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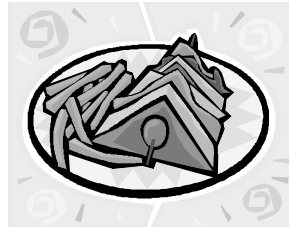
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Unity is strength for a better retirement

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February Luncheon

The February luncheon will be held on February 8th at the 'ARK' restaurant, 6255 Stirling Ave, Davie. I-95, exit Stirling, go west, I-75 exit Sheridan go east, north at University, east on Stirling. Price \$12 per person, with the organization picking up the tax and tip. WIVES AND GUESTS ARE MOST WELCOMED.



The Wall ceremony will take place on Wednesday, March 28th at 11 AM at the Police Station. The Miami Beach PAL bus will transport retirees and their guests from the PAL parking lot to the Station.

After the ceremony, lunch will be served at the PAL building 999 11th St.

Did you see it?

On December 29th, on the front page of section B, the Sun Sentinel had a picture of people going into the new gambling hall Mardi Gras, at the Hollywood Dog Track. It identified only one person, a man using a walker to enter the hall. Below it named him as Lou GUTTMAN, not identified was the woman behind him, his wife, Ruth. I called them to see if Ruth's luck at playing the machines continued. No answer



Previously I had reported that the retirees in Tennessee met every so often. Gerry MACKEY sent the following: Everyone got together at my house right after Thanksgiving. By everyone I mean Marty DRUCKER and his wife Zuri, Dave McLAREN and his wife Ann Marie, Jose "Pete" MARTINEZ and his wife Vicki and their son Chris and of course me and my wife Kathy. Sunday GARCIA was on her way up from South Florida, where she had just finished working her last day for MBPD. She didn't make it to the party, but we promised her we'd have another one soon.

With the rest of the holidays approaching, and with an unseasonably mild, dry day in the forecast, we decided to get together before the colder weather settled in and every one got too busy with Christmas and New Years preparations. Also, my wife Kathy, who is an RN and a Captain in

Person Wanted

I firmly believe this monthly letter is the backbone of our organization. Before the creation of this organization, the only time we gathered was at a funeral. Now we have VINNY's breakfast, Wednesday noon lunch group and the Tennessee gathering. To me, Ben's funeral is another example. About 30 retirees attended. I attended a funeral for a Pembroke Pines Sergeant who had served under me. I was the only retiree attending.

I have written these letters with help from a couple of retirees. However, most of the material comes through me. I now have reached the point of my life where I need to bow out. I have developed Palsey and my pressure is a daily fight. If you love to write and are interested in keeping this letter and this organization alive, contact me. I will continue to prepare the letter for mailing and mail them. All contact will be through the computer.

Pay your dues!

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the Army Reserves, was activated to full time status and deployed to Ft. Campbell, KY on November 1st. She has been able to come home on most weekends, so we wanted to do something while she was home as well.

Everyone brought food, and we had cold cuts and Honey Baked ham, potato salad, cole slaw and chips with dip and cheeses and other side dishes left over from Thanksgiving and lots and lots of desserts. Also the drinks were flowing freely, both the alcoholic and non-alcoholic varieties.

When the sun went down, the air got a bit cooler, so we built a fire in the patio fire pit and everyone gathered round to keep warm. Kathy bought out the marshmallows and we toasted them over the fire. Everyone had a good time, no complaining at all.

Kathy and I will have more outdoor parties once the weather warms up, probably not until about April. In the meantime, we try to get together once a week for breakfast or another meal at a local restaurant, but not everyone can always make it. Everyone's name will eventually come up at the table, whether they are there or not. It's a good group of retirees, and we all get along fantastic!

I'll try to get better photos of everyone next time we're all together and then I'll send them along to you. Anyone from MBPD who comes up this way (we're about halfway between Nashville and Knoxville) should try and contact one of the retirees I mentioned, so that we can all get to see them while they are here. Other Officers who have come through this way in the past are Sam GAM, Mark HALLMAN, Bruce SONGDAHL, Mimi PFOGNER, Woody LUCIUS, John QUIROS, Joan and Oldy OCHOA, Chuck Press, and Al BOZA, just to name a few.

By the way, Herman PRESS lives only a few blocks away from me, but I have not kept in touch with him, which is completely my fault. Besides, he's always playing golf, and I don't play. I will make sure to invite him and his wife Beverly to the next party. Thanks for calling, I'll be keeping you up to date on the Tennessee gang. GERRY, if you let me know ahead of time, I can put the date and time in the letter. I'm certain you will get more retirees from the area attending.

Gerry sent an e-mail on New Year's Eve to say GARCIA and her husband were hosting a dinner and New Year's celebration. Jose "Peter" MARTINEZ and his wife Vicky, Marty Drucker and his wife Zuri will celebrate with them.

Happy Birthday

Charlie APPEL, Ed AVILA, Bobby BISHOP, President Joe BROWNLOW, Marshall GARBER, Peter GUTIERREZ, Bill JONES, Mark HOCHSTADT, Beautiful Ellen KNIGHT, Bill MC DONALD, Past President PAT RYAN, "Shimmy" STEINBRECHER, Dick TOBIN, Grandpop Jesse WEBB, and Bernie WINER.



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Retirees

Two Officers retired but I was unable to talk to them for the usual bio done on every retiree. Romilio PEREZ'S phone that I have has been disconnected and Sunday GARCIA is traveling and requested confidentiality. Plus, I was unable to get in touch with Jon DICENSO. IF THEY WOULD PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ME BY PHONE 954 431 2928 or e-mail JCKAMYTY@AOL.com

News

In a move that was expected, Surfside has named Miami Beach Police Major Dave ALLEN as their new Police Chief. Allen has been serving as the interim Police Chief in Surfside since October 2006. ALLEN who has been with the Miami Beach Police department since 1982, will retire in February and take over as Surfside's Chief.

Ben KRATZER

I thought Lynda's VESKI's retirement party was the best example of camaraderie our department has ever had. Close to it was Ben's funeral as almost 30 retirees, young and old attended. It was held on Saturday, January 6th at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Lake Placid. Attending the service were Danny PINDER, and his wife, Tony PIZZO and his wife, Jerry TOLLEFSEN, John MILLERICK and his wife, Jon ANDERSON and his wife, Nancy and Loretta WEIN, Charlie SERAYDAR, Fred WALDER, Jimmy CORBETT, Bernie WINER, Tony MARTEN and his wife, Billy O'NEIL, Jim BURNETTE, Lisa NEWLAND, Ernie PRATHER and his wife, John MOORE and his wife, Jim CASEY and his wife, Zell HALL and his wife, Scotty FORSYTHE and his wife, Joe KISHICK and his wife, VINCENT APRILE, and FOP President Bobby JENKINS.



Reverend Chester Chappell, a family friend, from the Middle Fork Baptist Church in Rosman, North Carolina, officiated. After the lighting of candles by Ben's grandchildren, one of Ben's favorite songs, "The Great Speckled Bird" was played, and then a beautiful video of Ben's life with family and friends was shown. A number of friends and family spoke about what "Gentle Ben" meant to them, including Tony MARTEN, Joe KISHICK, John MILLERICK and Jon ANDERSON's wife, Holly. The family was presented an American flag, and a member of the Crackle Train Marine League played Taps for Ben's service in the Air Force defending our country.

After the service, everyone was invited to join the family as they continued a celebration of Ben's life at the Kratzer's house, where tarps had been set up.

As is the policy of this organization, and at the request of the family, a contribution of \$100 was given in memory of Ben to Vistas Healthcare Corporation, a Hospice group that helped with Ben in his final days.

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SICK BAY

Derby is having a problem after his operation. He returned to the hospital when his leg became infected. He's home now and rehabbing.

Thelma JASSER had a cataract operation on her eye, and is delighted with the results. She was concerned about Carl WARD when she couldn't get a hold of him. For the longest time I had her birthday in two different months but finally got it right last month.

Ozzie KRUIDENIER, had his 83rd birthday. January 12th he became too much for wife Barbara to handle, so last month he was admitted to a rest home in North Miami. Ozzie suffers from heart problems, has a pacemaker and now has urinary problems. Barbara and their son Bob have decided to take him to a home in Apopka, a city near Orlando. His son's e-mail address R1bl@earthlink.net



Moving



Bob LEVY, who just lost a brother, is returning to Atlanta, after his children who all live there asked him to move closer. Something that occurs as we get older.

Jim PRESTON 4367 NE 13 St, Ocala, FL 34470

Tom RATNER living temporarily at 159 Greenwing Trail, Titusville, 32780. The phone number I have is missing one number 329 26 2245

Pension Board reports they found **Mrs. McNiven**. Now I have another one. **William LAMB's** mail has been returned twice, two different addresses. Pension has only one William LAMB that lives in Florida but he has a hold on his address. Can anyone help me?

E-MAIL

A man pulled over in a routine traffic stop in Florida ended up "executing" the deputy who stopped him. The deputy was shot eight times, including once behind his right ear at close range. Another deputy was wounded and a police dog killed. A statewide manhunt ensued. The suspect was found hiding in a wooded area with his gun. SWAT team officers fired and hit the guy 68 times. The media was quick to jump on this and asked why they shot him 68 times. Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd, told the Orlando Sentinel, "That's all the bullets we had..."

From the members...

Ted SCHEMPP, now 82, has always been a "Ham" operator. Now he lives in a development where antennas are restricted. So to keep his small radio going, he installed a "flag pole" in his yard. Ted keeps in shape by taking his dog for a "walk," but Ted doesn't walk, he rides a three-wheel bike. While Ted enjoys good health, Elizabeth, his wife of 62 years, had a pacemaker installed four months ago. Thank God she's in good shape. In speaking with Ted about the pacemaker, he reminded me of a conversation I had with Jack RASKIN, after he had a pace maker installed. I asked him how he felt, he replied he was nervous. When I asked him why, he answered "I think they put Japanese batteries in this thing".

Tommy MORAN, who left in 1998, but continued to work on the drug Task force that goes after the wealth of drug dealers. He loves the job and will stay as long as they let him as he's unable to take the monotony of full retirement. Tommy is now experiencing the problems we all find as we age. Lead by diabetes, he now has back problems with two herniated discs. This month he will have an MRI, then meet with Doctors and pain management people to determine what the best cure will be. Tommy wants to thank Dennis GODDARD, who suffers from back pain, for calling long distance to reassure Tommy on the back pain and treatment.

Last month I wrote about Herman PRESS and Derby BRENNAN having medical problems. In talking with them since, they both informed me that Jesse WEBB called them to inquire about their recovery.

Meet the Old-timer

Frank AZARATE was born in 1932 and grew up in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. When in high school, his father moved the family to South Florida where a brother lived. Frank graduated from Miami High, and then enlisted in the Navy, serving from 1952-55. Trained as an Aviation Electrician, he served at Alameda, California and aboard the aircraft carrier USS Wasp. With that ship he visited the Philippines and Japan. After returning to Alameda, Frank was discharged and returned to Miami. While working for FP&L building manholes and vaults, the off duty Officer Jeep MINER, convinced Frank to apply for the department. In 1957, he was hired and attended the famous Bubba OWENS training. Assigned to patrol, he walked beats, worked patrol car relief, and rode motors. He was assigned to Auto Theft with Murray FIDLON, and Lenny VESKI. Part of his job required him to climb the stairs at the station. He experienced shortness of breath and chest pains, went to his doctor and had a heart bypass. He stayed out for months ISC until the department ruled his problems were not part of his job and threatened to stop his pay. He returned to work Juvenile Bureau, under Lt. GANZ, with Tom HUNKER, Dennis WARD, Larry CARMODY and Tony DOMINGEZ. Frank stayed until 1983 when at age 50 he retired. Frank met Dale, his wife of 36 years, while they had coffee on the midnight shift at Royal Castle on 42nd street. She was with SCARBERRY's wife while John VAN VRANKEN was his partner. Frank has two grown children, a boy and girl, who have not followed into law enforcement.



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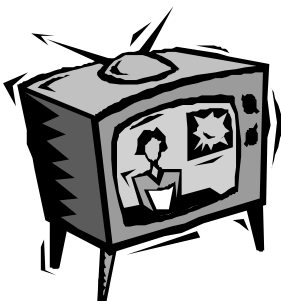


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