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Message from President

Ken Schintzius

Greetings retirees, hope retirement is treating you well.

As many already know, our July meeting at JJ Taylor Dist. Co., was cancelled due to JJ Taylor personnel double booking the hall for the same time period. I had confirmed our meeting date two days earlier. A sales manager from JJ Taylor had scheduled a sales meeting in the social hall without checking with the receptionist who schedules the hall. The President of JJ Taylor came out and apologized for the error and assured me that this error would never happen again. I apologize to all our retirees that showed up and were turned around at the gate. I made the decision to cancel the meeting rather than moving or rescheduling the meeting. I hope to see all of our retirees at the next meeting on October 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. for food fun and fellowship. Remember, we are a family please, let's stay in touch..

HCSO Benefits/Medical Advantage Plans

The Sheriff's Office continues to partner with Humana to make additional options available to HCSO retirees that are eligible for Medicare Part A & B. Humana Group Medicare Advantage Plans will remain as an option for our Medicare eligible retirees. New plan design changes will be explained during the Retiree Alumni meeting on October 25th and during two information sessions that the RMB/Employee Benefits Section will be hosting at the Pinebrooke Training Facility during the month of October. Any changes relating to the Group Medicare Advantage Plans will go into effect January 1, 2013. In early October, information packets will be mailed out to all of our Medicare eligible retirees currently participating in the HCSO group health insurance and Group Medicare Advantage Plans. Please plan to attend one of these information sessions.

If you have any questions prior to attending one of these information sessions please call Will Ziegler at 813-230-6716 or Frank Montes at 813-966-5415.

If you know a HCSO Retiree that is currently eligible for Medicare please share this information with them. We look forward to seeing you at one of the information sessions.

Pamela Bush, HCSO Benefits Manager

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Quarterly Meeting

The next Alumni Association Quarterly meeting will be held on October, 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at J.J. Taylor Distributing Company, 5102 S. 16th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33619 (see map). A buffet style **dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.** Please come join in the fun.

Dinner Menu

Dinner featuring Fried Chicken, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Tossed Salad w/Peppercorn Dressing, Vegetable Tray w/ Dip, Cold Cuts & Sliced Cheese Tray, Assorted Breads and Apple Cobbler, at no cost.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will be available at the quarterly meeting. The vaccination will be **free** to those that carry HCSO Health Insurance through Humana. Bring your Humana ID card with you to sign in for flu shot. The cost for those that have other insurance will be $25 cash only.

Upcoming Meetings

The HCSO Alumni Association Quarterly Meetings will be held as follows:

January 24, 2013

April 25, 2013

July 25, 2013

October 24, 2013

For more information on the HCSOAA, please visit the Sheriff's Office website at www.hcso.tampa.fl.us

Directions:

FROM NORTH, EAST, WEST
Interstate 4 or 275 to the 50th Street exit. Take 50th Street (US 41) south to 16th Ave South and turn left. JJ Taylor Distributing is one block down on left. Landmark is King Automotive; it's across the street from 16th Ave. NOTE: If you get to Causeway Blvd, you've gone too far.

FROM SOUTH HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
North on 50th Street (US 41). Turn right on 16th Avenue South. JJ Taylor is one block down on the left. NOTE: If you come to Palm River Road you've gone too far.

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS

Since the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Alumni Association does not collect dues, we are accepting a voluntary, one-time donation of $10. Anyone who is interested in making the on-time donation can do so at the quarterly meeting or mail a check to HCSOAA, P.O. Box 6843, Brandon, FL 33511-7001.

Alumni Breakfast

Alumni breakfasts will occur the first Friday of every other month.

The next Alumni Association breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 7, 2012 at Luptons Restaurant, address 5299 E. Busch Blvd. Temple Terrace, FL It's a breakfast buffet and the cost is $8.63. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

Upcoming Date:

February 1, 2013

April 5, 2013

In Memory Of...

Retirees

Kenneth Brandon, Detention Deputy
John Giddens, Detention Deputy
Barbara Hevel, CSO
Ruth Ingraham, Crossing Guard
Andrew "Drew" Marsh, CSO
Melvin Norton, CSO
Clifford C. Smith, Communications
William Terrell, Law Enforcement Deputy

Current Employees

Adam Arnold, Law Enforcement Deputy
Earline Lovitt, Crossing Guard

Shirts, Decals, Etc

HCSO Alumni Association merchandise will be available for purchase at the meetings. To purchase items, contact Ken Schintzius at a1cs12@hotmail.com.

If you are ordering merchandise through the mail, make checks payable to HCSOAA and send to the address listed on page one of this newsletter. For stickers and decals, add $.50 to your check for additional postage and $5.00 for shirts, caps, and jackets.

Items	Cost
Window Stickers	$2.00
T-Shirts (up to XL)	$10.00
T-Shirts (up to XXL)	$11.00
T-Shirts (up to XXXL)	$12.00
Polo Shirts **	$36.00
Jackets **	$35.00
Baseball Style Cap	$12.00

**by special order only

Baseball Style Cap

Window Sticker

Donations

We are still in need of sponsors to support the quarterly meetings. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor a meeting by donating $300, please contact Ken Schintzius at a1cs12@hotmail.com.

Welcome to the Club!

New Retirees

Waltraud Addison
Charles Alexander
Eloise Barnes
James Barr
Pamela Belo
Ronald Bradish
Anthony Clinger
Mark Cummings
Robert Dye Jr.
Aubert Gaguer
Joe Gomez
Thelma Henderson
Jill Isaacson
David Koenig
Kathleen Lapsley
Nellie Lavender-Shakespeare
William Leonard
Carl Luis
Malachi McCoy
Avlyn Mills
Marilyn Nassief
Linda Nott
Charles Phillips
Carmen Rivas
Robert Rockwell
Brett Saunders
Allen Smith
Jack Stanley
John Steiner
Connie Stephens
Liborio Tambe
Robert Whitaker
Michael Willette
Robert Williams
Reba Wilson
Robert Wladyka

Congratulations!!!!!!

What Are They Doing Now?

By Charles R. O'Daniel, retired HCSO deputy

The news story of three Miniature horses rescued in Hillsborough County as the result of an animal cruelty investigation now has a happy ending as two of them, Sandy and her baby Lily, have a new beginning at our home in North Florida.

You see my wife Brenda and I adopted the mother-daughter duo and now they have big pastures in which to run and play, lots of green grass and good feed, plus two Mini horse friends, and most of all people who love and care for them.

I first learned of their plight when I read news accounts in July of four Minis—Warrior, Spirit, Sandy and Lily—who had been abused by starvation. RVR Horse Rescue of Riverview had them and their owner, a former deputy, was arrested. Sadly, despite all efforts Warrior did not survive. This upset me so much that I told my wife to call RVR and see if somehow, we could possibly adopt Sandy and Lily, or Little Lily as I like to call her.

I spent 25 years at HCSO (1979-2004), and I am now on my 9th year of retirement. Still have the urge to "serve and protect" especially when it comes to horses, particularly Minis who are so precious and cannot protect themselves. Can we do this? I asked my wife. What are the logistics involved in adopting them, and then getting them all the way to Suwannee County (200+ miles) where we live? She said if I feel in my heart that strongly to do something, then we should!

I am a "softie," I admit, as we already have rescued a Paint stallion named Chief, Paint horses Rosie and Millie, and two Minis named Misty and her daughter Angel. In their cases, owners could no longer afford to feed them , did not want them, or as in the case of the Minis wanted their pasture space for bigger horses. Some were "free," (we all know there is no such thing as a 'free' horse), others we purchased. We have 24-plus acres for our animals, and our home is on two acres. All total there are now 12 horses, 8 donkeys ... Yeah, I know....!

Long story short, we called RVR and were first on the list to adopt Sandy and Lily. On August 14, we drove down to RVR's facility to see them, as well as Spirit, then talked with the staff and completed all the paperwork. Two days later, we received a call that Sandy and Lily "had their bags packed" and were ready to go. On Friday, August 17, a horse trailer arrived at our home, out stepped Sandy, followed by her baby, and their new life began!

Oh yes, more good news. RVR on its Facebook page posted just recently that Spirit had been adopted!

I believe this quotation, from a famous American, says it all about why we adopted the Minis: "Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way."

We also offer our thanks to Deputies Judy Whaley and Tammy Cuscaden, both good friends of mine, who took donations, feed, treats and horse care supplies to RVR.

Pictures continued on the next page.

What Are They Doing Now?

If you would like to submit an article, you can email it to tpreza@hcso.tampa.fl.us or send it by U.S. Mail to Tanya Preza, 1201 N. Orient Road, Tampa, FL 33619

Letter from the Editor

LET'S GO EMAIL…

If you would like to receive the quarterly newsletter via email instead of U.S. Mail please email your name and email address to Tanya Preza at tpreza@hcso.tampa.fl.us

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Special Thanks

The dinner for our October 25th meeting is being sponsored by Michael Lawton with CPS Investment Advisors www.cpsinvestmentadvisors.com and Mark Leonard. Both have been very good friends to the HCSO Alumni Association. We thank them for their continued support and friendship.