ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Message from President

Ken Schintzius

Greetings Retirees,

We hope that all have a wonderful and safe summer.

As many of you may know by now, the HCSO has opened a History Center (museum). The Grand Opening was May 5, 2016 and is located in Ybor City at 2001 North 19th Street, Tampa, Florida 33605 (N.E. Corner of 19th St. and 9th Ave.).

The History Center is only opened on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for now.

The center is being staffed by volunteers from HCSO Retired Employee and the Citizens Patrol Ranks. We appreciate their Volunteer Services.

I have been tasked with staffing the History Center (I volunteered). If any Retiree is interested in volunteering, please email me at kenneth.schintzuis@gmail.com. Include a phone number and I will get with you to explain the program in further detail.

Sheriff Gee, his staff, retired Major Clyde Eisenberg, Major Alan Hill, Captain James Bradford, retiree Gary Turner, Deputy Lorraine Jordan and Deputy Gerald "Jerry" Carey, among others, had a very large part in the successful gathering of HCSO memorabilia and opening of this center. Should any retirees (living anywhere in our great country) have any HCSO memorabilia in your possession and wish to donate them or old photos that we can copy or keep, please contact Captain James Bradford at jbrad@hcso.tampa.fl.us, or me at the above email address.

We hope those who live within driving distance, on vacation or just visiting the Tampa Bay area will stop by and take a tour (it's free) of this awesome center.

Letter from the Editor

Just a reminder - If you would like to receive the newsletter, HCSO news, funeral/death notices, and/or retirement celebration information, please email Tanya Preza at tpreza@hcso.tampa.fl.us to be added to the email distribution list(s). Please indicate which of the two distribution lists you want or both. Newsletter or HCSO News.

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Quarterly Meeting

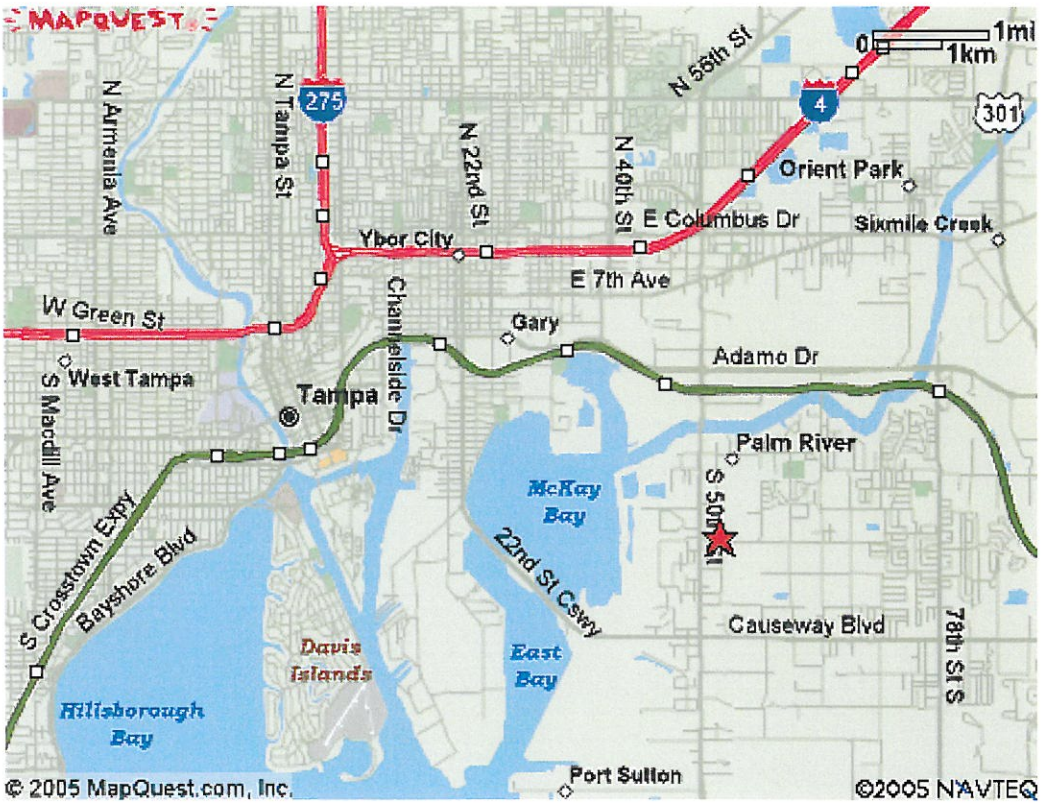
The next Alumni Association Quarterly meeting will be held on July 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at J.J. Taylor Distributing Company, 5102 S. 16th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33619 (see map). A buffet style **dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.** Please come join in the fun.

Dinner Menu

Dinner featuring Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad w/Honey Mustard Dressing, Vegetable Tray w/ Dip, Cold Cuts & Sliced Cheese Tray, Assorted Breads and Pineapple Cake, at no cost.

Special Thanks

Our HCSO Alumni dinner will be sponsored by Robert Harwood, President and Founder of the Harwood Financial Group, a Financial Planning Company located at 4611 W. North A Street Tampa, FL 336609; (800) 989-1427; info@HarwoodFinancialGroup.com. With offices located in Tampa, Largo, Dunedin and Trinity. He is the author of the best selling book "Investing for Retirement", a free copy will be issued to all attendees of the July Alumni dinner. We wish to thank Mr. Harwood for his more than kind donation and support.



Upcoming Meetings

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

October 27, 2016

January 26, 2017

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.

In Memory Of...

Retirees

Merrill Blau, Legal Secretary

Joseph Hoellerer, Electrician Technician I

Walter Jackson, Law Enforcement Deputy

Rex Meighen, Law Enforcement Deputy

Irving Smith, Community Service Officer

Ralph Underwood, Law Enforcement Sergeant

John Zoeller, Detention Deputy

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, August 5, 2016 at Perkins Restaurant, address 5002 E. Fowler Ave. Tampa, FL.. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

Upcoming breakfast dates:

October 7, 2016

December 2, 2016

February 3, 2017

Shirts, Decals, Etc

HCSO Alumni Association merchandise will be available for purchase at the meetings. To purchase items, contact Ken Schintzius at Kenneth.schintzius@gmail.com or Sandi Ray at waltray2k@aol.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 $6.00 for shirts, caps, and jackets.

Items	*Cost*
Window Stickers	*$2.00*
T-Shirts (up to XL)	*$11.00*
T-Shirts (2XL)	*$12.00*
T-Shirts (3XL)	*$13.00*
*Polo Shirts ** (up to XL)*	*$0.00*
*Polo Shirts ** (2XL)*	*$0.00*
*Polo Shirts ** (3XL-4XL)*	*$0.00*
*Jackets ** (up to XL)*	*$0.00*
*Jackets ** (2XL)*	*$0.00*
*Jackets ** (3XL-4XL)*	*$0.00*
Baseball Style Cap	*$12.00*

****All clothing items are currently on hold due to increased costs from the vendor****

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 Kenneth.schintzius@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

11th Annual Bowl-a-Thon - August 6, 2016 at 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Pin Chasers at Veterans
5555 W. Hillsborough Avenue, Tampa

HCSO Ranch Run - September 17, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.
Temple Terrace Elementary
124 Flotto Avenue, Temple Terrace

WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

Luis Albert
Edmond Anctil
David Atkinson
Samuel Bowles
Homer Brown
Gregory Brown
Dale Bunten
Cathy Burns (Noble)
David Cabrera
Natthavoot Chotisin
Adrienne Comacho
Lance Connors
John Conroy
Lawrence Curphey
Karl Davis
Nancy Davis
Rene Fortner
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Margaret Grow
Bruce Harrell
Terry Harris
Margaret Hauser
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Michael Hurley
Ernest Keller
Shirley Kenney
Timothy Lovett
Brian Lucier
Kathie Luft
Artramease McMillian
Patricia Miley
Tammy Otto
Mary Pedersen
Walter Sachse Jr.
Michael Sardone
Herbert Schreifels
Thomas Shaw
John Shearer
Carolyn Shepherd
Jose Silva
Benjamin Tillis
Jon Tillis
Anselmo Torres Jr.
David Uhlarik
Ronald Valenti
Mark Weller
Judith Whaley
Rolendia Yangco

Congratulations!!!!!!

"What Are They Doing Now?

By Jack Espinosa Sr.,

I am Jack Espinosa, former director of information for HCSO. I have published my second book, "Sacafiesta" a collection of short stories about my in-and out career in show business. One chapter includes a shared incident with two beat cops on Franklin Street in downtown Tampa back in the 50's, Charles Fisher and Walter Heinrich.

The book has received excellent reviews from local newspapers as a funny yet informative and poignant account of the entertainment scene during my 85 years.

My advanced years have not slowed me down significantly. Aside from authoring two books, I stay busy writing articles and teaching U.S. History/Political Science/Economics for the University of South Florida's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) offering multiple courses of interest to senior citizens.

My wife and I have two sons, Circuit Court Judge Jack Espinosa Jr., Chris Espinosa, two grandchildren and two great grandsons. The entire family is native to Tampa and all live in Hillsborough County. My wife and I celebrated our 62nd anniversary in March of this year.

Editions of my new book "Sacafiesta" (Ybor City Spanish for "Party Animal") are not yet on the market but advanced copies are available for signings. Anyone interested may call me at (813) 872-7491.

Advisory Board Members

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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

HCSO Retiree Health & Wellness Corner

Humana Drug Pricing Tool

There's good news to share! Our HCSO health and wellness initiatives are working! Many of you have made healthier lifestyle choices such as losing weight, eating better, getting more physical activity and working hard to get your important numbers like blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose into a healthy range. HumanaVitality has played an important role in changing our culture here at HCSO to one of wellness! Your participation in the program, as well as our onsite wellness and education classes is making a difference in people's lives. All your hard work and efforts are paying off!

Over the past four years, our medical costs across the agency have increased only six and a half percent, compared to the national average increase of about thirteen percent. This is due to your positive lifestyle changes. Keep taking advantage of the wellness opportunities through HCSO. It's working!

The reality, however, is that our prescription costs have risen at an alarming rate. A thirty-four percent increase in prescription costs mean that, despite our slight six and a half percent increase in medical costs, our overall health care costs rose significantly over the last year. Rising healthcare costs mean higher premiums for all of us. That's why it is so important for each of us to learn what we can do to lower medication costs.

There are some simple things you can do to help save money on prescriptions for both yourself and the medical plan.

The Humana Drug Pricing Tool is a great way to get the best price on your prescriptions. You can find the tool by visiting www.humana.com. Look under "Tools and Forms" for the "Drug Pricing Tool." This allows you to put in the name of your prescription and your location so that you can search for the best price in your area. Drug prices can vary dramatically from one pharmacy to another.

For more information about the HCSO Health and Wellness program, contact Bonnie Salazar, HCSO Health and Wellness Manager at (813) 247-8211.

Humana Vitality

HCSO Employee Benefits

The Risk Management Bureau, Employee Benefits Section will conduct two Open Enrollment sessions for Retirees. A session will be offered at the Malcolm Beard Sheriff's Operation Center in Ybor City on **Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 1:00pm** in the 2nd floor classroom directly across from the elevator and a session will be held at the Retiree Alumni Meeting on **Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 6:00pm**. We encourage you to attend an Open Enrollment session to obtain information about the HCSO Group Health Insurance for the 2016 plan year. There will be some minor changes to the medical plan and premium changes for the new plan year. A Humana Representative will be available to provide you with individualized attention after the session. A letter will be mailed to you within the next few days that will provide detailed information about the Open Enrollment sessions and medical benefits for the upcoming plan year. We look forward to seeing you at the Open Enrollment sessions.

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