

THE SHERIFF'S STAR



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**Florida's Deputy of the Year
Eddie Barnard (left) with his boss,
Escambia County Sheriff Jim Lowman**
(See details on page 2)

Impoverished, unemployed drug dealers know why Eddie Barnard is the Deputy of the Year

PENSACOLA — If you don't know why Eddie Barnard was chosen as the Florida Sheriffs Association's Deputy of the Year for 1994, ask the drug dealers whose hopes of financial success he ruined while breaking drug enforcement records in Escambia County.

In 1993 alone, Barnard made 96 drug-related arrests; seized \$603,000 worth of illegal drugs; and confiscated \$76,000 in illicit cash. This, however, was just the beginning of his impact on the illegal drug business. During spinoff investigations resulting from the 1993 cases, the young deputy made 137 more arrests, seized drugs valued at over \$2 million, and confiscated \$112,000 in drug-tainted cash.

Florida Sheriffs Association Executive Director J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr., said the five-year veteran accomplished all of this in just 18 months "to set a record for the most productive performance by any law enforcement officer in one year in the history of Escambia County.

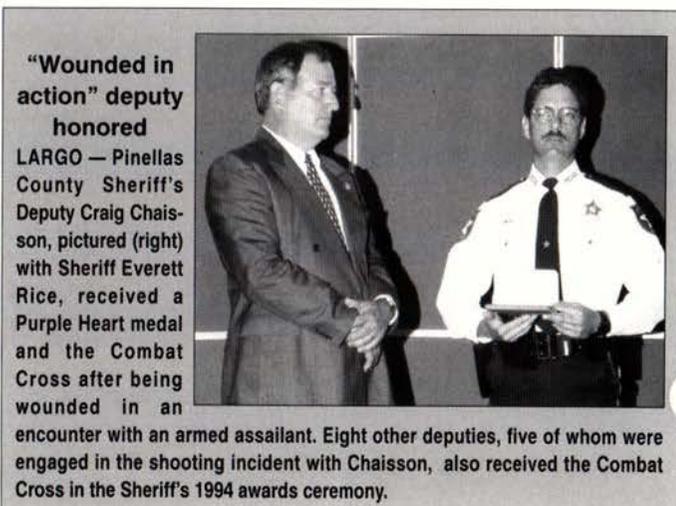
"He has gained the respect and admiration of his fellow-investigators," said Phillips, "and he has become a



Deputy of the Year Eddie Barnard shares the spotlight with his wife, Sandra.

role model for young men and women planning law enforcement careers in northwest Florida."

Sheriffs and guests attending the 81st Annual Conference of the Sheriffs Association in Naples, July 12, gave Barnard a standing ovation when he was introduced as the 1994 award winner. Then he received a "Deputy of the Year" plaque and \$1,000 from Association President Tom Tramel.



"Wounded in action" deputy honored

LARGO — Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputy Craig Chaisson, pictured (right) with Sheriff Everett Rice, received a Purple Heart medal and the Combat Cross after being wounded in an encounter with an armed assailant. Eight other deputies, five of whom were engaged in the shooting incident with Chaisson, also received the Combat Cross in the Sheriff's 1994 awards ceremony.

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Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (R) presents a Finalist Award to Deputy Peter Eigo and "Major".



Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander (left) presents a 1994 Florida Sheriffs Association award to Sgt. Frank Bierwiler.

Deputy of the Year finalists honored for outstanding courage and tenacity

The Florida Sheriffs Association presents three annual "Deputy of the Year" awards to honorees chosen by a committee composed of individuals who are not affiliated with the Association. This year the top award was received by Escambia County Deputy Sheriff Eddie Barnard; while finalist awards went to Hernando County Sheriff's Sgt. Frank Bierwiler, and Pinellas County K-9 Deputy Peter Eigo.

SGT. FRANK BIERWILER

BROOKSVILLE — When Hernando County Sheriff's Sgt. Frank Bierwiler was diagnosed as a victim of multiple sclerosis over 20 years ago, he did not allow this tragic turn of events to end his law enforcement career. Refusing to remain immobilized after he was completely paralyzed from the waist down in 1974, he endured months of painful therapy, acquired the ability to walk with crutches, and not only resumed his law enforcement career, but also volunteered for charitable work.

Sgt. Bierwiler started his 30-year law enforcement career with the New York State Police and the State Department of Corrections. After moving to Florida in 1975, he joined the Hernando County Sheriff's Office staff. Currently he is Sheriff Tom Mylander's Public Information Officer, and spends much of his off-duty time serving as the volunteer director of Daystar Hope Center, a church-supported charity that feeds and clothes thousands of needy families each year.

According to newspaper accounts, while Sgt. Bierwiler was immobilized by multiple sclerosis he promised God in prayer that, if he was able to achieve some limit-

ed mobility, he would use his talents to help others.

"The rest is history," said Florida Sheriffs Association Executive Director J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr., when he announced the finalist award, "and the Sheriff's Office and Daystar Hope Center have reaped the benefits ever since."

PETER T. EIGO, JR.

LARGO — The courage and tenacity Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff Peter Eigo displayed while chasing two suspected burglars caused him to receive two awards. On May 3, as Pinellas County's "Deputy of the Year," he accepted the prestigious Ruth and Tim Johnson Award. On July 12 he was honored as a statewide finalist in the Florida Sheriffs Association's annual selection of a "Deputy of the Year."

Dispatched to a burglary in progress on August 1, 1993, Deputy Eigo and his K9 partner "Major" cornered a suspect, but the suspect elbowed the deputy on the nose and broke away. Although Eigo was bleeding profusely from a broken nose and cheekbone, he and Major continued in pursuit and found the suspect fighting with another deputy who had arrived at the scene. Major grabbed the suspect and Eigo was able to handcuff him.

Ignoring his injuries again, Eigo put Major on the trail of a second suspect and tracked him into a swamp. When the suspect refused to stop, Major caught and held him until he could be placed under arrest.

Eigo's injuries required surgery, but he was on the mend when he received the Ruth and Tim Johnson Award on May 3.

Photo highlights

from the

81st Annual Summer Conference

of the Florida Sheriffs Association held in Naples, July 10-13, 1994



State Senator Ron Silver



Rep. Martinez

Legislators of the Year

Newly-created Sheriffs Association awards recognized State Senator Ron Silver, from North Miami Beach, as Senator of the Year, and Representative Elvin Martinez, from Tampa, as the Representative of the Year. Sheriffs Association President Tom Tramel (right) presented a commemorative plaque to Sen. Silver, and he was assisted by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (left) in making a similar presentation to Rep. Martinez.

During the award ceremony Sen. Silver expressed support for a proposed Sheriff-backed constitutional amendment which would require Florida's criminals to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences.

Rep. Martinez, who is chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee in the House of Representatives, spoke of "our failure to a whole generation of juveniles." He said for years juvenile delinquency had been handled as a social problem, but it is also a criminal justice problem, and "step-by-step we have created a Department of Juvenile Justice."

Removing juvenile delinquents from Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services supervision, and placing them under the new Department of Juvenile Justice was strongly backed by Sheriffs during the 1994 regular session of the Florida Legislature, and Rep. Martinez helped them to make it happen..



Chairman's performance merits plaque and praise

A plaque presented by Sheriffs Association President Tom Tramel (left) honored Brevard County Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller for his outstanding service as chairman of the Association's Board of Directors.



One now has the power, the other has a plaque

For 12 months Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel (left) held the power of the presidency in the Sheriffs Association, but he turned it over to Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells on July 12, and the first official act of the newly-elected president was to present a Leadership Award to his predecessor.

The award praises Tramel for his "unrelenting legislative efforts on behalf of Florida's Sheriffs and the citizens of the state."

Recognition for the man who keeps Sheriffs "covered"

By the very nature of their duties, Sheriffs and deputies have high risk jobs, and there were many years in the past when they were inadequately insured. Today they are well covered for nearly all conceivable risks, and the man largely responsible for this achievement has received the recognition he deserves.

Board Chairman John Hunt, Sr., from Hunt Insurance Group, Inc., Tallahassee, is pictured receiving an appreciation award from Sheriffs Association President Tom Tramel (left) in recognition of his service and support. Tramel pointed out that Hunt and his firm have been helping the Sheriffs Association develop a multifaceted insurance program and a self-insurance fund for more than 32 years.



Retiring Youth Ranches President honored for distinguished service

A Distinguished Service Award and an accompanying resolution praised retiring President Harry K. Weaver for the 32 years of leadership he provided while serving as the chief executive of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. They were presented by Taylor County Sheriff John Wesley Walker (left), Chairman of the Youth Ranches Board of Directors; and Florida Sheriffs Association President Tom Tramel (right).

Weaver was lauded for utilizing his noteworthy talents to address the needs of more than 10,000 neglected, unsupervised and troubled children during his long tenure, but he insisted that he was only the "catalyst" in this saga of success. "The credit belongs to the 275 Sheriffs with whom I have worked since 1962," he added.



Photo Highlights

continued

Blackburn speechless ????

For the first time in anyone's memory, former Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn was rendered speechless when the Florida Sheriffs Association honored him for his "lifelong dedication and commitment to helping Florida's young people."

"My cup runneth over," was all he could say after a commemorative plaque was presented to him by Sheriffs Association President Tom Tramel (right).

During his long public service career, Blackburn eventually traded his Sheriff's badge for a desk in the Florida House of Representatives, and through it all kept the welfare of Florida's children uppermost among his priorities.



He was one of the founders of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches in 1957, and served without pay as its first executive director. Retirement from public life has diminished his opportunities for speechmaking, but not his interest in the Youth Ranches.



The services of Everett Rice merited a pair of awards

For his outstanding services as chairman of the Sheriff's Association's Legislative Committee, Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice (center) received two plaques. One was a Distinguished Service Award and the other an Appreciation Award. The awards were presented by Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel (left), immediate past president of the Sheriffs Association, and Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells, newly-elected president.

Fame comes at last to Dave and Roger

The Florida Sheriffs Association is blessed with loyal support from many suppliers of law enforcement equipment and services who exhibit their wares at the Association's conferences, but none has been more loyal than Dave Caldwell (center), representing Law Enforcement Equipment Corporation; and Roger Simmons, representing Harrison Uniform Co.

Florida Sheriffs Association President Tom Tramel is pictured presenting appreciation awards to Dave (center) and Roger (right) to honor them and their firms for more than 30 years of dedicated service and support.

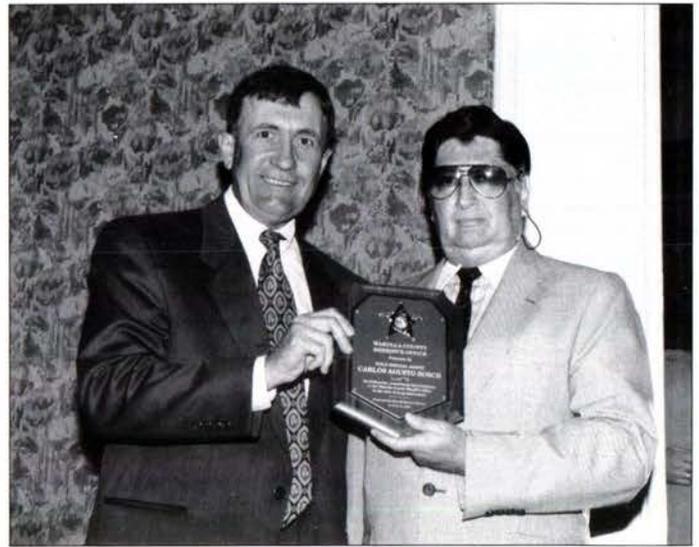


Hero of the drug war applauded by Sheriffs

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, represented by Sheriff David Harvey (left), honored Florida Department of Law Enforcement Special Agent Carlos Augusto Bosch, for his dedication, commitment and persistence in drug enforcement activities.

"Bosch's cooperation with Major Donnie Crum, of the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office, has produced outstanding results in seizures of illicit drugs and liquid assets for Wakulla County, and he has also identified sources for future investigations," said Harvey. "He is a true friend of our agency, as well as a proven law enforcement professional."

Summing up Bosch's activities since 1990, Harvey said the special agent has managed to "control" more than 15 sources on two continents and in the Caribbean while being responsible for 13 arrests, as well as confis-



cation of 5,877 kgs. of cocaine valued at \$107 million. Harvey also credited Bosch with the seizure of liquid assets such as cash, jewelry and precious stones valued at \$2.5 million.

Deceased Sheriff remembered as Brevard County's "modernizer"

TITUSVILLE — When former Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson died on July 11, a newspaper article described him as the man who single-handedly, and against overwhelming partisan opposition, modernized the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, bringing it out of its "Mayberryesque" ways and into the space age.

Florida Today guest columnist Nick White recalled that Wilson became Brevard County's first Republican official when he was elected in 1962 to complete the unexpired term of the late Sheriff Jimmy Dunn. At that time, said White, Brevard County had only 58 deputies, no 24-hour patrols, a jail that did not always have a jailer on duty at night, and an archaic communications system plagued by "dead spots."

Wilson's innovations, according to White, included the first NCR Century 100 computer used by any law enforcement agency in the nation. "It was amazing to me," said White, "that a fellow who served as a New York City beat cop and 17 years as a detective on that force, got so far ahead of the game in the computer field."

The budget battles waged by the former New Yorker



Leigh S. Wilson

with Democratic county commissioners determined to cut his purse strings were really something to witness, White said.

Former Sheriff Wilson was born in Brooklyn, New York, on April 4, 1909, and attended the public schools of that city. He served 20 years with the New York City Police, and enhanced his law enforcement career by attending Delehanty Police Training Institute, the New York City Police Academy, the Police College of New York and various FBI courses.

After moving to Brevard County (FL) he served as Melbourne's Chief of Police for 5 1/2 years before he was elected Sheriff in 1962 for a two-year term. He was subsequently elected for three four-year terms.



Some guys just can't resist the lure of a Sheriffs Association conference

NAPLES — A record of sorts was set on July 10-12, when three Hillsborough County Sheriffs attended the 81st Annual Summer Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association. For Cal Henderson (left), the current Sheriff, it was conference number two. Former Hillsborough Sheriff Walter Heinrich (center), said he had missed only one of the biannual conferences in 14 years, giving him a total of 27. Former Sheriff Ed Blackburn "captured the brass ring" by recalling that he had attended his first conference in 1952, before he was actually elected Sheriff for the first time. He estimated he had attended at least 80 of the statewide meetings — an unchallenged total.



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Smith
Chaplain



J.M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr.
*Executive Director
(appointed)*



Charles B. Wells
President

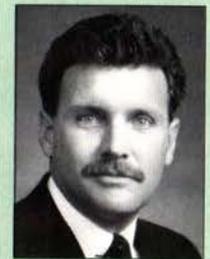
1994 - 1995 FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS



The Sheriffs pictured here were installed as officers at the 81st Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, July 10-13. They will serve until the next Sheriffs Association election in July, 1995.



Thomas A. Mylander
Vice President



Thomas S. "Tom"
Tramel III
*Immediate
Past President*

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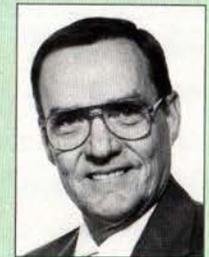
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Florida Sheriffs shared expertise during National Sheriffs conclave

PITTSBURGH, PA — When Sheriffs and deputies from border-to-border and coast-to-coast attended the annual conference of the National Sheriffs' Association, June 12-15, Florida Sheriffs were featured speakers in the following series of seminars:

Subject: "Sheriffs' Solution to Youth at Risk" — Commander Lee Vallier, from Manatee County, described how a boot camp sponsored by Sheriff Charlie Wells is changing the attitudes and values of "last chance" juvenile offenders; and Gary Higgins, Chief of the Duval County Sheriff's Office Planning and Research Division, discussed SHOCAP, a program that enables the juvenile justice system, schools and human service agencies to make informed decisions when dealing with habitual juvenile offenders. J. M. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr., Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association, was the seminar moderator.

Subject: "TRIAD, the Law Enforcement & Seniors Program for the '90s" — Polk County Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow, Jr., described crime prevention programs for the elderly developed through cooperative efforts of the Sher-



Sumter County Sheriff Jamie Adams (right) and Sgt. Gary Brannen assisted in manning a TRIAD display that included information about the crime prevention programs developed in their area of Florida.

iff's Office, Police Departments and representatives of senior citizen organizations. Sheriff Jamie Adams and Sgt. Gary Brannen, from Sumter County, also assisted NSA staff member Terri Hicks in manning a booth featuring TRIAD literature and a new TRIAD video.

Subject: "Community Policing: What It is and How to Get Started" — Chief Deputy Thomas A. DePolis, Major Larry B. Terry and Capt. Gene Stokes from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office described how to obtain and administer a Community Policing Grant.

Sheriffs oppose casino gambling

At their recent statewide conference in Naples, the sheriffs unanimously passed a resolution opposing any form of casino gambling in Florida.

Taking notice of the inherent crime problems which come part and parcel with casino gambling, the sheriffs cited the fact that crime has more than tripled in Atlantic City (while the population actually decreased by 20%), since casino gambling was



brought to town. The sheriffs felt that casinos in Florida are not the salvation for Florida's slumping tourist industry which they are touted to be.

"No matter how you look at it, casino gambling will

cost the state of Florida far more (in criminal justice costs alone) than the state could possibly derive from the revenues generated by casino operations," noted Manatee Sheriff Charlie Wells, the newly-elected President of FSA.

A study commissioned by FDLE noted that in Central City, Colorado (population 350), a far cry from the Atlantic City or Las Vegas type scenes, casino gambling caused their police force to grow from two to ten, and calls for assistance increased a whopping 423% from 1991 to 1992 alone!

What are Ole Sheriffs Made Of?

By Sheriff Charlie Wells
President of the Florida Sheriffs Association

(In his inaugural address on July 12, 1994, Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells included a poem titled "What Are Ole Sheriffs Made of?" which he had apparently composed for the occasion. It was a masterpiece of epic proportions, but space limitations permit the printing of only a few highlights. Anyone desiring a full treatment, including references to all of Florida's 67 Sheriffs, should get in touch with the poet, or the poet's agent.)

*What are ole Sheriffs made of?
Enthusiasm and pride,
And character they can't hide,
That's what ole Sheriffs are made of.*

*Now you see, some Sheriffs look mean,
Some Sheriffs are lean,
And some they change, no matter.
Some Sheriffs are tall, Some Sheriffs go bald,
And some just get fatter.*

*But, the Sheriffs in our state,
I believe they are great,
With hearts that are in the right place.
A Sheriff's just a man
Who'll extend his right hand,
And greet you with a smile on his face.*

*Sheriffs come together.
Sheriffs are a team.
As a body, they are strong — never weak —
But Sheriffs are individuals,
And Sheriffs are leaders,
And each one of them is unique.*

*Sheriffs love to laugh.
Sheriffs love to joke.
They love to cut up and have fun.
But the party, my friends,
Never gets in the way
Of a job that has to get done.*



The president is a poet !

*And now as I close
This little repose,
And before I bid you "good night,"
Let me look up above
And remember to love
A God that makes everything right.*

*I pray good Lord that you'll bless us all -
Bless these Sheriffs all sixty-seven,
And I hope, Dear Lord, that you wear a badge,
And you let us all into heaven.*

*But if, for some sad reason,
We all should go wrong,
And we all end up in hell,*
Please O Lord, if they have one down there,
Place us all in an overcrowded jail.
(* pronounced hay-ul to rhyme with jay-ul)*

*The reason for this request,
The reason I make this plea:
If the jail's overcrowded, we know first hand
Some of us will have to go free!*



JAMERSON

“... but seldom was heard an encouraging word”

NAPLES — If any Sheriffs came to the 81st Annual Summer Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association on July 10 expecting to hear nothing but good news, they went home dis-

appointed on July 13. Patiently, politely and sometimes glumly, they listened to speaker after speaker, but seldom was heard an encouraging word.

Early on, a survey reported by Douglas L. Jamerson, Florida's Commissioner of Education, set the tone. He said 22 percent of school children carry guns to school and 38 percent have been in a recent fight. Gloom seemed to settle over the room.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Tim Moore scattered no sunshine when he described the severe problems casino gambling has created in other states, and warned Sheriffs that approval of a current proposal to legalize casinos “will have a negative impact on you locally.” Sheriffs responded by reaffirming their opposition to the casino proposal.

The subject was less than cheerful when St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry reported on the deliberations of Florida's Hate Crimes Task Force, a group on which he is serving. He said plans are being formulated to implement task force recommendations, and he urged his fellow Sheriffs to be responsive to hate crime problems.



PERRY

GOP gubernatorial candidate Jeb Bush (son of former President and Mrs. George Bush) gave an informative and interesting talk about his strong anti-crime platform. He focused upon the need for Florida to build additional prison beds and his desire to see a new and improved juvenile justice system which will be responsive to the ever growing crime problem being inflicted upon our residents by youthful offenders.

State Treasurer Tom Gallagher, who was also a candidate for governor, brought up the difficult subject of illegal immigrants who are “taxing Florida's resources beyond limits and impacting the crime rate.” The crisis is the product of years of neglect, he said, “but it is solvable.” That was good news.

State Senator Ander Crenshaw dropped a good news nugget when he pledged to continue supporting Sheriffs in their efforts to stop the state prison system from turning out prisoners to ease overcrowding. “The first order of government is to protect its citizens,” said the former Senate President. He too was a candidate for governor.

When Volusia County Sheriff Bob Vogel announced that a strong effort has been mounted to end his current status as a charter government department head, and restore the office of sheriff to its historic constitutional status, Sheriffs gave a unanimous endorsement to the proposed charter amendment.

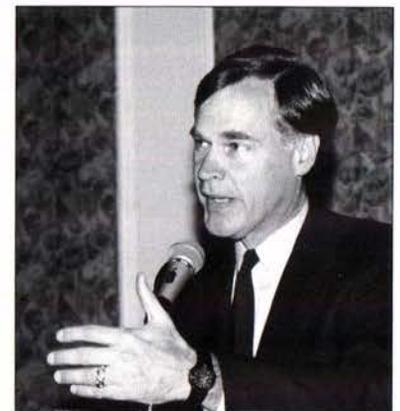
Fortunately the information Sheriffs took home from the conference wasn't all bad.



MOORE



GALLAGHER



CRENSHAW



BUSH

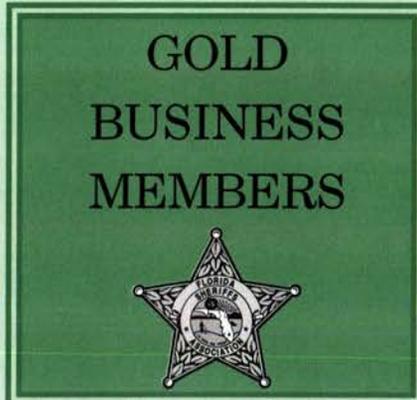
Sheriffs Association supporters who care . . .

Progressive business firms have always been major supporters of strong law enforcement, but until recently they remained in the background like "silent partners." Now the Florida Sheriffs Association is giving them special recognition by enrolling them as Business Members. There are three categories of membership determined by the amount of annual

dues. Bronze members pay \$50 per year; Silver, \$250; and Gold, \$500. Each member receives a distinctive wall plaque, a plastic identification card, an office window decal, and a subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. To apply for a Business Membership, please write to Florida Sheriffs Association, P. O. Box 12519, Tallahassee, FL 32317-2519; or call (904) 877-2165.



WEST PALM BEACH — Col. Frank Fogleman (right), from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, presents a Gold Business Membership to Bruce A. Glotzer, PA.



DAYTONA BEACH — Volusia County Sheriff Bob Vogel (left) presents a Gold Business Membership to Dr. John Ortolani, from Daytona Neurological.



Buckeye Plumbing



Dr. Gerald T. Stashak

WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille presents Gold Business Memberships to Kevin Gillum, representing Buckeye Plumbing, Inc.; and Dr. Gerald T. Stashak, from Gold Coast Orthopedics.



KISSIMMEE — Osceola County Sheriff C. W. "Charlie" Croft (left) presents a Gold Business Membership to Attorney Jack Bowen, from Troutman, Williams, Irvin, Green and Helms, PA.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

This Honor Roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to progressive law enforcement. Distinguished Service Certificates are awarded to those who have supported the Sheriffs Association as Honorary Members for 25 or 30 years. Lifetime Honorary Memberships are awarded to veteran law enforcement officers whose careers have spanned 40 years or more;



TITUSVILLE — Brevard County Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller (left) presents a 25-Year Distinguished Service Certificate to Mary Colosimo.



SEBRING — Highlands County Sheriff Howard Godwin (left) presents a 30-Year Distinguished Service Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Phillips.

and to supporters whose donations to the Florida Sheriffs Association total \$1,000 or more.



Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

Honor Roll

Roster of Lifetime Honorary Members *Home towns eliminated*

To protect our Lifetime Honorary Members from receiving unwanted solicitations and junk mail, we have discontinued printing their home towns when we print their names.

We decided this was necessary after we learned that certain organizations of questionable legitimacy were adding our Lifetimers to their mailing lists. Obtaining a complete mailing address was relatively easy for them as long as they had the Lifetimers' home towns. Without the home towns, it will be extremely difficult.

We have never permitted other organizations to use our membership lists, and we will continue to do everything possible to protect the privacy of our members.

On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$1,000 or more to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. Under a regulation which became effective in 1984, those whose gifts total over \$5,000 will receive additional gold stars on their plaques – one for \$5,000, two for \$10,000, and so on, up to a maximum of five stars for gifts totaling over \$25,000.

Presentations

We regret that photos of Lifetime Honorary Members are not always available when their names appear on the membership roster. Consequently, we often find it necessary to print the names in one issue of *The Sheriff's Star* and the photos in a subsequent issue.

New Lifetime Honorary Members

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Mr. Joseph M. Alukonis

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Mr. Don Autcalt

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Mrs. Mary T. Belcher

Mr. Eugene Bernardi

Mr. Bob Blume

Bradford County Sheriff's Office

Mr. Joel T. Brannen

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Company
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Engineers, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nix, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Novak



ORLANDO — Presented by Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary (in uniform) and Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bill Bass (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph W. Swatek.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Platzek

Mrs. Victoria Pokorny

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Potter

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Mr. John Wolters

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood

Ms. Donna Woods

Mr. Gaylord H. Wotring

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



MS. ANDREW



MS. PELLOW



MS. MCKNEW

SUWANNEE AND COLUMBIA COUNTIES — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Linda Crews to Ms. Kathryn N. Andrew, Dowling Park; Ms. Barbara Pellow, representing Holiday Treasures and Gifts, Inc., Live Oak; and Ms. Linda McKnew, representing Lake Shore Hospital, Lake City.



SCHOFIELDS



MRS. McWILLIAMS

STUART — Presented by Martin County Sheriff Robert Crowder (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schofield; and Mrs. John McWilliams.



ORLANDO — Presented by Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary (in uniform) and Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bill Bass (right) to Louis E. Feinberg, representing Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc., Winter Park.



SARASOTA — Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge (right) to Wayne B. Titus.



ORLANDO — Presented by Orange County Sheriff Kevin Beary (left) and Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bill Bass to Walt Disney World Security Director Perry Doran, who has twice served as chairman of the annual Wide Open Golf Tournament held at Walt Disney World for the benefit of the Youth Ranches.



POMPANO BEACH — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bob Haag to Mrs. Val Lynn.



YOUTH RANCHES OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT — A lifetime membership issued to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Macera was presented to Mr. Macera (right) by Youth Ranches Vice President for Administrative Services Carl Peavy. Mr. Macera is a Youth Ranches staff member and his wife is a former staff member.



LAKE CITY — Presented by Columbia County Sheriff Tom Tramel (right) and Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Linda Crews (left) to Ms. Deanna King, representing First Apostolic Church of Lake City.



SAFETY HARBOR — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Mac Stones to Mrs. Lindy O'Hara.

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued . . .



NAPLES — On July 12, during the 81st Annual Summer Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Taylor County Sheriff John Wesley Walker (left), who is the Youth Ranches Board Chairman; and Youth Ranches President C. T. O'Donnell (right); presented a lifetime honorary membership to Baker County Sheriff Murray Richardson.



TITUSVILLE — Presented by Brevard County Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller (left) and Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Bill Bass (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Fraser, while other award recipients stand by.



SAFETY HARBOR — Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Terry Gregg (right), assisted by Charlie Mason (left), Chairman of the Safety Harbor Plant Sale held for the benefit of the Youth Ranches, present a lifetime honorary membership to Robert Stansell, President of Stansell Trucking, Inc.

The smile without guile is gone, but "Mister Duke's" memory lingers on

LIVE OAK - Suwannee County will never be quite the same now that former Sheriff Duke Donovan McCallister, Sr., is gone. He was a kindly, fatherly sort of man with a smile so free of guile that strangers meeting him for the first time knew this was a man they could trust — a man whose word was his bond.

Many people are going to miss him for many different reasons. Civic leaders, for instance, will regret being deprived of the leadership he provided for projects designed to advance the progress of Suwannee County.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches officials are going to feel the loss of the loyal support he always devoted to their child care activities. Moreover they will be hard pressed to find his replacement as a barbecue chef. Youth Ranches President Emeritus Harry K. Weaver recently estimated that Mr. McCallister supervised the barbecuing of at least 70,000 pounds of chicken and fish for Youth Ranches anniversary celebrations between 1959 and 1992.

Yes, the smile without guile is gone, but the memory of this modest, generous man will live on, and on, and on. Mr. McCallister was a generous man who gave freely of his time, talents and treasure. His acts of generosity — including the endowment fund he established for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches — were accomplished without fanfare, and yet he was unable to avoid the limelight. In 1959 he was honored as Suwannee County's "Man of the Year." Not long thereafter the Florida Sheriffs Association elected him to its Board of Directors, and appointed him to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Board of Trustees. In January, 1994, the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce chose him for its "Trailblazer Award," an honor that recognized his talents as a pathfinder who had set a progressive example for others to follow.

Mr. McCallister — known up and down the Suwannee River Valley as "Mister Duke" — was born in Wakulla County on October 8, 1910; later became a timber dealer in Suwannee County and served on the Boards of Directors of two banks and an insurance company.

He was appointed Sheriff of Suwannee County in 1963, and was elected to a four-year term in 1964. He chose not to run for a second term, even though it was clearly obvious (said a close friend recently) that he could have been reelected without opposition.

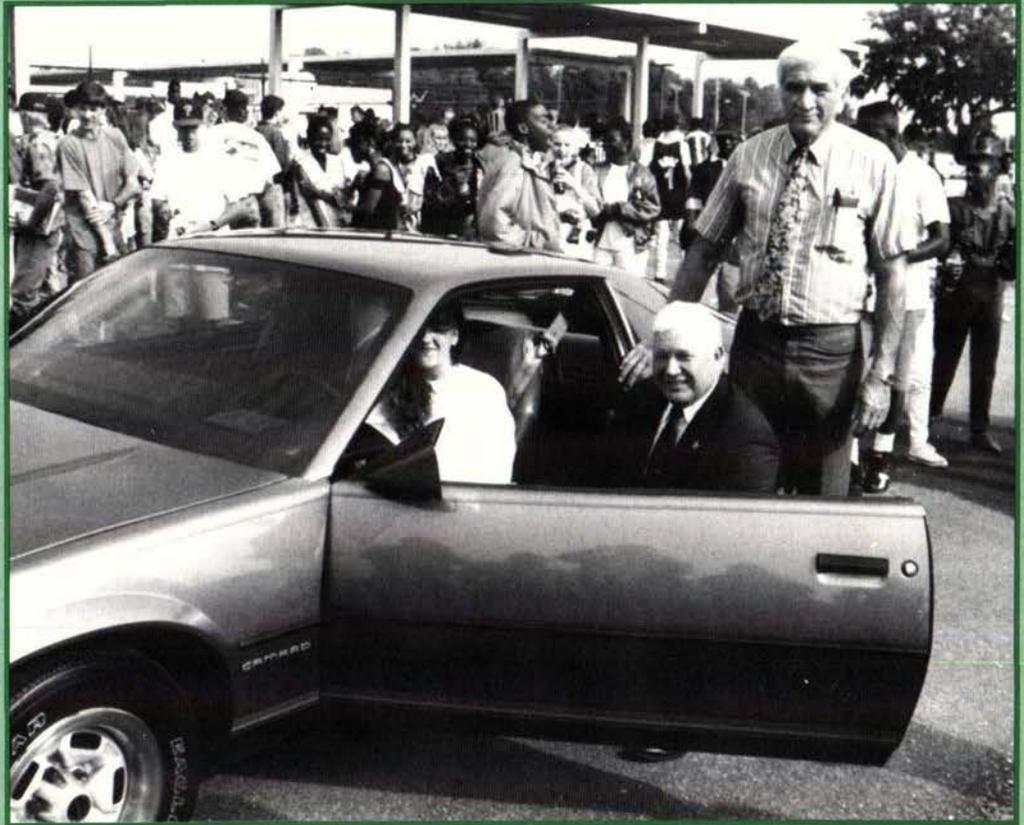
Mister Duke died July 3, 1994, and the 27th Psalm which appeared in the church bulletin at his funeral service seemed to sum up his lifetime of unselfish service. It said in part: "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path."



In 1984, the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Alumni Association presented its annual "Our Friend" award to former Suwannee County Sheriff Duke McCallister in recognition of the kindly, constant support he had given to Boys Ranch youngsters over a period of 27 years.



Sheriff gives students an incentive to maintain good grades and behavior



WILDWOOD — “Mom, you gotta come up to the school and sign some papers,” Kathy Giddens told her mother. It was the kind of phone call most parents dread, but in this case it turned out to be some very good news.

Kathy, a senior at Wildwood High School, had just won a 1987 Camaro donated to the School by Sumter County Sheriff Jamie Adams as the grand prize in a year-long incentive program created by Principal Larry Ross.

The incentive program gave students with good grades and behavior an opportunity to participate in drawings for prizes such as TVs and VCRs every six weeks during the school year, but the reconditioned, metallic gray Camaro awarded in the final drawing was the “big carrot.”

Computer checks were made each six weeks to eliminate students with discipline referrals or unexcused absences. The academic records of the remaining students were then evaluated, and their names were placed in the box from which prize-winners were drawn. Those with the highest grades were given extra entries.

Kathy’s name was drawn as the winner of the

Too excited to drive, Kathy Giddens sits at the wheel of her prize while posing with Sheriff Jamie Adams (kneeling) and Principal Larry Ross.

Camaro during a special assembly attended by the entire student body, and for a while she was totally flabbergasted. Eventually she recovered sufficiently to have her picture taken with Sheriff Adams and Principal Larry Ross while sitting at the wheel of her prize, but decided she was shaking too much to go for an immediate test drive.

Later, while preparing to graduate seventh in her class with a grade point average of 3.85, Kathy said she plans to continue working until January, and will then enroll at Lake/Sumter Community College in pursuit of a business administration degree.

Meanwhile, she’ll be driving a Camaro formerly involved in the war on crime. It was purchased by the Sheriff’s Office with funds accumulated from drug busts and was used in undercover law enforcement investigations. After it was honorably discharged from crime war duty, a local used car dealer refurbished it for the high school incentive program.

