

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

#100 JULY 2012

THE 'LOST' BUT FOUND

THE LAST ISSUE OF 'RETIREE NEWS', PHYLISS MCCORMICK, RETIRED FROM C.O. PERSONNEL (IT WASN'T 'HR' THEN) WAS REPORTED 'MISSING - LOCATED BY FRAN CHORZEMPA AND ARDYS HEILIG -GOOD DETECTIVE WORK. SHE LIVES AT A FACILITY OF HER CHURCH. WE DON'T HAVE A NEW ADDRESS BUT IT SEEMS HER NEWSLETTER HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO HER.

MARGARITTE BITTNER OF C.O. 'RESEARCH' READ SHE WAS 'MISSING BUT SENT AN E-MAIL THAT SHE IS FINE.

DEL LEAF, OF C.O. HADN'T RESPONDED TO E-MAILS BUT HE RESPONDED HE IS OK.

HOW IS THE EDITOR DOING SINCE HIS CERVICAL DISK SURGERY THIS SPRING - PEOPLE ASK?

I'M SLOWLY PROGRESSING BUT WITH VERY WEAK LEGS AS A RESULT. I'VE TRADED MY 'WALKER' IN FOR A CANE-WHICH IS PROGRESS. TAKEN A LOT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY. HAVEN'T DRIVEN A CAR FOR A LONG TIME BUT PLAN TO RETURN TO IT. THANKS FOR ALL THE NOTES AND EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WISHES.

INTERESTING THAT OLD PAROLE AGENT, MYRON JOHNSON SENT ME A NOTE, "I RECENTLY GOT FITTED WITH A LEG BRACE THAT STRAPS AROUND MY WEAK LEFT LEG BELOW THE KNEE AND FITS IN MY BOOT. IT KEEPS ME FROM TRIPPING AND FALLING. MY LEFT FOOT WAS DROPPING AND NOW I CAN WALK WITH MORE CONFIDENCE ABOUT NOT TRIPPING OR FALLING. TED SAYS, "HEY! I'VE GOT THE SAME CONTRAPTION!"

THE DEMISE OF THE 'RETIREE NEWS'? NO!

THIS IS ISSUE # 100 WHICH I STARTED BACK IN 1996. AT THIS POINT I PLAN TO CONTINUE ON AS USUAL UNLESS MY HEALTH GETS WORSE. AS I TURNED 80 BACK IN APRIL I DO FEEL 'OLD AS THE HILLS'. BUT WITH HELP FROM DAVE KORTE AND OTHERS I HOPE I CAN GO FOR A LONG TIME. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND COMMENTS.

NOTE THAT I'M SENDING IT IN AN ENVELOPE THAT SHOULD SAVE IT FROM BEING TORN UP BY POSTAL MACHINES. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT RETIREMENT HOBBY AND VERY REWARDING.

HAVE E-MAIL? ON FACEBOOK?

BY DAVE KORTE

David Korte, retired corrections officer from OPH, has developed an email list of 162 working and retired corrections staff. He regularly sends emails to them on retirement get-togethers, obituaries, and retiree get-togethers. If interested in receiving these emails, let David know (davidkorte@me.com) and he will happily add you to the list.

He has also developed a Facebook group for Minnesota Corrections called "Minnesota Corrections Family" and has 137 members. This is a "closed" group, meaning you must get approved to join; the general public can see the names of members but can't post comments or see the posts. If interested in joining this group, search for "Minnesota Corrections Family" on Facebook and ask to join, including a brief explanation of your connection to corrections. If you have questions, contact David through the above email address.

And, if you have any information that others in corrections might be interested in, please let David know as he's always looking for new information for his emails and Facebook group.

D.O.C. MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

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

MAY- BETTY ELHOLM REPORTS, "ENJOYED A NICE LUNCH WITH PAT BERGLUND, BOB NELSON, TOM & PAULA FOSTER, ARDIS HEILIG, LOIS GELBMANN.

JUNE- DEL & LORRIE LEAF, BOB NELSON AND LOIS GELBMANN.

AREN'T THERE SOME OTHER 'LOCALS' THAT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THIS GROUP? I'M SORRY IT WOULD BE AT LEAST A 200 MILE TRIP FOR ME! MCMANUS? CAROLE SMITH? OTIS ZANDERS? MIKE TRIMBO? ORV PUNG? HARLEY NELSON? LEANNE PHINNEY? FRED HOLBECK? JIM BRUTON? KATHY COOK? I'D HATE TO SEE THIS TRADITION FADE OUT.

LEANNE PHINNEY- HOW I GOT INTO CORRECTIONS



LEANNE AND HUBBY ON RECENT

OREGON COAST TRIP.

I started with the State in 1973 - worked with the Dept of Employment and Economic Development . . Then decided I wanted to make "personnel" my career, so I demoted to Personnel Officer at DOC central office 6/78 . I succeeded 'Bea Gooding' who went to California. 10/81 I was promoted to Personnel Director at the brand new 'super max' prison at Oak Park Heights under Frank Wood. I stayed at OPH until 3/99 (over 17 years at OPH and almost 21 years in DOC), and then I accepted a job at DOER, where I was hired to update DOER's policies. I later supervised the transaction audit staff, administered the state's vacation donation program, and was the department's Data Practices Compliance Official and personnel/labor relations rep. Later I worked for Paul Larson, the state negotiator, assisting him. Unfortunately, DOER laid me off in 4/03 (despite Paul's objections), and I claimed a position in another state agency where I hit the 'rule of 90 and retired in 10/06.

(Editor's comment: And in the picture above, she looks just like when she started so many years ago. I recall Barbara Sundquist was said to be the first female personnel manager in a men's prison - Stillwater. And Leanne did it for over 17 years!).

FROM LEROY SIEGEL

FORMER SRM WARDEN, PAROLE AGENT, ETC.

"IT HAS BEEN 6 ½ YEARS SINCE WE MOVED TO ARKANSAS. IT IS A LITTLE TOO WARM FOR ME IN THE SUMMER BUT MINNESOTA IS A LITTLE TOO COLD FOR ME IN THE WINTER! HAWAII SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT BUT WHO CAN AFFORD THAT?

I AM STILL A SEASON TICKET HOLDER FOR GOPHER FOOTBALL. I HAVE GREAT SEATS IN THE NEW STADIUM- 45 YARD LINE. I AM A U OF M GRAD AND LOU HOLTZ GOT ME GOING ON SEASON TICKETS - 29 YEARS AGO! I SHOULD ALSO TELL YOU I HAVE ATTENDED 51 STRAIGHT MN BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS AS A 51 YEAR SEASON TICKET HOLDER THERE ALSO - I'M A SPORTS NUT!!"

(EDITOR- HOW'S YOUR MEMORY? RECALL I WAS ON YOUR ORAL BD FOR AGENT?)

SGT. DEAN FROKJER OF OPH RETIRING JULY 13TH VIA A GOLF TOURNAMENT AT APPLEWOOD GOLF COURSE ON FRIDAY JULY 13 AT 3:30 PM

CALL SHERRY BOHN FOR MORE INFO- UNIQUE!

HOW I FOUND THE D.O.C. - LYLE PEARSON, JR



I STARTED WITH THE D.O.C. IN 1973. I WAS ATTENDING MANKATO STATE WITH A SOC. MAJOR AND PSYCH MINOR INTENDING TO FOLLOW MY DAD'S FOOT STEPS AND BECOME A FIELD AGENT. AS MY GI BILL WAS ENDING, I THOUGHT I'D TRANSFER TO ST CLOUD U. AND WORK PART-TIME AT THE REFORMATORY. SO, I WENT WITH DAD ON ONE OF HIS INSTITUTION VISITS & TOOK THE ORAL EXAM FOR CC LIST. I PASSED AND FOUND OUT THEY WEREN'T HIRING FOR A COUPLE MONTHS! BUT A WEEK LATER I GOT A CALL FROM DAVE CORBO, THE PERSONNEL GUY AT STILLWATER PRISON. THEY WERE HIRING! SO, I STARTED AT STILLWATER WHERE BRUCE MCMANUS WAS WARDEN. IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE! BUT, I WOULDN'T CHANGE A THING (WELL, NOW I'M RETIRED, I WOULDN'T!).

THE TIME WAS ENTERTAINING AND SOMETIMES HAIR RAISING BUT ALWAYS FILLED WITH A GREAT GROUP OF GALS AND GUYS - BOTH AT STILLWATER AND LATER AT THE FARIBAUT INSTITUTION WHERE I TRANSFERRED BEING MADE 'CAPTAIN'.

State of MINNESOTA
Department of Corrections
MCF-FARIBAUT



LYLE
PEARSON

CAPTAIN

(AGED HIM, DIDN'T IT?)

OPH LT RICHARD HAGELBERGER IS OUT OF ICU AND BACK HOME RECOVERING.



RICHARD WITH RETIRED CAPTAIN LES HAMMOND.

LONG TIME DEPUTY COMMISSIONER COSTELLO HAS BEEN AILING.



HOWARD & CAROL IN 2001 FLORIDA PICTURE. HOWARD TELLS ME HE HAS HAD A TUMOR REMOVED AND FEARS OTHER SURGERY MAY BE NEEDED. (I'VE BEEN HOPING HE'D SEND ME AN ARTICLE ON HIS WEIRD ENTRY INTO CORRECTIONS - AT AGE 20 AS A YOUNG MARINE CORPORAL AT THE END OF WW2 HE WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF A JAPANESE PRISON! I'D SURE LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT THAT! HANG IN THERE, HOWARD!

DONATIONS THE PAST TWO MONTHS- I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. I DON'T ASK FOR DONATIONS, BUT THEY KEEP COMING IN! I SURE APPRECIATE THE HELP WITH THE NEWSLETTER COST.

**JIM HULBURT JOHN JETTE
MIKE TRIMBO WILL NAJJAR
DENNIS THOMPSON COLONEL NEMEC**

NOTICE OF MEETING FOR THE SOUTH 'FACTION' OF A RETIRED GROUP.

FROM MIKE SMITH-"This "short note" is to remind you that the informal group, known as MCRF (Minnesota Corrections Retired Folks) will be getting together again on the 11th of July (Wednesday) at "Dangerfields" in Shakopee. If you can't wait until lunch to see everyone, we are invited to come as early as 11 am and stay as late as 2:30 pm. The rationale for changing the location is that it was hard to have conversation at Mystic because of the noise and seating. We could not be guaranteed to be given that small back room, which was more conducive for small talk. So much smarter folks than me suggested moving it. If you receive this note, then you have my email address, if you want to call, my number is 507-317-3828. Mike (Smith)

'SINGING SOLO' BY JACKIE HERRON-

(WARREN JOHNSON'S DAUGHTER) IS A 'MUST READ' FOR MANY OF US - FOR INSIGHT INTO ASSISTED LIVING, AND NURSING HOME PROBLEMS. ONE YEAR AGO I WROTE OF THIS IN THE JULY '11 RETIREE NEWS AS WARREN JOHNSON WAS SUCH AN EXTRAORDINARY RESPECTED PERSON AMONG MANY OF US. HIS DAUGHTER SENT ME A COMPLIMENTARY COPY. MY WIFE AND I BOTH READ IT AND HAVE AVAILABLE TO LOAN- TWO IN THE PARK RAPIDS AREA ARE ALREADY ON THE LIST. WRITE ME A NOTE TO GET ON THAT LIST IF YOU WANT OR PURCHASE IT AT A BOOKSTORE.



WARREN AND 'TEEN' JOHNSON WITH FRANK WOOD. THE AUTHOR CAN BE REACHED AT www.jaclynnherron.com "AS DEMENTIA TRANSPORTS HER MOTHER INTO A WORLD DEVOID OF MEMORY, LANGUAGE AND ABILITY, THE AUTHOR BEGINS A CEASELESS STRUGGLE TO SECURE THE ONLY TREATMENT HER MOTHER NEEDS:

COMPASSIONATE CARE."

ATTENTION RETIREES WHO ARE MCA LIFE MEMBERS

MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM MCA 'ADMINISTRATION WHO HAVE MADE SOME CHANGES IN THEIR WEB SITE AND MEMBERS ONLY INFO:

"You have been added to the MCA membership database on the new website (www.mn-ca.org). Members will have access to sections and information that the general public will not. Your log-in will be your e-mail address (where this e-mail was sent) and you will create your own password."

AND REMEMBER-YOU CAN LOOK UP COPIES OF OLD DOC RETIREE NEWS THERE.

FROM JOE COSGROVE:

We are traveling through Alaska this summer and stopped at the "signpost forest" in Watson Lake, Yukon Territory, Canada.

I saw this there and thought of you and wondered if you'd been through here sometime?

A SIGN THAT SAYS

' NEVIS VILLAGE LIMITS '

NO, THE SPENCERS HAVEN'T BEEN THERE
AND POSTED A STOLEN ANTIQUE SIGN.
BUT WE'D BE INTERESTED IN WHO STOLE
IT!