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### Vinnie's breakfast...

Getting bigger! Attending were Vinnie, Lisa and Jim BURNETTE, Ellen ROELOFFS, Charlie SERAYDAR, Artie GANTZ and Pat FRANKLIN, Lenny and Lynda VESKI, Pat QUINLAN, Bill THRALL, Fred WALDER, Oldy and Joan DONNELLY OCHOA, myself and Tom COLUMBANO (retired MBFD and MBPD reserve).



We learned that Joe MATTHEWS' two sons are police Officers, but with two separate departments. Always runs in the family. Also learned I made a mistake when I said the FOP was picketing on Election Day. What they are doing is backing candidates for City Council they believe will continue to back our requests and at least not take away perks earned.

I was surprised to learn that COLUMBANO, a Beach fireman, didn't know the name ROSENTHAL. For benefit of all the new retirees, our pension is the work of three people, George GREEN, Detective and Firemen Phil ROSENTHAL and Bob SINGER. In the early days, GREEN went to Tallahassee with a few cases of booze and had state laws enacted setting up our pension system (he also had a bill passed that made him and Joe CAPUTO Regular Officers for the City of Miami Beach). However it dictated the funds could only be put into Federal Government bonds, which returned only 2%. ROSENTHAL and SINGER led the fight to have that changed so the fund could invest in the stock market. That move enabled the pension to accumulate enough to give us the added benefits we enjoy.

### Update

Scotty and Karen FORSYTHE send greetings from Athens. We had a great day today touring Athens, the Acropolis and all the ruins. It is amazing that all this is from the years BC, it is truly unbelievable. Athens is a dirty over populated city of just 10 million with streets that aren't wide enough for a single car. Lots of garbage around, and not at all the beautiful City you see in the photos. Corfu was a lovely little island, and we are looking forward to tomorrow in Mikinos, the island of windmills and 365 churches. We still have four other islands, Turkey and Naples.

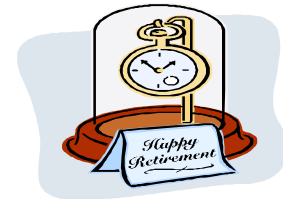
So far the weather has been great. Some days only a sweater, and today, no sleeves, it was very nice. Not sure what the rest of the weather is supposed to be like, but who cares! The food and the entertainment are good, and we have been busy with that when we are on the ship, boarding about 4PM, then just relaxing and enjoying. We hit the casino a few nights. So far I (Karen) am ahead \$400 on the poker slots, a royal flush, but only had bet \$1. Oh well, I am still ahead, so that is a good thing, but we still have seven days, Scott's not telling his wins/losses??? Hope all is well with you and yours.

### Miami Beach Police Retirees Annual Hollybrook Dinner

Sunday, December 9, 2007  
Happy hour w/hors d'oeuvres, 6pm  
Dinner, 7pm  
Entrée choices: prime rib of beef  
Broiled salmon  
Rack of lamb  
Stuffed roast chicken  
If you desire to sit with someone, add their name to your reservation.  
Tables of eight can be reserved.  
Choice of entrée must be made at time of reservation.  
Price: \$25 per person.  
For reservations contact Charlie Seraydar, 5701 SW 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330 or seraydar@bellsouth.net.

### Young's retirement party

I was unable to get anyone to take attendance, but asked Ed YOUNG who attended. He replied James and Lisa BURNETTE, Ernie and Shaye PRATHER, Dan and Amy PINDER, Chuck PRESS, Buddy PETTIT and Judy SHERRY. He added new guys and girls who have retired lately he did not know. I had questioned him on rumors I heard he was on crutches and having a hard time. He corrected that story, he had a total knee replacement, was on a walker and cane for a while but every thing in fine now.



## From the members...

Cathy TIGHE has volunteered to assist her aging father-in-law in doing the bios on retirees. I ask all to give her the same courtesy given me when I call.

Richie PELOSI recently retired on a medical disability, with the same heart condition as Vinnie MULSHSINE. Vinnie is doing great, so we expect nothing less for Richie. Richie was born Dec 13th 1955 in Lawrence, Mass. He attended East Boston High, where he played hockey. When asked if he received any honors in high school, he answered he was lucky he graduated. Richie also played hockey in college at UMass. He finished his college degree down here at Barry University with a Bachelor's in Professional Studies, a familiar degree to several of MBPD's finest, including my husband.

While still in Boston, Richie worked for the Amtrak Police for three years. Then, as he says thanks to layoffs up there and the Mariel boatlift down here, he, along with the rest of our Boston crew were recruited to join the MBPD. He was in BLE 81 and Asst Chief Ray MARTINEZ was one of his T.A.s. His FTO's were Sandy KUSBIT San BEHAR and Phil KROMSKY. While a patrol officer, he worked all three shifts, was on Motors and SWAT. A few of the memorable people he worked with are Tony Pizzo, Dave ALLEN and George LERRA. As a Sergeant he worked in Patrol and CID, and when promoted to Lieutenant worked the same areas. Once promoted to Captain, he worked in PCSU, then Patrol and his last assignment was in Services. In 1984 he was "Officer of the Month" for arresting the "Hole in the Wall" burglars. He also was part of the Task Force that arrested the subject who smashed Office Eric DOMINQUEZ in the face with a bottle. That arrest got him "Co-Officer of the Month" in 2000.

Now that Richie's retired, he is Mr. Mom. He and Nancy have been married for 21 years (Nancy, an attorney, obviously has a great sense of humor). They have three sons, all of whom are taller than him. Nicholas is 19 and attends UCF, Christopher 17 and Alex, 16 are in High school. Richie says retirement has done wonders for his health, just like Vinnie told him.

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## Happy Birthday

Jon ANDERSON, Rich BARRETTO, Gary BERGERT, Jack BERGQUIST, Bert BERNSTEIN, Al BOZA, Nanette CARMODY, Mark FIDLER, Jack GORDON, Chuck HAYES, Curtis HODGES, John Krolak, Dale LASSITER, Tony MARTEN, Jimmy MAZER, Emmit MILLER, William MURRAY, Robert NEIDER, Buddy PETTIT, Jimmy PRESTON, Tom RATNER, Joe ROUSSELL, Jimmy SMITH, Fred WALDER, William WEBB, and Lou YOUNGMAN.



## Chief James SCARBERRY resigns

After 35 years in law enforcement, Chief James SCARBERRY notified the City Manager of Hollywood, he was retiring after November 2<sup>nd</sup>. He added his retirement had nothing to do with the FBI investigation that exposed corruption within the department he has lead for the last eight years. "This is me retiring, not the FBI." SCARBERRY said during a press conference. "I think I earned it", adding he simply wanted more time with his wife and on the golf course. He waited until the end of the budget hearings and police union negotiations to submit his retirement

In comments within the local papers from Hollywood Officers, it is evident he was well liked within the department. "We were shocked to hear him say he was leaving. He has been one of the best Chiefs we've had and we're sorry to see him go, one officer said. A Union representative "When he took over this department it was in bad shape and he cleared it up. He made the department what it is today". "He will be really missed" Mayor Mara GIULIANTI said praising his easy accessibility to residents. COMMENTS: Many will believe that Jimmy was forced out, but other Beach retirees told me months ago Jimmy had told them he was tired of the job.

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# On the road...

by Jerry MILLICAN

Julie and I decided this year to begin revisiting the National Battlefield Cemeteries and other historical homes and sites after many years of taking a hiatus from this type of vacation. We determined a short trip to the east Tennessee area would be a good trial run to see if we still enjoyed this activity with all the changes and growth we knew had happened over the years.



This was a good area choice since I knew several other retirees had moved to East Tennessee, and we were hoping to be able to get together with them. I called Gerry MACKKEY, and he graciously arranged for lunch at his home in Monterey, TN and invited us to join Marty DRUCKER, Sunday GARCIA, Pete MARTINEZ and David McLaren on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>. We drove to Tennessee staying the first night in Cleveland, and the next morning started north taking the back roads. I recommend this method if you're not in a hurry and want to see the area you're traveling through. We arrived in Monterey early since I had forgotten about the time change, but Gerry told us to come on over. He lives in a rural, forested but easy to find location and he has chosen an impressive site for his home. There is a rock cliff fronting his home that becomes a waterfall during the rainy season. The home itself is also impressive, Julie recognized it immediately as a Gardner design. Gerry pointed out a couple of places where he "woulda, coulda, shoulda" made changes during building, but it looked perfect me. I believe only a homeowner who has overseen the construction of his own home can imagine a flaw or see imperfection that is totally imperceptible to anyone else.

David had other commitments that day, but Marty, Sunday, Pete, and a couple of school system retirees from Florida arrived, and we spent a great afternoon with them catching up. The trip would have been a success if that were the only thing we did while on it. Marty seems to be the only one interested in working even part time. He's umpiring softball games, and considering a part time position at the new recreation center being built in Cookville. Sunday and Pete spend time working on projects around their homes. Gerry has written one novel, and is currently working on the second in the series. I recommend it as a good read, especially to Beach retirees, as he blends in locations we were all too familiar with.

Marty was given a break from carrying out the food trays as all the others insisted on doing it even though Marty was rumored to have a unique ability for navigating through the dogs and doorways to get the food out for immediate consumption. You'll have to visit them to hear that story. We eventually had to leave and continued on to the Stone's River and Franklin, Tennessee battlefields and some other historic homes and sites. Those sites really give you an appreciation for what we have today. May write more on that later.

Julie and I had a great time that afternoon with the TN group and received some good advice on other places to visit. One of them was the Jack Daniels's Distillery in Lynchburg. We did go and the tour was entertaining and informative. You'll be able to tell I've finally won the lottery if you get a bottle of Jack Daniel's delivered to you when I join that select group that purchase their very own barrel for about \$8 to \$10 thousand dollars. In the meantime, if you're ever in the Franklin, NC area, stop by and we'll sit on the porch and have some sweet tea. If you've a mind, I'll even open the bottle of Old No 7 signed by the Master brewer we purchased at the distillery.

## Member profile...

Retiree Chris Dee was born in December of 1958 on Miami Beach. He attended Beach High and after graduating, attended and graduated from the University of Florida with a Masters in Criminal Justice. While attending school, he was hired by the Gainesville Police Department, attending their Academy. He suffered from homesickness, and in September 1981 was literally transferred to Miami Beach. His FTO was Mark BRUER (who he says will attend the December dinner with him). He worked Patrol for about 10 years, working K-9, horses with Shirley FAGAN and Marine Patrol with Will

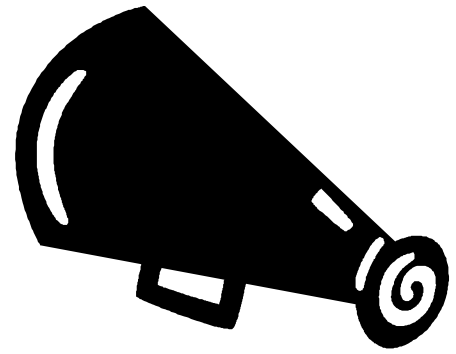
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## Missed it...

I never knew Joel GREY was from Miami Beach until GANTZ sent me an email showing his first appearance on television. If you like to see it You Tube Eddie Cantor & Joel Grey's 1<sup>st</sup>



McDONALD, and John SALLIE under Sgt Chuck PRESS. In his time on the department he was named "Officer of the Month" numerous times, but has already rid himself of all papers relating to the Beach department. He was transferred to the Detective Bureau, working General Investigations then Violent Crimes. He was transferred to TSAR (robbery suppression for five years under Tom HUNKE. Promoted to Sergeant, he returned to the midnight patrol for a year, then was transferred to the Detective Bureau, Auto Theft under Chuck PRESS. He returned for a year to Midnight Patrol, was promoted to Lieutenant, then transferred to RDA (redevelopment area). He then served until retirement in Communications. After retiring he was immediately hired as a Sergeant in Miami Gardens, joining James Harris in that department.



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## Another profile...

Retiree Lenny ALAMO was born in Tampa in 1958. When his family moved to Miami Beach, he attended Ida Fisher Jr. High and graduated from Beach Senior High. At 17, he worked with Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation Department as a clerk. At 18, he became a Correctional Officer, and at 19 a Corporal at the Dade County Jail. On the midnight shift for a year, he passed the long hours talking to Ted BUNDY. In January 1980, at age 20 he joined the Miami Beach Police Department and went to BLE 44. His FTO's were James ELLISON, Mickey KABAKOFF, and James CORBETT. His first three years were on the 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon, partnered with Larry HANKOFF, working for Captain Kenny GLASSMAN, Lt. Don HASLEY and Sgt Al SOLOWITZ.

He was recruited by Sgt Scotty FORSYTHE's Crime Suppression Team with Kenny MILLER, Doug BALES, Pat SCHNEIDER and later Billy ROBERTS, Dean ADLER and Sgt. Terry BAHN. He then went to work for Sgt. Jerry MILLICAN in CID, Property unit, working with Det. Linda VESKI and Det. Ernie PRATHER. He was often borrowed by Sgt 'Buck' GRISCOM to do prison road trips to translate as "Buck" pursued subjects who had hurt "little old ladies". In 1986, he was promoted to Sergeant, and assigned to the Juvenile Unit (as our Department moved to 1100 Washington Avenue), working with Sgt Mike AUCH and Det. Joe PINON for Lt. Mike MILLER. He did a short stint in the CID persons Unit, and in 1989 he was asked to start the Department's first proactive Auto crimes Unit, with Det. William THRALL and Jamie McCABE, with Lt. Allen SOLOWITZ and Major Fred WOOLDRIGE commanding CID.

In 1996, he was promoted to Lieutenant, assigned with Cathy TIGHE to start the first Community Policing Unit. Within a month, he was promoted to Captain by Chief Richard BARRETTO, and as the Department went to the District Captain Plan, he was assigned as the North District commander for three years working with Sgt Peter MATTHEWS, for Major Don DeLUCCA. He was then assigned as commander of the Internal Affairs Unit and the PSCU with Lt Andres SOTO and SIU with Lt Lou FATA, working for Major Charles PRESS. In 2005 he was promoted to Major by Chief DeLUCCA, and assigned to the Patrol Division with D.C. John "Bucky" DICENSO.

In 2005 he was assigned as the Technical Services Division Major, working with Lt Mildred "Mimi" STEIRS-PFROGNER, and Sgt Lawrence BORNSTEIN for Asst Chief Pat SCHNEIDER. In 2006, he was assigned to the



Chief's office as Executive Assistant where he worked for Asst Chief Charles NORIEGA. Major ALAMO received a Bachelors and Master's Degree from F.I.U. and taught under graduate classes for F.I.U. at the Police station helping fellow officers get degrees, from 2001-2007. Lenny's been married to Clecia for 26 years and has a 22 year old son Jason (Texas A&M Baseball Coach) and 19 year old daughter, Stephanie (U.C.F.). He is currently a Professor at F.I.U.'s main campus. He sends warm regards to all the retirees who he had the pleasure to work with. His address is 14961 Falcon Lea Dr, Davie, Fl 33331. Cell 305 519 5631. E-mail [lenalamo@hotmail.com](mailto:lenalamo@hotmail.com).



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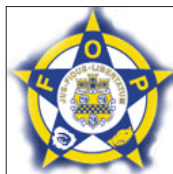
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