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We will have a hospitality room from Friday night on
Supper Saturday night - \$30 per person
Meeting – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. in the hospitality room

Half a loaf

No one volunteered to take the full responsibility to write this letter, but Fred WOOLDRIDGE has volunteered to contact retirees and bring us up to date on what's happening with them. I hope he contacts each by phone, but he might do it by computer. If you want to email him, his address is ASKFREDANYTHING@AOL.com.

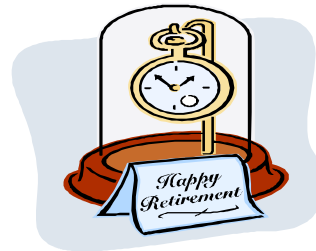
Job promotions

Effective February 16th. Lieutenants David De La ESPRIELLA, Eugene RODRIGUEZ, Felis ORTEGA, Julio YERO (both sons are now Lieutenants, proud papa). Sergeants Jeff COHEN, Robert HERNANDEZ, Vincent SAN ROMAN, Millie DOYLE. Also, last year two former Police Explorers, Steven FELDMAN and Jessie BARRENECHEA, were promoted to Sergeant.



Members

From Robert FRAME: Things in Punta Gorda are going well. We all have new homes and a new city, schools, etc. thanks to Hurricane Charlie. I am working with Charlotte County PAL and having fun. Just been elected vice-President of our Golf Club at Twin Isles Country Club. Both keep me very busy all year round. If anyone gets up this way be sure to call 941 637 9064.



Jim PRESTON writes, "My health is like any other 74 year old man, good and bad days. I eat right and drink much less but no one can defy Father time, he can be very cruel to the aging. I visit an old girlfriend in California from time to time. I dated her prior to my marriage to Jean. After Jean died I began to think about Janet who I had not seen or spoke to in fifty years. Janet lost her husband to cancer as I did with Jean. We continue to stay close and call each other often. As they say, "everybody needs somebody sometimes."

Luncheon



A luncheon will be held at the Ark Restaurant at 6255 Stirling Rd., Davie on Thursday, April 19, 2007. Cost will be \$12.00/ person.

Deaths

Yael WIESNER, 39, passed away February 28th. Born in Miami, she previously worked at the University of Miami and for the Miami Beach Police department (she failed to make regular). She is survived by her parents, not made public until the day after her funeral services.



Veronica HARFENIST widow of Edward HARFENIST, who retired in 1971. Her pension was \$460 a month making her a candidate for the extra money the organization sent for Christmas until we learned she was hospitalized and in final years.

Retirees

David ALLEN was born in Boston to a family of Law Enforcement Officers. His father was a Boston Police Officer and his Uncle a Sergeant in the City of Quincy. David attended schools in Boston, playing hockey and basketball in High School. He attended and graduated from Boston State College, now known as the University of Massachusetts with a degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters in Public Administration. He worked with the Boston School Police until Miami Beach came recruiting. He was hired in 1982 and with other Boston Officers had to attend the Police Academy with Bob FITZPATRICK representing the Beach. As a patrolman he worked Patrol, Motors and SWAT. Promoted to Sergeant in 1991, he worked Patrol, IA and SIU. Promoted to Lieutenant in 1996, he again



returned to Patrol, CID and he was in charge of the special units. He was promoted to Captain in 2001 he was in charge of the middle district. He was promoted to Major in 2003 where he was in charge of the Detective Bureau.

When he City of Surfside demoted their chief, they asked the three largest departments to recommend someone to be Acting Chief with Surfside reimbursing the City for the man's wages and benefits. Chief Don DeLucca recommended David, who worked as Interim Chief until March 1st when they hired him for the position.

Some where in this letter I remark that it's a small world. On hearing David's family lived in Quincy I asked his mother's maiden name (Kirk). My wife went to Quincy High School and in reading her yearbook, I found Beverly KIRK, who was in the same class as AmyAnn. She was David's aunt.

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Request for information on "lemon law"

Retiree Priscilla GRANDEAGE is asking for information from anyone who is familiar with Florida's Lemon Law. She is currently involved in the Florida Lemon Law process with Ford Motor Co, over transmission problems on her 2006 Ford Explorer Limited V8. Anyone who has been through the process or any suggestions they may give her, should contact her at pgrandage@myway.com or 305 588 4332. She purchased the vehicle January 1, 2006 and had total transmission failure at 950 miles, and one month old. All transmission related parts were replaced with new ones. She continued to have downshifting problems, and the computer has been recalibrated three times with no luck. The vehicle downshifts hard from second to first, then jumps back up to second when coming to a stop, causing the vehicle to lurch. She wants to buy a small travel trailer and travel around but she is afraid to put a load on the transmission with extra weight and end up getting stranded in the boonies all by herself. Please contact her if you can give her any information

Happy Birthday

Michael BAUER, Jim HARKINS, Dick IZZO, Tom HUNKER, Steve JONES, Mickey KABAKOFF, Pete MATTHEWS, Dan PINDER, Floris SAX



From Wooldridge

An urgent request for help! Retiree Lee Ann GUTIERREZ needs our help. We are sorry to hear Lee Ann has two herniated discs in her neck that need surgery. She would like to know if any of our retirees have had laser surgery on their backs or neck and if so, how it turned out. She is willing to try laser surgery, but needs more info on it and a doctor's name. Anyone having information for her should write immediately at Lagutierrez90@yahoo.com. Good luck Lee Ann and you will be in our prayers.



I'm sure everyone remembers Loretta and Nancy WEIN, two hardworking civilian workers who are regular members of our retiree's club. The WEIN sisters report they are shocked to see a guy as mean as Wooldridge helping out with the newsletter. Don't they know he's a pussycat?

The girls are off to Italy, one of many trips they have taken to that great country. They try to find tour services that don't guide them around 24/7 because all they need now is transportation and decent hotels. They like their free time to explore each town. Go, girls, go.

If and members have recently returned from a trip we would like for you to tell us about it. Write WOOLDRIDGE at askfredanything@AOL.com

Fred WOOLDRIDGE writes a weekly column for the Highlands Newspaper in Highlands, N.C. Anyone interested in reading his column can do so on line if they have Adobe Reader downloaded on their computer. Adobe Reader is a free download. He paper's web site is <http://www.highlandsinfo.com/newspaperdownload.htm>. Then double click the hyper-linked publication you wish to read. He is usually found on page four. If you do not have DSL, it will take some time to load.

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It's a small world

Derby BRENNAN'S neighbor for over 30 years just informed him he used to work with Fred WOOLDRIDGE at Florida Power and Light Co back in the fifties. I wonder if he also remembers Dick IZZO. Why that came up just 30 years later is interesting.



Derby wants to thank everyone for all the cards, greetings and emails he received after his knee surgery. He reports both operations were a success and he is out and about.

From Lois: Derby is coming along, though he constantly complains of no energy, tired all the time, his legs are aching, etc. He really must push himself to do some sort of exercise each day, now that he is finished with therapy, But he hasn't done it so far.

The future?

Coral Gables has put in their bargaining agreement with their police union, to transfer new hires into the State Pension fund. That is the third local city to do so. Miami has declared an impasse because of that item, with the Police even picketing certain city functions to show their displeasure. Pembroke Pines, which enjoys a pension as good as the Beach (thanks to Phil ROSENTHAL), has also put that item on the table.

Meet the old-timer

Gene TOREKY, aka The Phantom, was born and raised on the west side of Cleveland, Ohio, quitting school in the tenth grade. I went to work for Western Electric as an installer until I became 18 so I could enlist in the Marine Corps serving from 1952 to 1956. After boot camp, I was assigned to Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL for added training. First assignment was the 3rd Infantry division. I then was transferred to Cherry Point, N.C. to HMR 261, Mag 26 Helicopter squadron, assigned as an Intelligence Investigator. I flew many missions as Crew Chief in Helicopters, serving on five Aircraft Carriers, looking after and watching over Cuba, Honduras, Puerto Rico, Guatemala and most of the Caribbean area. A year later they built a new base for the complete MAG 26 helicopter squadron called Peterfield Point, this was next to Camp LeJuene, from there we operated anywhere in the world where we were needed.



After discharge, I returned to Cleveland and Western Electric. After ten years of seniority, I decided it was not for me, quit and moved to Miami. I worked many different jobs, such as Fleet truck mechanic, laundry deliverer, machine operator, etc. I finally got a job in Miami Beach Parks Department as a Supervisor. While working there for Dick REEVES and John PAULOS, I was named “Employee of the Year.” I met Chuck HAYES, who worked for the Recreation Department. After he left for the Police Department, he told me he liked it and I should apply. I did, passing both the Police and Fire tests. When accepted by the Police department, I attended the Dade County Police Academy, finishing 7th in the class. My first assignment was midnight shift, walking Lincoln Rd Mall, with an occasional assignment to patrol car. My first supervisor was Lt. Sandy KOHAN, who taught me a lot. The Sergeants at the time were Lou GUTTMAN and Buford WHITAKER and some I can’t remember. At that time the Chief was Rocky Pomerance. In the early days the old timers took you under their guidance and taught you how to be a policeman. We were like a family and watched over each other. We had no FTO’s and I rode with Fred WOOLDRIDGE, Elmer SUTTON, Bob



MOOREHEAD, John VAN VRANKEN, Lou YOUNGMAN, Al SABATINO and a few others. Also Buck GRISCOM used to pick me up off the Mall and teach me a lot. In those days, we worked rotating shifts and worked the front desk, dispatcher, answered phones, and jailer. For a short time under Chief Pete CORSO’s direction we even did the I.D Tech’s work doing fingerprint dusting and taking pictures of crime scenes, etc. During the years in Patrol, I worked two major Presidential conventions held on the Beach. In 1970, while in Patrol, received two “Officer of the Month” awards and was named “Officer of the Year”.

When Chief CORSO and Major Fred WOOLDRIDGE learned I had a degree in Forensic Sciences, I was transferred to the Detective bureau. It was customary for the newly assigned to work General assignment.

Later on they tried something new, “Specialization,” and I was assigned to the hotel squad under Sgt. Jim CASEY and worked with Wally NEUMANN. Remember we had to do our own fingerprint work, etc. I made Michael SOWA, one of the most active young cat burglars we ever had, on a thumbprint I lifted on the 20th floor of a very influential building on Collins Ave. For this I received a “Distinguished Service” medal along with a few other detectives on the case.

During my years, worked under several Chiefs including Rocky POMERANCE Pete CORSO, Emmitt MILLER, Lou GUASTO, Ken GLASSMAN, temp assigned Jack GORDON, and others. Lieutenants I worked for at the time, Jack TIGHE, Bert BERNSTEIN, Lou REILLY, Dick PROCYK. Also the Captains were Fred KOBELIN, then WOOLDRIDGE was promoted to Major and some others

While on the department I was married and had two children. Jason is now a Fireman EMT on the Naples Fire department and Craig is a supervisor for Cold Aire of Miami.

While a Marine, I earned my GED. While on the department I earned my Associate Degree and after retiring earned my Bachelor and Masters. I am now working on my Ph.D. in sciences.

...TOREKY continued on page FIVE

I'm sure I forgot to mention a lot of other sergeants and brass but they were all good guys, plus all the guys I worked with were great. WE WERE A FAMI LY. In 1990 I retired, moved to North Carolina and am still there.

Moved

Bob LEVY at the urging of his sons moved to Swanee, Georgia, ten miles north of Atlanta. He's working for Enterprise and is able to transfer.

Chief Richard BARRETIO moved to the Keys, his address 603 Burton Dr, Tavernier, Fl 33070. When he sets up he'll send his phone number

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...

Try to explain yourself

While driving down the road the motorist saw a roadside stand which had a fortune teller sitting under an umbrella. She was just sitting there smiling and laughing. The motorist passed on by and went a couple of miles on down the road. All of a sudden he spun his car around and sped back toward the fortune teller. As he got closer to the still laughing fortune teller he began to slow down. He pulled up next to the woman and jumped out of his car and suddenly began slapping and beating her.



A policeman passing by screeched to a stop and wrestled the man to the ground. After cuffing the man he stood him up and asked him, "What do you think you're doing?"

After a moment the man replied, ... "Well, I've always wanted to strike a happy medium."

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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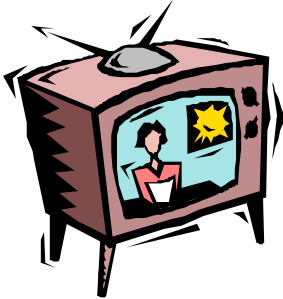


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