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September lunch

The September lunch was held at the Roasted Pepper in Pembroke Pines. Attending President Joe BROWNLOW, Vice President Lynda VESKI, Secretary Vinny APRILE, Treasurer Charles SERAYDAR, trustees Fred WALDER, Bernie WINER, FOP President Robert JENKINS, Jim BURNETTE and Lisa NEWLAND, Past President Carl WARD, Bob MOOREHEAD, Art SCHICKLER, Stanley STEINBRECHER, Frank AZCARATE, Don HASLEY, John VAN VRAKEN, Ellen ROELOFS, myself and two new attendees, Mike GRANT and Pearl HERNANDEZ (now known as Mrs. Bill REILLY).



Notes: Since the Luncheon was held the day after the Metro-Dade Officer was killed, shootings involving the retirees was a principal part of the conversation. Except ours was about the number of times we ended up missing. Best story involved our one and only Benny Hyman. He pulled over next to the sidewalk and without exiting the car, called a man to the car. The man obeyed, but when questioned by Benny, suddenly pulled a pistol and started shooting at Benny. Benny continued to sit in the car, somehow pulled his pistol and returned fire. Both emptied their weapons, WITHOUT HITTING ONE ANOTHER.

Again in talking about the murder of the Miami-Dade Officer, 30 Beach officers were sent to Miami to assist in the search for his killer. I take it for granted that everyone knows he was found in Pembroke Pines, and shot 17 times when he refused to lay down his weapon.

From the members...

Larrie BLASBERG must have gotten a copy of our last letter from WOOLDRIDGE, he writes, I really got a kick out of the news letter and hearing about all the old timers. I remember some good times with at least fifty percent of those mentioned. I was sorry to hear about Murray JEARRET, I have a wooden plaque hanging in my game room that he made for my wife. I would like to get in touch with Dave RICHARDS. Mickey BRANNON and DAVE gave us an escort on April 27th 1955 our wedding night to a motel in what is now Sunny Isle. In those days my wife wasn't in a rush to get there, she was hoping for lots of red lights and delays. My address is 6411 Allison Rd, Miami Beach, Fl 33141. E mail Lamir@bellsouth.net.

Interested in a part-time job?

University of Miami is recruiting for part time Officers. Starting salary is \$25 an hour, with a free meal plan. Applicants must have FDLE certification and must pass a thorough background investigation. Applicants must pick up an application package in person at UM Police, Ponce Parking garage, 5665 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Monday thru Friday, 9 30AM to 5 30PM

Mark your calendars now

December's Holiday dinner will be held on Sunday night, the 9th, 6PM for cocktails, 7 PM for dinner, at Hollybrook (usual local) menu and price will be the same as last year. More information will be on a flyer next month.

P.A.L. President Bernie Winer announced PAL will again sponsor the Thanksgiving Dinner give away. This is the 30th year for this act of kindness by the PAL. Our organization's usual donation will be set at the October Board Meeting.

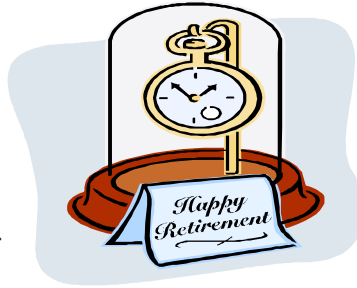
Vice President Lynda VESKI notified the membership that the FOP will be picketing all voting precincts on the Beach on Election Day November 6th. They need retirees to join with regular officers in do the picketing. Bob JENKINS told the meeting that the FOP will provide shirts for those assisting. To volunteer for certain hours, contact JENKINS at the FOP office 305 534 2775

President JENKINS announced that the yearly FOP awards dinner would be held at the Rod and Reel Club on January 25th. Those who attended last year say it's a good affair. Priority will be given to those who assist with the picketing.

After getting e-mails from Robert WILLIAMS, I asked him what he was doing besides sending the jokes, etc. He answered, "As little as possible, just trying to enjoy life and get by. Also waiting to hit the Lottery so he could really live it up.

Retirees

Mark HALLMAN, son of Sgt Henry HALLMAN, was born in Mt Sinai in January of 1962. He attended and graduated from Miami Beach High where he played both varsity football and tennis. While in High School he also worked part time in the City's recreation department. After graduation he attended Miami Dade, but left before graduation when at the age of eighteen, he was hired by Chief Buford WHITAKER in North Miami Beach. He attended the Broward Police Academy as was the custom for North Miami Beach and after serving a year, applied and was hired by Miami Beach With Ken Miller and Don Freeman as FTO's. He worked patrol, mostly days for five years, and then went up on motors under Sgt Joe BROWNLOW. Again after five years he was assigned to the Detective bureau, first working Auto Theft under Chris DEE, then burglary under Pete MATTHEWS, and remained in Detective Bureau until his retirement. During his tenure, he earned "Officer of the Month" about ten times. The most important case involved the arrest of the "Spiderman," a burglar who scalded high-rise buildings to commit burglaries. Unable to trace the stolen jewelry, Mark used the stolen credit cards to identify, locate and arrest "Spiderman".



Mark has been married for 14 years to Star, who he met while a motor man and assigned as a school crossing guard. They have two girls, 11 and 14. Currently they live at 14115 Aster Ave, Wellington, FL 334114, phone 561 753 0360. At the end of this school year they will be moving to Franklin, 561 753 0360.

Elizabeth NEULAND was born in September 1965 in Troy, New York. Her father was in the Air Force so the family moved every year. When the father retired from the Air Force as a Major, they settled in Miami Beach and she attended and graduated from Beach High in 1973. While her father was in the Air Force, he was the equivalent of Police Chief, and Lisa chose a career in Law Enforcement. While in High School she was "Police Chief for a day" shadowing Chief Pomerance. After graduation she attended Miami Dade Community College and graduated with An Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. She worked security for JC Penny for seven years. When the political conventions came to the Beach in 1972, she was a "Yippie" living in Flamingo Park and demonstrating against the war. While in the park she met another "Yippie" who happened to be Danny CLEMONS working undercover. They dated and married, divorcing after seven years. At 25 years of age, she applied and was hired by the Beach. She attended the Academy with newly promoted Sergeant John F TIGHE as class advisor. She worked patrol for ten years, and then was transferred to Detective Bureau, working Auto Theft, under Lenny ALAMO. She then worked Career Criminals, before going to Confiscations, then worked three years on Accreditations. Promoted to Sergeant in 2000, she worked midnight patrol for three years. In 2003 she was transferred to Off Duty Offices until her retirement in May of this year. In 1984 she married fellow officer Jim BURNETTE. They have three children, a daughter, Monique from Jim's first marriage has given them two grand children, Haley, and J.P, who is named after his grandfather, James PRESTON. Daughter Ashley is in her third year of College, attending Florida Gulf Coast University at Ft. Meyers. Son Philip hopes to be hired by the Beach after he completes the nighttime Academy starting in January. Lisa was awarded the Department's Outstanding Achievement award for her work on helping officers after Hurricane Andrew. She also devoted many years to the Children's Relief Fund. Jim and Lisa now plan to do many trips in their motor home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October, the most birthdays in one month. Gene ADDIS, Joe BALSER, Andy CAPUTO, Dick CARACAUS, Mario CAPPELLETTI, John CLEMENTS, Norvel DUNCAN, Robert FRAME, Tom GODBOLD, Shelly GOLDSTEIN, Mike GRANT, Don GRONBERG, LeeAnn GUTIERREZ, Fred HOLTZMAN, John MOORE, Tony PIZZO, Dick PROCYK, Romilo PEREZ, John UIROS, Ellen ROELOFS, Tony SAMMARCO, Andy SOTO, Frank TOOTLE, Tom WILSON, and Ed YOUNG

Meeting summary

President Joe BROWNLOW called the meeting to order. Secretary's reading of last minutes was waived by motion. Treasurer's report shows last month income of \$396.94 and expenditures of \$183.83 for mailing of the monthly letter.

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Newest police chief sworn in

After serving as acting police chief for the past five months, Carlos NORIEGA became Miami Beach's newest police chief Wednesday September 5th, in a short ceremony filled with cheers and applause.

The Miami Beach City Commission unanimously ratified City Manager Jorge GONZALEZ' recommendation to make NORIEGA, the city's police chief.

"I feel blessed in my professional and personal life, I work with the best group of professionals," NORIEGA told a standing room only crowd. Before becoming acting police chief, NORIEGA was the city's assistant police chief. He oversaw the police budget, hiring, accreditation, training, information resources and technology. Unlike Miami Police Chief John Timoney, who is battling with his city's police union, NORIEGA enjoys the full support of the Miami Beach Fraternal Order of Police. "There are other departments that are giving votes of no confidence, but we have confidence in our new chief," said Bobby JENKINS, President of the Miami Beach Fraternal Order of Police.



Moving

Ernie and Shaye PRATHER are joining many Floridians leaving the state because, "It's not like it used to be, or it's too crowded". Also they have friends who bought there. According to Shaye it's gorgeous, not too far from Florida and still cheap by Florida standards. They have bought 91 acres with lots of hills and woods and plenty of deer for Ernie to hunt. Their new address 3058 Country Rd 201 Troy, Ala 36079, phone is 334 897 0740, Troy is a University town, whose football team was just smeared by Florida.

Buck GRISCOM writes: Tip of the hat to Iva and Dave GABOR, ID Supervisor McDONALD, Major Lou REILLY.

In the early, or mid-1960's, on my first day back as a patrolman (I had given up my first set of stripes) at 5th street and Meridian Ave, a large, husky, out of state wanted felon and I had gone to "Knuckle City" on the sidewalk. This Bad Guy was way ahead on points and heavy punches, as the sidewalk score was 30-love in his favor. What the heck, he was fighting hard to retain his illegal freedom. So he had more motivation, adrenalin and hit harder punches than I.

Sidewalk spectators and passing drivers knew I was about to go down for a ten count, a TKO, or just plain K.O.ed, when a Central Taxi driver screeched to a halt and Mister Dave ("Heavy hitter" I should say Clean-up hitter) Gabor (RIP) rescued me from certain defeat. Dave's wife Eva GABOR (Who made the budget for MBPD in Services Division) wisely stayed in their car. In passing years, every time I saw Dave, I always repeated my "Thank you's. So once again "Thank you Dave and Iva".

Another "Thank you" goes to I.D. Supervisor McDONALD for a 1960,s incident. Heading home at 11 30 PM, (in my private car) from walking West Lincoln Rd, a fellow passed me at a very high rate of speed. My 1941 Pontiac "Straight Six" redlined herself as we watched as he crashed/splintered through the down toll gate at Venetian Causeway. Another sidewalk battle ensued (outcome in doubt) until the timely arrival of Sgt McDONALD. This ex-con had done a Beach purse snatch, with injuries to a little old lady.

Two great guys. Both were always "Gentlemen" and Iva was always on the Ten Best-dressed list. Once again thanks to both of you. Best wishes in life to all. Buck and Fran GRISCOM

Lou REILLY gets a tip of the hat. Twenty years have passed since Dave GABOR passed on. In the last years of his life, Dave knew he was being stalked by "the Pale Rider". Rather than stay at home by himself, Dave would spend time in Services Division where his bride for life Iva worked. Major Lou REILLY (in charge of Services) gave Dave tasks to do in the office. REILLY's "Act of Kindness" did a lot for both Dave and Iva. Just another written page that demonstrates "What a Great Bunch" of Guys and Girls we had the pleasure to work with.

Health update

Four years ago, Joe WEBER had heart valves replaced and developed a staph infection. According to his wife, he is in good health now. Bobby BISHOP was released from the hospital after his motorcycle accident. Thank God we know he's doing well as he attends the luncheons. Dick CARACAUS had a pacemaker installed Michael SOMBERG, Mark FIDLER and Tom SKINNER retired. Lunch at 4,000 feet had fifteen retirees attending.

Paul MARCUS applied to FDLE and in pre-employment tests, it was learned that he had a Thyroid problem. He had a successful operation and now will be hired by that agency. I hope I have his email address correct, it is Pmarc466@AOL.com.

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