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## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BALTIMORE RETIRED POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Daryl Buhrman*

The heat has been oppressive this summer. By the time you receive this newsletter, I hope that the heat is winding down some, but I wouldn't count on it. It's been an eventful year so far for many of us with the food prices, illnesses, gas prices, etc, and I hope that also quiets down a bit.

- We had a great turnout at our June 15, 2022 meeting. The food, of course (shrimp and bull roast), was fantastic. We got to see some old friends that we hadn't seen for a while, and that's always a fun time.
- During that meeting, we collected clothing for McVet. Our members came through big time with 43 boxes of clothing! On June 16<sup>th</sup>, one of our widows, Linda Limmer, and our members Howard Stansbury and Tom Tumminello joined with me to deliver the clothing to McVet (301 N. High Street, 21202). You have heard us speak of them before and we continue to support them because they are such a great organization.
- Unfortunately, one of our members lost his house and his beloved eleven-year-old dog to a house fire on June 1, 2022. That dog was a hero because it saved everyone in the house before succumbing to its injuries. We all would be lucky to have such a pet in our lives. When the Board learned of this house fire, we immediately sent a check to this member, and at the following General Meeting, a collection plate was passed around. Our wonderful members and widows gave \$842.00 in cash, a check for \$250.00, and a \$50.00 check from one of our widows. I cannot thank you all enough for your generosity. The member who lost his home and pet was overwhelmed by your kindness. This is why I love being your President. Our organization is filled with great guys and gals to be associated with.
- We've lost an unprecedented number of members this year so far (non-Covid deaths). Who knows why, but it's almost twice as many as years in the past, and

we are sad to see so many pass away. We hope they are all Resting in Peace.

- On November 28, 2022, the FOP3 will hold their election. The BRPBA would like to recommend the following Brothers and Sisters for office as we are working well together. (This, of course, is only a suggestion):

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- In July, we sent out a series of very confusing and misleading emails about Workday. I apologize for this. That was a good example of garbage in and garbage out. We were receiving information from all over and trying to make sense of it all. As I am writing this Message late July, I hope that by the time you receive this newsletter around Labor Day, it will all be cleared up.
- Update on Margaret and Wes Wise. After their hospitalizations and rehab, they were no longer able to return to their home and are now residing at Lorien Nursing Home, 1904 Emmorton Road, Bel Air, MD.
- Some of you have asked for an update on Cody

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Ruhling. The Ruhling family moved out of state and at the time of this writing, we have been playing phone tag. I'll pass along an update as soon as I hear from them..

- Congratulations to Ivan Bates on his election to BC State's Attorney. I wish him luck in turning Baltimore City around.

I pray you have a great fall, and I will be writing to you again around the holidays.

Take care!

**To all F&P Pension System Members:  
Just a quick note to say the City made its Fiscal Year 2023  
contribution to our pension system today, July 1, 2022.  
The obligation, set by our actuaries, was \$153,984,152 and  
was received in full.**

**Bob Haukdal**

*The National Fraternal Order of Police is sad to report that so far this year, we're outpacing last year's historic number of officers shot and killed. This fact is disturbing and should alarm ALL Americans. There have been 210 officers shot this year; 39 of whom were killed as of 7/31/2022.*

SEP 23 AT 5 PM – SEP 25 AT 6 PM

## St. Demetrios Greek Festival 2022

2504 Cub Hill Road, Parkville, MD 21234. Contact Nick Constantine at 410-365-3904 cell. \$20 a person.



## He's Superman and I'm his Kryptonite

**Kathy Conrad**

When my husband asked me to marry him in 2007, I found it a good idea. I mean really, I testified as an expert in narcotics at his divorce hearing from his first wife, was raising his two children, why not? I loved him, he didn't have insurance for himself or his daughter. It was a win-win for everyone.

My husband is not one to complain that he is not feeling well. Fast forward...

...On February 5, 2022, my husband's middle brother passed away. The brother had a massive stroke in January 2021, he never recovered. After the brother's funeral, my husband finally decided to do what his primary care doctor told him to do in 2019. Go see a cardiologist. My husband never did that.

My husband finally made the appointment for the end of March 2022. He had a stress test which he failed miserably. Next up was the Eco-stress test, yep, you guessed it, he failed miserably.

(Now we are in April) The following Tuesday they set up a heart catheter. He went in and about 30 minutes later he came out. He had two arteries that were blocked ninety percent and a third blocked one hundred percent. Now we are being scheduled for triple by-pass surgery.

The day he was scheduled for the by-pass was postponed. A check of his carotid arteries showed the left was blocked eighty percent. Now here we are in the middle of April, and he has a stent put in his carotid artery. Due for follow up in the middle of May.

He goes for the follow-up and now he is being scheduled for the by-pass. Twice he is rescheduled and now it's the middle of June. Leading up to the surgery he kept saying "I'm Superman, I never get sick." My response was "Well, if you're Superman, then I'm you Kryptonite! Your life is about to change drastically."

As of this writing he is 3 weeks post-op and doing ok.

So why did I go through all of this, well, I pay about \$1,100 a month for insurance for he and me. In the 15 years we've been married, he only used it maybe twice. He claims he's Superman and he doesn't get sick. I told him my father said the same thing and where is he?

Anyway, had he done what the primary care doctor told him to do in 2019, he probably wouldn't be where he is now. His brother dying saved his life. I'm sure he would have been dead in a few months.

Morale of the story, IF YOU ARE PAYING A TON OF MONEY FOR INSURANCE, USE IT!

If your doctor tells you to go see another doctor, I am quite certain that there is a reason. Please everyone, take care of yourself and get those yearly physicals done.

**The BRPBA recommends and is proud to be associated with Harbor of Grace Advanced Treatment Center, 437 Girard Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078, 443-502-8606.**

**Copied from their website: "The National Law Enforcement & First Responder Wellness Center at Harbor of Grace is proud to announce that on Sept 21, 2021, we joined the exclusive club of only three other treatment centers in America that are vetted and approved by The National Fraternal of Police to provide treatment to their members. We are honored to be a member of the National FOP Family!"**

**Harbor of Grace maintains a substance abuse treatment center for active and retired fire and police. I have personally visited this center and spoken to the director. It's a very nice place. Daryl!**

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## ***Newsletter***

July 2022

### **THE IRS BACKLOG OF UNPROCESSED TAX RETURNS**

The IRS continues to struggle with tax return processing. As of May 14, 2022, the IRS had 9.8 million unprocessed individual returns received prior to 2022, in addition to the 2021 tax returns received in 2022. The IRS had another 2.2 million unprocessed Amended Individual Tax Returns (Form 1040-X). Additionally, the IRS had 3.7 million unprocessed employer payroll tax returns (Form 941).



According to IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig, the backlog was created by years of budget cuts, understaffing, pandemic-related office closures and added duties. But when he appeared before the House Ways and Means Committee in June, he stated that the backlog should “absolutely” be resolved before December. Specifically, he stated: “As of today, barring any unforeseen circumstances, if the world stays as it is today, we will be what we call ‘healthy’ by the end of calendar year 2022, and enter the 2023 filing season with normal inventories.” Time will tell.

Note: **There is absolutely nothing that I can do to speed up the processing of your tax returns or to speed up your refunds.**

### **CHECKING ON YOUR REFUND**

Now, you can track your federal refund status for your personal income tax returns for the **three** most recent years by going to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and clicking on [**Get Your Refund Status**]. This means that you can now check your refund status for tax years 2019, 2020, & 2021. Until recently, you could check only the past year. You will need to input:

1. Your Social Security Account Number (just 1 SSAN if you are filing a joint return),
2. Your filing status (Married Filing Joint, Single, etc.) and
3. The exact amount (in whole dollars) of your refund for the year that you are checking.

No such tool exists for your Maryland income tax returns.

### **REDUCE YOUR WITHHOLDING!**

It can be very frustrating waiting for a large (or any size) refund. If you typically get large refunds every year, my advice is to reduce the amount of withholding taxes you have taken out of your pay, pension, IRA distributions, etc. each year. You will have to contact your Payroll Department or your pension or IRA custodian to do this. Reducing the amount you have withheld will not speed up getting your refund, but it will let you have the money this year instead of hoping you get a refund in a reasonable time next year.



## **POSTAGE RATES INCREASED – AGAIN!**



In case you missed it (many people did), postage rates increased on Sunday, July 10th.

- The first-class mail (1 oz.) letter rate for postage purchased at the post office was increased by 2¢ to 60¢.
- First-class mail flats/large envelopes (1 oz.) was increased by 4¢ to \$1.20.
- Each additional ounce costs 24¢.

## **NEW STANDARD MILEAGE RATES**

Effective July 1, 2022, the IRS increased the optional standard mileage rate used to calculate the deductible

- 62.5¢ per mile for business use of an automobile (up from 58.5¢)
- 22¢ per mile for costs of using an automobile as a medical expense (up from 18¢).
- By law, the rate for charitable use of your car remains at 14¢ per mile.

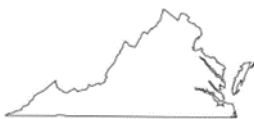


## **THE MARYLAND RETIREMENT TAX REDUCTION ACT**

There is no additional information available at this time on the reduction in taxes on pensions received by Maryland residents. I will be attending an on-line seminar on “Maryland Tax Law Changes” on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. I expect that the new law will be explained at that time. Hopefully I will have an update in my January 2023 Newsletter.

## **SOME VIRGINIA TAXPAYERS NOW REQUIRED TO PAY ELECTRONICALLY**

A recent Virginia legislative change requires taxpayers to submit all of their income tax payments electronically if:



- Any estimated tax payment exceeds \$1,500; **or**
- Any extension payment exceeds \$1,500; **or**
- The total income tax liability in any taxable year exceeds \$6,000.

This change is effective immediately. Affected Virginia individual taxpayers should start making all of their payments electronically if any of the above conditions apply to them. This includes all payments for estimated taxes, extension payments, and any other amounts due when a taxpayer files a return.

Note: Maryland does not require electronic payments to be made when paying estimated personal income tax payments or when paying taxes owed when filing a personal tax return. Such payments are allowed, and even encouraged, to be paid electronically, but Maryland does not require electronic payments.

This quarterly newsletter provides business, financial planning, and tax information to clients and friends. None of this general information should be acted upon without first determining its application to your specific situation.

For additional copies of this newsletter or further details on any article, please contact me.

## WEARING & CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON IN LIGHT OF RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION

On June 23, 2022, the United States Supreme Court, in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, held that New York's concealed carry law violated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution in an opinion by Justice Thomas accompanied by concurring opinions of Justice Alito, Justice Kavanaugh and Justice Barrett with a dissenting opinion by Justice Breyer in which Justices Sotomayor and Kagan joined.

New York makes the possession of a firearm without a license, whether inside or outside the house, a crime. Individuals who wish to carry a firearm outside the house must obtain an unrestricted license to "have and carry" a concealed pistol or revolver, but the person must prove that "proper cause exists" for doing so. That requirement must be satisfied by showing a "special need for self-protection distinguishable from that of the general community." Aggrieved by the statute's impossibly draconian restrictions, similar to the recent "good and substantive reason to carry" in Maryland, recently abrogated by the Gov. Hogan in light of *Bruen* (to the consternation and angst of some local legislators) two law-abiding New York citizens sued, only to lose at the trial court and appellate court levels on the basis that the requirement was "substantially related to the achievement of an important governmental interest."

The Supreme Court reversed holding that the State's "proper cause" restriction violated the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment because it prevented law-abiding citizens with ordinary self-defense needs from exercising their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right to keep and bear arms in public for self-defense. The *Bruen* court noted that *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 and *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U.S. 742 held that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments protect an individual's right to keep and bear arms for self-defense. Since the decisions in those 2 cases, the Courts of Appeals have developed a 2-step framework for analyzing 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment challenges, combining history with a means-end scrutiny. The *Bruen* court rejected that approach, noting that the means-end type analysis goes too far. Rather, *Heller* demanded a test rooted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment's text, as informed by history. The test enunciated by the *Bruen* opinion mirrors *Heller*. "But the 2<sup>nd</sup> step of the analysis, which applies means-end scrutiny, does not pass muster.

The test that the Court set forth in *Heller*, which still applies, requires courts to assess whether modern firearms regulations are consistent with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment's text and historical understanding. To be sure, not all restrictions violate the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. *Heller* and *McDonald* point toward at least 2 relevant metrics: first whether modern and state regulations impose a comparable burden on the right of armed self-defense and second, whether the regulatory burden is comparably justified. Even if a modern-day regulation is not a dead ringer for historical precursors, it still may be analogous enough to pass constitutional muster. For example, courts can use analogies to "longstanding" laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in places such as schools and Government buildings. On the other hand, New York's attempt to characterize Manhattan Island a "sensitive place" cannot withstand scrutiny because it is not sufficient simply to say that Manhattan is crowded and generally protected by the police. The Court then went through various types of restrictive statutes as well as American history in concluding that respondents had not met their burden to identify an American tradition justifying New York's proper cause requirement. The court noted that apart from a few late 19<sup>th</sup> century outlier jurisdictions, American governments simply have not prohibited the public carry of commonly used arms for personal defense. They also have not required law-abiding, responsible citizens to demonstrate a special need for self-protection distinguishable from that of the general community to carry arms in public. In this case, New York's proper cause requirement violated the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment by preventing law-abiding citizens with ordinary self-defense needs from exercising their right to keep and bear arms in public.

In Maryland, handgun wear and carry permits fall under the aegis of the Maryland State Police. Persons convicted of a felony or certain misdemeanors are not qualified. Persons with alcohol and substance abuse issues do not qualify. People exhibiting a propensity for violence or instability do not qualify. People must have successfully completed the Maryland State Police approved firearms training course within 2 years prior to submitting an original or renewal application. Naturally, the requirements change from time to time.

Until very recently, in Maryland, it was necessary for the applicant to show a good and substantial reason to carry a concealed weapon. Gov. Hogan recently told the Maryland State Police not to enforce that requirement in light of the *Bruen* case. At this point, however, it is still necessary to obtain a concealed carry permit. Under the circumstances, simply carrying a gun without any type of permit is simply dangerous and would probably result in an individual's incarceration.

For one thing, *Bruen* did not say that all restrictions were invalid. It is clear that some restrictions are perfectly valid. While clearly the New York and Maryland restrictions are similar, it is impossible to protect what a court might do. It is fun, however, to watch the politicians and action.

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That rather naturally brings us to LEOSA, the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act at 18 U.S.C. Sec. 926B as to retirees. Signed into law on July 22, 2004 by Pres. George W Bush, it attempted to provide, among others, qualified retired law enforcement officers the privilege of carrying a concealed firearm in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and all US possessions, except the Canal Zone notwithstanding the laws of any State or political subdivision. It was amended in 2010 and 2013 and opened the door to individuals separated for an aggregate of 10 years or more as active, reserve, military or volunteer law-enforcement offices, as well as military and DOD police. It also applies to actual law enforcement officers of the Amtrak Police Department, Federal Reserve and executive branch of the Federal Government, even if they lack statutory powers of arrest. It is worth noting that some elements of our society vigorously oppose LEOSA (no surprise there). Similarly, retired personnel often experience difficulties obtaining required identification cards from their agencies, especially military who qualify but do not hold or never held, the title of police or law enforcement officer.

In every single case that has been litigated, the denying agency has always prevailed because the denial was not found to be arbitrary or capricious. Further, the area where an individual may carry under LEOSA is fraught with confusion. Explicitly written into the statute are several areas considered off limits to those carrying under LEOSA and those imposed on state or local property installations, buildings and parks.

It is impossible, in a general article, to give an analysis that covers every potential topic. Suffice it to say while the Supreme Court decision in Bruen is helpful and encouraging, it is not a panacea, so that members should always exercise caution, good judgment and common sense.

Michael P. May

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**TO ALL RETIREES: Mark your calendars!!!! The next date for our LUNCHEON gathering will be on Tuesday, 27 September 2022 at the Olive Garden in Easton, MD, 9017 Ocean Gateway at 12 noon. I hope this gives everyone enough time to plan ahead.**

## How It All Began, by Richard Ellwood

I recently received a book about the beginning days of the Baltimore City Police Department. The book dates back to the mid to late 1800's. I obtained the book after my sister passed away in December 2021. She had kept the book for many years after she obtained it from my father, Dick Ellwood Sr. When my dad passed away, my sister kept much of his memorabilia from his thirty years on the BCPD from 1933 to 1963. My dad passed away in 1977, so she has had the book since then.

The book is in bad shape and has to be handled gently. Turning the pages in the book has to be done very carefully. When handling the book, it reminds me of a curator in a museum handling the Gutenberg Bible that dates back to the 1400's. I feel like I want to put on white gloves to handle this ageless and memorable book.

The book was apparently put together to show the evolution of the BCPD. The book not only has great stories; it has individual photos of the members of the department back in the late 1800's and the early 1900's. As I looked through the book at the photos, it seemed like each officer had something in common, they all had a mustache. A mustache must have been a status thing back then. I could not help but also notice some of the names. There were names in the book that I could identify with police officers that I knew from my time with the BCPD. I'm sure they are grandfathers or great grandfathers of the men and woman that I knew.

The book is quite lengthy and many of the pages contain photos of the officers or scenes from Baltimore a long time ago. I will tell some of the stories in this writing, but it may not be in any proper time that it happened, I might be skipping around some.

In 1836, the pay for a "Watchmen" which police officers were called back then was increased to one dollar per night. Any watchmen injured on duty received half pay during his disability...not to exceed two months. One of the duties of the watchman was to call out the hour, the weather and important news. The watchmen might sound like this...*Five O'clock on a rainy morning, all is well and Cornwallis is taken (General Cornwallis had surrendered to the American Army in Yorktown, Virginia).*

The custom of calling the hour was continued until 1843 when the newspapers called attention to the fact that the watchmen calling the time notified thieves of the locality of the officers and gave the bad guys an opportunity of committing depredations and getting away. Shortly after that the watchmen were forbidden to call the hour.

In 1853 the state passed a bill that gave authority to the mayor and city council to increase and strengthen the police department. At that time, the chief of police was called a "Marshal". The department had one assistant marshal, eight captains, 8 lieutenants, twenty-four sergeants, three hundred and fifty police officers and eight turnkeys. At that time there were four police districts...Eastern, Central, Southern and Western.

The Marshal was paid \$1500 a year, deputy marshal \$1,000, captains \$13 a week. lieutenants \$11.50 a week, police officer & detectives \$10 a week and turnkeys \$7 a week.

It was around 1853 that Baltimore earned the unenviable epithet of "Mob Town". Many members of the police department were affiliated with the American, or generally styled "Know-Nothing" party. At first the police made every effort to preserve order, but gradually the force became permeated with partisan politics. "Know-Nothing" partisans, through political influence, secured appointments to the force and these men, primarily sworn to preserve the peace and good order of the city and to protect life and property became the chief menace to the laws they had sworn to obey and conserve (*does this sound familiar*).

In 1897, the Southern District was constructed at the corner of Ostend and Patapsco at the cost of \$39,000. The old Southern that was at Sharp and Montgomery was closed. In 1898 the Northern District was created at Cedar

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and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. In 1900, the “look out sheet” was started. I know it was still around in the late 60’s when I started...not sure when it was stopped.

February 7, 1904 was “The Great Baltimore Fire”. Seventy blocks of Baltimore commercial areas were burned. The headline in the paper read like this:

**THE GREAT BALTIMORE FIRE AND THE PART PLAYED BY THE POLICE SAVING LIFE AND PROPERTY**

**WHAT BALTIMORE OWES TO THE MEN WHO STOOD THE TEST OF THOSE DAYS OF STRESS**

The great Baltimore fire of 1904 proved the efficiency, the organization and the discipline of the Baltimore Police Department. From the moment the first alarm was sounded at 10:42 AM on that eventful day until at least a year later “Those Who Guard Us” worked faithfully, unremittingly and courageously to save life and protect public and private property. Time after time the men in blue coats and brass buttons threw themselves not only in the face, but into the arms of danger to snatch bewildered men and women from rooms and homes that were threatened and even in the clutches of the devouring flames.

History will tell, and all of you are aware from the accounts published in the daily press, of how Baltimore’s great conflagration started from some cause, as yet a mystery, in the now famous Hurst dry goods building about 10:20 AM on February 7. Within an hour a whole business block was aflame, and the mayor of the city and heads of the Fire Department were frantically appealing for assistance from other cities. How generously our cry for help was responded to, others who know better how to express their gratitude have retold time and again.

The fire started on a Sunday and hundreds of people left their church services, jamming the streets to watch the spectacle and hampering rescue efforts. Parents put children to bed in clothes in case they should need to evacuate homes overnight, and residents placed wet blankets on the roofs of their homes to prevent flying embers from catching on. The city temporarily went without electricity as workers shut down generators at the main power station before evacuating the building. The four stacked power plant along the harbor was one of just a handful of structures to survive the blaze. A few buildings that were not destroyed by the fire were dynamited as the city sought to level structures to prevent the blaze from spreading.

People have long maintained that no one died in the fire... That’s not true, but casualties for the fire were still remarkably few., given the level of destruction. Overall, Baltimore made a remarkable recovery from a tragedy that left much of the city looking like “Nuremburg” (referring to the German city leveled by allied bombing raids during World War II.

**WHAT CONSTITUTES A GOOD POLICE ADMINISTRATION – written in 1908**

The question “what constitutes a good police administration?” is one that is hard to answer because of such a wide difference of opinion. A certain element is never satisfied with anything short of the absolute ideal in morals. The majority of thoughtful people, however, realize that an ideal administration of any kind is practically an impossibility.

Perfect morality and observance of the laws cannot be enforced in any community, particularly in a large city, even by a police force composed of men having the moral courage of martyrs and the stern conviction of Puritans. If the heads of police departments are men who are morally strong and forceful and are determined to give a good and efficient police administration, they must be prepared to resist the powerful pressure of political and other influences the moment they pre-assume office.

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## 1904 – The Famous Constable Murder

On August 18, 1904, Mr. Albert Constable, a well known and respected lawyer, was taking his customary evening walk on the Red Hill Road, about a mile and a half from his home, when he was held up by a “highwayman”, who shot him after securing his handsome gold watch and a small sum of money.

Mr. Constable was found lying on the road by John Holland, a negro, who lived near the scene of the shooting. Holland ran into the town, summoned assistance and Mr. Constable was removed to his home. The next morning, he was brought to Baltimore and was taken to the Union Protestant Infirmary where he later died. Before Mr. Constable died, he said that he was robbed by a highwayman who was a white man.

Notwithstanding Mr. Constable’s statement, the authorities arrested Mr. Holland. Later, they arrested another negro man named, Hopps who lived with Holland. Both men were charged with murder, and for a time, the feeling ran high against them. Holland was tried and acquitted. There was no evidence against him, and the State’s Attorney abandoned the prosecution of Hopps.

There were many other interesting stories in the book. At the end of the book, it was interesting to see some of the sponsors of the book. There were many banks, stores, restaurants, and business in the Baltimore area. Some that were interesting to me are as follows:

Sweet Corporal Cigarettes – The Largest Selling Brand in the World

Bay Shore Park – The Magnificent New Resort of the South

Louis Vicari Co. – Importers of Foreign Fruits (Pratt & South Streets)

Pikesville Dairy – 1501 Argyle Avenue

Stoddard Dayton – America’s Best Car - \$2500

George Gunther Brewing Company – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & Toone Street

Strayer’s Business College – Charles & Fayette

Horn & Horn – 303 E. Fayette Street

New Fountain Hotel – (Rooms \$2 per day)

Brehm’s Beer – (\$1 a case – delivered)

My Ending:

I only wish the book was in better shape so that I could donate it to the Baltimore City Police Museum. I think that visitors would get a kick out of reading about the police department in those years. I have written several books since I retired from the BCPD, but when I read this book I was amazed at the grammar and the structure of the stories...I’m not sure why that jumped out at me, I guess I was under the impression that the writings back in those days was not as good as the writings today....I was wrong.

I will end this short writing and just say that we retired police officers come from a great tradition of those that proceeded us on the job. I know from first hand knowledge, having four generations of my family having been outstanding police officers in the Baltimore City Police Department.

“To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world.” Dr. Seuss

## Via Pam Shaw, Retiree Liaison for Baltimore City

Maryland Sales Tax Exemptions- Added to the sales tax exemptions during the legislative session were: medical/clinical thermometers, pulse oximeters, blood pressure monitors, N95 / KN95 type respirators, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss and other oral hygiene products.

### MAPD Insurance Audit

We are aware that there are some retirees who have Aetna MAPD cards but have not had deductions taken from their pension checks. As a result the City is undertaking an audit to verify all recipients who should be paying for medical coverage are.

### Moving to the MAPD plan

This is an important reminder that you need to have both Medicare A and B in place BEFORE you are ready to move to the AETNA MAPD plan.

This means if you are over 65 but still working DO THIS BEFORE YOU RETIRE.

If you are already retired and going to be 65 shortly DO THIS BEFORE YOU BECOME 65.

Create an online account at [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).

DO NOT TRY TO DO THIS ONE THE PHONE OR ON PAPER.

Why? Because if you do this online it can be completed and a paper copy of the card available on line in 7 - 10 days.

If you try to do this other any other way you will not have your Medicare card in hand (much less your AETNA MAPD card!) for at least a month, but more likely longer. They are terribly backed up in paper processing, they don't have authorization for overtime and Maryland work is being handled out west.

Once you get you Medicare card, from the Medicare **website**, call employee benefits 410-396-5830, and speak to a person. Get their name.

EMAIL them a copy or a photograph of your Medicare card. Complete the other enrollment forms asap and get them back to them electronically. Do not send anything to a generically email box; mail to a specific person.

Once you get this far, there is an AUTOMATIC two (2) week hold, while CMS verifies your identity and status. only then will AETNA process and send out your new MAPD card.

So key points

Start early!

Do it all online!

Send everything electronically!

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!!!**



# STOP!!! DO NOT GO PAST THIS PAGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SAVE THE \$1250 BENEFIT THAT YOU PAID FOR WITH YOUR BRPBA DUES. AFTER THIS, YOU ARE FORFEITING YOUR BENEFIT AND RETURNING IT TO THE BRPBA..

IF YOU SEE YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST, THEN YOU DO NOT HAVE A BENEFICIARY FORM ON FILE AS OF 8/2/2022

IT'S YOUR MONEY TO HELP YOUR FAMILY AFTER YOU PASS AWAY!! MAKE SURE THEY RECEIVE IT!!!

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## BENEFICIARY FORM

*Please type or clearly print all information below.*

\_\_\_\_\_ TODAY'S DATE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ upon my death, desire all benefits entitled to me as a member of Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association, Inc., be paid to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**BENEFICIARY'S NAME**

**Beneficiary Information:**

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contingency Beneficiary ('s) Name/Relationship/Address:

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**Member Information:**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: P.O. Box 6217, Baltimore, MD 21206



Curiosity getting the better of me, I wanted to see what were some of the most interesting lies people told when pulled over. Here are a few I thought were the best.

**“I only had two beers.” EVERY. SINGLE. PERSON. That’s right. Every single person I have ever asked “How much have you had to drink replied with that answer. It is usually followed with “But that was three hours ago.”**

The lies range from little white ones (“I only had two beers”) to soul-blackening ones (“I don’t know how my DNA got in *there*—besides, how did I know she was only 13; she looked at least 15.”) You can’t make this stuff up.

**Them's ain't my pants!**

I remember chasing a dude from a stolen car... a new guy riding with me ran into a house in the 2000 blk Brunt Street...the lady of the house was standing at the door and said he was on the 2nd floor...when I got there he's lying in the bed with a teen under the covers... she's scared like no tomorrow...and there in the corner is his pile of clothes (blk sweat suit and running shoes) ...get him out of the bed in freakin' red bikini underwear! 'Nah man, don't know what you're talking about! That ain't my shit!' He had opened the front door and ran into a stranger's home jumped into the bed with the teen to hide.

**A suspected bank robber, asked by my partner any weapons in the vehicle, his reply no. When he reached for registration and insurance from glove compartment, I, being on passenger side behind the door where he could not see me, witnessed a large hand gun in compartment immediately I. Put my 9mm next to his temple and said don't think about it. He surrendered.**

My favorites are always the ones where they give me a false name, and then are unable to spell it.

**There was a young man, under 21, who had been drinking and driving and crashed his car. Someone saw the car crash and called 911.**

The young man was walking away from the scene when a police officer arrived. The Sheriff was also arriving, he stayed with the car. The officer caught up and started walking with the young man. He asked if the young man was alright. He said, I'm cool. The officer asked if the young man had seen the accident. He said yes. The officer asked if the young man knew who was driving. The young man said some random dude. They walked along for a bit. The officer said something about the weather. They walked a bit farther without talking. The officer then asked, “Where are the car keys?” The underage drunk driver pulled the keys out of his pocket.

I did a ride along with a Deputy Sheriff, and the last Traffic Stop was hilarious to me, the Deputy I was with, and to the other Deputy that was there as backup.

So, it goes like this.... So, we're looking for vehicles to pull over, ones that are expired, running lights, etc etc. We find this Mercedes, who was expired, we turn on the lights, and we go into the parking lot of a Liquor store. We stop, the Mercedes stops, the deputy gets out, goes up to the guys window, asks for License and the usual, the Deputy also sees a female passenger, gets her id too. So, he comes back to the Cruiser, and runs their ID and his plate, come to find out, the dude had a Warrant, and the chick was clean.

So, from that point on, because of the Warrant, he was cuffed and put in the back, behind ME, and the female was put in the other Cruiser when back up arrived. The Deputies searched the guys Mercedes and 4 minutes go by, and the dude is screaming on why's he in cuffs and why's the car being searched and blah blah while the chick in the other cruiser was silent as a mouse.

The Deputy I'm riding with, stops searching, and comes and asks why the dude is yelling, they continue for a second, and he goes back to searching, 2 minutes later, BINGO. Finds a bag of Cocaine under his Prescribed Medicine. Deputies ask who's it is, and of course, both driver and pass. said not theirs, so, during the whole “who's coke is this?” thing, the dude says he doesn't know, it's probably the girls, so, this goes on for a minute, and the Deputies got tired of it. So they questioned who the girl was, the dude said she's a stripper, and he was at the strip club and picked her up.

Minutes go by on that, the deputy asks if he has family and kids. Sure enough. The dude does, so, that's that. The Deputy goes on and cites the driver for the coke and expired plate, but he can't drive, someone has to come drive and pick them up. So, the driver was forced to call his WIFE, as he was calling, we all started laughing because he is calling his wife to pick up the car, WHILE the guy has the stripper with him.

While the guy was on the phone with his wife, the stripper was calling an Uber.



## A VIEW OF LIFE

Everyone that happens to read this will know what I am trying to convey. At least I hope so.

One day, while I was at my In-Laws home, my father-in-law, who is 97, said this to me. He was talking about a man that was his best friend since college. This man had been his Best Man in his wedding 65 years earlier. He said that the man had passed away a few months ago. He looked at me and said "I have never known a better man than him. How I miss him." He then said he missed a cousin he had known all his life that had died. Dad said "I am at the age where all my family that I knew growing up are gone. My friends are gone." He then looked at me with a tear in his eye and said, "That is what happens when you live as long as I have."

I am now 64. I remember the first time I paid my respects to the family of a friend that was 17 when he died. While I had been to a funeral home when I was a small child, this was different. When I came home, my dad sat me down as he could see the death of my friend was eating at me. Dad told me that everyone goes through this cycle of life. You will always remember the first friend that you saw in a casket. These trips to a funeral home will increase as you get older. He was right.

We, as police, have witnessed and have known friends and coworkers on the job that have died. We all have been to their funerals. We have stood at attention as Foxtrot did a flyover with one missing in the formation. We have heard KGA call for the unit number that the Officer worked. We have all heard the somber rendition of Taps as it was played. As cops, we see more people that we know die than any other profession, except the medical profession. It stays with us. Death is part of the job.

We struggle to make sense of a loss of someone young who dies. We grieve for a coworker who was killed in the Line of Duty, although we can't make sense of it. It is not in our ability as humans to make sense of the loss. At least that is what I can figure.

If you want a gut check count of how many officers you have worked with that committed suicide, that number will surprise you.

Like many of you, I am on the other side of the mountain of life. My view from here is not an unhappy one. I have my family that I love, I have friends, and I am retired.

I have been lucky enough to have had great side partners in my time in the BPD. The folks in the Western I will never forget. I learned valuable lessons on what it means to take care of each other. I also had some fun while learning. But I also saw the worst in people that I never knew prior to becoming a cop. As one of my shift members, Vic Gerhart said, "We were Western Warriors."

From the wonderful Western, I was lucky and transferred into the K9 unit. I had died and went to heaven. I even got \$5.00 extra pay a day to walk my K9 in Downtown Baltimore City across the Skywalks in the Spring, Summer and Fall during the day! I was able to travel the city and could go anywhere I needed. In K9, I found that my side partners were a close-knit group. They gave you a chance to prove your worth. I guess I did. These folks became like family to me. K9 taught me that you were responsible for what you did. Because I was able to work all three shifts, I was able to get to know all the officers. I can honestly say I never met one of them I did not like. There were all excellent at what they did and were always there as back up.

I took the test and was promoted. I was not going to take it, but my dad encouraged me. Regis Phelan also told me that rotation by promotion is better than just rotation. This was when the Rotation Policy had been implemented by the Police Commissioner, Thomas Frazer.

Side note to that policy, it failed. The talents of folks that were trained in the QRT, Traffic, EVU, K9, Homicide and other specialized units, went to waste. Those that could retire, did so. Some retired and went to Baltimore County Police or Anne Arundel County Police Department, to their Homicide Units. The void left by them hurt the BPD immensely for years to come.

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Once promoted, I was transferred to the Southwestern District. Again, I got lucky. I had my friend, Regis Phelan, as my Lieutenant and Major Bergbower as my District Commander. I used all the things I was taught from the Western and K9 to try and make things better for those that I worked with.

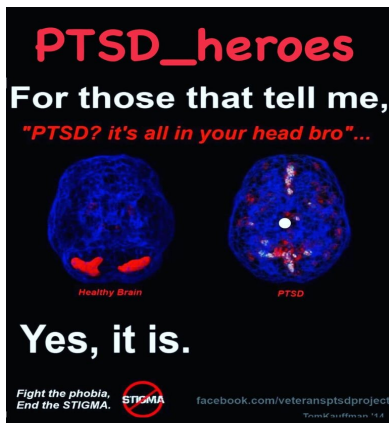
Then things changed. My view on life as a cop changed also. While there, I, along with the officers in the Southwestern, buried three officers. The chaotic night that Brian Winder was killed hit me the hardest. It was one that still gets to me. Brian was a good cop and a good man. I saw the look of helplessness that his shift had that night as they came into the district. All of us have a death that stands out. Brian's is the one for me as a cop.

I write this because we as Police take all this in and we don't, and won't, let it out. We keep it to ourselves. The problem, I found, is that you become a pressure cooker. At some point and time, you will explode. Some drink to escape these memories. Some have other habits that they incur. Then some, a small minority, end it on their own. That to me is as sad as the death of an officer in a Line of Duty death.

My wish is that no matter how bad things get, remember you worked with people that still have a place in their hearts for you. They care. Take time to call an old buddy just to see how they are doing. You won't regret it. What you will regret is thinking about calling them and they pass before you do so.

Take care of each other, for life can be over before we know it.

Patrick Youells.



## **RETIREE BENEFITS INFORMATION**

**PLEASE KEEP THIS PIECE OF PAPER IN YOUR FINANCIAL RECORDS.**

### **Insurance:**

#### **Blue Choice Advantage (PPO) (Non-Medicare Retirees)**

(800) 535-2292 [www.carefirst.com](http://www.carefirst.com)

#### **Aetna Medicare Advantage Plan (PPO)**

with Extended Service Area (ESA)

Including Prescription Drug Benefits

(855) 335-1407 TTY 711 <http://www.aetnaretireplans.com>

#### **Aetna Open Choice (PPO) (Non-Medicare Beneficiary & Dependents)**

(877) 440-4711 [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com)

#### **Kaiser Permanente (HMO) (Non-Medicare Retirees)**

Kaiser MAPD (Medicare Retirees)

(866) 248-0715 [www.kaiserpermanente.org](http://www.kaiserpermanente.org)

#### **CareFirst Caremark/CVS (Non-Medicare Retirees)**

(800) 241-3371 [www.carefirst.com](http://www.carefirst.com)

#### **MetLife**

(866) 492-6983 [www.metlife.com/mybenefits](http://www.metlife.com/mybenefits)

#### **United Concordia Dental**

(866) 851-7568 <https://unitedconcordia.com/cityof baltimore>

#### **Delta Dental (BRPBA Only)**

(301) 214-7046 [Melissa.Pope@NFP.com](mailto:Melissa.Pope@NFP.com)

### **Medicare:**

Medicare Service Center (800) MEDICARE

(800) 633-4227, TTY (877) 486-2048 <https://www.medicare.gov>

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Local (410) 786-3000 TTY Toll-Free (866) 226-1819

TTY Local (410) 786-0727 <https://www.cms.gov>

Social Security Administration

(800) 772-1213 TTY (800) 325-0778 <https://www.ssa.gov>

### **RETIREMENT AGENCIES:**

Fire & Police Employees Retirement System                      Widow/Widower Benefit

7 E. Redwood Street, 18th Floor

Baltimore, MD 21202

410-497-7929 Toll Free 1-888-410-1600 [bcfpers.org](http://bcfpers.org)

Baltimore City Life Insurance

Employee Benefits Division

201 E. Baltimore Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Baltimore, MD 21202

410-396-5830

Patrolman to Lieutenant \$7,000

Captain and above \$8,500

Health Care Benefits  
Employee Benefits Division  
201 E. Baltimore Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
410-396-5830

Department of Human Resources (DHR)  
7 E Redwood Street, 17th Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
T (410) 396-3851, 711 (TTY)

Baltimore City Employee Retirement System (ERS)  
7 East Redwood Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(877) 273-7136 [bcers.org](http://bcers.org)

Securian Financial – (Formerly Minnesota Mutual Life)  
P.O. Box 64114  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0114  
1-888-658-0193 [www.securian.com](http://www.securian.com)

Police Beneficial Association (PBA)  
Fiscal Services  
Paula L. Williams, Director  
410-396-2114  
Group #3870

Fraternal Order of Police 3 Insurance Benefit \$1,500 to members  
3920 Buena Vista Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21211  
410-243-9141 [fop3.org](http://fop3.org)

**Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Association** Death Benefit up to \$1,250 to members  
**P.O. Box 6217**  
**Baltimore, MD 21206**  
**410-803-2293** [brpba.com](http://brpba.com) [BRPBAOffice@gmail.com](mailto:BRPBAOffice@gmail.com)

Municipal Employees Credit Union  
1 South Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
410-752-8313 / 1-800-248-6328 [www.mecu.com](http://www.mecu.com)

Old PBA Insurance policies were purchased by TransAmerica. Contact # 888-660-0619.

In the event of the death of a member, it is important to notify the Employee/Retiree Affairs Unit at **410-396-2546**. This office handles benefits entitled to the named beneficiary(s). A member of the Retiree Affairs Unit will assist in completing all the necessary paperwork for pension, health care, life insurance, credit union, etc. **Please keep your beneficiary forms and contact information up to date with everyone.**

“I’m the police, and I’m here to arrest you. You’ve broken the law. I did not write the law. I may even disagree with the law but I will enforce it and no matter how you plead, beg, or attempt to stir my sympathies, nothing you do will stop me from placing you in steel cage with grey bars. If you run away, I will chase you. If you fight me, I will fight back. If you shoot at me, I will shoot back. By law I am unable to walk away. I am a consequence. I am the unpaid bill. I am fate with a badge and a gun. Behind my badge is a heart like yours. I bleed, I think, I love, and yes, I can be killed. And although I am but one man, I have thousands of brothers and sisters who are the same as me. They will lay down their lives for me, and I them. We stand watch together, a thin blue line, protecting the prey from the predators, the good from the bad. We are the police.” -Officer Taylor, End of Watch

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**  
*As of 8/1/2022*

**Teresa Cunningham**  
**Thomas Martin**  
**Frederick Morgan**  
**Charles "Chip" Schmidt, Jr.**  
**Sabrina Tapp-Harper**

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**F&P Retirement System 410-497-7929**  
**FOP 410-243-9141**  
**Balto. City Life Insurance 410-396-5830**  
**Health Care Benefits 410-396-5830**  
**Department of Human Resources (DHR) (410) 396-3851**  
**Securian Financial 1-888-658-0193**  
**Municipal Employees Credit Union 410-752-8313**  
**Employee/Retiree Affairs Unit 410-396-2546**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Please remember, monthly meetings may be canceled due to inclement weather when:

- Baltimore County Schools are closed because of snow or inclement weather; or,
- There is a snowfall after schools are dismissed and the Baltimore County snow emergency plan is placed in operation.

**Newsletter Chairman:**

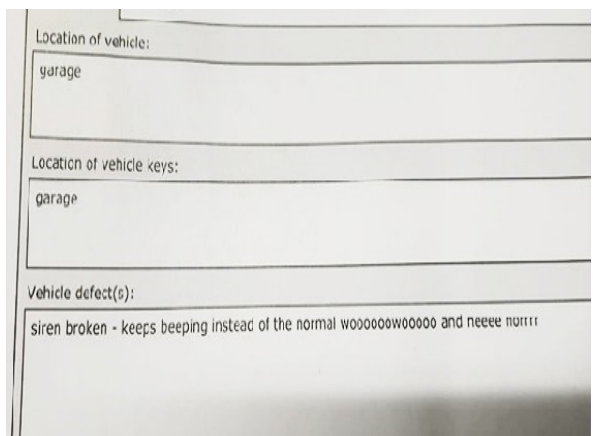
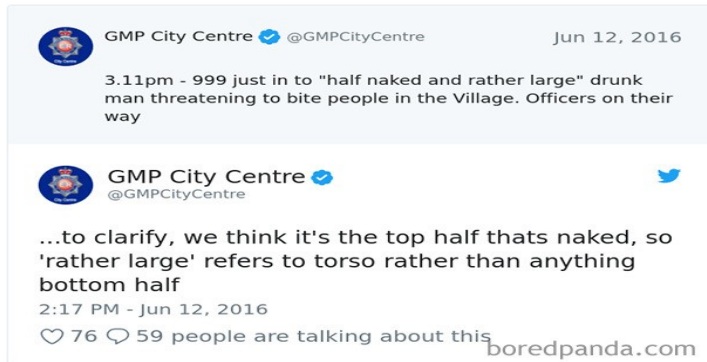
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**Distress Fund Chairman:**

Daryl J. Buhrman  
410-803-2293

**NOT RECEIVING EMAILS?**

**ZOOM INTERNET MEMBERS ARE STILL HAVING ISSUES WITH OUR EMAILS THROUGH GODADDY. YOU MAY BE MISSING SOME EMAILS FROM US.**





## DISTRESS FUND NEWS

As you are aware, the 2022 Raffle will be mailed around the same time as this newsletter. It will only be mailed to those who have purchased in the past so that we can save the extra money for those who find themselves in a time of distress.

We have told you in the past, and we will tell you gain, if you find yourself in a situation where you need a helping hand, please call me and request help. Don't be embarrassed. Most of us have been through it at least once in our lifetime and we are here for you.

As you also know, this year's raffle has **FIVE ADDITIONAL CHANCES TO WIN** for a total of **35** prizes. The raffle will be mailed the first week of September. As in the past, the prizes are as follows:

*NEW THIS YEAR* are 4 \$50.00 winners, and one \$400.00 winner.

Those new prizes are in addition to what we have had in the past: 19 \$100.00 winners, 4 \$200.00 winners, 3 \$300.00 winners and 4 \$500.00 winners.

The drawing for the raffle will be held during our Holiday Celebration in December.

Thank you to one and all who participate when you can. We appreciate it.

Daryl Buhrman  
Distress Fund Chairman  
410-803-2293

### In Memoriam

In Memory of:

Frank Melcavage

Robert D. Edwards

Nancy Martin

By:

John Grosskopf

Phyllis McGauley

Gerald Goldstein

Debra and David Zawitosky

Mary and William Gaver

Barbara and David Gunter

Daryl and Sandy Buhrman

Dawn Walters



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Barbara Bittinger (05/28/2022), wife of Robert Bittinger

Active, Sgt. Joseph Burton (04/20/2022)

Diane Curley (07/23/2022), wife of Richard Curley

Elaine M. Ficek, (06/28/22) widow of William Ficek

Lareau Fox, (02/23/2022) widow of Forest Fox

Karen J. Kruger (McLhinney), (04/21/22) wife of Gary McLhinney

Kathy Winkler (07/07/22), wife of Alvin Winkler)

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." — **Albert Pike**



## BRPBA FINAL ROLL CALL

Ronald Callender  
(05/04/2022)

Charles Douglas  
(05/01/2022)

Donald Duvall  
(06/25/2022)

Robert D. Edwards  
(06/24/2022)

Edward German  
(04/06/2022)

Roman Goral  
(03/14/2022)

Frank Melcavage  
(06/09/2022)

George Mitchell  
(05/09/2022)

Donald Peach  
(05/30/2022)

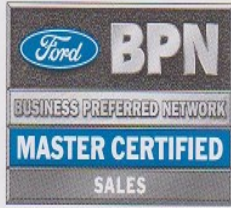
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Dennis Rosemary  
(06/18/22)

John Sturgeon  
(07/29/2022)

Leak Vanlandingham  
(April 2022)





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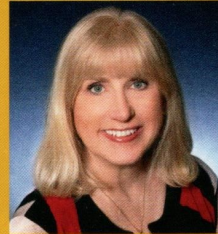
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