

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

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RETIREES DO A LOT OF

MIKE AND JUDY TRIMBO TOOK A CRUISE SHIP FROM FLORIDA THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL TO SAN DIEGO IN OCTOBER.



"Really enjoyed going through the canal. The canal and the Locks are now almost 100 years old and outside of normal maintenance, are in excellent working condition.

Even though the canal is only about 50 miles it takes all day as you have to cross a beautiful lake to get from the Atlantic side to the Pacific side. There are 3 locks on each side. First 3 locks fill with water and last 3 locks release water. All countries are 3rd world countries. Took a tour in each so got to see how poor it really is. Last stop was Cabol St Lucas which is a beautiful spot. Lots of water sports and stores are all like flea markets where you can haggle.

It cost the ship about \$375,000 to pass through the canal! Some freighters pay more than that as its based on ship size for cargo for them. Ship next to us was loaded with BMW's. Anyway it was a great trip.

BOB GIELOW & PAULA (FORMERLY SULLIVAN) TOOK A WEEK in Finland and Estonia, then coach over to St. Petersburg for a 2+ week River Cruise (1150 nautical miles) to Moscow. We'll return to Minnesota again on October 5th. Another GCT (Grand Circle Travel) venture. We think this is our 10th or 11th International trip with them, aside from Thailand, & No. Mexico/Copper Canyon, most on European Rivers....the most relaxing way to see the world and return to your "home and dining room" every night. Once we get settled back in Minnesota, then it's time to finalize some winter escape plans.

Bert Mohs, retired Lino Lakes warden -Marge & I leave tomorrow (October 20th) for China. We are doing an Elderhostel tour and will get to spend a few days in Beijing to see our son, Jacob who works for an investment firm there.

TRAVELING

DAVE CORBO (ESTEEMED PERSONNEL MANAGER AT STILLWATER PRISON) & JAN, ALONG WITH THE ROONEYS (OF DAKOTA COUNTY) TOURED CANADIAN PARKS - BANFF, LAKE LOUISE, JASPER IN NORTHERN ALBERTA -

"We were in our final two days before heading back to the states, The trip was outstanding, everything we had read about and hoped it would be, was. During the trip we did numerous hikes back into areas to view waterfalls, glaciers, etc. Of course we were in high altitudes and the trails were steep. Just turning the golden age of 70, a few days before leaving on our trip, I thought I was in very good shape for a 70 year old. During the hikes I experience shortness of breath and some chest pains. I told Jan when we get back I better get into the DR. for a check up.

When we arrived in Jasper, our last stop of the trip, we were all excited as the town was so charming, lots of shops for the girls, and Dave Rooney and I were planning on doing a white water raft trip. That night I had severe chest pains, shortness of breath. Fortunately, Jasper had a hospital (small emergency type) as it was the only one in the area, the next hospital was Edmonton about a 5 hour drive away. Tests confirmed possible heart attack, need immediate attention. I told the doctor we would drive back to the states in the morning. The Dr. strongly advised not to do so, but I insisted. I realized the seriousness. I was air transported to the University of Alberta Heart Hospital in Edmonton for further evaluation and treatment.

I was in their hospital for two days before it was my turn to have a cardiac catheterization. Results showed several blockages. They wanted to do open heart surgery. I said no. We were discharged a day later. We drove straight back to Wisconsin. I saw my doctor who immediately sent me to a heart specialist who immediately admitted me to the Wausau Heart Hospital. Another catheterization was performed, and it was determined that stents instead of open heart bypass surgery were appropriate. I am back home, happy as a lark that only two stents were needed. It will be determined later if another stent will be necessary. TED- SOUNDS LIKE A HECK OF A TRIP! I'VE TALKED TO DAVE & HE IS DOING WELL.

REMEMBERING JOHN STEWART
JOHN IS REMEMBERED BY MANY FOR HIS
WORK IN ASSISTING INSTITUTIONS AND STAFF
IN ACA ACCREDITATION MATTERS.

Stewart, John William
"Jack"

Born 9/13/28; Died 10/5/12
 Husband, Father, Grandfather, Son,
 Teacher, Adult and Youth Outreach
 Worker, Friend. Jack had a gentle and
 warm heart. He was a decent, honor-
 able, honest, and sincere man who
 was more concerned for others than
 himself. He enjoyed his family, the
 outdoors, travel, classical music,
 classic and contemporary film, and
 the exploration of ancient and cur-
 rent philosophies and religions.
 He taught crime prevention for youth
 and adults at Metro State University.
 He worked as a parole officer, proba-
 tion officer, and in the Minnesota
 State Correctional Facilities Certifica-
 tion programs. He also worked at the
 Northeast Neighborhood House, the

Sheriff's Ranch, Lino Lakes, and the
 Hennepin County Home School.
 Survived by wife of 51 years, Beverly
 Jean (Moore), son Daniel John (Angie
 Dhruvan), granddaughter Laura Anne,
 sister Connie Ferrozo, brother Craig
 Brown (Wendy), and by other rela-
 tives, friends, and former students.
 Preceded in death by mother Laura
 Ann Brown, father Frank Stewart,
 step-father Clarence Brown, and sis-
 ter Dorothy Pilquist. Sincere appre-
 ciation to staff and friends at the
 Wellington and to St. Croix Hospice
 staff for making his last days as com-
 fortable and peaceful as possible.
 Service at First Unitarian Society, 900
 Mount Curve Ave, Minneapolis, Fri-
 day, October 12, 2012, 11:30 am.
 Gather with friends and family at
 10:30 am. Memorials preferred to the
 Minnesota State Parks.

DOC RETIREE LUNCHEONS

HELD ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
PERKINS RESTAURANT - 694 & LEXINGTON ABOUT
NOON.

NO REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER-
OCTOBER 31 -REPORT BY BETTY ELHOLM (JOHN'S
WIDOW WHO WAS A SECRETARY TO TED TELANDER
WAY BACK LIKE 1959)

"We had a nice Halloween luncheon today. Pat
Berglund, Del and Lori Leaf, Bob Nelson,
Ardis Heilig, Lois Gelbmann, Tom and Paula
Foster and myself.

RECALL THE HOME SCHOOL FOR GIRLS'
AT SAUK CENTRE? OR WHATEVER IT'S
NAME WAS?

IN IT'S LATER YEARS THE INSTITUTION ALSO
ACCEPTED JUVENILE BOYS BUT WAS CLOSED UNDER
THE REGIME OF COMMISSIONER HVASS A FEW
YEARS AGO.

IT SAT EMPTY FOR A WHILE BUT A PERSON FROM DULUTH
HAD SOME RENOVATION AND TURNED IT INTO A PRIVATE
PRISON FOR COUNTIES TO CONTRACT WITH.

APPARENTLY, THAT FAILED AND IT SAT EMPTY AGAIN
(BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS AND SOME GOOD LOOKING
BUILDINGS)

A DEVELOPER TRIED FOR AWHILE IN SELLING BUILDING
LOTS WITH 120 ACRES AVAILABLE.

NOW, A GROUP ASSISTING VETERANS, IS CURRENTLY
LEASING THE PROPERTY, ACCORDING
TO AN ARTICLE IN THE WADENA LOCAL NEWSPAPER.
NOW IT IS CALLED THE 'EAGLES HEALING NEST' AND IS A
THERAPEUTIC HEALING SITE FOR VETERANS.

THE ARTICLE SAYS THE VETERANS BOARDING
THERE DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A SPECIFIC
DIAGNOSIS. THERE ARE 14 ROOMS AVAILABLE
FOR VETS NEEDING SOME THERAPY.

THE SOUTHERN MN CHAPTER OF THE DOC
RETIREES - LED BY MIKE SMITH IS
MEETING FOR LUNCH DEC. 6TH AT
'DANGERFIELDS' IN SHAKOPEE AT 11:30
A.M. WRITE AN E-MAIL TO MIKE AND LET
HIM KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING.
HE IS AT msmith7100@hotmail.com
(LET HIM KNOW IF YOU'D RATHER MEET
AT MYSTIC LAKE)

DONATIONS

MOST OF YOU ON THE MAILING LIST HAVE
BEEN REALLY GOOD ABOUT HELPING ME WITH
THE NEWSLETTER PRINTING AND MAILING
COSTS. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

WELL, THEREFORE FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL
MONTHS PLEASE HOLD OFF SUBMITTING
DONATIONS. THEN, I CAN USE SOME OF THE
EXISTING DONATIONS FOR THE 'CAUSE'.

I PLAN TO LET YOU KNOW IF I'M IN NEED!
THANKS SO MUCH!

DONATORS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER:

BRUCE BESSE BILL MCRAE
FRED HOLBECK DAVID KORTE

I'M PUTTING THE NEWSLETTER IN ENVELOPES AS
SO MANY COMPLAINED OF RECEIVING A TORN,
RAGGED NEWSLETTER. LET ME KNOW IF THIS
HAPPENS.

CORRECTIONS OFFICER DAVE SCHIEBEL WAS GIVEN
AN AWARD AMONGST OTHERS IN OCTOBER
HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS AT COON RAPIDS -
INCLUDING DAVE - WHO HAVE BEEN INJURED WHILE
ON FIRST RESPONDER DUTIES.

RETIRED OPH LT DAVE KORTE ADVISES ME THAT
KATIE LABARRON'S HUSBAND, STEVE, DIED IN AN
ACCIDENT GETTING A DOCK IN ON THE ST CROIX
RIVER. KATIE IS A SEX OFFENDER SUPERVISOR AT
LINO LAKES AND PREVIOUSLY WORKED AT OPH.

BARBARA FREDERICK - WAS THE RECORDS
SUPERVISOR AT OAK PARK HTS PRISON - RETIRED,
SHE DIED OCT . 8TH..

IN THE LAST ISSUE (SEPTEMBER) WE HAD
TWO ARTICLES - ON ERNIE MELBY AND HIS
WIFE, MARY JANE ON HOW THEY GOT INTO
CORRECTIONS. SINCE THEN I'VE RECEIVED A NOTE
THAT THEIR SON, DAN MELBY, HAS BEEN NAMED
ONE OF THE TOP CARDIOLOGISTS IN THE TWIN
CITIES!

CONGRATULATIONS, DAN! (TED-GEE, I KNEW
HIM AS 'DANNY'.

DON ENGLDINGER PASSED AWAY AS I RECALL, DON WORKED AT SAUK CENTRE AND STILLWATER. HE WAS A CELL HALL DIRECTOR AT THE PRISON. FORMER WARDEN, BOB ERICKSON PRAISED HIM IN A CALL TO ME. DON PASSED AWAY AT AGE 82 ON SEPT 19, 2012.

CONCERN RAISED (AGAIN) ABOUT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PENSIONS

ON OCTOBER 31ST, KSTP TV HAD A SEGMENT ABOUT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSIONS. IT CITED THE PENSION OF KEN YOUNG WHO USED TO BE THE COURT SERVICES DIRECTOR (OR, THE HEAD OF CORRECTIONS FOR HENNEPIN COUNTY). APPARENTLY DISTURBED THAT KEN RECEIVED \$183,000 A YEAR, THE HEADING OF THE SEGMENT WAS, "CAN TAXPAYERS AFFORD MINNESOTA'S PENSION PLANS?"

THE ARTICLE ON TV WAS APPARENTLY DROWNED OUT BY THE STORM ON THE EAST COAST.

IT SEEMS THAT ABOUT ONCE A YEAR THE MEDIA EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER SEEMINGLY HIGH PENSIONS FROM A FEW TOP LEVEL MANAGERS IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

LAST YEAR (MARCH 2011) THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE OF MARCH 13 HAD A LARGE ARTICLE IN THE 'TWIN CITIES LIFE' SECTION. THEY HAD AN 'EXCLUSIVE' ON THE SUBJECT. THEY CLAIMED THEY INSPECTED THE TOP 100 PENSIONERS OF THE 3 PENSION PLANS. THEY FOUND COLLEGE PRESIDENTS, RETIRED GOVERNORS, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS (NONE GOT LESS THAN \$9,332 A MONTH, PROBABLY BEFORE TAXES.)

WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD IT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM? I DON'T THINK SO! MOST OF THEM HAD NO JOB PROTECTION LIKE CIVIL SERVICE. THEY SERVED 'AT THE PLEASURE' OF SOMEONE OR A BOARD - PERHAPS LIKE AN 'UNCLASSIFIED' POSITION LIKE 'DEPUTY' OR 'ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS' OR WARDENS.

DO YOU SHARE YOUR COPY OF 'D.O.C. RETIREE NEWS? IT DOES NOT GET SENT TO ALL CORRECTIONS RETIREES. MAYBE SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD BE INTERESTED. BE SURE TO ALERT ME OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS (TO THOSE ON MY MAILING LIST). PLEASE- NO REQUESTS FOR 'ADD ONS'. IT IS TOUGH TO KEEP UP WITH WHAT I HAVE!

SOCIAL SECURITY HAS A COST OF LIVING INCREASE COMING THE MPLS TRIB - OCT. 17TH) ANNOUNCED THIS INCREASE TO BE EFFECTIVE JAN. 1 AND SAID THE AVERAGE INCREASE OF 1.7% WOULD AMOUNT TO \$21 A MONTH OR \$252 A YEAR.

HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO GET INTO CORRECTIONS?

18 PEOPLE HAVE WRITTEN THEIR STORY AND SENT IT TO ME BY E-MAIL OR 'SNAIL MAIL:

JAN 2011

TERRY AROLA
TED SPENCER

MARCH 2011

LEW LINDE
JON POEHLER
SAM KNUTSON

MAY 2011

JOHN JETTE
JIM HULBURT
BERT MOHS
DAVE GUSTAFSON
CAROLE SMITH

SEPT 2011

MYRON JOHNSON
DUANE ERICKSON
HAROLD HANSEN

NOV 2011

PAUL ARNESON
MAY 2012

TOM HOULE

JULY 2012

LYLE PEARSON JR

SEPT 2012

ERNIE MELBY & MARY JANE
BILL WEBER

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CORRECTIONS PEOPLE ON THE MAILING LIST SEEM TO ENJOY THESE ARTICLES VERY MUCH. YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE YOUR STORY

**TO KEEP YOU UP TO DATE- A LIST OF
THE CURRENT POPULATION &
WARDENS /SUPERINTENDENTS**

POP.

STILLWATER - MICHELLE SMITH 1,460

ST CLOUD - COLLIN GAU 981

OAK PARK HTS - KENT GRANDLIENARD

440

MOOSE LAKE/WR - BECKY DOOLEY - 1,023

FARIBAULT - BRUCE REISER ! 2006

SHAKOPEE - TRACEY BELTZ ! 565

LINO LAKES - EDDIE MILES 1,298

RUSH CITY - STEVE HAMMER 987

RED WING - KATHY HALVORSON -142

THISTLEDEW - GENE ANSELMO - 41

(INFORMATION FROM D.O.C. WEB PAGE)

IT IS TIME FOR 'WINTER RETREAT!'

LOOKING AT MY MAILING LIST I THINK MANY (ABOUT 1/4) CORRECTIONS RETIREES ARE HEADING FOR ARIZONA, FLORIDA, TEXAS - ANYWHERE SOUTH OF MINNESOTA. ONLY THE AGED OR INFIRM OR 'SICK OF TRAVELING & PACKING' ARE LEFT. IS IT EVER QUIET ON 5TH CROW WING LAKE! ALL DARK IN THE EVENING AS WE LOOK ACROSS THE LAKE.

A FEW OF US LEFT UP HERE- JACK AND ADELLE YOUNG, HOWARD AND CAROL COSTELLO, TED & CATHY SPENCER.

I'M SORRY I HAVE TO SEND THOSE 1/4TH THE RETIREE NEWS TO THEIR HOME ADDRESS. TOO DIFFICULT TO TRY TO KEEP TRACK OF WINTER ADDRESSES.

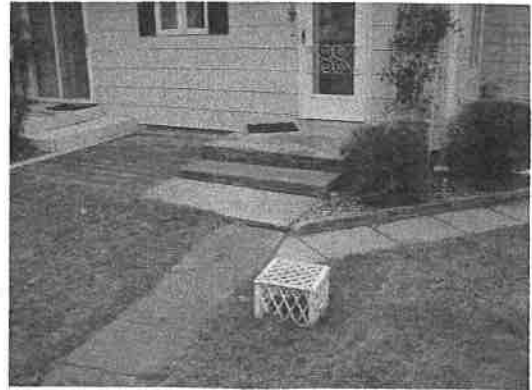
HAPPY TURKEY DAY, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THE NEXT 'RETIREE NEWS' SHOULD BE OUT IN JANUARY. SEND ME YOUR NEWS.

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OUR WINTER ASSIGNMENT!



SEE THE WHITE PLASTIC BOX NOT FAR FROM OUR DOOR? LAST ISSUE I TOLD YOU ABOUT THE BIG UGLY SNAPPING TURTLE WHO CAME AND LAID HER EGGS NEAR OUR DOOR LAST JUNE. THEY ARE SAFE UNDER THE BOX!

WELL, WE HAVE CAREFULLY GUARDED THOSE EGGS FROM PREDATORS. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO HATCH AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. NONE HATCHED!

LUCKILY WE HAVE SOMEONE IN OUR CORRECTIONS MIDST WHO IS ALSO A 'TURTLEOLOGIST'. WILL NAJJAR OF THISTLEDEW AND FIELD SERVICES FAME SAYS, "DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED IF YOUR TURTLES HAVEN'T HATCHED, THEY ARE KNOWN TO WINTER OVER AND HATCH THE NEXT YEAR!"

OK, WE HAVE SEEN SOME BABY MUD TURTLES COME WALKING DOWN OUR SIDEWALK ON THEIR WAY TO THE LAKE - IN MAY - AND THEY MUST HAVE 'WINTERED OVER!'.

SO, WE'LL STAY HOME THIS WINTER AND BABY SIT THESE TURTLES. WE'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED!

A BABY MUD (PAINTED) TURTLE IN MAY!

