



# Active and Retiree Newsletter

JULY & AUGUST 2013



Squad from Olden Days – Can you name them all?



Honor Guard

# ***Congratulations to our Newest Retiree!***



**Officer Jay Smith of the Super Kids Unit**  
His last day was 7/31/13, with his retirement effective 8/01/13.  
He will be joining the Reserve Unit.  
3/11/1991 - 7/31/2013



## **News from Around the HQ...**

**MISCELLANEOUS PICTURES, etc.**



**Officer Karen Long upon returning home from her treatments in Germany! She looks beautiful, happy, and joyous!**



# Kick-off Parties

## July 25, 2013



# D/C Larry Zwieg's Alaskan Trip with his son, Zach and father.

Took a water can over to the State Park and climbed Alpine Ridge Trail up 2,100 feet. It was steep and wet. It about kicked my butt. I kept up with Zach though! The view was worth it!



Deep Creek – Check out the minnow that Zach caught!



Fly out on a float plane for Silver Salmon.  
Kustatan River, Alaska



Kachemak Bay State Park



Four wheeling — at Kenai Peninsula



At Ninilchik, Alaska



In a Kayak



### Team OPD

Great 25-mile training ride with some members of Team OPD. Good pace and a good job with lead changes.

Officer Joshua Campbell, Sgt. Mike Faulkner, MPO Jose Vicente, Officer Bradley Smith and Lieutenant Jose Velez.

We are training for a 60-mile ride on September 22nd benefitting the Ronald McDonald home. We welcome anyone interested to join our team.



Colby getting autographs from the Green Bay Packers (Thanks, Sgt. Michele Smith!)



Colby as a Cheese Head!



Lambeau Field or as I call it Packer Stadium



So Inspiring!! TRUE BLUE WARRIOR STRONG!! ...  
Courage Under Fire ... 24-year-old Rookie Officer under a barrage of gunfire, critically wounded, and on the ground, manages to not only fire back and hit his shooter, but also helps fellow officers catch the would-be Cop Killer. 0245 hours, 23 July, Orlando (FL) Police Officer Jason Hajek made a traffic stop on a reckless driver. As he exited his cruiser, two occupants got out - one opened fire, shooting off numerous rounds, hitting Ofc. Hajek in the abdomen, sending our Brother Warrior to the ground. As the suspect continues to fire, Ofc. Hajek gets himself behind the bushes and while on the ground, returned fire, striking the shooter in the foot. The gunman runs ... But our True Blue Warrior is not going down without a fight ... determined to get the shooter caught before he

could hurt anyone else ...

While laying there bleeding, Ofc. Hajek, who just recently finished his FTO training, manages to call in his location and gives out who the shooter was with description and all. And it doesn't end there ... Once Brother Jason was transported, the doctors found the .40 caliber bullet pierced his abdomen, into his bladder, and then exited through his hip. Jason underwent surgery. When the Detectives brought Jason a photo line-up, he was able to immediately pick out his assailant and positively identified him. But WAIT! There is more ... Not 36 hours later, this amazing, heroic, and courageous Warrior Brother, who was hired January 2012, was already up and walking and has even begun physical therapy ... and if THAT isn't enough for you ... He is already talking about coming back to the streets as soon as he can! Jason is expected to be home any time now. Yeah, can you say TRUE BLUE INSPIRATIONAL WARRIOR HERO?!?!?

How about you join me in wishing Brother Jason a full recovery (both physically and mentally) and throw in a "Way To Go, Warrior Hero!!!"

~written by Nessie for True Blue Warriors with assistance from the Orlando Police Department~

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Suspect, 23, located and arrested after hours-long stand-off - charged attempted murder1 of Law Enforcement Officer - held no bond. Though arrested multiple times (including 26 felony charges, including firearms), through many plea deals, even after numerous violation of probation (12X) and contempt of court (18X), suspect was still out on the streets.

#### BENEFIT ACCOUNT FOR OFFICER JASON HAJEK

A benefit account has been set up by FOP Lodge 25 to manage financial donations in support of Officer Jason Hajek. Donations by check should be written to "FOP Lodge 25" with "Ofc. Jason Hajek." written on the comment line. All donations will be used to support Jason during his recovery. Any remaining funds will be donated to a charity of Jason's choosing.

Donations will be accepted by Officers Brian Cechowski in the Filed Training Office or Anna Melnick at the Southwest Substation, or at the FOP 25 Lodge office. Donations can also be made online at [www.fop25.com](http://www.fop25.com). For additional information, please contact Officer Anna Melnick at [anna.melnick@cityoforlando.net](mailto:anna.melnick@cityoforlando.net)

#### UPDATE on his Condition:

Officer shot during traffic stop goes home from hospital

by Susan Jacobson, Orlando Sentinel

August 1, 2013 – An Orlando police officer shot last week during a traffic stop in Washington Shores is out of the hospital. Officer Jason Hajek, 24, was released from Orlando Regional Medical Center late Tuesday, department spokesman Sgt. Jim Young said Wednesday. Hajek, who has been with the department since January 2013, is walking with a cane and will require rehabilitation, Young said.

He underwent surgery after a bullet ripped through his abdomen, into his bladder and out his hip on July 23, police Chief Paul Rooney said last week.

Demetrius Patterson, 23, was arrested on charges of attempted first-degree murder of a law-enforcement officer and possession of a weapon by a felon.



### [Emily Edwards](#)

*In a rut?! The best way to get out of it is going to school and getting an amazing education! Valencia College is now a 4-year college where you can achieve an AA or Bachelor's Degree. Valencia is growing now more than ever, being ranked as the third-largest member institution of the Florida College System. There are many different campus locations to choose from, with online even being offered. Sign up now for Fall classes and open so many doors in your future! Fall registration ends in one week, August 9th, so hurry up and register at [valenciacollege.edu](http://valenciacollege.edu)! Get a career. Get accolades. Get a degree. Get started!!! Valencia 2013*



### *Joel Wright and his son, Dylan*

*Can you believe how big Dylan has gotten?*

This is an OPD officer who also is a very good "color analyst" with ESPN TV stations all over on weekends:

**“Great news...I got my ESPN broadcasting assignment for the season...I'll be calling the national HS game of the week alongside Adam Amin ...we will be joined in multiple games by Craig Haubert from recruiting nation which will really add to the telecast...games will be primarily Fri. nights on ESPN, ESPN2, or ESPNU...as always I will keep you posted on FB...there's also a good chance our team will call some CFB as the season progresses...as always thanks for the support...it's gonna be a great season.” — with Jessica Ingolia**

Rene says, “Gonna be a great season with my new pxp partner Adam Amin...can't wait...although I'm not sure I can keep up with him...he's a young buck and I'm an old man...”





Orlando FOP Lodge 25

**From:** William Moore <william.moore@fop25.com>

**Lodge #25 Participates in 2013 Stroll 'N Roll; Seeks Interested**

**Active/Retired Members**

FOP Lodge #25 is participating in the Center for Independent Living's public awareness event, Stroll 'N Roll, to be held on **October 5, 2013** in the Lake Baldwin community at Harbor Park at Lake Baldwin.

If you are a member of FOP Lodge #25 and would like to represent FOP Lodge #25 in the 2013 Stroll 'N Roll then please contact Bill Moore at William.Moore@FOP25.com. FOP Lodge #25 has made a donation and 40 positions are available for FOP Lodge #25's Team. There is no cost to the first 40 participants and each will receive an event t-shirt. Thereafter, a \$10 registration fee is charged but you can still be a member of the FOP team. A waiver will need to be signed by those interested in participating.

FOP Lodge #25 will have a mixed team of off-duty and retired Orlando Police Officers strolling or rolling around the track in support of this annual fundraising walk and awareness event. At Stroll 'n' Roll, hundreds of community members rally together to celebrate disability inclusion. **Participating teams and individuals have the opportunity to use a wheelchair to "roll" around the accessible route to experience the event in a new way.**

The donations received during the Stroll 'n' Roll event help support programs and services provided for people with disabilities, as well as, providing solutions to architectural, communication, and attitudinal barriers faced by people with disabilities.

Sincerely, William "Bill" E. Moore, Treasurer

Fraternal Order of Police Orlando Lodge 25, Inc., 5505 Hansel Avenue

**From: Barbara Stewart, President – FOPA - [FOPA@FOP25.com](mailto:FOPA@FOP25.com)**

Anyone who may be interested in becoming a member can contact Barbara Stewart. FYI, the FOPA is a civilian affiliate of the Fraternal Order of Police. Their members are friends and families of law enforcement officers, responsible and respected business persons, professional men and women, and citizens from all walks of life...people willing to devote a portion of their time and efforts toward assisting the various law enforcement agencies of our community.

[http://fop25.com/images/stories/fop\\_lodge\\_25\\_fopa\\_application.pdf](http://fop25.com/images/stories/fop_lodge_25_fopa_application.pdf) Contact Barbara Stewart - [FOPA@fop25.com](mailto:FOPA@fop25.com) for more into, too! I've started an informal "wives club" for OPD. We could use any retirees that would like to attend our meetings and "mentor" the newer wives. They can email me at [Barb.Stewart@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Barb.Stewart@cfl.rr.com)

**FROM: SHAWN DUNLAP - [shawn.dunlap@fop25.com](mailto:shawn.dunlap@fop25.com)**

Greetings from Shawn Dunlap,

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Please let everyone know the FOP has a Facebook page and to please "Like" it. Fraternal Order of Police Orlando Lodge 25, Inc. Then they can follow all of the latest news from the FOP. Thanks!



**COP SHOP**

From: Donna Volper - [dvolper@gmail.com](mailto:dvolper@gmail.com)

If you and anyone you hear of, wants to purchase Cop Shop items (even at a distance) give them my gmail address and I'll see what I can accommodate. Sleep tight and enjoy.



WE APPRECIATE ALL THE HELP OUR TWO LADIES AT ORLANDO CITY HALL GIVE TO OUR RETIREES! THEY CAN HELP WITH OUR RETIREMENT PROBLEMS.

Thanks so much, ladies! If you have questions, e-mail or call them.

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## OPD homicide detective receives international award

Michael Moreschi is recognized during an Orlando City Council meeting Monday.

By Amy Pavuk, Orlando Sentinel

5:03 p.m. EDT, July 22, 2013

An Orlando homicide detective was recognized during a City Council meeting Monday for being honored with a prestigious career-achievement award from an international law-enforcement association.

Michael Moreschi, the corporal of Orlando Police Department's homicide unit, has investigated numerous high-profile cases throughout his tenure with the agency. He also leads Orlando Police Department's cold-case unit.

Among the notable cases Moreschi has investigated in recent years is the disappearance of Michelle Parker, a 33-year-old mother of three who vanished in November 2011 after dropping her two youngest children off with their father. Parker's ex-fiancé has not been arrested in the case but is the only suspect, Orlando police have said.

Moreschi also was involved in the investigation into Craig Sandhaus, who is accused of fatally stabbing a bouncer at the popular downtown bar The Lodge.

The veteran detective also helped unravel the complex Ocoee home-invasion killing of 19-year-old Alex Zaldivar. In the course of several months, detectives unraveled what they said was a conspiracy to kill witnesses in a home-invasion trial, including Zaldivar.

Detectives used cellphone software to place the prime suspect's phone within a few hundred feet of Zaldivar. They also used ankle-monitor data to show the prime suspect, who was out of jail on bond, was not at home at the time of the slaying.

Moreschi was recently honored with the Award of Excellence for Career Achievement from the International Homicide Investigators Association.

Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer on Monday thanked Moreschi for his service, and noted he is a nationally recognized expert in solving cold cases.

Speaking before the City Council, police Chief Paul Rooney also noted Moreschi is an expert in DNA evidence, adding he is "just so proud."

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, Orlando Sentinel

Thanks to Det. Jennifer Williamson who sent in the article!

Congratulations to Tanesha White on her promotion to

Probationary Sergeant effective Sept. 1, 2013!

## Unwanted or Expired Prescription Drugs?

Do you have unwanted or expired prescription drugs? Drop them into the MedReturn Box located in the lobby of Orlando Police Headquarters (100 South Hughey Avenue, Orlando, Florida) 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday



## OPD PERSONNEL (& FAMILY) IN THE MILITARY

Thanks to Cpl. Dave Allmond, of Patrol Services Bureau who help get this chart up to date. He can be reached at (407) 246-3920. The rest of you, please send your updates! Thanks!

### KEEP OUR MILITARY IN YOUR HEARTS!



Keep our active OPD officers/civilians who are in the military in your prayers. Retired OPD and Alumni serving or helping the military are: Guy Wallace. (If you know of anyone else activated, please send me their names.) Terry and Cindy Sanford's son, Sherman, is in the Navy in Pensacola. Margie Sum's daughter, Corey, is at Ft. Jackson, SC in Army Basic Training. Jan Fetzer's son is also in Baghdad.

Jim Carlies' son in Iraq. Joan Balser's nephew, Bill, is in Iraq and her grandson, Kenneth, in Qatar. Lourdes Diaz's son is also in the military now. Brenda Raynor has two nephews: (Marines) Travis Taylor, (23 yoa) Lance Corporal, Deployed to Okinawa, Japan for 3 years; and (Air Force) Seth Taylor, (27 yoa) Captain, Fighter Pilot came home and is at Shaw AF Base in SC.

Sue Pickman's son, Ben Pickman, a Petty Officer (ET/COM), is being transferred to the USS Carney, a destroyer on deployment in the Gulf. The ship is home-ported in Jacksonville.

Bill Mustian's nephew, Cpl. Gary Shuman, US Marines SOG Recon, stationed at Camp LeJeune, NC. Curt and Christina Myhre's daughter Samantha is in the US NAVY. Lee Ann Freeman's son, Matt, reported to Camp Humphries, Korea. R. D. Kings's son-in-law Brandon Stibb, II, is in Afghanistan (4th deployment). Ofc. Willis Weaver's daughter, Jessica Weaver, and his brother, Ben Weaver, are both in the United States Army serving at FOB Shank in Afghanistan. Margie Sum's daughter, Corey Bejblik, is in Washington.

USAF Captain Daniel Hayes is finishing his 1 year tour of duty in Qatar. Daniel will return to the USA in August for approx 6 weeks then he will be stationed near London England

Pat Weise's son is with the Navy at the Navy Nuclear Weapons Training Facility in Charleston, SC. All of these men and women are our family. Let's never forget what they are doing for us!



EMPLOYEE	DUTY	RANK	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	DEPLOYMENT DATE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	NOTES	CURRENTLY DEPLOYED	OPD Assignment	Returned to Duty
Stubbs, Keith	Iraq	LTC	413 Regt Det 1	12/15/07	<a href="mailto:keith.stubbs@us.army.mil">keith.stubbs@us.army.mil</a>	1 yr. extension	yes	West TAC	TBD
Stites, Sammy	Iraq	MP	0375 MP Det	4/2/13	<a href="mailto:sammy.stites@us.army.mil">sammy.stites@us.army.mil</a>	1 yr. deploy	yes	Foxtrot/A/M	4/2/14
Ostrum, John	Hawaii	LTC	Security Forces Sq	6/19/13		rec'd orders	no	East Patrol	7/28/13
Hathaway, Jon	Florida	CMS GT	AF-SPEC-OPNS	5/13/13			no	North Patrol	6/15/13
Miller, William	Florida	LT	NAS	7/15/13			no	OIA	8/29/13



**FROM CURT AND CHRISTINEA MYHRE**  
 Curt N Christina Myhre, the USS GEORGE H W BUSH is at sea. Our oldest daughter, Petty Officer Samantha Myhre called to tell us she has just reenlisted in your United States NAVY!! She has now been in the Navy for 4 years, which included the ships maiden combat deployment. She is awaiting orders for the next step in her Navy adventure. We are SO Proud of her. God Bless our Troops. And God Bless America.

**OPD RETIREE OFFICER DAVE HANON** is a Master Chief Petty Officer at United States Navy and lives in Washburn, Tn.



**JOEL WRIGHT**  
 pinning the wings on my paratrooper. What a proud moment. Way to go, AJ!  
 (A.J. Wright!)



**We are proud of ya'll!**

**From: NANCY ABBOTT [Lizywizzy@aol.com](mailto:Lizywizzy@aol.com) (Liz's daughter)**

Hey, hope all is well with you. I go onto Mom's AOL from time to time to clean it up, I keep it up because that is where I get your OPD retirees newsletter. I enjoy reading about everyone. I don't always know everyone but do recognize quite a few names and faces.

I did try logging into <http://www.orlandopoliceretirees.com>, I can't log on because I don't have a user name that I am aware of. Do I need to set myself up somehow? (I gave her password)

This coming Thursday August 22nd, Mom's grandson Christopher is getting pinned for recently being hired at Seminole County as a Firefighter/EMT/Paramedic. I'll be attending the ceremony along with his proud parents Lynn and Mike Lyons, his brother Brandon, and the rest of his support system. Mom (Liz) always was so very proud and supportive, encouraging, and even won him a scholarship to see him succeed. I'll be taking a ton of pictures and would like to share the news of his accomplishment on behalf of Mom. I will forward some as soon as I can. Thank you Nancy Abbott



# In the Good Old Days!



**Bike Squad**



**Special Investigations**

# WHAT AND WHERE THEY ARE NOW

## RETIREE NEWS

What our retirees are up to!

On July 26, 2013 at 1300 hours, the Criminal Justice Institute at Valencia College hosted “Breaking the Code of Silence,” addressing Substance Abuse within the Criminal Justice Community.” The informational forum was designed for criminal justice professionals in order to raise awareness about the various causes and impacts of substance abuse and addiction.

Retired Orlando Police Officer John Chisari and former Orlando police Officer Jaime Bridges shared their stories of addiction and triumph in making a full recovery.

From: NEIL MCDONALD <mcdonald3dotson@embarqmail.com

Hopefully Priscilla and I will see you in Blue Ridge, Ga next Spring! She has two months until retirement as a Public Assistance Fraud Investigator for the State of Florida. Then, we'll sell our Apopka home and move to Blue Ridge where half the retired OPD population eventually ends up. Stay healthy and safe. Neil

FROM: JOHN BOWDEN - APTAC@ATT.NET

Subject: Posting a website.

I see on the retiree website that you can post websites for advertising. Could you post my website APTACTraining.com Also, your website is awesome, you have done an outstanding job.

John C. Bowden, Director APTAC, Quality & Excellence In Criminal Justice Training

No matter how dark the moment, love & hope are always possible.



From: Laurie Frazier: **Throwback Thursday...my dad in Lethal Weapon III along with the rest of the OPD/OFD Bomb Squad right after they blew up the old Orlando City Hall.** (Ya'll remember this? I remember Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, John Hackett and Laurie Frazier....someone said the former Mayor was on the far left, Bill Frederick? I'm not sure of the other three. Help us out!)



# ORLANDO POLICE RETIREE'S BAR-B-Q

**Saturday, November 2, 2013**

**LOCATION: FOP LODGE 25**

**5505 SOUTH HANSEL AVENUE**

**Orlando, Florida 32809**

**Happy Hour: 12:30 p.m. Eat: Between 2:30 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$13.00 per person (Please Pay In Advance)**

**Checks Made Payable To: JOHN PESCHAU**

**Mail To: PEEEEEESHAW, 366 HICKORY DRIVE, MAITLAND, FL. 32751**

**The barbeque is open to anyone who wishes to come. Bring your family & friends. Active OPD are Welcome!**

**Deadline to RSVP: October 26, 2013**



**Come have fun like these folks!**

***The Ricks take Europe!***

**Retiree Officer Sue Ricks (OPD) & Hubby Capt. Ricky Ricks (OCSO)  
Warnemünde, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and many other stops on their European trip.**



Enjoying the elegance of European dining.



Looks like Ricky is saying, "Hey, fellow law enforcement officer, can't you give me a break? I only ate one extra piece of bread!"



Disney in Europe!



It looks like a wonderful romantic trip!



**Look, they have the  
same crowds and lines  
as we do in the U.S.**

Randy and Melanie Bordelon

## ***Different drug problem.....***

*Editor's note:*

*The following letter has appeared on the internet and was viewed by many readers. Many felt it would be appropriate for the readers of Avoyelles Parish.*

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us.

Submitted by concerned citizen

**Solving the  
"Drug"  
Problem.**

Ret. Captain Duane McGray, his lovely wife, Sue and Kelsley Turner





**FROM: BRUCE PARKER <barker4444@gmail.com>  
Subject: Double catch**

Okay, I know I can't tell you any big fish stories as the biggest fish I have landed in our river is about 5 pounds.

Quit laughing. But last night I caught two 3-pound bass on the same lure at the same time. That has never happened to me in fresh or salt water. I'm glad Gloria was with me so I had a witness. I am going to send a photo to the lure company.

**From: Michael McKee <mmckee@eibiz.net> [**

**Subject: Re: Double catch**

You know....it takes more than a doctored photo to convince savvy, veteran fishermen!! Let's see...two separate catches, taking the first catch and re-hooking the poor sap back on to the bottom hook to hang there with its cousin "Slimy"!! Actually, with closer observation of the "set up scenario," it appears they may both be "shell shocked" from the blast of dynamite used for the alleged "fishing scene"

OK, OK! I'll give in to this and forward on a great big CONGRATS to the Bass Pro! If anyone contacts me for character verification, I'm going back to my original story!

Hint: You ought to have them both mounted on the wall in their respective positions to remember always when gazed upon!! Ahhhhhh, the memories. (at least before it all begins to fade as Bob's has begun to do!!) Love you Bob! Michael



**Margie Sum with Florence Henderson! Hanging around the Airport had its perks!**



**FROM: CHARLES RAHN - [crahn@cfl.rr.com](mailto:crahn@cfl.rr.com)**

This is a picture of Stallone and me at the old Hard Rock Café at the grand opening of Universal Studios Orlando. I was in charge of security for 58 movie stars that day. I assigned myself to this character, and what an egotistical one he is! Jim Ray was with a great guy, Michael J. Fox. We really had a time with them for 2 days. Stallone was the only one who did not show up for the grand opening parade down Hollywood Blvd. He did not want to leave with the driver to be there on time, he showed up about 2 hrs later.

*(ANOTHER STORY FROM CHARLES)*

Just before I retired, I had to break in a few people to take my place when it came to climbing telephone poles to hook up phone lines on hostage situations. One of those people that I trained was Bruce Parker. I took him to a public park in College Park and put the hooks on my legs. I climbed the pole explaining to him how it was done. When I came back down the pole, Parker put the spikes on. He climbed, albeit slowly, to the top. When he reached the top, he nervously asked me: "Charlie, how do I get down?" He had neglected to pay attention to how it was done. I had to tell him, step by step, how to get down. It was a hoot watching him come down. I'll bet he never had to climb another pole in his career.  
Charles Rahn



**FROM: JAMES A MCGRUFF - [jamesamcgriff@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesamcgriff@yahoo.com)**

I got it ....thanks for all you do. I did not say anything earlier but I am finishing my first year as Head of Team Security for the Orlando Magic. They never had anyone in this position before. Yep, Rosie is over arena and I have Magic Head of Team Security  
Orlando Magic.....WE WILL



FROM: "DAVID L. MORRILL" <dmlracing@gmail.com>

My article on the 1914 Birmingham, AL. FAM motorcycle race is in American Iron Magazine's American Glory edition celebrating Harley-Davidson's 110th anniversary. The story details a little-known, but important moment in early Harley-Davidson racing history. It is available both online and at newsstands.

AMERICAN GLORY: 110 YEARS OF HARLEY-DAVIDSON HISTORY

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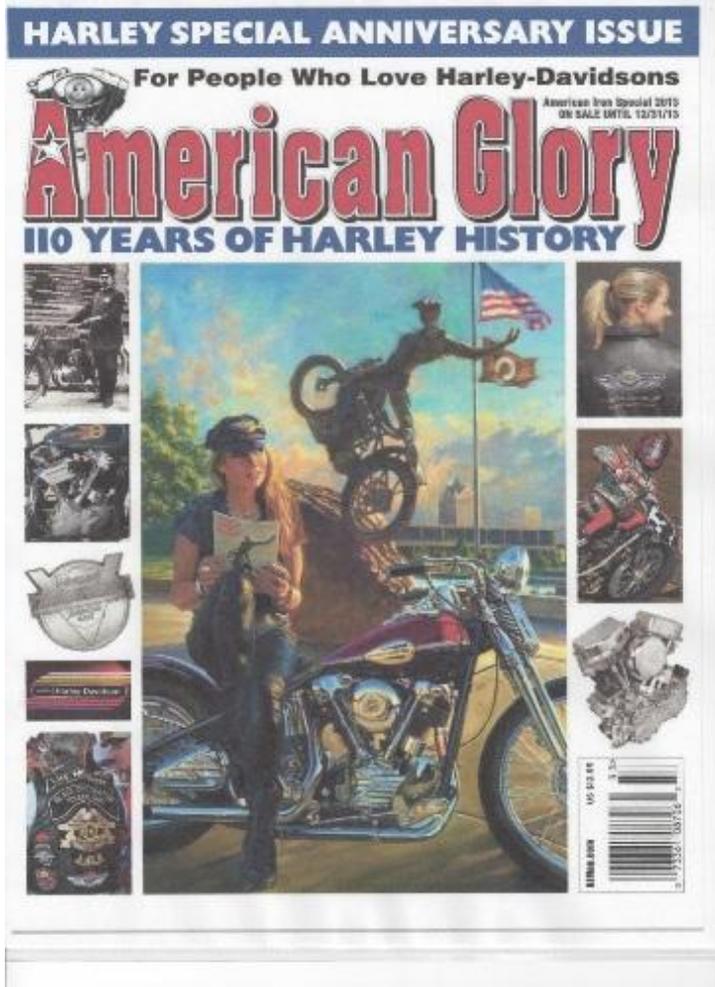
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My first true collectible Harley



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Lost Stories of Early American Motorcycling.  
<http://dmlracing.blogspot.com/>

FROM: TERRY SANDERS <sgtyork18@hotmail.com>

Subject: I am retiredd (not really sure if he meant to spell it that way – it's cute tho!)

Hey you, if you get tired of eating that delicious Memphis bar b q and listening to your Elvis records why don't you come visit. Cherie and I are living in a condo on the beach and have a spare room. (Would love to but holding off travel for waiting to see if my son is going to get better! - Guy.)



## ORLANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION DESK



The Information Desk is staffed Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and is usually the public's first point of contact when entering Police Headquarters. Individuals assigned to the Information Desk provide the public with general law enforcement related information, directions and referrals.

The Information Desk also handles many walk-in and telephone complaints, taking the initial police report and forwarding the report to the appropriate section for further investigation if warranted.

Non-Emergency Complaint Desk: 321-235-5300  
Information Desk: 407-246-2470



**FROM: DONNA ELLENSON MIKULSKI**  
**Enjoying a Yuengling — with [Ed Mikulski](#)**  
**at Daiquiri Deck St. Armand's Circle.**  
**We're having fun at our favorite beach spot,**  
**Longboat Key.**

**Subject: Exercise for Seniors – Compliments of Ken Averitt**  
**For those of you who feel you need to do just a little more exercising.**



**Repeat as necessary.**

## INTERESTING WEBSITES

FROM: KEN AVERITT - kenaveritt10@yahoo.com

Friends, I've received many remarkable nature photographs over the years but this photo of a nesting Falcon is perhaps the most remarkable nature shot that I've ever seen. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Nature is truly breath-taking!

**A FALCON NESTING IN A TREE**  
<http://i.imgur.com/YW6Fufm.jpg>

**AMAZING TRICK WITH A COFFEE CUP!**  
The hand is quicker than the eye ....however, this one defies logic.  
<http://videos2view.net/coffee-trick.htm>

**FLORIDA POLICE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**  
<http://www.fpca.com/>

**An Amazing Man**  
<http://www.wimp.com/designscomponents/>



While visiting some cemeteries you may notice that headstones marking certain graves have coins on them, left by previous visitors to the grave.

These coins have distinct meanings when left on the headstones of those who gave their life while serving in America's military, and these meanings vary depending on the denomination of coin.

A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect. Leaving a penny at the grave means simply that you visited.

A nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together, while a dime means you served with him in some capacity. By leaving a quarter at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when he was killed.

According to tradition, the money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veterans cemeteries is eventually collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

In the US, this practice became common during the Vietnam war, due to the political divide in the country over the war; leaving a coin was seen as a more practical way to communicate that you had visited the grave than contacting the soldier's family, which could devolve into an uncomfortable argument over politics relating to the war. Some Vietnam veterans would leave coins as a "down payment" to buy their fallen comrades a beer or play a hand of cards when they would finally be reunited.

The tradition of leaving coins on the headstones of military men and women can be traced to as far back as the Roman Empire.



# NEW ADDRESSES, NEW MEMBERS, NEW APPLICATIONS, NEW E-MAILS, ETC.

**FROM: DAVID POPE - dhp98@aol.com**

First of all, let me introduce myself. My name is David Pope. I was an OPD Reserve Officer from 1977-1983. My employee number was 6725. I often worked with (lifelong, and school friends) Don Ostermeyer; Carl Ostreich; and Art Green; Joe Pavlock (same academy class J.C. Stone 40th); Mike Sullivan; Dave Morrill. When I left OPD, I spent 1 year with Edgewood PD, then Winter Park PD as a reserve until 1993.

I have kept up with Dan, and Carl, and Mike. Don suggested that I contact you for the information I am trying to find. I am trying to find how to contact Art Green. Art and I went to Boone High School together, and played in a band together. Lately I have tried to find where Art is. The last I knew he was living near Eustis, FL.

If you can help with this I would appreciate it. *(I sent him contact info and an application.)*

David Pope

P.S. I have relatives living in Olive Branch.

From his Application: He left OPD in March of 1983. He still works full time with the Orlando Utilities Commission after almost 39 years. He races sports cars and plays in a rock and roll band. He also collects police badges and memorabilia.

**FROM: Will SHOEMAKER - shoobacca@yahoo.com**

Hey, please include me in the OPD Retirees Association. I medically retired after 24 years 9 1/2 months for a shoulder injury. I look forward to staying in touch with all the great people of OPD's family. My email is: shoobacca@yahoo.com Thank you,  
*(He didn't waste any time getting out of Dodge!)*



**FROM: JESS LEE <jesslee@charter.net**

I don't know when I will have E-mail but hopefully it will be soon.  
6150 NE 1st Street, Ocala, FL 34470 = new address

**FROM: JERRY HASSETT - mtr4717@verizon.net**

Hi, I don't think I have ever posted this. Could you post it in your next posting? Living now Sparkill, New York----E-mail now [mtr47717@verizon.net](mailto:mtr47717@verizon.net)  
Thank you Jerry Hassett



**FROM: JUNE PHIPPS <junebughipps@gmail.com**

Hi, no message to speak of just that I was changing my e-mail address. Hope everything is fine with your family. So many heartbreaking things happening. My husband has been diagnosed with lymphoma. Doctors all want umpteen visits before they do anything. We shall overcome. Hope we have a good reunion. June



FROM: BUD MURPHY <gundawgs@outlook.com



Subject: Verify email address

I recently sent my new email address but did not receive the recent newsletter so I need to verify that I did not make an error. My new email address is:

[gundawgs@outlook.com](mailto:gundawgs@outlook.com)

I should also mention that it did not come to my old address which is still valid so I will assume that I made a typo or other error. Thanks, Bud Murphy



**PRAYERS, OBITS, AND THOUGHTS.WE SEND OUR DEEPEST  
CONDOLENCES TO:**

The family and friends of retired Orlando Police Officer **John H. Brewer**, who passed in July.

**Detective Michael Mastrangelo** on the loss of his grandfather, Rocco Dominic Mastrangelo, in July.

The family of **Dustin Goode** on his loss and to Margie Goode (his grandmother, and Dave Goode his uncle.).

**Pete Linnecamp** on the loss of his mother in July.

Sheryl Simmons (wife) and **Charles "Chuck" Simmons'** family on his loss.

**Ofc. Artavious Williams** on the loss of his grandfather, Mr. Jack Powell, in August.

**Ofc. Cedrick Kelly** on the loss of his father, Mr. Archie Kelly, in August.

**Ofc. Phil Scaglione** on the loss of his mother, Anne Scaglione, in August.

**Ofc. Janir Sims** on the loss of his Grandmother, Clidy C. Martin, in August.



**John H. Brewer**

66 of Chuluota, FL passed away on July 24, 2013. John served over 40 years with Orlando Police Department. He is survived by his devoted wife Sheryl, children Crystal Brewer, Keri Holton, and Jason Cowart, 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandson, sisters Debra Schwartz and Mary Jo Bane of Ohio who all love him. Services will be held at 2pm on Saturday, August 3rd at National Cremation and Burial Society, 7565 Red Bug Lake Rd, Oviedo, FL 32765. Donations can be made to IACP Foundation/TASER Fallen Officer Fund.

[www.theiacp.org/Foundation/Programs/HONORFoundationTASERFallenOfficerFund](http://www.theiacp.org/Foundation/Programs/HONORFoundationTASERFallenOfficerFund)

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The family of retired Orlando Police Officer John H. Brewer requested in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following:

IACP Foundation/TASER Fallen Officer Fund

[www.theiacp.org/Foundation/Programs/HONORFoundationTASERFallenOfficerFund](http://www.theiacp.org/Foundation/Programs/HONORFoundationTASERFallenOfficerFund)

Please contact the Brewer family liaison Sergeant Charles Navicky at 321-303-0732 if you have any questions.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/orlandosentinel/obituary.aspx?n=john-h-brewer&pid=166115953&fhid=12199#fbLoggedOut>

**FROM: GERRY HAZUKA - [gerryhazuka@yahoo.com](mailto:gerryhazuka@yahoo.com)**

:( He (*John Brewer*) rode on our squad as a reserve. Awesome guy! :)

**FROM: HAL FELSHAW - [HFelshawjr@aol.com](mailto:HFelshawjr@aol.com)**

John was one of the first officers I got to work with after getting off FTO back in 1978. He was a great guy to work with and a true friend. He always greeted me with a smile. He will be missed. The prayers and thoughts from the Felshaw family go out to Sheryl and family. Hal



**FROM: LARRY SCHUCHMAN <[las6208@gmail.com](mailto:las6208@gmail.com)>**

It is very sad, such a nice guy, he will be missed. Larry Schuchman

**FROM: FRANCIS "FRANK" ROCHE - [mail2frank@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mail2frank@cfl.rr.com)**

Sorry to hear about the loss of John. We rode together in the early 80s. He had a kind heart. I remember late one night we were taking a break at Dunkin Donuts on S. Orange Ave. when Chief Kolazar walked in to do the same (it was a good laugh at the time). Rest in peace. Thank you, Frank Roche - 386-479-8408

**FROM: KAREN BAUGHER - [karen.baugher@ocfl.net](mailto:karen.baugher@ocfl.net)**

Sorry to hear about John. I forwarded this to Jim Nursey and he advised he has not been getting your e-mails. His address is [flajim007@hotmail.com](mailto:flajim007@hotmail.com) and it hasn't changed. He just stopped receiving them. Please add him to your group. Thanks,  
Karen Baugher - Executive Assistant to Sheriff Jerry Demings  
Orange County Sheriff's Office



**FROM: TIM DEVOE - [haftaw8@aol.com](mailto:haftaw8@aol.com)**  
**Sent: Jul 25, 2013 9:03 PM**

**Subject: Arrangements of memorial services for John H. Brewer**  
Hello, it would be appreciated if you could forward the memorial service arrangements for John Brewer to the OPD retirees.  
The memorial service for John will be held at the National Cremation Society located at 7565 Red Bug Lake Road, Oviedo, Florida, on Saturday, August 3rd, 2013, at 2:00 P.M..

Please include the Brewer home address at 260 Langford Drive, Chuluota, Florida 32766 for those who might want to send their condolences to Sheryl and the family.

Thank you again for all your consideration. Tim DeVoe  
(Thanks to Tim DeVoe for all his updates on John's services, etc.)

**FROM: ROBERT CASTLEN <[rlcastlen@hotmail.com](mailto:rlcastlen@hotmail.com)>**

Tomorrow I'm going to Dustin Goode's funeral. He's David Goode's nephew. Dustin's dad was Gary Goode, David's younger brother. He passed away a little more than a year ago I believe. Keep you posted. Bob  
(2<sup>nd</sup> e-mail)  
Just walked in the door from Dustin's funeral. It went very well. Bob

**Subject: REF. RETIRED OPD OFFICER CHARLES SIMMONS**

**FROM: ROBERT CASTLEN - [rlcastlen@hotmail.com](mailto:rlcastlen@hotmail.com)**

This is going to be quick and short. Just got a card from a relative in Orlando saying my cousin Charles Simmons had a heart attack several weeks ago and had a kidney removed due to cancer. I have no details yet, but I'm going to visit with him, if I can, first thing Wednesday. I was told he is in grave shape at this time. 2nd e-mail: Chuck Simmons, if you don't know him, was on OPD, OCSO, Chief of Palm Bay PD and Chief of Marietta PD. He was a highly decorated Marine in Viet Nam and the Gulf War. 3rd e-mail:

Alana (Bob's wife) said a cousin from Florida called while I was gone and said Chuck had passed away while I was out. She will call back with more info later. Bob

## OBITUARY CHARLES "CHUCK" RAY SIMMONS



SIMMONS, Charles Charles "Chuck" Ray Simmons, beloved son, brother, father, grandfather and husband, passed away Tuesday, August 6, 2013 in his Stone Mountain home. Born in St. Louis, Missouri on November 23, 1944, he was the son of proud parents James Marion and Dixie Lee Simmons. A true patriot, Chuck enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at age 18. He served his country at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis, fought bravely in two tours of the Vietnam War,



and led his comrades at the front lines during Operation Desert Storm. A true hero, though always humble, Chuck received numerous commendations and awards including the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal with Combat V and the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V. His unwavering dedication to duty throughout his 20 plus year service in the military was in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Naval Service. Chuck was also proud to have served 22 years in the line of duty as a police officer and began his police career in Orlando, Florida. He served his community as Patrolman, Detective, Undercover Agent, Sergeant, Deputy Sheriff; and Chief of Police in Palm Bay, Florida and Marietta, Georgia. He was selected as one of the top 10 police officers in the nation, and honored by President Gerald R. Ford at the White House in 1974 for his outstanding police work. After retiring from the police force, Chuck worked as Lead Investigator with Norred & Associates, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia. Chuck loved animals and one of his proudest achievements at Norred was being instrumental in assisting law enforcement with the capture, arrest and conviction of known dog fighters throughout the southeast. Although Chuck had a passion for his work, his favorite time was spent at his river house in Wedowee, Alabama with friends, family and his best canine buddy, "Max." He is survived by his mother, Dixie Lee; his brothers, Dean, Mark and Jimmy; his children Kimberly, Susan and Shane; his grandchildren Seth, Ethan, Shane, Joy and Katie Grace; and his loving wife Rhonda. A memorial service for Chuck Simmons will be held at Wages and Sons Funeral Home, 1040 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA, 30086 at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 11, 2013. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Wounded Warriors Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/atlanta/obituary.aspx?n=charles-simmons&pid=166326465&#fbLoggedOut>

**FROM: DAVID BLACKLOCK - [blacklock.david@gmail.com](mailto:blacklock.david@gmail.com)**

Yep. I remember his "Chuck Hole" in the training classroom. What a guy!  
David

**FROM: MICHAEL BETHEA <[mbethea@eks-group.com](mailto:mbethea@eks-group.com)**

Please keep me posted on any updates for Chuck, funeral, services, etc. Chuck was my ASL, zone partner, and next door neighbor for several years. Thanks, Mike

**FROM: GARY HENDERSON - [flatsdude1@yahoo.com](mailto:flatsdude1@yahoo.com)**

Peace be with you, Brother. Rest well....

*We welcome anyone who has prayer concerns to send them in! GOD is here for all of us. Below are a few of our "family" who is battling some type of illness.*



Those who are battling cancer in one way or another:

June Phipps' husband, David.

Sandy Bourdon.

My son, Heath.

John Chisari.

Karen Long

Dolores Petropulos

**FROM: DOLORES PETROPULOS <dmpetro@aol.com**

You have a handsome Son and beautiful family Guy Ann. I understand a little of what Heath is going through. I had Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 1997. They removed my Spleen and then did massive radiation treatments of my head, neck and torso. The radiation was harsh, but I made it through. They don't do that kind of radiation any more for treatment because of the many late affects. I have made it 16 years, and each day is special as they will be for Heath and his family. I'm so happy to hear that he is doing so well. He's still going to have his days, as I still have mine, but patience and strength in God will carry you through it. I learned that though I lived by myself, there is a great OPD family out there, that is supportive and caring. You will never be alone in your family's journey.

M.D. Anderson, Orlando, did not know how to deal with some of the late affects of my head and neck. One thing that I learned, as I have traveled through the medical system, you never settle for less, if they don't know how to treat a condition. I was told just do pain management and live with it. I wanted more of a life, than just sitting in front of a TV, as the massive headaches and pressure from backed up of lymph fluid has plagued me drastically. They became very bad this year, but one thing that OPD has taught me, you never give up. It has been one heck of a rough spring and summer, with all the harsh medicines and procedures.

Only a few people know, but I flew into New York City today. As I write this, I'm looking out over the East River and Queensboro Bridge. I have an appointment with a doctor at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center tomorrow, Aug. 1. He has the only program in the U.S. that deals with late radiation affects that affect us cancer survivors. Through my research and constant plowing forward, I found that there are things that can be done that can make life more livable again. I sent my records to Dr. Suddlefield a few weeks ago. They said that they would encourage me to see him, only if he could do something for me. They said it would take 3-5 days to go through my records and that they would call one way or the other. Within an hour of them getting my records they were calling me. I'm blessed that our City insurance is covering me here. I had to fly in one way, as I'm not sure how long I'll be here, but I figure that since I have never seen New York before, I will take advantage of my down time and tour the city. I had to take the summer off from Rollins, but am planning to go back to school this fall on a lighter schedule. We are all rooting and praying for Heath, I know it has been a rough road for him. But he is through the radiation treatments and those are the roughest, even more so than the surgeries. Take it from me, I would rather have to do a surgery that go through radiation treatments again. You just take care of yourself now. Your strength will carry both him and his family through it. I found that when I went through it back in 97 the hardest thing for me was seeing how my illness affected everyone else. But the strength of my OPD family carried me through it, and that is something I have been thankful for, even today. Best wishes to you and your family, Dolores Petropulos

From: J A RUSSELL - ja199@bellsouth.net

My heart aches for all of you. I don't get to the computer much anymore and since I don't really know how to use the darn thing. I've been hospitalized 3 times this year and got a pacemaker in April. I'm losing a lot of weight and the doctor has me on MEGESROL ACETATE 400/ML SUSP, 5 ML twice a day so I wanted to see if maybe Heath could take it. It tastes terrible but it helps to drink a little milk. I haven't taken it long enough to see results but I am starting to get hungry again. Hope you don't mind the suggestion. God bless you and give you strength. Jane Russell

FROM: LIZ OLIVER'S DAUGHTER. LYNN

FROM: LYNN LYONS - we4roar@gmail.com

Hi, hope all is well with you in MS and that you are doing what you can to manage in the mid-summer heat.

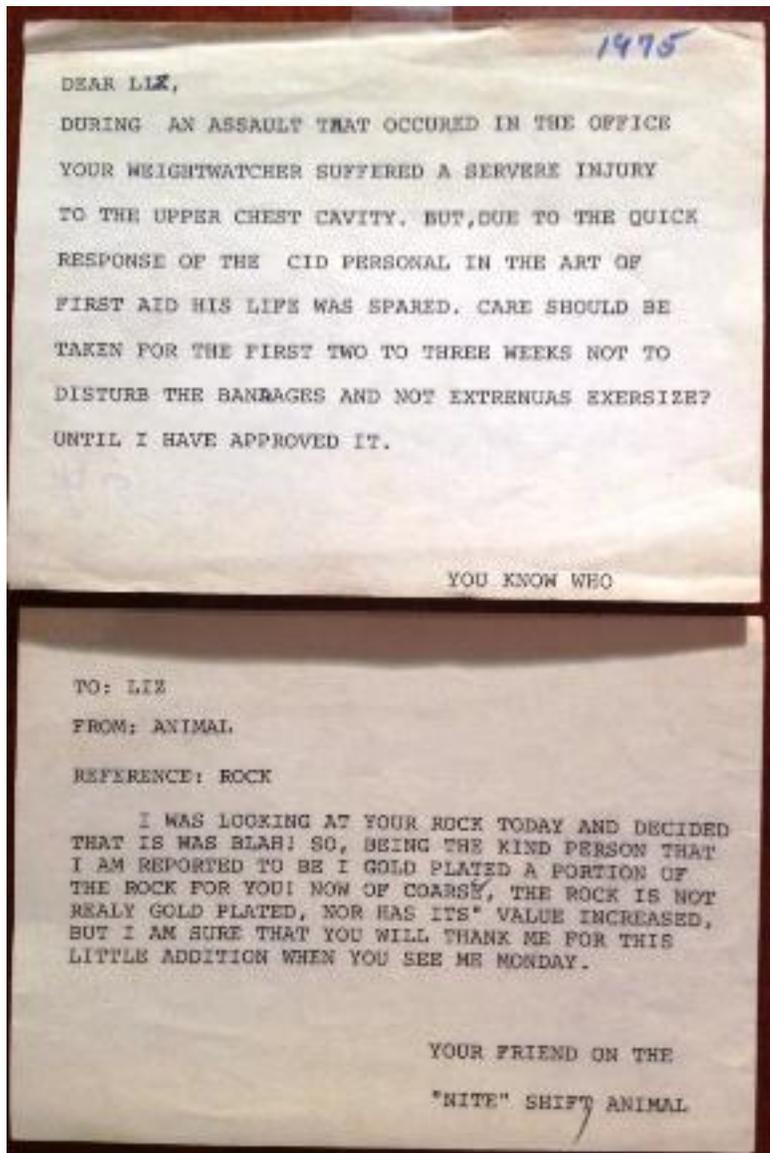
I have a lot of photos of Mom (Liz) to send your way. Some are of the cruise you and she went on, and the rest are of her time at OPD and as an OPD retiree. Many of the folks in the photos I do not

recognize by face, but many I do and don't know how best to reach them. Maybe you will be able to get the photos to them through various retiree functions. I hate to just throw them away.

I came across these two notes - undoubtedly from the same person. Obviously Mom thought they were pretty funny to have kept them all these years! I thought I'd share them, and maybe the "perpetrator" will provide me their address so I can send them along. :-)

Through an email from Diane Dion, we learned that the carousel that was in Mom's TV room "forever" was a retirement gift from the CID gang. We turned upside down a 3" redheaded ceramic figurine and saw it was from June Phipps. I'd like to have her address to be able to send it to her.

Thank you for being the go-between with the retirees during Mom's illness. All the emails and notes of support we received from her colleagues and friends were of great comfort to us. Lynn Lyons 407-230-2753



## RETIREE & WEBSITE INFO

Don't forget to check out our website. <http://www.orlandopoliceretirees.com>  
E-mail me for the password. Feel free to call me at (662) 393-8476 or cell phone (901) 604-5204 or E-mail me at [opdra@earthlink.net](mailto:opdra@earthlink.net) Home address: 2140 Cedar Point Cove, Southaven, MS.38671

Thanks to everyone for your help with your stories, pictures, and everything else you do! We need more stories! Folks, our apologies if we left anything out or had any "Oops." We love all of you.



**NOTE!** The OPD Retirees Committee is accepting a \$25.00 dues/donation, from those who can afford it, to help off-set expenses. Our coffers are getting awfully slim. So, if you can afford it, please send your dues/donation to John Peschau at 366 Hickory Drive, Maitland, FL 32751. I send my expenses to John and he reimburses me. He is keeping an honest accounting of it for us. A Special Thanks to all of you for your support! It means a lot.

If you haven't heard, I'm still going to do the news for another few years (As long as I don't get too many complaints and the computers doesn't drive me crazy! I also have big problems with AOL, some Comcast/Time Warner and the smaller companies. They'll kick back or not even deliver some of my e-mails if they arrive over a certain amount of e-mail addresses. With almost 600e-mail addresses and the requirements of these different "servers", I have to put AOL in groups of 20 as well as Embarq. Then the rest have to be in groups of less than 80, so I have approx. 12 groups which take a long time to send out every e-mail when I have to send ya'll something.

Thanks to all who sent articles and responded to my e-mails! A very special thanks to two of my bestest helpers....John Peschau who is always there for me.....I'm not sure "where" there is (ha) but I call him when I get frustrated and his advice is usually off the wall but cheers me up! (I have my own "Nutty Professor!")

And also to Wendy Bisson, who also adds many items of interest also proofs all of my typos, my "oops" and keeps me in line. She also sends them out department-wide to all the Active Folks! I couldn't it without them and their encouragement!



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