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February Luncheon

February's luncheon was held on the 8th at the Ark restaurant was one of our best with a good mix of old and new retirees. Attending President Joe BROWNLOW, Vice President Lynda VESKI, Secretary Vinny APRILE, Treasurer Charles SERAYDAR, Trustees Billy O'NEIL, Fred WALDER, Wally NEUMAN, and Bernie WINER. Others, Don HASLEY, Jack MACKIE, Tom DAVIS, Bill DAVIS, Bob MOOREHEAD, Art SCHICKLER, Stanley STEINBRECHER, Bill THRALL, Cris PALLIS, Jim BURNETTE, Joan DONNELLY-OCHOA, Chief James SCARBERRY, Carl WARD, Jimmy SMITH, Eddie BASON, Pete MATTHEWS, Pat RYAN, Steve ROBBINS, Lori FIGILIOLIA-HARRIS, Bob GILBERT and his son TOM, myself and AmyAnn, my wife.



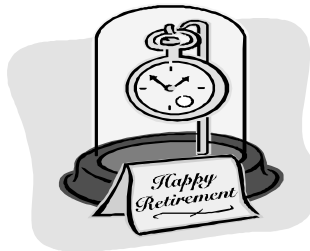
WALL OF HONOR

WALL OF HONOR CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM AT THE STATION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT THE PAL OFFICE AFTER. IF YOU DESIRE, PARK AT THE PAL OFFICE, 999 11TH STREET, BEFORE AND RIDE THE BUS TO AND FROM THE STATION. GUESTS ARE MOST WELCOMED.

Chief Retires

Chief Don DeLucca announced he will retire in June, with Carlos Noriega to be named interim Chief. A twenty-five year veteran of the Miami Beach Department, Chief DeLucca rose steadily through the ranks to become Chief in October of 2001. Experienced in both operations and administration, he has a record of distinguished service with an agency of 402 sworn and 164 civilian employees, with an annual budget of \$70 million.

During Chief De Lucca's tenure, the MBPD achieved both international and state accreditation, actively pursued comprehensive community policing initiatives based on district policing plan, initiated the use of non-lethal weapons, developed a crisis intervention team, and institute a Special events Voluntary Response Team to facilitate the staffing of major events. Most of all he has been a constant backer of this organization and retirees of the department.



The Chief will begin using accumulated time in April, and then retire. He will become part of a management company using his past leadership training for other departments (California Highway Patrol, New York Police Department, University of Southern California, Arizona County, and Los Angeles Port Authority Police). Speaking for the organization, I thank the Chief for his constant backing of this organization and the retirees that were privileged to have an honored guard and escort at their funerals.

Thanks

Dear President Joe Brownlow and President Jennings.

I want to thank you for the generous checks you sent to me! This was such a happy surprise! Also the letter was so loving and kind that it truly touched my heart. It brought back memories of how much my husband loved his job and other officers of the Miami Beach Police Department.

Please thank ALL the members of both organizations who agreed to this gift! I am so grateful and appreciate to all of you!

Sincerely, Madeline WARD

A reminder, this organization sent a check for \$100, matched by the FOP to widows who received less than \$ 600 a month.

News from Members

Bill ARWOOD just celebrated his 47th birthday in January. He left the Beach ISC in 1990 with leg injuries from two separate on duty auto accidents, where he broke just about every part of his legs. Now every so often he walks like an old man, bent forward and shuffling. With his wife, Tammy, Bill has been buying houses, repairing them, and then reselling. No great money but something to do.

Bill's two children are doing good, the oldest graduated from Rollins College. The youngest is successful in modeling, doing clothing shots. While on one show Bill and Tammy noticed and met Charlie Seraydar, who was with a neighbor whose daughter was also modeling.

Bill was pleased that Dave ALLEN became Chief of Surfside, They were in the same class in the Academy and Bill was ALLEN's squad leader. He also had praise for Pat DEVANY who he says is almost the perfect Police Officer. Then he mentioned that Buck GRISCOM calls him every so often, just to exchange greetings.

Bob WATSON, now 59 retired in 1998. Until three years ago he smoked three or four packs of cigarettes a day. Although he developed TB while on the job, until three years ago he quit after being hospitalized for pneumonia for 10 days. Now he under goes a physical every year and they tell him both his lungs and arteries show no effects of his smoking.

Bob's time is spent working his 50 acres, 14 horse and 7 dogs. He takes the dogs usually abandoned, cures them and puts them out for adoption. Recently some of his pine trees were hit by a pine beetle, so Bob cut them down and sold the wood. Now there is no sign of the beetle in his trees.

Shelly GOLDSTEIN getting shots to control his prostate cancer, now he will have surgery on his back for a very deep skin cancer. Depends on how you look at it, he was either lucky or unlucky in the Lotto. He missed sharing the \$16 million prize when he got five of the six numbers called. The 6th was one number off, say he had 28 and the number was 29. Still he won enough that he had to go to the local office where they took 25% for taxes. Good job Shelly

Experts agree the most painful thing for a parent is the death of a sibling. So it must be with Dolores and Chief BARETTO, shown in a picture in the Miami Herald cleaning the memorial where their son died in a traffic accident in 2001. *Our condolences once again to both of you.*

Happy Birthday

Jim BOOTH, Bob GILBERT, Lawrence HANDOFF, Don HASLEY, Jim MAHLE, Jose MARTINEZ, Michael MILLER, Art NELSON, Wally NEUMAN, Billy O'NEIL, Earl OSTREICHER, Tony SABATINO, Jim SCARBERRY, Judi SHERRY, Michael SOMBERG, Steve SULICH, Lou REILLY, Charlie REED, Steve ROBBINS, William THRALL, Robert WILSON



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Retirees

Loi Figliolia HARRIS was born in New York City, attending both elementary and high schools there. While in High school, she was a member of the Honor Society. After school she went to work for M&M in merchandising, a sweet job that included many benefits, including a four-day week. She always wanted to come to Florida and did so when 22 years old, attending both Barry University and FIU. Then in 1983 became a Public Safety Specialist, for ten years, mostly writing accident reports. In 1993 she became a Crime Scene Investigator, earned commendations but no honors. He worked in that capacity for 14 years until her retirement in June of 2006, the last 6 on the day shift. In 1999 she married a Code enforcement Officer for Davie and 3 years ago had twin girls. That now takes most of her time. Eventually she would like to attend nursing school and continue in that career. Welcome to the gang.

Death

Al LaHuis, 79 years old was born and raised in Miami, enlisted in the Marines after graduation from high school. After three years service he was discharged as a Sergeant and joined the Miami Police department in 1953. He later transferred to Miami Beach, rising to a detective until he left in 1965, to become a pilot for National Air Lines. He was one of three Beach Officers (SAVINO and JOHN O'MARA) to do so through the Maytag family, owners of National who lived on Sunset Island. He remained with the airline as a Flight Captain when Pan American took over National, until forced to leave by medical reasons. He then opened a lounge in the Redlands called the PURPLE ONION CLUB which he sold after 16 years ownership.



Al was a member of this organization almost since it's conception, usually attending meetings and funerals in South Dade. Retiree members who attended the viewing and funeral report he was buried in his Air Line Captains uniform. May his soul rest in peace.

FOP Awards Dinner

The FOP awards dinner was held on January 26th at the ROD AND REEL CLUB brought out 26 retirees. Beginning with President Joe BROWNLOW, Lenny and Vice President Lynda VESKI, Secretary Vinnie APRILE, Trustees Billy O'NEIL and guest, Jim BURNETTE and wife Lisa, Charlie SERAYDAR with wife Nancy, Bernie WINER with wife Rose, then Don HASLEY with guest, Wally NEUMAN with wife Barbara, Al BOZA and wife Mimi, about to retire Paul MASTERS with wife, Joan DONNELLY OCHOA with husband, Romilio PEREZ and his wife, Dennis WARD, Jerry TOLLEFSON, Pat SCHNEIDER, Patrick DEVANEY, Michael AUCH Bobby BISHOP, Tom HUNKER with wife Marion, Buddy PETIT, Don MACKENZIE, Peter MATTHEWS, Jim MAHLE and wife Nancy, Mike GRANT and Dave TRACEY.

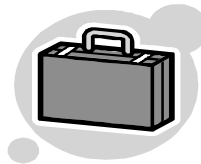
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Travel From WOOLDRIDGE

Maddy and I just returned from several weeks in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. We had a blast. Our youngest, Jeff, flies the giant Boeing 777 for Emirates airline, so we were able to fly Business Class for a smidgen of the fare. The airline treats pilots like CEOs and he and his wife live on the high end of the food chain. How does an incredible 140% fringe package grab you? He even gets limousine service to and from the airport on days he flies. We stayed in their beautiful home given to them by the airline and used his Emirates discount card everywhere we went. Cheapest vacation we ever took.



Moving on

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Notes

Everyone present signed a "Get Well" card for Derby BRENNAN. Chief SCARBERRY got some put-downs on a newspaper article that appeared that day where he and members of his staff were driving to lunch when a pick-up was issued for two males. Those in the car noticed two individuals who fit the description, stopped them and arrested one. SCARBERRY was quoted as saying, "It felt good to do some Police work instead of being behind a desk."

Same paper carried a story of a rookie Miami Bach Officer shooting

himself with his own gun. He'll remember it for life as he shot off one of his testicles.

For those who don't know Bob GILBERT, he was our radio and electronic repair person when we had no walkie-talkies and depended on the patrol car radio. A gentle and quiet person, expert in his field and never muttered a curse word. Now 88 years of age, he's still the quiet one.



Honors

Miami-Dade Chiefs of Police named Officers Joe SCHAEFER (son of retired Officer Jeff SCHAEFER), and Sergeant Leo QUINN and Officer Ray FERNANDEZ of the Bal HARBOUR Departments as Officers of the month.

On December 30th, 2006 at approximately midnight Bal Harbour police officer Ray FERNANDEZ and Sergeant Leo Quinn responded to a fire at the Tiffany Condominiums located at 10175 Collins Ave. Fernandez, Quinn and officer Steven Goldberg arrived at the scene of the blaze in the third floor condominium and the three were able to pull Arvid Weinstein, who appeared to be disoriented, out of his living room. Mr. Weinstein kept yelling "My wife, my wife". Officer Joe SCHAEFER of the Surfside Police Department arrived and along with Officer Fernandez went back inside the apartment to search for Mr. Weinstein's wife. Mrs. Weinstein was found in a room located off the bedroom barely conscious by the Officers who pulled her to safety. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weinstein were taken to Jackson Memorial burn center and were later released.

While giving accolades to sons and daughters of past officers, may I add my family. As most know John joined the University of Miami department. Biggest benefit is a large deduction on his daughter's tuition. Now second son, William, with Plantation department was named their "Officer of the Year". After a murder in his City, the suspect was using credit cards from the deceased. Will who works Fraud, used his close relations with credit card

Award for "FOP Officer of the Year"

The FOP Officer of the Year Award went to Kevin GRAHAM, The award was different this year as it was presented not for a brave act or good catch but for "Constant, solid, hard, ethical accumulation of effort day in and day out". We add our congratulations.



All police retirees should have gotten a letter on Kevin then handing the \$1,000 check given for this award to John JONES. Members will be pleased to know our collection for JONES is doing better than we imagined. Please remember, if you haven't send your check, minimum of five dollars to PAL with JONES name on the bottom of the check.

Speaking of that the letter is proof that we need someone else to write this letter, I for got to add the zip code 33139 which led to a lot of phone calls. Ray DUNCAN was one calling me. He retired in 1985, now attends four physical workouts a week and plays golf the rest of the time. Thank God he has good health.

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.

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companies who notified him when the card was being used but the suspect was always gone five to ten minutes before the police arrived. Finally, a clerk, alerted by the credit card company, followed the suspect and got his license number. That led to his arrest, the recovery of the slain persons wallet and the murder weapon, which was tied to a second murder.

Are you or have you moved without giving us your new address. Every month at least one letter is returned marked "Does not live here" Please notify us of address and phone change. I called two persons only to learn I had wrong phone number. Please call, write me your correct numbers.

Joke of the day...

A police officer pulls a guy over for speeding:

Officer: May I see your driver's license?

Driver: I don't have one. I had it suspended when I got my 5th DUI.

Officer: May I see the owner's card for this vehicle?

Driver: It's not my car. I stole it.

Officer: The car is stolen?

Driver: That's right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the owner's card in the glove box when I was putting my gun in there.

Officer: There's a gun in the glove box?

Driver: Yes sir. That's where I put it after I shot and killed the woman who owns this car and stuffed her in the trunk.

Officer: There's a BODY in the TRUNK?!?!?

Driver: Yes, sir.

Hearing this, the officer immediately called his captain. The car was quickly surrounded by police, and the captain approached the driver to handle the tense situation.

Captain: Sir, can I see your license?

Driver: Sure. Here it is.
It was valid.

Captain: Who's car is this?

Driver: It's mine, officer. Here's the owner's card.
The driver owned the car.

Captain: Could you slowly open your glove box so I can see if there's a gun in it?

Driver: Yes, sir, but there's no gun in it.
Sure enough, there was nothing in the glove box.

Captain: Would you mind opening your trunk? I was told you said there's a body in it.

Driver: No problem.
Trunk is opened; no body.

Captain: I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole the car, had a gun in the glove box, and that there was a dead body in the trunk.

Driver: Yeah, I'll bet the lying officer told you I was speeding, too.

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