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Unity is strength for a better retirement

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June Luncheon

We had better attendance at this lunch compared to the lunch at the Ark. The special lunch meeting was held at the Roasted Pepper on June 14th for the sole purpose of voting on a by-law change to make members in good standing for five years and have reached the age of 80, be considered life members and not have to pay dues. Attending were President Joe BROWNLOW, Vice President Lynda VESKI, Secretary Vinny APRILE, Treasurer Charlie SERAYADAR (with wife Dorothy), Trustees Bernie WINER (with wife Rose), Billy O'NEILL, Fred WALDER. Others John MILLERICK, Carl WARD, Bill THRALL, Ray DUNCAN, Pete MATTHEWS, Ellen ROELOFS (who I tried to talk into helping with interviews), Don HASLEY, Tom WILSON, Bill DAVIS, Ed BASON, and myself.



The by-law change was approved unanimously and will go into effect January 1st. Art SCHICKLER, who proposed the by-law, did not attend. He was transporting Stanley STINBRECHER to a doctor's appointment.

Notes: Bill THRALL is preparing to travel to a family home in Maine for the summer. He proudly showed pictures of it, some taken from the air. Wally NEUMANN sold his home locally and has moved further north in the state. I'm waiting for his address both there in Florida and north.

Someone, I don't know who or where they came from, had departmental pictures of employees, civilian, uniform and detectives. These were of the type that you would take of a person arrested. Only old-timers would remember most of them. I scanned them all but only remember KRAMMERMAN, KEDRIERSKI, Art LAMKE, Jack

From the members...

From Shelly GOLDSTEIN: The Circus came to town and opened at the Convention Center. I was assigned to guard the lions and tigers before they entered the ring. My family had seats where they as well as many others could see me. Little did I know that I was about to be the center of attention, with laughs from all. There I was in my starched white uniform shirt, along side this seemingly docile lion, which seemed to almost smile at me as I turned back and faced the arena. He then calmly lifted his leg and turned loose a torrent of hot, stinking urine at an imaginary bulls-eye on the back of my shirt. As I stood there soaked, everyone including my family started to laugh. It definitely was not a part of the circus act. I will never turn my back on a lion or tiger again!

Help Wanted

I need two people once a month to help me address, seal and mail these newsletters. Usually, the last day of the month. Call 954-431-2928. Thank you!



Vinny's Breakfast

Vinny's Breakfast showed signs that it is vacation time when eleven retirees meet. Besides APRILE and myself, Lenny and Lynda VESKI, Charlie SERAYDAR, Don HALSEY, Alan SKOLNICK, Jim BURNETT, Fred WALDER, Bill THRALL, and Charles LOSEY, who worked for Mark EICHEL.

While all South Florid Police Departments are short-handed and unable to get recruits, Long Island, New York has no such problem. More than 28,000 people registered to take the Suffix County Police test. Fewer than 2% of the test takers will be hired. Starting salary on the force is \$57,811 rising to \$97,558 after five years. Compare that to New York City that starts at \$25,100 for those attending the Academy going to \$59,588 after five years.



While the new tax relief bill passed by the State Legislatures, the shortages in the Dade and Broward area might quickly disappear. Pembroke Pines which has 17 officers down supposedly is just taking them out of the budget.

I thought the idea of black and white police cars was Chief Scarberry's unique idea. Now the Beach is converting to the same colors. However, I went to Quincy, Massachusetts, only to find that department and others in the area have already converted to that color scheme. I have to believe it's a federal Homeland Security directive.

My thank you's to our most reliable assistants, both on the job and for the organization. Yetta BRODIE and Thelma JASSER have volunteered to help me with the mailings.

American Police Hall of Fame

If you watched “America’s Most Wanted” the week of May 20th, you saw parts of the ceremonies held at the American Hall of Fame in Titusville. The ceremony was held on May 15th, the day designated by Congress to be “Police Memorial Day.” It honored 134 nationwide law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in the past year. Among those who attended were 190 family survivors of those whose name appears on the wall of honor. Similar to the Vietnam wall of honor in Washington, D.C., the wall of honor has the names of all law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. As in Washington, people with paper and pencil, cover and copy the names. Lew YOUNGMAN who attended this ceremony, did just that copying the names of Scott RAKOW and Don KRAMER. Through Celia at the pension office, those copies will be offered to their next of kin. Lou also reports that the story of Thor, Jim GRIMSTEAD’s dog is also displayed.



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For those who do not know the story of Thor, we had been getting home burglaries on the waterfront homes in the north end. A call came from a home in the northeast side of Allison Island on a burglary. GRIMSTEAD and his K-9 Thor responded. Unknown was the fact that this was the suspect’s second burglary and that from the first one, he had got a 45 caliber pistol. As GRIMSTEAD and THOR started to the rear of the home, the suspect loomed in front of them. The suspect aimed at GRIMSTEAD but THOR attacked him. The suspect lowered the gun and shot THOR and then raised the gun to shoot GRIMSTEAD. However, the stolen gun had only one round in it and GRIMSTEAD shot him dead. THOR, mortally wounded and bleeding, staggered back to the patrol car and died.

Retirees...

With APRILE having trouble with his house and my different vacations, we have gotten behind in contacting new retirees. If you have retired lately and we haven’t contact you, please contact us with your phone number. APRILE 954 741 4241 and myself 954 431 2928.

Romilio PEREZ was born in October 1971 in Miami. He had many jobs prior to becoming a Miami Beach Police Officer with his last job before being hired, was a restaurant manager. He became a Police Officer because it was the best paying job without a college education. Romilio was hired on November 27, 1995 with his training advisors at the Academy being Sergeant Paul LUPIEN and Officer Howard ZEIRMAN. Leo GONZALEZ, Greg STRONG, and Jim HARLEY were his FTO’s. He worked patrol and bikes until he retired on a disability in December 2006.



Romilio was injured while attempting to subdue a subject who was beating his girlfriend along with Officers Jose HART and Glenn TEBOW. During the scuffle, Romilio felt something snap. He reported it to Sgt. GODFREY, who advised him to go to Mt. Sinai to be checked out. At Mt. Sinai, he was told he would need to have hernia surgery immediately. When he went back to the street, approximately a month later he still suffered pain. Two months later, unable to stand the pain, he went for a second opinion where the doctor stated that scar tissue had formed around the mesh, causing nerve damage, Romilio had never block CAT scans with no luck. Finally in 2005, Romilio found a surgeon willing to do exploratory surgery. When the doctor went in, he found scar tissue around his intestine and also cut nerves that had trapped his testicles cord. Approximately three

or four months later, the pain worsened and Romilio went to the Hernia Institute, who recommended the mesh be removed. In September 2005, Romilio had surgery, unfortunately due to scar tissue growing around his testicles cord, his right testicle had to be removed. Romilio continues to have major pain due to the nerve damage.

Romilio and his wife, Christina, have two children, Natalie who is five and Jennifer, three. He currently has no plans other than to watch every episode of Seinfeld. His address is 105 Aries Place, NW, Lake Placid, Florida 33852, Phone 863 465 3111, email RPK5132embarqmail.com.

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Paul MARCUS, was born in August 1956 at Jackson's Memorial Hospital. He attended and graduated from Miami Edison where he played one year of junior varsity football and learned he wasn't heavy enough for football. He attended Miami Dade getting his Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. He then went to work at Winn Dixie where others (PETITE and JF TIGHE) worked before becoming Beach Officers. He became an auxiliary officer for the Beach, volunteering up to 40 hours a month. He worked the complaint desk at Miami Shores for a year and a half, then was hired full time by the Beach. He had no individual FTO's but about four different officers tutored him. He worked uniform division patrol working the afternoon shift, then put a year and a half on motors. He then was assigned to the Detective Bureau, was named "Detective of the Month" two or three times. Promoted to Sergeant in 2001, he remained in the Detective Bureau until his retirement. After retiring, he took a week's cruise and now has applied to FDLE, who currently are doing his background.

Paul is married for 19 years to Julie, who he met while on and off duty job at the Edison Hotel. Right now, Paul mostly rides his motorcycle. Once with Julie and a half dozen other bikers, drove from Seattle to San Diego, shipping their bikes to Seattle and from San Diego. Only thing Paul did not like was driving 80 miles per hour through some beautiful countryside he would have liked to visit. And, for old-timers, Paul is not related to Stan MARCUS. Paul's address is 608 SW 168th Lane, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33027, phone 954 435 9045.

Meet the Old Timer

Lew YOUNGMAN, 73 years old, was born in Brooklyn but after only one year in school, his family moved to Miami Beach where he attended South Beach Elementary. His father owned a gas station at 6th Street and Washington Avenue. However, during World War II, the Beach was filled with military people and there was gas rationing, so the business failed. The family returned to Brooklyn and Lew attended high school there and joined the Coast Guard Reserve. When the Korean War broke out, he was called to active duty serving from 1952 to 1952. His assignment, the Manitou, a ship stationed at Pier 9 in New York. After he attended and graduated from New York University. In 1957, he returned to Miami Beach, applied for the Police Department and was hired. He walked 41st Street and Lincoln Road, then was transferred to the accident car. The department sent him to the University of Miami for Traffic Homicide Investigations and to Breathalyzer school. However, when the department learned he had a Captain's license, he was transferred to POLICE BOAT working with Lou SUGAR. One day in an accident, Lew's knee was caught between the boat and the dock. Operated on at St. Francis Hospital, the knee never healed properly and he was retired ISC in 1972. Except for one assignment, Lew loved the job and those he worked with, the job he hated, assigned by Chief FOX checking the different nightclubs on the Beach. What sounds like a good job was ruined by the working hours, 10pm-6am, making home life difficult.

While on the job, he was honored once as "Officer of the Month," and was once cited for the "Medal of Valor." That was given when Jim BLITCH had stopped a woman driver and was issuing her a ticket when a gas explosion on Lincoln Road blew out the windows. BLITCH was struck by a part of the glass and his face was cut to the bone, while the woman had a large piece of glass in her thigh. Lew put both in his police car, making certain BLITCH's head was down so the blood that was flowing would not go down his throat. Lew radioed ahead to Mt. Sinai that they needed blood right away and needed a surgeon. Both were on hand when Lew arrived with the two injured parties. Doctors later told Lew, if he had not had BLITCH's head down, he would have choked on this own blood.

Lew moved to Cocoa Beach after visiting Tony SABATINO, found he liked the area and purchased a condo. He worked part-time (three days a week) for a "Land and Sea" outfit as a salesman calling on the Marine stores and marinas. He was the main reason the organization had the mid-state meeting at Cocoa when he went to every hot and motel to get the best for the organization.

I keep copies of these letters and as I add one, I tear the back one out. This time it was from 2003 after our first mid-state at Cocoa Beach that YOUNGMAN made the arrangements. Thirty retirees attended, it was the first time I meet ARWOOD, who I praised because he signed up for the gambling ship because we needed one more for our guarantee, then sat and read a book for the full voyage. When I talked with Lew, he had just returned from a two-week vacation in Israel where he visited all the holy shrines. He also met and had his picture taken with Governor CRIST who happened to be visiting one shrine when Lew's party was there.

In Memoriam

Beneficiary Ruth M. CAULDER (widow of Police Officer Bill H. CAULDER) passed away on May 12, 2007.

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