

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

#80 MARCH 2009

FRANK WOOD PASSES AWAY

FRANCIS W. WOOD



FRANK DIED OF HIS LUNG

CANCER HE HAD BEEN SUFFERING AND TREATED FOR. IT WAS A FIVE YEAR FIGHT. HE PASSED AWAY ON FEB. 28th.

HIS FUNERAL WAS MARCH 4th. MANY, MANY ATTENDED.

FRANK STARTED AS A C.O. AT STILLWATER PRISON IN 1959. WORKED AT LINO LAKES AS CHIEF OF SECURITY, WAS THE STATE JAIL INSPECTOR, WARDEN OF STILLWATER, FIRST WARDEN OF OAK PARKS HTS, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INSTITUTIONS AND THEN 1993 TO 1996 HE WAS COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS.

I DON'T RECALL ANYONE CALLING HIM 'FRANCIS' - DO YOU?

FRANK WAS ALWAYS VERY RELIGIOUS AND FACED DEATH WITH GREAT STRENGTH, OFTEN RESPONDING TO "HOW ARE YOU?", HE'D SAY, CHEERFULLY "I'M STILL VERTICAL!".

FRANK WOOD WAS ONE OF THOSE MENTIONED IN THE BANNER ABOVE.

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...AND JIM ALLEN

JIM WAS A RETIRED LONGTIME NORTHERN REGIONAL PAROLE/PROBATION DIRECTOR



AT BRAINERD. JIM ALSO HAD A LONG FIGHT WITH CANCER, PASSING AWAY ON FEBRUARY 4TH. AT HIS MEMORIAL SERVICE IN BRAINERD, A LOT OF SONGS JIM ENJOYED WERE PLAYED AND REMEMBERED. JIM PLAYED THE HARMONICA AND GUITAR AT MANY FUNCTIONS OF DOC PEOPLE.

HE CAME ON BOARD FROM HENNEPIN COUNTY COURT SERVICES WHERE HE WAS DIRECTOR IN 1968 AND RETIRED IN 1988.

RECALL 'AVY OLSON'?

SHE WAS THE DOC EDUCATION DIRECTOR IN CENTRAL OFFICE FOR MANY YEARS. SHE PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 1. SHE HAD HER PHD AND WAS 'DR. AVY OLSON' WHEN SHE WORKED FOR THE DOC. A NICE LADY. PROBABLY REMEMBERED WELL BY EDUCATION STAFF IN THE INSTITUTIONS.

. SHE WAS RECENTLY ATTENDING THE RETIREE



Cole, Avis Jocelyn

"Avy"
(nee Olson)

LUNCHEONS.

FRANK'S PRAYER

THIS PRAYER WAS SAID TO BE FOUND IN FRANK'S BIBLE AND BELIEVED WRITTEN BY HIM:

LORD, KEEP ME FROM THE HABIT OF THINKING I MUST SAY SOMETHING ON EVERY SUBJECT AND ON EVERY OCCASION.

RELEASE ME FROM CRAVING TO STRAIGHTEN OUT EVERYBODY'S AFFAIRS. KEEP MY MIND FREE FROM RECITAL OF ENDLESS DETAILS-GIVE ME WINGS TO GET TO THE POINT.

I ASK FOR GRACE ENOUGH TO LISTEN TO THE TALES OF OTHER'S PAINS. HELP ME TO ENDURE THEM WITH PATIENCE. BUT, SEAL MY LIPS ON MY OWN ACHES AND PAINS-THEY ARE INCREASING AND MY LOVE OF REHEARSING THEM IS BECOMING SWEETER AS THE YEARS GO BY. TEACH ME THE GLORIOUS LESSON THAT OCCASIONALLY IT IS POSSIBLE I MAY BE MISTAKEN.

KEEP ME REASONABLY SWEET; I DO NOT WANT TO BE A SAINT-SOME OF THEM ARE SO HARD TO LIVE WITH - BUT A SOUR OLD PERSON IS ONE OF THE CROWNING WORKS OF THE DEVIL. GIVE ME THE ABILITY TO SEE GOOD THINGS IN UNEXPECTED PLACES AND TALENTS IN UNEXPECTED PEOPLE. AND, GIVE ME, O LORD, THE GRACE TO TELL THEM SO. MAKE ME THOUGHTFUL, BUT NOT MOODY; HELPFUL, BUT NOT BOSSY. WITH MY VAST STORE OF WISDOM, IT SEEMS A PITY NOT TO USE IT ALL- BUT THOU KNOWEST, LORD THAT I WANT A FEW FRIENDS AT THE END.

LAST ISSUE'S MYSTERY PICTURE (FROM WAY BACK)



INFO FROM HOWARD COSTELLO -

You are right about Mero, Telander and Zabel in the photograph. The one woman in the photo was the only female state parole and probation agent employed by the state to supervise female parolees and probationers statewide and to service the district courts. Can you imagine having the entire state as your caseload. I think her name was Bertha Wold but I am not certain about that. The photo was taken outside of the U of M Conference Center Where the State Parole and Probation Officers Assn held a yearly conference. I started attending in 1949 but I don't remember how many years it went on. THANKS, HOWARD!

DOC RETIREE LUNCHEONS

ON JANUARY 28TH - ATTENDING: TOM FOSTER, PHYLISS McCORMICK, JIM ZELLMER, ARDYS HEILIG, CAROLE BERGH, AVY OLSON, MARGARITE BITTNER AND BOB & BARB NELSON.

ON FEB 25TH: LOIS GELBMANN, GENE O'NEIL(!), ARDYS HEILIG, FRAN CHORZEMPA (HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRAN!) TOM FOSTER, JIM ZELLMER, PHYLISS McCORMICK, LORRIE AND DEL LEAF. HELD THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT PERKINS RESTAURANT - LEXINGTON & 694 AT 11:45. IF ANY NON RETIRED PEOPLE CAN GET AWAY- JOIN THEM

WHERE'S OUR TRAVELING RETIREES?

THEY BETTER BE HEADING HOME PRETTY SOON - SPRING WILL BE HERE! (WE THINK).

JOE CORONAS STAY IN BULLHEAD CITY NV SO JOE CAN GOLF AND BE CLOSE TO THE CASINOS.

BILL WEBERS SPENT A WEEK IN MAZATLAN, MEXICO (AND APPARENTLY DID NOT GET KIDNAPPED).

DAVE STRONGS WERE DOWN IN FLORIDA - SAYS THEY HAD A CONDO ON THE EDGE OF DISNEY WORLD AND ENJOYED THE FIREWORKS EVERY NIGHT. THEY ALSO TOOK A CRUISE THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL.

JIM ZELLMERS TOOK A TRIP TO RUSSIA, FINLAND AND DOWN THE NORWEGIAN COAST
OUR OTHER WINTER 'CHICKENS' - WILL NAJJARS, CAROLE SMITH & DENNY, AL ARNOLDS, MIKE AND JUDY TRIMBO, TOM DOWDLES, ARE STILL BASKING DOWN IN FLORIDA. WHILE JIM HULBURT IS STILL IN ARIZONA. WHO ELSE?

RON KLOYDA HAS BEEN LAID UP IN THE HOSPITAL. SAME WITH WARREN PETERSON WHO HAS SOMEWHAT RECOVERED AND IS BACK HOME.

BRUCE MCMANUS SPENT 5 DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL WITH SURGERY AND IS BACK HOME (PROBABLY DRIVING CONNIE NUTS!)

HAROLD HANSEN IS BEDRIDDEN FOR A COUPLE WEEKS WITH SCIATICA. OTHERS?

SPEAKING OF BRUCE MCMANUS - WE ALL KNOW HOW CULTURED BRUCE IS - HE SUBMITTED A POEM FOR US TO ENJOY! (BRUCE?)

Another year has passed
and we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
and winter seems much colder.
There was a time not long ago
when life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
about 'Living in the Past'
We used to go to weddings,
football games and lunches.
Now we go to funeral homes,
and after-funeral brunches.
We used to have hangovers,
from parties that were gay.

Now we suffer body aches
and while the night away.
We used to go out dining,
and couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
come home and take a pill.
We used to often travel
to places near and far.
Now we get sore -----
from riding in the car.
We used to go to nightclubs
and drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
and watch the evening news.

That my friend is how life is, and now my tale is told

EXCERPTS FROM THE PRISON MIRROR

BILL WEBER SENT THIS: IN 2001 AN OLD INMATE BY THE NAME OF JAH I PILI SADAKI WAS INTERVIEWED- WHO WAS A MEMORABLE WARDEN? JACK YOUNG, HE CAME HERE AND TOOK OUT BENCHES AND PUT IN TABLES IN THE CHOW HALL.

HOW ABOUT BOB ERICKSON? OH YEAH, HE WAS A VERY LIKABLE PERSON...VERY PROFESSIONAL... DID HIS JOB...DEMONSTRATED A GREAT DEAL OF HUMANITY...I THOUGHT HE WAS AN EXCELLENT WARDEN...

CONSIDER HIM YOUR FAVORITE? WELL, I DON'T HAVE ANY FAVORITE WARDENS. (UMMMM?)

**CENTRAL OFFICE RECEPTIONIST
KATHY COOK RETIRED IN 2000**

BILL WEBER JUST SUBMITTED A PICTURE-



WHAT A RECEPTIONIST! WHAT A MEMORY!
I CALLED INTO C.O. AFTER BEING GONE MANY
YEARS AND SHE RECOGNIZED MY VOICE!
HAPPY RETIREMENT, KATHY!
HOPE YOU ENJOY THE 'RETIREE NEWS'

Remembering



Roy Rudquist (l to r), Morrie Heilig, and Ray Rudquist caught these wallayæ on South Center Lake in 1955. The combined weight totaled 87 pounds. Photo courtesy of Ron and Susan Rudquist

Got a hunting or fishing photo from before 1997? Send it to Remembering, c/o Outdoor News, 9550 51st Ave North, Suite 130 • Plymouth, MN 55442. Please identify everyone in the photo if possible and the year photo was taken. We will return all Remembering photos submitted after they are printed.

MORRIE HEILIG? NO, IT CAN'T BE! BUT, WE CHECKED WITH ARDYS AND BY GOSH - IT IS MORRIE! HE DID LOVE FISHING. THIS WAS SUBMITTED BY LYLE PEARSON'S #1 SON, 'JUDGE' (RETIRED CAPTAIN FROM MCF FARIBAULT WHO WONDERED.)

**PENNSYLVANIA JUDGES ACCEPTED MONEY
FOR SENDING KIDS TO INSTITUTIONS!**

FROM THE MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE FEB. 23, '09.
"TWO ...JUDGES ARE EXPECTED TO PLEAD GUILTY TO FRAUD FOR TAKING \$2.6 MILLION IN KICKBACKS FOR SENDING KIDS WITH MINOR OFFENSES AND NO LAWYERS TO PRIVATELY RUN DETENTION CENTERS." HARD TO BELIEVE THIS COULD HAPPEN!



THE DOC PEOPLE WHO WERE AT JIM ALLENS MEMORIAL SERVICE AT BRAINERD ON FEB. 14TH. RODGER CHASE, RETIRED AGENT FROM GRAND RAPIDS AND HIS DAUGHTER AND WIFE - BOB HEILIG, SON OF MORRIE, AND HIS WIFE ON RIGHT - ARDYS HEILIG AND CATHY SPENCER (PHOTO BY TED). ANDY DOOM, DOC REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ALSO ATTENDED.

ANYONE EVER HEARD OF THE 'ORVILLE AWARD'? HAROLD HANSEN, RETIRED FIELD SUPERVISOR, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, HEARINGS OFFICER, SAYS HE WAS AWARDED THE 'ORVILLE AWARD' FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OCTOBER 17, 1983. WHICH SAID 'HAROLD HANSEN HAS SHOWN EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY AND ACHIEVED OUTSTANDING RECOGNITION IN THE CATEGORY OF MR. NICE GUY' . AND IT SAYS, 'OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF COMMITTEE.'

NOW, WAIT A MINUTE! I NEVER HEARD OF THIS BEFORE! HOW DID THIS HAPPEN WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEPT PERSONNEL DIRECTOR!

(THAT MUST HAVE BEEN A FRIDAY AND I WAS TAKING ROLL CALL IN THE OTHER END OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE!)

- 1) DOES ORVILLE PUNG KNOW ABOUT THIS?
- 2) WHO ELSE RECEIVED THIS AWARD?

ANYONE? TELL ME ABOUT IT!

- 3) WHAT OTHER SHENANIGANS WERE GOING ON WITH THE 'OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF'.

(KNOWING HAROLD FOR MANY YEARS - I AGREE WITH THE AWARD BUT WONDERED - HOW DID THEY KNOW?)

**FIRST LINO LAKES SUPERINTENDENTS
(OR WARDENS AS THEY CALL THEM TODAY.)**
 THE MCA HISTORY OF CORRECTIONS MENTIONS THAT THE LINO LAKES INSTITUTION OPENED IN 1963 BUT NO MENTION OF THE SUPTS/WARDENS. WITH ALL THE PROGRAM CHANGES IN THAT INSTITUTION IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE. IT OPENED AS A PLACE FOR THE YOUTH DIVISION TO COMMIT KIDS AND DECIDE WHERE TO PLACE THEM. IT WAS CALLED THE 'MN RECEPTION AND DIAGNOSTIC CENTER'

THE FIRST SUPERINTENDENT WAS FRED GELBMANN, A D.O.C. PHD PSYCHOLOGIST. HE SERVED UNTIL 1969.

THE 2ND SUPT. WAS JOHN FALLON, APPOINTED BY PAUL KEVE. HE SERVED FROM 1969 TO 1972.

THE 3RD WAS WARREN JOHNSON APPOINTED BY KEN SCHOEN - 1972 TO 1974.

4TH SUPERINTENDENT WAS CASIMER ZANTEK 1974 TO 1977...

THE 5TH WAS DON TOMSCHE.
 AND 6TH JAMES HULBURT.



FRED GELBMANN JOHN FALLON



CASIMER ZANTEK DON TOMSCHE JAMES HULBURT
 THE CURRENT WARDEN AT LINO LAKES, BOB FENEIS IS ARRANGING A GALLERY OF PICTURES IN HIS OFFICE AT LINO OF ALL THE FORMER SUPTS/WARDENS. GOOD PROJECT FOR OTHER INSTITUTIONS (EXCEPT ST CLOUD AND STILLWATER THAT ALREADY HAVE THEM.)

PUTTING THE 'RETIREE NEWS' ON THE WEB
 A FEW HAVE SUGGESTED (TOM FOSTER - DENNIS BENSON) I COULD PUT THE RETIREE NEWS ON THE WEB FOR SUBSCRIBERS TO VIEW INSTEAD OF THE EXPENSE OF MAILING. THIS IS WHAT MCA DOES WITH THEIR NEWSLETTER.

1) I CAN ONLY GET 'DIAL UP' SERVICE WHERE I LIVE IN THE BOONIES AND NOT ABLE TO DO IT.

2) THERE ARE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE WHO AREN'T ON THE COMPUTER AND WOULD STILL HAVE TO RECEIVE BY U.S. MAIL.

SO, I LOOKED INTO IT... MAYBE WHEN DSL COMES TO ME.

THANKS TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS - KEEP IN TOUCH! AND YOU OLD PEOPLE! TAKE YOUR MEDS!

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