



Jack Is Back! Tighe's Corner



Some facts on deaths reported last month:

GEORGE KRIMINGER, 76 years old, served 1955-1985. Everyone knows George was an avid hunter; but how many knew he was a child prodigy and excelled at playing the violin?

JOHN (Jack) LYNCH, 77 years old, served from 1965 to 1984. As a patrolman was one of the first K-9 Officers. He was promoted through the ranks, reaching Lieutenant. While I worked in planning, with him and Lieutenant Lou GUASTO, they searched newspapers and other publications looking for ads for Chief's posi-

tions. I happened to read one for Chief of Pembroke Pines. I applied and was hired. After retirement, Jack was stricken with the Lou Gehrig disease, which slowly eats away at body functions, requiring him to transfer to an assisted living hospital. I visited him twice to learn his wife also was hospitalized for dementia. She died about five years ago...When I stopped by one time he bragged about an electric chair that stood him up or sat him down. He also had a van where he and his wheelchair would lift him to into the van and permitted him to drive with special gadgets. The second time he had either his daughter, or a minister from a church Jack donated to drive him

for a ride or to lunch.

John JONES, 45 years old. The ultimate example of the fraternity within Law Enforcement. On a call, John was hit in the chest and later complained of pain. On examination, inoperable cancer was found. The officers of the department agreed to donate comp time. After a while the department ruled that shorted manpower. The officers then agreed to work in his stead. At the same time retirees were asked to donate five dollars each for his daughter's education, figuring we would raise about a thousand dollars but again the fraternity raised a bit over \$4,700.

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Vinny's Breakfast



On April 2nd 2010, a breakfast was held at **Lester's Diner** in Sunrise. 18 people attended. Retirees who attended were as follows: Barry Stamp, Tom Lederman, Kelly Reid, Jason Psaltides, Kevin Graham, Pat Ryan, Alan Skolnick, Lynda Veski, Sam Gam, Jack Tighe, Billy Rosenstein, Vinny Aprile, Charlie Losey, Cathy & John Tighe, Paul(WGD) Marcus and his wife Julie. Active Officer Pat Quinlan was also there and regularly attends the breakfasts.

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- Special Jack Tighe's Corner, for your enjoyment.
- Happy Mother's Day to all the MOMS!
- Memorial Day...Remember the Troops

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I attended Vinny's breakfast and was happy to see so many new retirees who had never attended before. I also learned of many changes within the department. In discussing contracts with other cities, one item blew me away. I had said most other cities were taking away

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take home patrol cars. I THEN LEARNED THE FOP PURCHASED THOSE CARS! A very unique idea.

One of the newly attending retirees was TOMMY MORAN, who voiced

the idea of having sons and daughters of BEACH Officers to a special luncheon.

It's a small world. A grandson, who is an aide with the Plantation Police Department has been dating a girl, even giving her a friendship ring. They decided the two families should meet. A dinner was set up and I met her father, Jeff

SCHAEFER. He reminded me that he was in John's recruit class and I had sworn in him along with the others of the class!

With age I know a lot of facts, so I would like to start a quiz. Do you know who BIG GEORGE and LITTLE JOE are?

Jack Tighe decided to give Sam a break this month. Sam's Corner will resume in June.



Wall Of



Honor



Ceremony

Happy Birthday May!

George Astel

Francis "Casey" Conwell

Walter "Vinny" Campbell

Forrest Cummings

Marty Drucker

Lou Guasto

Lou Guttman

Joseph Kishick

Philip Kromsky

Arthur Robinson

Devon Stewart

Bill Thrall



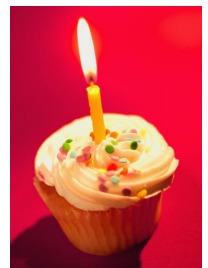
Rich Trado

Jack Webb

Konrad Von Eiff

Ike Yawn

David Young





In Memoriam



Please find below a collection of retiree (and family) death notices. The information was obtained e-mails and newspaper obituaries. Please don't hesitate to e-mail me at sam0444@yahoo.com if you would like to add something personal; we must not forget as they were all a part of our history.

MARK LEVINE

Chief E.C. "Buddy" Waters of the Winter Haven Police Department wrote: It is with sincere sadness and regret that I report the untimely passing of Chief Mark LeVine (Retired) on Sunday, April 18, 2010 after succumbing to an almost two-year, courageous battle with cancer. Chief LeVine proudly served the citizens of the City of Winter Haven, City of Lake Wales and Miami Beach since 1974 as a law enforcement officer and he will be missed by his Law Enforcement families.

When a fellow colleague is taken from us, no matter the circumstances, we feel emptiness in our hearts. There is little one can say that eases the sorrow and burdens of losing a loved one and friend. May God's love strengthen and comfort each of you who had been blessed to serve with such an outstanding officer and chief. Chief Mark LeVine will be missed.

On behalf of the members of this department, we extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the LeVine family and friends. They are in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

HARRY D. "MICKEY" BRANNON Jr.

Harry D. "Mickey" Brannon Jr. of Lauderdale Lakes, Florida was 83 years old when he passed away on April 7th, 2010. Mickey was a true Catholic Irishman, Veteran of WWII and Korea, *Policeman for the City of Miami Beach*, Actor, Realtor, Fisherman,

Tennis Pro, great cook and always loved a good joke. He is survived by his son, Dr. Michael Patrick Brannon of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The visitation was held at T.M. Ralph Plantation Funeral Home, Mass of Christian Burial at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church and interment with military honors at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery. You may view the guest book at www.MiamiHerald.com/obituaries.



MAL GARVEY

Malachi "Mal" Joseph, of Coconut Grove, Florida was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1926. He passed away on March 29th, 2010 at the age of 83. Beloved husband of fifteen years of Barbara Esposito Garvey. As *Detective Sergeant with the Miami Beach Police Department*, and later Court Liaison, Mal was commended for his professionalism and service while on duty. Some of his assignments involved working with Senator Ted Kennedy, Henry Kissinger, The Beatles, and the F.B.I. Proud of his Irish heritage, he marched in the St. Patrick's Day parades as a long time member of the Emerald Society. He also traveled to Ireland to meet family and research his genealogy.

Predeceased by his parents Malachi Joseph Garvey Sr., former Chief of the Brooklyn Fire Department, and Mary Higgins

Garvey; sisters Loretta Sherlock and Mary Hammell of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; infant daughter Allison Ann Garvey, and son Michael Ogden Garvey. He is survived by son Donald Martino (Pat) of Lake Mary, Florida and a number of grandchildren, a nephew, and many nieces.

Mal is remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and his kindness. Remembered with love by many friends and family. A Mass at St. Agnes of Key Biscayne will be announced at a later date.

MINDY RATNER (by Tom Ratner)

Mindy, my daughter, the one who was paralyzed from the neck down due to an auto accident caused by a drunk driver suddenly passed away. We know she suffered for many years after suffering two strokes and is now in a better place! I'm sure a number of our retirees remember her.

Easter Sunday afternoon, my fiancée Linda and I were married here in Smyrna, TN. The service performed by the Police Chaplain from the Smyrna Police Department. We will reside in Smyrna which is about 20 miles southeast of Nashville, TN.

If you would like our home address and phone number, please get in touch with Charlie Seraydar. Best regards to all.



Memorial Day ... Remember the Troops

MIAMI BEACH POLICE RETIREES ASSOCIATION - EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (MINUTES) - THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010

12:00 PM - WESTON DINER

PRESENT: VINNIE APRILE, PRESIDENT; LYNDA VESKI, VICE PRESIDENT; CHARLIE SERAYDAR, TREASURER; LISA NEWLAND, TRUSTEE; PAT RYAN, TRUSTEE; FRED WALER, TRUSTEE; BILLY O'NEIL, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT; JIM BURNETTE, WALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE.

ABSENT: JOAN DONNELLY-OCHOA, SECRETARY, ROBERT JENKINS, TRUSTEE



AGENDA:

FEEDBACK ON WALL OF HONOR CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON

- EMCEE – President Aprile did an outstanding job.
- INDUCTEES – Vice President Veski read a short bio for each inductee, which was professional and well received.
- FOOD – Trustee Ryan coordinated with Bar-B-Q Beach on menu and set up at police station. Food was excellent. Using the Community Room at the MBPD was

convenient and worked out very well, allowing for greater participation of Active officers.

- Updating of ID Cards went smoothly.
- Health Benefits representatives were available in the 2nd floor classroom and were helpful. The only criticism was that there was no representative from the MBFOP Health Trust.
- The cost of the luncheon was absorbed by three organizations. Acting Chief Ray Martinez, on behalf of the police department paid \$500.00. The MBFOP contributed \$550.00 and the MBPD Retirees paid \$650.00

HOLIDAY DINNER UPDATE

Dinner is set for Friday, December 3, 2010 at Jungle Island. Cocktails can be purchased beginning at 6:00 PM with dinner following at 7:00 PM. The organization has signed a contract and placed a \$1,000.00 deposit. Thanks to help from Judi Sherry, the dinner will cost \$33.50 per person. There will be a cash bar but the organization will pay for a bartender.

CONSIDERATION ON HOLDING A MID YEAR DINNER

Billy O'Neil presented a proposal from Texas Brazil Steak-

house for a cost of \$51.00 per person which does not include alcoholic beverages, gratuity or taxes. The restaurant would provide a private room and its location at Gulfstream gives members something to do afterwards, i.e. shopping or gambling.

Charlie Seraydar has put in a call to the Hard Rock for a proposal. This venue with its shopping, gambling and clubs would also provide further entertainment afterwards.

This will be discussed at the next General Membership meeting in May to see if our members are interested in pursuing.

A Memorial Mass was held at St. Patrick's Church on April 28, 2010 in honor of Patricia Schneider on the 1st anniversary of her death.

TREASURER'S REPORT

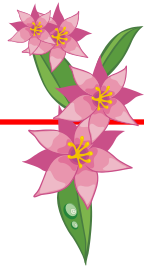
Seraydar reports outgoing costs for the Wall of Honor luncheon and Jungle Island Holiday dinner deposit have left the treasury with a balance of \$8,826.36. Monthly income is around \$385.00.

Veski presented report from Donnelly-Ochoa that sympathy cards had been mailed to Garvey's family and Ratner on death of his daughter.



News Capsules

Larry Hankoff



After several years working for the Miami-Dade Police Department, retired Lt. Larry Hankoff is once again 'on the move'. Larry retired just weeks ago from M-DPD and has accepted a position in "Margaritaville" (the Florida Keys) as an investigator with the Monroe County State Attorney's Office. Larry's new bosses are Monroe County State Attorney Dennis Ward and Chief Investigator Tony Pizzo. When I spoke with Larry, he told me that he's got quite a bit to learn, but he's excited about his

new position. He'll be staying in the Keys during his work week and returning home on weekends. When I asked him what it's like coming to work wearing flip flops, a Hawaiian shirt, and shorts, with a beer in one hand and briefcase in the other, the line suddenly went dead. Seriously, *that* dress code is wishful thinking on his part; the Monroe County SAO is ALL serious business and Larry must dress up in business attire, which I'm sure he hates to do.



We wish him the best in his new endeavor.

Speaking of which, the Monroe County State Attorney's Office is looking to hire additional investigators. The hours are 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The pay is \$50,000.00 annually. Applicants are required to have an active law enforcement certification. Anyone interested in applying or having further questions, should contact Tony Pizzo at apizzo@keyssao.org or (305) 852-7134.

Announcing our GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON for May 2010

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at Noon at the Big Tomato Market Grill, 8300 Pines Boulevard (SE corner of Pines Blvd. and University Dr).** The cost of the lunch is \$15.00 and will be all inclusive with house or Caesar salad, garlic rolls, choice of entrees, beverage and dessert. Please RSVP to

Charlie Seraydar at seraydarn@bellsouth.net or Lynda Veski at lyndaveski@yahoo.com by Friday, May 21, 2010 as we need to confirm reservations. We are asking everyone to make an effort to attend and share this special luncheon with good friends and former coworkers before we part ways for summer commitments. Note: We will not have

the opportunity to meet again until September. In addition to our regular meeting, your Executive Board has decided that this luncheon will honor **Jack Tighe** for his years of friendship and service to our organization, and particularly for his effort to keep us all connected through our newsletter. Please mark the date and plan on attending!



Erica Rakow

Detective Juan Sanchez, MBPD Public Information Officer reports that Erica Rakow, daughter of slain Miami Beach Police Detective Scott Rakow graduates from the University of Florida on April 30th, 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Telecommunication

News. She has accepted a job with a news affiliate in Florida's Panhandle. Her dream is to one day have a talk show which focuses on Police Officers and the work they do. Erica along with Chief Noriega will be guest speakers at this year's Police Memorial

held at Tropical Park on Thursday, May 6, 2010 beginning at sunset. Congratulations Erica! Daddy would be proud !





2010 Wall of Honor Ceremony

On March 26th, 2010, the Wall of Honor Ceremony was held at the Miami Beach Police Department to add 14 new names to the Wall. Even though there was rain early in the morning and traffic was a nightmare, over 100 people (including 40 retirees) attended the event. The sun came out as the ceremony began.

Retired Sergeant and Past President Joseph Brownlow led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Chief Ray Martinez welcomed the group and also updated us on the condition of Chief Noriega who is recovering from surgery (malignant tumor in his kidney). Chief Noriega is home from the hospital and feeling better as he was telling jokes on the phone with A/Chief Martinez. FOP President Sgt.

Alex Bello also welcomed the retirees to the event. Retired Captain and Vice President Lynda Veski read a short bio on each retiree. Retirees that went up on the Wall who attended were Doug Bales, Kenny Chapman, Ken Dudenhoefer, Rick Lonergan, Kelly Reid, Barry Stamp, Howard Zeifman and representing her father who had passed away in February; six year old Jordan Jones. Additional retirees that went up on the Wall of Honor were Gary Lehman and Miguel Hernandez, who both retired on a disability. Also honored were Samuel Bejar, Pete Bitume, Ambrose Sims and Dale Twist.

After the ceremony, lunch was served in the Community Room catered by Beach BBQ. Three members of the

Human Resources

department were in the training room to answer questions about the new MetLife Dental. Also, if one needed a new retiree's ID card, they could obtain one from the Records Section.

Some of the retirees that attended were Gene Addis, Jon Andersen, Gene Toreky, Don Sphar, James Smith, Jack and Amy Tighe, Chuck Press, Dave Allen, Glenn Hodges, Joan Donnelly, Charlie Seraydar, Pat Ryan, Jim Burnette, Lisa Newland, Robert Williams, Gerry Wolff, Frank Azcarate, Bobby Jenkins, Bobby Bishop, Paul Dinkins, Cathy & John Tighe, Carl Ward, & Judi Sherry. If I missed anyone I apologize. By Vinny Aprile



Sean P. Casey, Promoted to Lieutenant

Retired Sergeant James F. Casey proudly announces that his son, Sean Patrick Casey, was promoted from sergeant to lieutenant on April 7th, 2010. Sean is a member of the Highlands County Sheriff's Department, Sebring, Florida. His career began 15 years ago, having worked in the Department of Corrections for the State of Florida for 4 years and then taking the crossover schooling to law enforcement. His mother likes to brag that he graduated number one in his class in both the

Department of Corrections class and in the Law Enforcement Academy.

It was a proud moment when he was promoted to Lieutenant. The Sheriff asked who would be pinning his new badge on him. Sean said "I would like my father to pin me." I also had this honor when he entered the Department of Corrections and when he was pro-

moted to sergeant in law enforcement. All of our family was present for the ceremony, and the day was particularly memorable for his mother Terry, who was celebrating her birthday. What a gift!

The Miami Beach Police Retirees Association congratulates Lieutenant Casey and his proud parents, friends and family on this joyous occasion!



Prostate Cancer

One of our brother retirees, who wishes to remain anonymous called recently and asked me pass a message along to all males over the age of 50. That message is: Get a regular prostate exam! In addition, all members over the age of 50 should ask their doctor

for a colon cancer screening. Without getting too much into details, our retiree member is currently having some issues and I wish him the very best. He will be kept in my prayers.





EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (MINUTES)

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A congratulatory card will be sent to Erica Rakow upon her graduation from the University of Florida. Joan also submitted names of those retirees turning 80 this year and entitled to free membership. They are Sutton, Umamo, Basler, Walder and Brennan.

There was discussion on purchasing new shirts for the organization. President Aprile will speak to Zeifman to see what the costs would be. There

was discussion on getting photos of officers from the Police department so that we can place photos in newsletter with announcements. Will follow up to see if department has photos of retired officers. The next General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 with the location to be announced. It was decided that this luncheon would honor and pay tribute to Jack Tighe. The May newsletter should reflect that the luncheon will be held in his honor.



2010 Wall of Honor Ceremony



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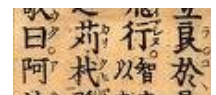
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