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April Luncheon

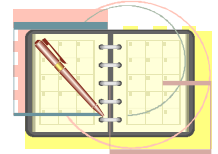
The April luncheon was a disappointment. Twenty members attended including President Joe BROWNLOW, Treasurer Charles SERAYDAR, Trustees Wally NEUMANN, Bernie WINER, Fred WALDER, and Billy O'NEIL, Jack MACKIE, Bob MOOREHEAD, Art SCHICKLER, John VAN VRANKEN, Shelly GOLDSTEIN, Bill DAVIS, Bill THRALL, James BURNETTE (who announced his wife, Lisa NEWLAND was going to retire), Frank AZCARATE, Ray DUNCAN, Pete MATTHEWS, John MILLERICK, Jason PSALTIDES and myself.



I was shocked to see Art SCHICKLER without Stanley STEINBRECHER, who was ill. Art made a motion that was seconded and passed that members in good standing for ten years, who reach the age of 80 be exempt from paying annual dues. Bernie WINER reported that John JONES had a setback for a while and was hospitalized a short time. Bernie asked that we post lunch dates two or three months prior so members can plan to ahead to attend. BROWNLOW agreed that the Board would try to implement that idea.

Dates to remember

May 10th, proposed date for a retirement party for Chief DeLUCCA, emails will follow exact date and place. The Chief announced that any funds raised for him would go toward a scholarship fund for JONE'S daughter. I wonder if the active officers will match or surpass our donations. It should be a good challenge for them. Another date, May 17/18/19, Lou Reilly's golf outing. If interested, call Lou at 305-235-7064. By the way, the lunch ended on a sour note when the ARK held us to the thirty people expected and charged us for all thirty lunches. Our last lunch at this location.



About the Miami Herald article

The Miami Herald printed an article on Chief Donald DeLUCCA's retirement saying he is leaving to become a part of the Miami-based VERASYS CONSULTING LLC, and international risk-management firm that specializes in investigations and security for the rich and famous, the just plain rich and powerful. It continues, "DeLUCCA could not be reached for this story but in a written statement, said, 'business leaders, celebrities and other high net-worth individuals are increasingly exposed to situations requiring specialized services. We'll be offering a complete security package and logistic coordination, from personal and family security to extortion and kidnap recovery, from GPS tracking and monitoring to drug counseling and intervention.'" Again, this organization owes Chief DeLUCCA for his assistance to it and our members. We wish him the best of luck in any venture he undertakes.

Apology

Last month, the fan in my computer stopped working and my motherboard burned out. Between SARAYDAR and I, we tried to get the letter out but a series of hazards arose, most being with my discs were on an old format no longer used. Then, Charlie went on vacation and I had to wait for him to return. So, the letter went out late. Also, I lost email addresses, pictures, etc. So, we are starting all over again.



Remember the Mid-State

Friday, May 4th to 6th. Embassy Suites Hotel, Buena Vista, 8100 Lake Avenue, Orlando. Hospitality Room will open Friday on. Supper Saturday night, \$30 per person. Meeting Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. For reservations, call (407) 239-1144.

Great information

In answer to last month's request for anyone having back surgery to pass information to LeAnn GUTIERREZ, Dennis GODDARD asks anyone who is contemplating back or hip surgery to contact him prior to his selecting a surgeon or having the operation. Dennis "has been through the ringer," so as to speak, and has valuable information for anyone getting ready to go under the knife. Call him at 410-820-9762 or email him at dlf@intercom.net. He continues to make and sell fishing lures.



Who says this letter doesn't bring results? Priscilla GRANDAGE asked for help on the "lemon law." Two different people called her, including Dean MIELKE who now works as a negotiator on lemon law cases. He advised her what to do, so Priscilla has a definite course of action. Which reminds me, several members have asked for a section where retirees can post items for sale or trade. I'll start next month.

From Tommy Moran

Going into year #38 in law enforcement and still having fun. For the past 11 years, I have been assigned to the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force. I retired from MBPD in 1998, was hired by the Monroe Sheriff's Office the day after I retired from the Beach. I retired from MCSO in 2004 and was hired by the Hollywood Police Department the day after.

I went through three departments and never changed desks or phone numbers. I have mainly been dealing with major trafficking and laundering groups. Just like the old days, I'm involved in wiretaps, search warrants, seizure warrants and cheese eaters. The only better assignment I've had was working with Wooldridge, Kelly and Hasley in 1970 and having them fuel my UC vehicle with urine. The biggest hit I've had since I've been here was the capture of the #2 Most Wanted International fugitive under Bin Laden in 2001, Vialimiro Montesano's Torres, "The Peruvian Spymaster." I worked with the FBI, seized over two hundred twenty million dollars from hidden bank accounts (my specialty), which Bush returned to Peru last year. The scumbag was being hidden in Caracas, Venezuela by President Chavez, who told Peru and the U.S. that he didn't know where he was. Montesano's and former Fugimori were responsible for the collapse of the Peruvian Government in the late 1990s. They bled the country dry with corruption, theft and fraud estimated at over a billion dollars. The collar of Montesanos led to the arrest of the "who's who" in Peru. It was fun.

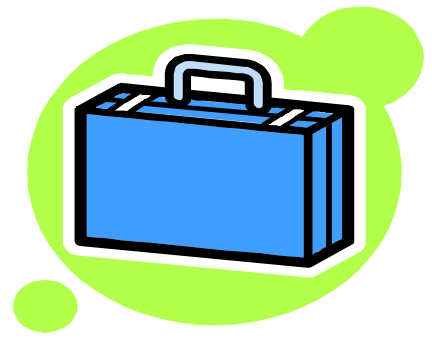
I still have my oldies musical group, "Legacy." We've been together for seven years (www.legacysings.com). We're getting good gigs now, good money, and upper crust country clubs in Broward and Palm Beach. There are ten of us. We have booking into the winter of 2008 with clauses in contracts in the event that we might be rebooked to play the harp upstairs or the flute downstairs. The group keeps me almost sane. I get to act like a 16-year-old once a week when we get together for rehearsal. Cathy and I, after 36 years, have an empty next to go along with my empty head (and pants). Tommy is 34, a police detective (fraud) with Pembroke Pines Police Department. He is married and chooses multiple cruises per year instead of kids. He follows the Anthony Pizzo guidelines to raising children, "Raise pigs instead, at least you can eat them." Danny is 31, a Ft. Lauderdale Fire Department Paramedic (#4 on the Lieutenant's List). He is married, has a 15 month-old son (our first grandchild), another boy due in September (grandchild #3). I never told him what causes this! Colleen is 28, a fifth grade school teacher. She is married to a Coast Guard Lieutenant. She is expecting our grandchild #2 (a girl, due in May). If things were better, I would feel so guilty, I would have to make a phone call and have myself whacked. Still ugly as a pan of fried assholes, your old buddy "Da Moron." (You have big shoes to fill! Jack did a great job with the newsletter. I always look forward to getting it every month).

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From Nick DiMartino

Hi everyone. My wife and I went to Italy for three weeks and, yes, we went back to our roots. We flew into Venice and were there for three days. Our room was right on the Grand Canal. Venice is beautiful and we walked all over the place because they don't allow cars on the island. We visited St. Mark's Square and almost all the churches. The food is different in Italy and is much lighter than in the States.



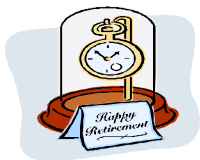
From Venice, we took a train to Florence where we spent five days. I can't express the beauty of Florence. It is the center of the Renaissance, with its many museums. The Uffizi is the biggest and has the artwork from all over Italy. Another museum is the Academia where Michelangelo's "David" is viewed by thousands of tourists daily. The statue is magnificent. Also in Florence, the Carabinieri have an academy that I wanted to visit but they don't let visitors in. At the entrance, there are two guards, both were wearing bulletproof vests and carrying uzis.

We rented a car and drove to Pisa, which I don't recommend. The only thing there is the Leaning Tower, so we drove to the beautiful city of Siena, with all its old buildings. In Italy, they don't tear down buildings but keep them and use them for whatever they need. Siena was special to me because in 1340, one of my ancestors painted a mural in one of the churches there. I was looking for a small painting, but when I found it, it was the whole wall. Siena is also where they have the famous horse race where the riders carry large flags of the old families who live there.

Driving is very challenging as there are no rules. If you find a spot, you go for it. There are no lanes per se, and it is total mayhem. It was a ball driving and it reminded me of some of the chases we had on the Beach!

From Florence, we went to Rome. What can I say about Rome but that it is magnificent. We were there for a week, walked the Seven Hills and naturally we hit all the high spots – the Vatican, the Coliseum, the Trivia Fountain and the Roman Forum. From Rome, we went to Sorrento. We took a trip to Pompeii and then by Ferry, the Isle of Capri. I wanted to drive the Amalfi coast but it was raining. On a good day, it is a challenge, so we let the bus driver do it.

While in Sorrento, we called my relatives in Naples and they drove over and picked us up, drove back to Naples to meet the rest of the family. It was just great to finally meet the family that we had been writing to while my aunt was living with us. We plan to return in about two years. In the meantime, we are learning Italian. My wife is beginning and I'm going on to advanced. I learned a little Italian before we left so that we could communicate while we were there. In the big cities, they speak English, but when you get into the countryside, you need to speak Italian. Well, we hope you enjoyed our adventure.



Death

On Monday the 16th, Bob RUFF, 77 years old died. Bob served from 1954 to 1980. His wife Nathalie is going by his wishes that no obit be published or any service held. She asks that all say a prayer for him.

THANKS!

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Happy Birthday

George ASTEL, Francis CONWELL, Forrest CUMMINGS, Martin DRUCKER, Lou GUASTO, Phil KROMSKY, Art ROBINSON, DeVON STEWART, Rick TRADO, Jack WEBB, Konrad VON EIFF and Ike YAWN. Happy Birthday guys!



Wall of Honor

After a few years where uniform people outnumbered attending retirees, this year was well attended by retirees. We thank the Chief and Celia from pension for assisting us by mailing notices of this function.

Of the thirteen retirees being honored, six attended: Michael AUCH, Pat DEVANEY, Glenn HODGES, Eugene PETET, Pat SCHNEIDER and Lynda VESKI. There are now over 300 names on the wall.

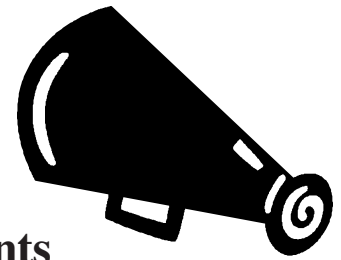
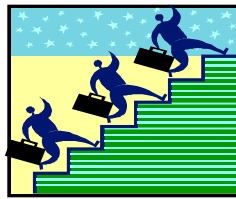
Other retirees attending were: President Joe BROWNLOW, Treasurer Charles SERAYDAR, Secretary Vinny APRILE, Trustee Bernie WINER, Past President CARL WARD, Ray DUNCAN, Shelly GOLDSTEIN, Bobby BISHOP with his cousin, Frank AZCARATE, Les LYONS, Mrs. Glenn HODGES, Chief Charles PRESS, Jimmy SMITH, Jackie MACKIE, Lenny VESKI, Michael PUTZ, Robert WILLIAMS, Jason PSLTIDESS, Mel GARVEY, David TRACEY, Jimmy MAZER, Lou REILLY, Charles METSCHER, Bill DAVIS, Don Halsey, Tommy WILSON, Pete MATTHEWS, Louis DIEPPA and myself. If you attended and I didn't name you, I apologize.

Ceremonies began with the opening prayer by FOP Chaplain Luis KING. The department's honor guard presented the colors and President BROWLOW led the pledge. Chief DeLUCCA welcomed everyone adding his name would be going up on the wall next year. OFFICER John JONES was called the podium and he presented a check for over \$5,000. His thank you speech was marked by frequent coughing to clear his throat. Then those retirees added to the wall were called to the podium and honored. The closing prayer was given by Chaplain KING who read the names of the retirees who had died in the past year. All hands then moved to the PAL building for a barbeque lunch.



Latest Promotions

Captain BAMBIS to Major Criminal Investigations
Captain SLIMAN to Major Support Services
Captain RILEY to Major Patrol Division
Lt P ACOSTA to Captain Patrol Division
Lt J HYDE to Captain Patrol Division
Lt R ELMORE to Captain Patrol Division
Lt R HUNDEVADT to Captain Support Services Division
Lt K BORNSTEIN to Captain Technical Services Division
Sgt O RABELO to Lieutenant Patrol Division
Det H BENNETT to Sergeant Patrol Division



New Assignments

Capt DORIGO CID/Property and Evidence Unit
Capt FATA Internal Affairs Unit
Capt REID Property and Evidence Unit
Capt WEISSMAN Strategic Investigations Unit

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...

John was driving when a policeman pulled him over. He rolled down his window and said to the officer, “Is there a problem, Officer?”

“No problem at all. I just observed your safe driving and am pleased to award you a \$5,000 Safe Driver Award. Congratulations. What do you think you’re going to do with the money?”

John thought for a minute and said, “Well, I guess I’ll go get that drivers’ license.”

Judi, sitting in the passenger seat said to the policeman, “Oh, don’t pay attention to him — he’s a stupidfool when he’s drunk and stoned.”

Brian from the backseat said, “I TOLD you guys we wouldn’t get far in a stolen car!!!”

At that moment, there was a knock from the trunk and Bob’s muffled voice said, “Are we over the border yet?”

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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