



Suncoaster

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Chairman's Message



Dear Chapter Members and Friends;

Our June meeting will end our active meeting schedule. Please mark your calendar for June 19. Ed Fleck has another impressive speaker for the occasion. Mary has prepared a beautiful gift basket.

Our active meeting schedule will begin in September of 2007. Remember September is also the month for the National Convention at Orlando.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting me as Chair of the Sun Coast Chapter during these past months. It has indeed been a pleasure to represent the Chapter and more importantly spending great times with great people. I will be available for Chapter activities until Doug deWolfe takes over Chair in September 2007. Again thanks.

Richard Holland

Suncoast Event Dates

June 19th

Monthly Luncheon – 11:30 am

Radisson Bay Harbor Hotel

RSVP to Bob Ulmer

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June Speaker – Ed Fleck

We are honored to have as our speaker for June, Circuit Court Judge **Martha J. Cook**, a Juvenile Dependency Judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, where she deals with child abuse. **Judge Cook** has presided over hundreds of dependency and termination of parental rights trials. In 1997 she was honored as GAL attorney of the year. Please plan to attend our meeting for what promises to be an interesting and informative presentation.

FBI Retired Badge – Bob Ulmer

Bob Ulmer reports 40 badges were ordered and delivered. Twenty one have been mailed to members and the remaining 19 will be handed out at the June 19th luncheon.

If there is additional interest in a 2nd order, we'll need a minimum of 20 badges. Also, the cost per badge has increased from \$18 to \$30 each.

Also, on a different subject, I read an article in the Tampa Tribune several weeks ago that the Radisson has been purchased and is slated to be demolished and replaced by a 5 star restaurant and hotel complex. I believe it will be under the Ritz Carlton name. **Doug deWolfe** has approached the people at the Rusty Pelican, just down the road at Rocky Point as a replacement luncheon venue. Nothing has been finalized until we know the scheduled date of closing for the Radisson. It appears as though the cost of the monthly luncheon will have to be increased to \$14 or \$15, as opposed to the current \$12. **Doug** will take the lead on this issue and we will know more when we have our transition meeting for old and new officers sometime in July.

Wellness Report – Ed Fleck, Mike Lunsford, Daniel Saunders & Lane Bonner

Please contact our Family Assistance Officers with the status of our members who are ailing.

Raphael I., "Ray Nixon, 88, of Largo, died May 20, 2007 at Northside Hospital and Heart Institute, St. Petersburg. In his 38-year career, he worked for the FBI, Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Power Commission and the General Services Administration. He was a member of the Society of Former FBI Agents, the Knights of Columbus, Spokane Chapter, and St. Jerome Catholic Church, Largo. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, **Kathleen Loftus**, six children, fourteen grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Suncoast Chapter Nominations and Election of 2008 Officers

The Nominating Committee, consisting of **Lane Bonner** and **Tom Connolly**, will report on officer nominations for 2007-2008. We have a full slate, but we will solicit and accept nominations from the floor, and then vote on the new slate at the June meeting. Nominations are **Doug deWolfe** as Chair, **Barb Madden** has accepted our nod for the Vice Chair position. Other officers remain the same unless opposed at June meeting. The September meeting will be opened by **Dick Holland** and the gavel turned over to the new Chairman soon after opening.

Chapter News

Congratulations to Suncoast Member **Chris Kerr**, who appears on page 3 of the May Grapevine, for being awarded the United States Attorney's Award by **USA Paul Perez** for his work on drug cases. You can also see **Chris'** signature on the exhibit card in the drug seizure photo.

Ed Fleck reports that all lapel pins have been sold but if there are minimum of 20 more requests, Ed will place a re-order. See Ed at the meeting.

Barb Madden won the basket furnished by **Mary Holland** and **Mike Lunsford** won the 50/50, which he returned to the chapter. Thanks a bunch, **Mike**. **Barb** says “No way am I going to give up my basket.”

Tom Nicoletti has sent a message he is back in Iraq. He sends greetings to all and will be returning to the area in a few months.

Guests at the May meeting were **Lee & Richard McCleary**.

National Convention – September 19-23 in Orlando – Al Scudieri

Ed Bodigheimer is trying to line up a prominent speaker for the Sept. Society convention in Orlando. I have been in contact with **Gov. Crist's** office, but to date I have no firm commitment. If any member has a suggestion or personally knows of a suitable speaker, please contact **Al Scudieri** at 813 286-4100 or **Ed Bodigheimer** at 386 673-0902.

Suncoast Chapter's 2007 Day at the Races



The April 24th Day at the Races hosted by Tom Connolly



May Meeting

