

# D.O.C. RETIREE NEWS

PEOPLE WHO BUILT THE D.O.C. TO THE LOFTY STATURE IT ENJOYED THROUGHOUT THE NATION  
FOR CERTAIN RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE #1 DEPT.

SINCE 1996

#85 JANUARY 2010

## CORRECTIONS PEOPLE GONE

(AN UPDATE)

SEE HOW MANY NAMES  
YOU KNEW

ED ABAS  
ABE ABRAHAMSON SR  
HARVEY AKERSON  
JIM ALEXANDER  
JIM ALLEN  
JERRY ANDERSEN  
ALTON ANDERSON  
RUBY BENSON  
ARTHUR BOEHNE  
JIM BRADFORD  
GENE BURNS  
MILT CONRAD  
DICK CRAVEN  
WHIT DAY  
DENNIS DOEGE  
CHARLEY EK  
JOHN ELHOLM  
JERRY EVELAND  
JACK FALLON  
RAY FARRELL  
JACKIE FLEMING  
DAVE FLOTTEN  
CHARLEY GADBOIS  
FRED GELBMANN  
CURT GIBSON  
DON GRAFENSTEIN  
CHET GUNVALDSON  
A.H. SWEDE HAGBERG  
RAY HAIDEN  
HILDING HANSON  
BONNIE HARTIGAN  
MORRIE HEILIG  
MEL JANSKI  
WAYNE JOHNSON  
WARREN JOHNSON  
TOM KERNAN  
PAUL KEVE  
RON KLOYDA  
LEE KNAUS  
HUGH KRAUSE  
RAY LAPPEGAARD  
TOM LAWSON  
SWEDE LUND  
DERWOOD LUND  
NATE MANDEL  
AL MARESH  
JEFF MARTIN

## ANY SURPRISES?

BILL MCGRATH  
RED MERO  
MERLE MICHEAU  
RALPH NELSON  
SALLY NEUMAN  
WALT ODEGAARD  
AVY OLSON  
DARRELL PANGBORN  
LEE PAULSON  
AXEL PETERSON  
WARREN PETERSON  
DICK PHILLIPS  
GENE POLLARD  
TOM REDMOND  
VINCE REIS  
AL REKER  
FRANK ROSSEL  
JOE ROWAN  
JOE SAURO  
HAL SCHOMMER  
JOHN SCHORN  
DUANE SHEPHERD  
DENNIS SMITH  
TED SPIESS  
TERRY STOMSKI  
TOM SULLIVAN  
BARBARA SUNDQUIST  
RALPH TAHASH  
TED TELANDER  
NORM THOMAS  
BERNIE TROJE  
WILL TURNBLADH  
DALE ULRICH  
GAY URNESS  
PAUL WAGNER  
ED WEY  
FRANK WOOD  
CAS ZANTEK  
OTHERS?

## TERMS OF COMMISSIONERS

(GOOD INFO FOR A CIVIL SERVICE TEST!)

WILL TURNBLADH 8-1-59 TO 2-19-65  
RAY LAPPEGAARD 2-22-65 TO 3-14-66  
JAMES ALEXANDER 4-15-66 TO 1-17-67  
HOWARD COSTELLO 1-18-67 TO 1-31-67 (ACTING)  
PAUL KEVE 2-1-67 TO 1-28-71  
HOWARD COSTELLO 1-29-71 TO 5-30-71 (ACTING)  
DAVID FOGEL 6-1-71 TO 1-28-73  
KENNETH SCHOEN 1-28-73 TO 12-31-78  
ORVILLE PUNG 1-1-79 TO 1-16-79 (ACTING)  
JACK YOUNG 1-17-79 TO 9-30-82  
ORVILLE PUNG 10-1-82 TO 9-8-93  
FRANK WOOD 9-9-93 TO 8-3-96  
GOTHRIEL (FRED) LAFLEUR 8-2-96 TO 1999  
SHERYL RAMSTAD HVASS 1999-2003  
JOAN FABIAN 2003 TO PRESENT

BESIDES 'ACTING' WHO WAS THE SHORTEST TERM  
COMMISSIONER?

WHICH ONES WERE MN CORRECTIONS CAREER PEOPLE?  
WHO WAS THE 'MSW' GUNG HO COMMISSIONER?

AND THE LONGEST SERVING COMMISSIONER IS:  
**ORV PUNG!**

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**DOC MONTHLY LUNCHEONS  
RETIREES MEET (AND SPOUSES OR WHOEVER)  
THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT  
PERKINS - 694 AND LEXINGTON-  
NOONISH.**

**NOVEMBER -DEL & LORRIE LEAF, TOM FOSTER,  
JIM ZELLMER & BOB NELSON.  
POOR LORRIE. DEL COMES FROM INSTITUTIONS (STS) &  
CENTRAL OFFICE. BOB COMES FROM LINO. FOSTER:  
FIELD SERVICE AND I GUESS YOU'D CALL ZELLMER:  
INSTITUTIONS, FIELD SERVICES AND C.O.?**

**DECEMBER- PAT BERGLUND, BETTY ELHOLM,  
TOM FOSTER, JIM ZELLMER, DEL & LORRIE LEAF.  
SOMEONE COMPLAINED OR COMMENTED THAT ONCE AGAIN,  
JIM RYAN DID NOT ATTEND!**

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### **TIMES CHANGE - THINGS CHANGE**

THE 'STILLWATER GAZETTE' HAD AN ARTICLE ABOUT A 1968 INCIDENT AT STILLWATER PRISON - JACK YOUNG'S FIRST CHRISTMAS THERE (AS WARDEN).

"INMATES HAD STARTED CHANTING THEIR OWN VERSION OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS -'HO HO HO, YOUNG MUST GO' AND 'WE WISH YOU A REVOLUTION!'.

"THAT WAS CHRISTMAS MORNING", YOUNG, 80 SAID.  
"I THOUGHT, 'BOY IT IS GOING TO BE FUN AROUND HERE!"

HE ALSO RECEIVED A CALL DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AT THE WARDEN'S HOUSE THAT SOME INMATES WERE ATTEMPTING TO BREAK OUT OF THE PRISON BY SAWING THE BARS WITH STOLEN MACHINERY. HE WENT TO THE PRISON.

WIFE ADELLE SAW THEM FROM HER WINDOW AND CALLED RIGHT AWAY TO JACK AT THE PRISON. HE GRABBED A SHOTGUN AND OUTSIDE THE PRISON WAS ABLE TO GET THE INMATES ATTENTION - NO INMATES ESCAPED.

JACK SAYS, "IF ADELLE HADN'T CALLED I DON'T KNOW WHERE I WOULD HAVE BEEN THE NEXT DAY, BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN WARDEN."

THE OLD WARDEN'S HOUSE IS BEING REMODELED INTO A 'CONFERENCE CENTER' NAMED AFTER JACK AND ADELLE YOUNG - THE LAST RESIDENTS.

AH! MEMORIES

OTHER CHANGES -

ANOTHER RECENT GAZETTE ARTICLE HAD 'INMATE CHARGED IN ASSAULTS ON OFFICERS' SEEMS HE SPIT ON A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AND ALSO THREW AN APPLE AND HIT ANOTHER ONE IN THE THIGH, (A 'SHE' - ANOTHER CHANGE FROM THE OLDEN DAYS).

THE POINT IS, THAT HE WAS CHARGED IN DISTRICT COURT WITH TWO ASSAULTS.

FRIEND, RETIRED CAPTAIN LYLE PEARSON JR. COMMENTS, "IN MY EARLY DAYS AT STILLWATER THIS WOULD ONLY MERIT INTERNAL DISCIPLINE AS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WOULDN'T PROSECUTE. THEN, WITH THE ADVENT OF SERIOUS BODILY FLUID DISEASE POSSIBILITIES, THESE TYPE ACTIONS INVOLVING BODILY FLUIDS BECAME FELONIES - AS WELL THEY SHOULD".

### **DATES OLD TIMERS STARTED**

OLD 'PACK RAT' DENNIS MALONEY OF INTERNATIONAL FALLS SENT ME A 'SENIORITY ROSTER' DATED APRIL 1977 THAT HAS SOME INTERESTING ITEMS.

JIM RYAN STARTED AS AN AGENT 10-30-61.

TAI SHIGAKI STARTED AS 'PENAL CLASS. OFFICER 'AT SHAKOPEE 06-04-62 AND BECAME TRAINING DIRECTOR 12-22-65.

JOHN HANDY (IS HE STILL AT STS?) STARTED AS AN AGENT 08-15-72

HEE KWAN LEE STARTED AS A RESEARCH ANALYST 12-09-63 (I RECALL HE WAS A 'TRAINEE' BEFORE THAT).

JOE CORONA STARTED 09-01-61 AS AN AGENT.

JIM LYLE STARTED AS AN AGENT 07-24-59.

AL ARNOLD STARTED AS AN AGENT 11-18-63 (BUT I RECALL HE WAS A CPO BEFORE THAT)

MYRON JOHNSON STARTED AS AN AGENT 07-05-60.

ROGER CHASE STARTED 09-03-63 AS AN AGENT.

MARY HURRLE (ARNOLD) STARTED AS AN AGENT 05-02-66

JAN SILVERBERG STARTED 10-15-63 AS AN AGENT.

SELMER KNUTSON STARTED AS AN AGENT 11-06-67.

KURT HOEHNE STARTED AS AN AGENT 10-13-65.

ROBERT BIRCHER STARTED AS AN AGENT 8-28-59.

JON POEHLER STARTED AS AN AGENT 08-27-69.

BRUCE BESSE STARTED AS AN AGENT 12-22-69.

HARLEY NELSON STARTED AS AN AGENT 09-10-69.

GREG POTVIN STARTED AS AN AGENT 03-04-70.

ANDY DOOM STARTED AS AN AGENT 02-08-71.

BILL GUELKER STARTED AS AN AGENT 01-23-74.

(LOTS MORE NAMES ON THE LIST BUT I JUST REPORTED THOSE WHO WERE ON MY MAILING LIST). THE INSTITUTIONS HAD SEPARATE BARGAINING UNITS FOR SENIORITY AND UNION STATUS. I DON'T HAVE ANY OF THEIR LISTS.

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### **DO YOU GET 'HOTLINE'?**

IT IS THE D.O.C. MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. IF YOU ARE LUCKY, YOU GET IT IN THE MAIL- BUT, IF YOU ARE ON THE COMPUTER, YOU CAN BRING IT UP ON THE 'D.O.C. WEB SITE.

HERE IS SOME HISTORY ON IT - 'HOTLINE' STARTED BACK IN 1973 AS A WEEKLY. 'CORRECTIONS CORNER' WAS THE MONTHLY NEWS.

GOOD OLD DENNIS MALONEY SENT ME THE FIRST COPY OF HOTLINE - ONE PAGE, LOOKED LIKE MADE ON A TYPEWRITER AND COPIED. UNDATED BUT TIME STAMPED "APRIL 25, 1973".

ELLEN JAMES WAS THE EDITOR AND 'INFORMATION OFFICER' IN THOSE DAYS OF THE SCHOEN REGIME AND BETSY BUCKLEY WAS ASST. OR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND ELLEN'S BOSS. I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO ELLEN? SEEMS LIKE THESE WERE THE DAYS WHEN THE CENTRAL OFFICE WAS IN THE METRO SQUARE BUILDING.

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## **INMATE NAME CHANGES**

A NON CORRECTIONS FRIEND ASKED ME RECENTLY ABOUT AN INMATE OF OPH (& FROM NORTH WESTERN MINNESOTA) WHO HAD HIS NAME CHANGED AND WONDERED 'HOW AND WHY?'

BECAUSE THE INMATE WAS A SEX OFFENDER, I WAS ABLE TO BRING HIS PICTURE AND RECORD UP ON THE INTERNET (D.O.C. WEB PAGE). HIS NAME WAS CHANGED TO A VERY WEIRD, GOOFY ONE! - WHILE HE WAS APPARENTLY AT OPH. ON THE ONE HAND IT SEEMS THERE WOULD BE CONCERNS ON THE PART OF THE VICTIM(S) OR THEIR FAMILY ABOUT HIS RETURNING UNDER THIS NEW NAME WITHOUT THEIR KNOWING IT, ETC.

WELL, I WAS ABLE TO GET A COPY ON THE LAW ON THIS. APPARENTLY FOR 'GOOD REASON' IT CAN BE DONE - JUST LIKE OUT IN SOCIETY, YOU CAN GO TO DISTRICT COURT AND HAVE YOUR NAME CHANGED.

SEEMS LIKE THOSE INCARCERATED MAY HAVE SOME 'GOOD REASON'. THERE IS A MOVIE OUT NOW ABOUT A COUPLE WHO WITNESSED A CRIME AND FOUND THEMSELVES IN THE 'WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM'. IT MAY BE SIMILAR WITH INMATES WHO ARE INFORMANTS.

WARDEN JOHN KING AT STILLWATER PRISON TELLS ME A DISTRICT JUDGE COMES TO THE PRISON EVERY ONCE IN AWHILE AND HEARS SUCH 'NAME CHANGE CASES'.

TIMES CHANGE - THINGS CHANGE

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## **STILLWATER RETIREES DO GET TOGETHER**

YES, STILLWATER PRISON RETIREES DO MEET INFORMALLY MONTHLY AT 'GORMAN'S RESTAURANT' IN LAKE ELMO. ANOTHER MSP GROUP MEETS AT OSCEOLA, WIS. FOR MORE INFO, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, MAYBE CONTACT THE HR OFFICE AT THE PRISON.

(DO THE FOGARTY BROS. COME TO THOSE?)

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## **NEW WARDEN AT LINO LAKES**

BOB FENEIS RETIRED AFTER 11 YEARS AS WARDEN .



EDDIE MILES IS THE NEW WARDEN WHO STARTED AT LINO IN 1992 AS A 'CC'. WORKED AT SHAKOPEE, OPH, STILLWATER & C.O. HE WAS ASSOCIATE WARDEN AT STILLWATER PRISON.

## **WEIRD THINGS IN FLORIDA (AS USUAL)**

AS MOST KNOW, I'M SPENDING THE WINTER ON THE BEACH IN SO FAR, VERY COLD FLORIDA - AS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, WOULDN'T YOU HAVE LIKED A BONUS EACH YEAR TO RECOGNIZE YOUR 'GOOD WORK' OR 'VALUE'? I MEAN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS - NOT CHICKEN FEED! APPARENTLY, HERE IN FLORIDA, (AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM) APPARENTLY MANY ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS CAN GIVE OUT SALARY BONUS' AND WITH LITTLE OR NO OVERSIGHT OR AUDIT.

IN OKALOOSA COUNTY IN THE PANHANDLE (WHERE I AM) THE POPULAR 4 TERM SHERIFF, CHARLIE MORRIS, AFTER YEARS OF HIS BONUS KICK BACK SCHEME, WAS DISCOVERED. HE HAD GIVEN OUT \$1.4 MILLION IN BONUS' OVER 5 YEARS. OF THAT, THE SHERIFF GOT \$88,000 BACK FROM THE RECIPIENTS! THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A LOT OF INTERNAL COLLUSION INVOLVED TO ACCOMPLISH THAT!

THE SHERIFF WAS ARRESTED VISITING IN LAS VEGAS -ON RACKETEERING AND OTHER CHARGES BY THE FBI - HAS PLEADED GUILTY AND IS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR 71 MONTHS. SEVERAL OF HIS BONUS STAFF FACE CHARGES. 5 SHERIFF'S STAFF ACTED AS INFORMANTS TO BRING INFORMATION TO THE FBI.

NO DOUBT QUITE A SHAKEUP IN THAT OFFICE! IT IS AMAZING HOW THIS CONTINUED AND THE AMOUNT OF TAXPAYERS MONEY INVOLVED!

THE 'RESPECTED' SHERIFF AND SEVERAL STAFF NOW FACE STATE FELONY CHARGES AND COME TO TRIAL SOON.

YEARS AGO, THE STATE OF MINNESOTA HAD SOME KIND OF 'INCENTIVE' AWARDS FOR MEETING GOALS (LIKE 'MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES') AMONG THE TOP UNCLASSIFIED STAFF - BUT ONLY CONSISTED OF A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS AND DIDN'T LAST LONG/

THEN, AND MAYBE IT IS STILL IN EFFECT, THERE WERE \$1,000 'ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS' AVAILABLE TO 10% OF THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF. I NEVER HEARD OF ANY 'KICKBACKS'! I'M SURE THAT WOULDN'T LAST LONG IN SQUEAKY CLEAN MINNESOTA! (AND SQUEAKY CLEAN DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS!) (WHICH I'M VERY PROUD OF)

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ALSO IN FLORIDA - I NEVER THOUGHT THE 'KKK' WAS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE UNITED STATES. APPARENTLY IT IS! A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF A COUNTY DETENTION CENTER WAS DISMISSED WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THE C.O. WAS A MEMBER OF THE KLAN! (ALONG WITH HIS WIFE!). ALL IN THE FAMILY!



**AND... BEST OF ALL! THE BRAND NEW SUPERINTENDENTS/WARDEN PICTURES HALL OF HONOR AT THE LINO LAKES INSTITUTION. MANY OF YOU RECOGNIZE THEM - FRED GELBMANN, JACK FALLON, WARREN JOHNSON, CASIMER ZANTEK, DON TOMSCHE, JIM HULBURT, FRED HOLBECK, FRED LAFLEUR, BERT MOHS, DAVE CRIST, AND ROBERT FENEIS. NOW LINO LAKES JOINS SOME OTHER INSTITUTIONS IN SUCH A WALL. (WOULD THE OTHERS LIKE TO SEND ME A PICTURE FOR THE NEWSLETTER?)**

**THANKS TO THE MANY WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS EDITION. PLEASE KEEP IT UP!  
 SOMEONE ASKED IF I COULDN'T PUT IT IN COLORED PICTURES? I CHECKED. OH MY, THE COST GOES WAY UP!  
 AND, BE AWARE IF YOU ARE AN MCA MEMBER - YOU CAN BRING UP THE ~~DOC RETIRE NEWS~~ ON THEIR WEB SITE!  
 I'M AT [spider@wcta.net](mailto:spider@wcta.net) ON THE E-MAIL.**



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**ADDENDUM TO THE RETIREE NEWS!**

HELLO! OLD TED WAS IN AN ACCIDENT LAST THURSDAY (7TH) ABOUT 9AM. I WAS DRIVING TO DESTIN OFFICE MAX TO GET MY NEWSLETTER PRINTED. I WAS HIT ON THE REAR PASSENGER SIDE AND IT MADE THE CAR ROLL OVER ON THE DRIVER SIDE. I WAS UNCONSCIOUS THEN AND DIDN'T COME TO UNTIL I WAS ON MY WAY IN AN AMBULANCE TO THE ER. THEY TOLD ME I WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE CAR (ON ITS SIDE) THRU THE BACK OF MY VAN.

AT THE ER, I WAS GIVEN A LOT OF TESTS. AMAZINGLY, NOTHING SEEMS TO BE BROKEN - BUT. OH, BOY, THE BRUISES! I WAS WEARING MY SEAT BELT (ALWAYS DO) WHICH NO DOUBT, SAVED ME. I STAYED OVERNIGHT AT THE HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION AND CAME HOME FRIDAY EVENING AFTER A FEW MORE EXAMS. FRIEND BRUCE BESSE (OF DOC) AND WIFE AND MIKE TRIMBO (DOD) AND WIFE PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION AND I SURE THANK THEM.

SO, I'LL SEE ABOUT GETTING THE NEWSLETTER OUT AND BE AWFUL SLOW ABOUT IT. JUST NOT MOVING VERY FAST WITH THESE ACHES, PAINS AND BRUISING. CATHY IS TAKING GOOD CARE OF ME.

LOOKS LIKE I MAY BE SHOPPING FOR A NEW CAR. MY OLD '05 CHRYSLER VAN WAS WONDERFUL. 75000 MILES, GOOD MILEAGE, NEW TIRES AND NO PROBLEMS.