise on Royal Caribbean's "Liberty of the Seas" the cruise lines largest ship, 1,112 feet long. I know because I had to walk the entire ship at least three times a day to eat or go to the pool. Yet with the meals and desserts, I gained five pounds in the seven days. There are several items I thought worthy of writing about. First, if you ever go on this ship, the first thing you do is line up for the tickets to their ice show. A spectacular review of skating doing all the tricks you see on television on a very small rink. We lingered, and ended up at the end of a line the full length of the ship (thank God friends at the beginning of the line got tickets for us). Another eye opener, the make up of passengers, probably due to the falling dollar, we had 2,100 passengers from foreign countries and only 1,700 Americans. Many were back-to-back passengers, that is they sailed the same ship the week before and signed up for a repeat cruise. One couple signed back to back to back. Three weeks on the same ship, same destinations. One event that we witnessed was unbelievable. As we were leaving, we were held up by two women talking in the passageway. One woman remarked that she hated going home to the cold and snow. The second woman asked where she was from. The first answered a city in Wisconsin. The second said she had lived there but had moved to another state, then asked the first woman's maiden name. When the first answered, the second said, "I don't believe this, I'M YOUR COUSIN. They had been in staterooms next to each other for eight days, and never knew who the other person was.

One thing I did while cruising was to read the book "Sins of South Beach" by Alex DAOUD. This is a self-serving account of his fall into corruption convictions, and a claim he was the one that saved South Beach. I can't imagine him not being sued on items revealed in the book. He accuses other Mayors, Commissioners and Bob PERKINS for being involved in nefarious deeds. He also names Harold ROSEN as being his middleman, taking the bribe money and passing it on to him. Although he turned states evidence against others, he kept Harold Rosen's name out, claiming ROSEN had attended his mother's funeral and he didn't want to hurt him.

Besides the graft, he names prominent woman he had sexual encounters with. One, Bonnie Levin, who turned States evidence against him, recruited other females, so they could have sexual threesomes. She now is an agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, living in Key West.

He writes about the Police department naming Dennis WARD, Tom HUNKER, Charlie SERAYDAR and his nephew A.J. DAOUD. He does not accuse any police of corruption. Although he doesn't name them as participating, he claims while patrolling with the midnight shift, in "Attitude Adjustment Sessions" beating sessions convincing Mariel's to keep off the Beach. He claims to have interviewed Lou REILLY and Ken GLASSMAN for the position of Police Chief. He endorsed REILLY, who he claimed presented good ideas to improve the department, including having two officers on the paddy wagon. He faults GLASSMAN for not introducing that idea, claiming that resulted in the death of DON KRAMER. My reaction to the book was "bullshit". However, SERAYDAR attended the third book signing at a Coral Gables book store and reported over a hundred people lined up to get Alex's autograph and reports the book is in it's third printing.

Picture gallery...



More pictures...



Dates to remember

Friday January 18th, noon, lunch at the Roasted Pepper, 9893 Pines Blvd, Pembroke Pines, cost \$12 per person.

Friday JANUARY 25th, FOP, awards dinner, Rod and Reel Club, You MUST make reservations with President JENKINS at the FOP office, 305 534 2775

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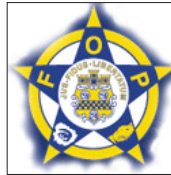
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