



Suncoaster

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Chairman's Message



Dear Chapter Members and Friends;

I want to take a moment and express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each of you for your active participation and hard work that makes our chapter a success.

On February 13, 2007, we had our annual Valentine's luncheon. Our beautiful ladies made the day. The room at the Radisson, overlooking the Bay and our violinist Amanda Gertulla all added to a memorable afternoon. Joe Ondrula was the pick to receive the great Valentine's basket that had been prepared by Mary. A great time was had by our 50 participants.

At the request of many of our members and in addition to the ball game our March 20, 2007, monthly meeting is scheduled for the usual time at the Radisson. Mark this time and date on your calendar. I will not be able to attend due to a work related commitment.

Heads Up - On March 26, 2007, at 1:30 PM, the Phillies will play the New York Yankees at Legends field. Thanks to the efforts of Phil McNiff, tickets were secured for those who wish to attend this

baseball outing. What a way to spend an afternoon - baseball, popcorn and beverage with chapter members, friends and associates in the warm Florida sun. Many would argue it doesn't get better than this.

Again March brings a full Society schedule. I look forward to seeing you then.

Richard Holland

Suncoast Event Dates

March 20 th	Monthly Luncheon – 12 noon Radisson Bay Harbor Hotel RSVP to Bob Ulmer 727 394-8269 bobulmer@tampabay.rr.com
March 26 th	Yankees vs Phillies Baseball Game 1:15pm (sold out)
April 24 th	Race Day at Tampa Bay Downs (tentative)

March Meeting

Our speaker at this month's chapter meeting is Circuit Court Judge Martha J. Cook. Judge Cook is a Juvenile Dependency Judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, where she has presided over hundreds of dependency and termination of parental rights trials involving child abuse. We are honored to have Judge Cook speak to us and you will not want to miss her presentation.

Race Day at Tampa Bay Downs - We need 42 reservations

Tom Connolly advises Race Day @ Tampa Bay Downs is scheduled for April 24th on a Tuesday. We need 42 participants to schedule a room. The meal will be an Italian buffet. **We need a head count for this event immediately.** Contact Bob Ulmer if you want to attend – 727 394-8269 or bobulmer@tampabay.rr.com .

From our Treasurer

We are in the midst of 2007 dues collection time. Annual dues are \$25 and can be remitted to me by check at 17031 Dolphin Drive, North Redington Beach, FL 33708 or you can pay at the luncheon.

Bob Ulmer, Treasurer

FBI Retired Badge



From another chapter – “Some may have seen recently on xGBoys that Lou Gandolfo, a former NYO ASAC has created a badge for retired Special Agents of the FBI. I've done an email exchange with Lou, and he has sent me a picture of the badge which is attached to this email. You'll note that it substantially replicates the form of the FBI Special Agent badge, but with the addition of the words "Retired Special Agent" at the lowest point of the badge. Physically, the badge is slightly larger (in height) than the FBI Badge (2.6 inches vs. about 2.25 inches) but proportionally, it looks like the Bu badge.”

“Lou is offering these badges for sale for \$75 (plus \$3 shipping) if you order during the month of March. After that, he's going to charge an additional \$5 for delivery. You can order the badge by sending your check or money order made payable to "Cash" and sending it to L. Gandolfo, PO Box 3675, Easton, PA 18043-3675.”

Lapel Pins

Several members have attractive Society lapel pins and others have asked how they can get one. The chapter has ordered 50 of these Society lapel pins which will be available at the meeting for two dollars. We think you will want to have one. See Ed Fleck at the meeting.

New Members

Welcome to Tom and Pat Gleason. They stay part of the year in St. Petersburg and the rest of the year in Hayward, Wisconsin. Tom served in the Pittsburgh and Jackson Divisions. Tom's email address is gleasonpnt@aol.com

Richard MacClary moved to Clearwater about four years ago from Miami, and intends join us. He is also applying for the Society. Richard is married to Virginia and he retired in 1994.

Chapter info

Condolences to Al Scudieri on the death of his Father.

Our chapter had a nice turnout at the funeral of Jerry Bowers, and that his family, including his son, SA Mike Bowers of the Charleston (SC) RA, was appreciative of our attendance.

Cecil "Ceese" Moses Miller, 95, passed away from respiratory failure at a nursing home in St. Petersburg, FL. Cecil will be cremated and no service is planned at this time. Cecil was a Society and Suncoast Chapter member of the Society for many years but let his membership lapse when nearly all his fellow Agents passed on, as well as his memory beginning to decline. His wife, Betty, passed away in 1995, and he was predeceased by one son. He is survived by a son, retired SA Michael (Pamela) Miller of Dumfries, VA, and a daughter, Gay (Larry, retired SA and Society member) Evaldi of Ocala, FL, as well as three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Cecil had served in Springfield for a long time, Buffalo, and Tampa for a long time and from where he retired. The family is grateful to Society member Mike Lunsford for his friendship to Cecil over the last years

Former Suncoast Chapter luncheon speaker, Scott Deitche, has now completed his second book about organized crime in Tampa, entitled "THE SILENT DON: THE CRIMINAL WORLD OF SANTO TRAFFICANTE JR.," which will be out the end of March. Check your local bookstores.

For those of you who missed out on the Yankees tickets, you may want to consider the Silver Rays (for seniors). For a single membership of \$25 you get:

- 5 ticket vouchers to pre-selected Rays games (including one Yankees game).
- Membership card good for 10% discount on merchandise and concessions at Tropicana Field.
- Silver Rays t-shirt.
- Rays cap.
- Invitations to exclusive Silver Rays Seminars with Rays front office personnel and St. Anthony's Health Care staff.
- Silver Rays Newsletter.

You can sign up on the web at www.devilrays.com via the Fan Forum page, or by calling Geoff McQueen at 727.825.3373.

Some pictures from our Valentine's Day Luncheon

