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## January's luncheon report

January's luncheon was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> had 33 retirees in attendance. In the same room was about 50 women having some sort of meeting also. By using a microphone they almost drowned out our conversation, and because of the numbers between us and them, service was slow but it didn't drown out our conversation on the good old days. President Billy O'NEILL held a quick meeting with previous minutes waved and the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$10,000 being handed out. Old business was reminders of the FOP dinner on the 25<sup>th</sup>, the wall ceremony on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the mid-state meeting.

Attending President Billy O'NEILL, Vice President Lynda VESKI, Secretary Vinny APRILE, Treasurer Charlie SERAYDAR, Trustees Fred WALDER, Jim BURNETTE, Lisa NEWLAND, Past Presidents Carl WARD and Joe BROWNLOW, then Frank AZCARTE. Al BOZA, Yetta BRODIE, Tom DAVIS, Ray DUNCAN, Priscilla GRANDAGE, Don HASLEY. Lori Figliolia HARRIS, Thelma JASSER, Jack MACKIE, Pete MATTHEWS, John MILLERICK, Bobby MOOREHEAD, Wally NEWMANN, Joan DONNELLY OCHOA, Chris PALLIS, Will ROSENSTEIN, Tony SAMMARCO, Art SCHICKLER, Stanley STEINBRECHER, Bill THRALL, John H TIGHE, John VAN VRANKEN, and Jimmy WHITEHEAD,

Discussions around me centered on the health of missing members Lou RIELLY and Bobby BISHOP. Someone reported that Ed YOUNG and his son Dave were coming with FLORIS SAX but they never showed.

## Sucker punched

Local newspapers and television stations published and aired a music video posted on YouTube that shows a scantily clad woman dancing, then briefly performing simulated oral sex on a uniformed Miami Beach Officer.

The two minute video shows Miami Beach Officer Elpidie LOPEZ, surrounded by other scantily dressed women. One woman dancing on the bar, lifting her skirt, then dancing in front of LOPEZ and then simulating oral sex.

What only one paper, the Miami Herald, followed it up by printing that the producer of the film reported that LOPEZ had only come on the scene to tell them to quiet the music. He added, "The Officer was only doing his job".

## Vinny's Breakfast

VINNY'S BREAKFAST Occurred the last week of December. Probably because of the holidays, we had the fewest members attending. Attending were APRILE, Billy O'NEILL, Lynda VESKI, Wally NEWMANN, Fred WALDER, Paul MARCUS with his wife (working for FDLE), Dean ADLER (now branching out on his own), myself and Charlie LOSEY, a retired Crime Scene Tech.

## Write ups

We do bios on every retiree, last year twenty one officers retired but we have only been able to write up 16. Please if Aprile, Cathy Tighe, Lisa Newland or myself call, please cooperate.

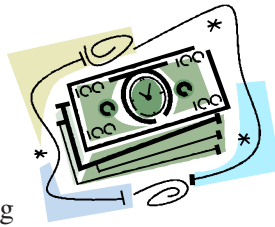
## WALL OF HONOR CEREMONY

WALL OF HONOR CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> BEGINNING AT 11 AM. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PARK AT THE PAL OFFICE AND TAKE A BUS TO THE STATION. BUS WILL RETURN AND LUNCH WILL BE HELD AT THE PAL BUILDING.



## Donations and Thank Yous

Since our donation to the PAL for Thanksgiving, we also made other donations. One for a hundred dollars was to Margaret SCHOENFELD fund. This fund is to assist the daughter of a Boynton Beach Officer in paying for the cost of medical treatment for leukemia. The Officer sent a thank you letter to the organization



Thanks to the bidding war for belt buckles at our dinner, we donated \$100 to nine widows who receive from less than \$400 a month to less than a \$1,000. This idea came from PAST President Joe BROWNLOW. At the same time the FOP is matching our donations. For members information the widows are Barbara RILES, Loretta ZISKIND (in a nursing home but sharp as a tack), Ruth GOLD, Marie MODRIERSKY, Madeleine WARD, Orpha GORHAM, Trina MELLON, Rena KAPLAN, and Connie SPOTO.

Rich FRANCIONI had a dream about me, so called to determine if I was alright. Rich, now 75, has given up working since having six heart by passes. He and his wife Wilma have been married 54 years, and he admits stealing from the cradle. Two of his sons are Officers in two different departments. We traded humorous stories on each other, but his best was of Stanley STEINBRECHER working a Frank SINATRA movie.

The poker group was having supper at the new Flanagan's in Pembroke Pines when Mike BAUER, and Chris Dee (later on) came to our table. Mike looks good; Dee worked his last shift for the Beach, then seven hours later was working for Miami Gardens.

## Deaths

Nelan SWEET 85 years old, a municipal Judge for the City when we had a city court. In typing this letter Lou YOUNGMAN called to inform me that JULIAN LINDENAUER had passed away. Later while checking my e-mail, Carl WARD sent a message that LINDENAUER'S nephew had contacted him about the death, adding JULIAN had been cremated and a memorial service will be held on Merritt Island sometime in February or March. Carl will e-mail when he gets the dates, time and location.

Gene TOREKY sent a series of printed articles probably taken from some type of magazine printed on the Beach. The first article is about past Chief Rocky POMERANCE with a picture of him with an old fashion officers bucket hat. Printed on his shirt with the words "I QUIT". For information of the younger retirees, Rocky was born in the Bronx, and at the age of five, his father died. After his graduation from high school, his mother brought the family to South Florida where her sister lived. Rocky's first job on the beach was a sales clerk, then as a substitute mail carrier. He then served two years in the Merchant Marines, returning to the Post office later. In 1950 he became an officer for the Beach Police gaining fame because he walked his beat (Lincoln Road) with an arm band saying "Habla Espanol". In 1956 he ran for the Office of Constable, a position that was a cross between federal marshal and court bailiff. In 1968 he was named Police Chief of Miami Beach later becoming a national figure because of the political conventions held on the Beach.

The second article addresses Ben GRENALD, who owned Modern pharmacy on 41<sup>st</sup> street. It highlights his successful efforts to have certain prescription drugs covered under the existing narcotics laws. He also was Vice Mayor for Miami Beach and Commissioner of the Visitor and Convention bureau.

The third is a series of questions and answers directed to Tibor HOLLO, President and Chairman of East Coast Properties that owned the Eden Roc hotel among other important Properties.

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## Happy Birthday

Charlie APPEL, Ed AVILA, Bobby BISHOP, Joe BROWNLOW, Carlos DE VARONA, Marshall GARBER, Peter GUTIEREZ, Bill JONES, James HARRIS, Mark HOCHSTADT, Ellen KNIGHT, Bill MAC DONALD, Pat RYAN, Stanley STEINBRECHER, Dick TOBIN, Jesse WEBB and Bernie WINER

## Notes

Twenty one officers who retired last year were presented with a pistol. Two Officers, and the woman who received “Civilian of the Year” were loudly applauded. I asked SERAYDAR why, and he responded that all three assign off duty jobs. Al BOZA sat at our table, which reminded me of a story. While probationary, and walking East Lincoln on midnights, we had a series of business B&E’s on Lincoln Rd. We assigned him to a roof top overlooking Lincoln Rd. Half way through the shift, Al sees a burglary and broadcasts a pick up. White male wearing dark shirt and dungarees, sneakers with yellow shoe laces. Needless to say he was captured ending the B&E’s.



EPICURE MARKET, an institution on Miami Beach for over 60 years, is expanding with another store in downtown Miami. This is the first location. A second being planned is at the Rascal House in Sunny Isles. Eventually, plans are for six stores in South Florida.

## Other awards

BLUE KNIGHT AWARD to Paul LUPIEN; FOP Member of the Year Robert AZICRI; Laurie Wander Spirit of Life Award; Jenny VELAZQUEZ. An award was given for Civilian of the Year, but I failed to get her name. Lastly OFFICER OF THE YEAR Wayne HOLBROOK. He never says no to any Homicide Squad investigation, including coming in on his days off to assist the squad in any role needed. He assisted BSO in murder of their Sgt. REYKA. Assisted Miami Police and North Miami Beach departments in the murder of a Miami Officer in North Miami Beach.



He was also the lead investigator when a suspect fleeing Officers attempted to stop him, purposely struck a Miami Beach Officer with his vehicle. HOLBROOK’s investigation led him to Pompano, and he learned the subject was also wanted there for Aggravated Battery, fleeing and eluding police. With a U S Marshal, HOLBROOK tracked the subject to Georgia where he once again fled from the police. Subject was then tracked to Tampa where the subject was arrested after trying to flee again.

Lead Investigator on arrest of a subject, a drug dealer who provided ecstasy to a 17 year old who overdosed on the drug. A full confession was attained. Lead Detective on a sex battery case where he apprehended the subject who was a serial rapist wanted for sex crimes in Boston area.

## Endorsements

Don FREEMAN in an e-mail endorses Dean ADLER’s Cops and Firefighters in Business, especially a plumber James FROBEL, a Pembroke Pines Fireman who does plumbing on Fridays. Don says he showed up on time, did a great job and was done quickly. Also a nice guy to talk to.



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## More news...

We have always claimed our job brought a feeling of brotherhood more than any other position in life. I offer the picture to the right as evidence. Attending Lee Ann FUSCO GUTIERREZ's sons wedding in Atlanta, Cathy TIGHE who flew up, Lisa NEWLAND, who drove with her husband Jim BURNETTE, Lee Ann, and Joan DONNELEY-OCHOA, who drove up with her husband OLDY.



On the eve of the FOP dinner, a retirement party was held for Lou FATA at Finnegan's Way on Ocean Dr. I'm told that retirees outnumbered active officers attending. A partial list of retirees included Vinny APRILE, Jim BURNETTTE with wife Lisa NEWLAND, Pat DEVANEY, Glenn HODGES, Tony PIZZO, Gerry TOLLEFSON, Dan PINDER, Jimmy MAZER, Buddy PETIT, Timmy O'REAGAN, Richie PELOSI, Jason PSALTIDES, Mike PUTZ, John and Cathy TIGHE, FOP attorney Robert SWITKES and FOP President Bob JENKINS.

The FOP annual awards dinner was held at the Rod and Reel Club on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. There were 129 people attending, and I couldn't recognize all the retirees but going from the list of those that made reservations I have the following retirees as attending. I make a mark next to the names of those I know who made reservations and I would recognize if they attended. Joan and Oldy OCHOA m, Joe BROWNLOW m, Rocco DE LEO and wife m, Bernie WINER, Pete MATTHEWS and wife, Al BOZA and wife, Jim BURNETTE and Lisa, Paul MARCUS and wife, Chuck GARABEDIAN and wife, Fred WASLER, Bill O'NEILL and Jeanie, Don McGOVERN and wife, Vinny APRILE and wife, Don Hasley, Charley Seraydar, David ALLEN and his wife, Louis FATA and wife, Lenny ALAMO and his wife, Bill GODFREY, Tom HUNKER and wife, Chris DEE and wife, Mark HALLMAN and wife, Danny REID and wife, Ed Young, David YOUNG and wife, Dennis WARD, William ROSENSTEIN and wife, Buddy PETIT, AmyAnn and I.

A lot of awards were given out and I applaud the accomplishments, Officers of the Month: follow JANUARY Officer Don ANDERSON, stopped a man who had hidden a sawed off shotgun and ski mask, FEBRUARY Ricardo ANTON, arrested a subject who later admitted to four bank robberies; MARCH Antonia FERBEYRE, a black officer who resembles Shaq O'NEAL, for rescuing a four month old baby from a man who had kidnapped her to hurt the baby's mother. He also was named "Officer of the Month" by the Dade County Chiefs Association for this action; MAY, Sgt Enrique DOCE, arrested a man after a double shootout a mile away from the shooting; JUNE Officer Newell WILDER, on a routine traffic stop questioned ID given him, made an arrest. He cleared numerous cases of Identity fraud; JULY SIU Detective Roberto ACOSTA, In a drug raid suspect pulled a weapon, ACOSTA pulled his and shot (missed), suspect surrendered, ACOSTA also awarded 'MEDAL OF VALOR'; AUGUST Sgt Jerome BERRIAN, stopped a sexual battery but the offender ran and later attacked another officer: SEPTEMBER, Detective Louis ALSINA, recognized and arrested a suspect from a armed robbery with injuries that took place five months previously; OCTOBER Officer W. WATSON arrested a drug abuser for Occupied Burglary: NOVEMBER Officer Amel SOTO arrested a subject for "loitering and prowling" that uncovered jewelry from previous burglaries. DECEMBER Four officers, I. GARCIA, O.RAMOS, MACLEOD and MONTESINOS for arrests after a pistol whipped armed robbery, where the suspects were chased into unincorporated Dade County before being arrested.

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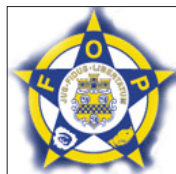
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