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Mid-State meeting scheduled for April 25-27

The Mid-State meeting will be held from Friday, April 25th to Sunday April 27th at the EMBASSY SUITES LAKE BUENA VISTA. This is the same hotel we used last year. The hotel rate is \$119 a night. Those that attended last year will tell you the place is excellent. The free breakfast is your choice of buffet or live cooking. The free happy hour at night brings everyone together for a gabfest. Remember, you do not have to check in for the full time. Amy and I will and spend time at their poolside, then go out for our supper.

My nomination for "Officer of the Month" is Officer Tracey SIERRA, while working overtime on Lincoln Rd, she made three arrests for shoplifting. While on her way home, driving the marked police car on the Turnpike, she spotted a vehicle speeding and almost striking several other vehicles. After calling in the tag number, hoping FHP would intercept, she followed the vehicle's driver. The driver of the suspect's vehicle noticed her marked car so he stuck his hand outside of his car, waving a gun. The suspect made a sudden u-turn, T-boning a third vehicle. Officer SIERRA exited her vehicle and ordered the driver to show his hands repeatedly. Miami-Dade Officers arrived and pulled the subject out of his vehicle where the gun was found on the floor. The subject was arrested for two armed robberies he had committed earlier.

Wall of Honor ceremony set for March 26

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE WALL OF HONOR CEREMONY FOR THE ADDITION OF THOSE THAT RETIRED IN THE PAST YEAR. Ceremony will be on Wednesday, March 26th at 11 AM in front of the police station. Parking will be available at the PAL building with a bus to transfer you to and from the station. Lunch will be served at the PAL building after.

For those attending, Chief NORIEGA has agreed to issue NEW POLICE I.D. CARDS to retirees. The department needs to prepare for those wanting new cards. If you desire a new card contact SERAYDAR by e-mail or phone call.

News?

Got an interesting or fun story to tell? Please contact WOOLDRIDGE at askfredanything@aol.com or call 561-624-4395.

Vinny's Breakfast

A good number of retirees attended Vinny's Breakfast last month. I think I have the names of those that attended. Whoever I missed, I apologize. Lead by the Board of Directors, President Billy O'NEILL, Secretary Vinny APRILE, Treasurer Charles SERAYDAR, Trustees, Fred WALDER, Lisa NEWLAND, Bernie WINER and Jim BURNETTE. Our females Cathy TIGHE, Priscilla GRANDAGE, and Joan DONNELLY OCHOA with her husband Oldie. Recent retiree William ROSENSTEIN, Al BOZA with his wife Mimi, Don FREEMAN, Mark EICHEL, Tom LEDERMAN, Wally NEUMANN, Bill THRALL, active Officer Pat QUINLIAN, and myself.

Sick Bay

On Monday the 25th Derby BRENNAN, was operated on for "Revision" of his left knee, which was replaced a year ago. This was done with a piece that didn't fit right and he continued to have pain and problems. This operation seems to have been a success, but he continued to have pain, so a morphine pump was allowed, so he could control the pain. In his last operation he had a very severe reaction to the morphine, often hallucinating badly. When Lois spoke to him by phone, she realized he was confused. That night at 3 AM she was called by the hospital that Derby was combative and she had to go to the hospital to quiet him. Good luck to both of you.



Sent by email

When a good cop leaves the “Job” and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased, and yet others who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he knows what they are leaving behind, because we already know. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the law enforcement life there is a fellowship, which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every stop and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.



These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see, or choose to ignore, and always will look at the rest of the law enforcement world with a respect for what they do, only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life, you are only escaping the “job” and merely being allowed to leave “active” duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God.” And you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known. Remember Civilian friendship is for a while but police is for life.

Retiree

Because his father was a U. S. Marine stationed in California, David YOUNG was born in May of 1958 in Santa Ana, California. When two months old, his father was discharged and brought his family to North Dade. David attended Scott Lake and Visitation Elementary Schools, then Chamanad High School where he played football in his freshman year, then tennis. After graduation he attended Miami-Dade Junior College, but left before getting his AA. David worked as an electrician for four years, and then applied for the department. His class at the academy included Don FREEMAN among others. His FTO’s were Chuck HAYES and David TRACEY. He was assigned to Patrol, then K-9 for 13 years. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1994, remaining in K-9. In 1996 he was transferred to SIU where he remained until his retirement.



In 1991 he married Patricia, who he met while working the Convention Hall. They have two boys and a girl. David hopes to be hired by Chuck PRESS at Key BISCAYNE. Eventually he plans to retire to Colorado where he is building a house.

His address is 12100 SW 105 Terr, Miami, Fl 33186

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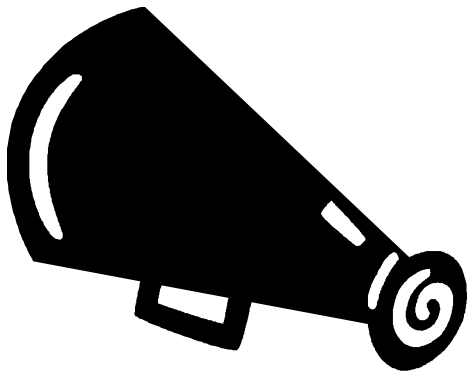
Happy Birthday

A bunch - James BOOTH, Charles GARABEDIAN, Bob GILBERT, Lawrence HANKOFF, Don HALSEY, Joe MATTHEWS, Jim MAHLE, Jose MARTINEZ, Art NELSON, Wally NEUMANN, Earl OSTREICHER, Danny REID, Tony SABATINO, Jim SCARBERRY Judi SHERRY, Michael SONBERG, Steve SULICH, Lou REILLY, Charlie REED, (I taught him everything he knows), Danny REID, Steve ROBBINS. And Robert WILSON

Did I miss you? Let me know.

Retiree profile

Donald McGAVERN was born in September of 1951 and raised in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. In high school he played on teams in track, cross country and 50 yard dash swimming. After graduation he enrolled and graduated from the University of Miami majoring in science education. He was hired as a teacher spending three years at South Miami High, then two and half years at South Dade. While teaching, he also coached in sports. In December of 1979 he applied to every police department that was recruiting, and Miami Beach called first. He attended the Academy with Don FREEMAN being one of his classmates. On coming to Patrol, his FTP's were Wally NEUMANN, Chuck PRESS and Pat FRANKLIN. He was chosen by Chief Ken GLASSMAN to be the Public Information Officer, which he performed for a year. He was then assigned to SIU for six years. Then for the next 21 ½ years he was assigned to the Motor squad, even after making Sergeant. He then retired.



During his tenure he was named “Officer of the Year” twice. He describes his first as “being in the right place at the right time” when he apprehended an armed robber who had held up a Dunkin Donut store.

While working off duty at FEDCO, he met FELICIA, who became his wife and mother of their three daughters. Don is now planning to return to teaching, has already passed the State Certification test, and is actively seeking a position in teaching Chemistry and return to coaching sports.

His address is 3151 SW 173 Tr, Miramar, FL 33029, 954 450 0809, email mn61@AOL.com

Car Accident

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident, but it's a bad one. Both of their cars are totally demolished, but amazingly neither of them are hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says, “So you're a man, that's interesting. I'm a woman. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days.” The man replied, “I agree with you completely, this must be a sign from God! The woman continued, “And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished, but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune.” Then she hands the bottle to the man. The man shakes his head in agreement, opens it and takes a few very large swigs from the bottle and then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the man. The man asks, “Aren't you having any?” The woman replies, “No. I think I'll just wait for the police...”



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