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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jane Reagan McCarty

Another year and the end of my tenure as President of the Society. I will be turning over the reins to Carole Lee, the new President and Steve Volkman, the President-Elect. I will take over as President of the Foundation from Michele Salomone after our November meeting.

I've thoroughly enjoyed my time as your President. We continue to maintain approximately 1100 members. We are in the process of finishing the collection of yearly dues. If you've forgotten to pay your dues now would be the time to take care of that. Please

call me if you have any questions (312-246-1732) Another note if your email address has changed please let me know so I can update our records. The same goes for your mailing address.

Carole Lee (Oklahoma NCA) will take over as President as of November 15 and Steve Volkman (Houston Chapter Chair) will be her President-Elect.

Another chapter has reached the 50th year mark. San Diego Chapter just celebrated their 50th Anniversary. I traveled to San Diego along with Steve Volkman to celebrate with them and present them with Certificates of Appreciation. This year marked 50 years for Chicago, Pacific Northwest and San Diego.

Make note: the Informant deadlines are changing. The changes will be noted in the upcoming Fall/Winter issue and will take effect Spring 2026.

It has been my honor to serve as your President, and I leave you "United in Fellowship."

Jane Reagan McCarty



Nashville Annual Conference

The Nashville Conference was very successful. We conducted our Executive Board meeting and our Annual Business Meeting. Part of our Annual Meeting includes a drawing for \$1500 for 3 winners for a charity of their choice. The winners were Cheryl Molnar (Wounded Warriors), Orsola Burnette (2nd Chance for Animals) and Pat Scalzetti (Toys for Tots). Here are some photos from the conference. . Here are some photos from the conference:

Thursday Gatherings



Breakfast with Alumni members and Annie Hollings – Nashville Administrative Officer



Swearing in new Board at Society Executive Board Meeting



Friday Night Lights (on our own)



Ryman Auditorium



Tootsie's Rooftop



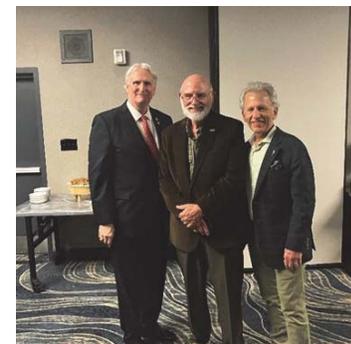


Nashville Symphony with Navy Choir

Surprise Visit with Former Director Christopher Wray
He was in Nashville to accept the honor of a scholarship of the Former Special Agents of the FBI being named after him. So gracious



11/15/2025: Mike Mostofi and Steve Volkman with (Former) Director Christopher Wray.



And then we dance!! Evidently Men Don't Dance



The Foundation of FBI Alumni Inc.

The Foundation of FBI Alumni, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) corporation established in 1985 for the benefit of Society of FBI Alumni members and their families. Foundation funds are used to assist members who are in financial need, provide educational grants to members and their families, and to contribute to charitable organizations. Our member-in-need fund is also available to those in need of emergency financial assistance. All of this could not be accomplished without the generous support of Society members and chapters. We wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank these generous donors:

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THE FOUNDATION THANKS YOU

On behalf of The Foundation of FBI Alumni, a thousand thank yous to everyone who participated in our raffles during the 2025 Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. I am grateful for the generosity of those of you who donated items for the gift bag raffle, purchased raffle tickets and participated in the 50/50 raffle. We raised almost \$2300 for our scholarships.

Thank you also to the many volunteers who manned the raffle table and sold tickets, especially Carole Lee, Tom Coonan, Steve Volkman, Colette Ruich, Mike and Michele Salomone, Calvin Walbert and Mike Mostofi.



Mike & Michele Salomone



Mike Salomone & Mike Mostofi



Jane ready to call the winners

I also very much appreciate our members and chapters who so generously donated items for the bag raffle:

Buffalo Chapter
Indianapolis Chapter
Newark Chapter
San Diego Chapter
Bill Gentry
Jane McCarty
Steve Volkman

Chicago Chapter
Jacksonville Chapter
New Mexico Chapter
Wisconsin Chapter
Barbara Heuston
Judy Pace
Victoria Volkman

Connecticut Chapter
Louisville Chapter
Northern VA Chapter
Margaret Coonan
Carole Lee
Nancy Savage

Houston Chapter
Mississippi Chapter
Saint Louis Chapter
Richard Garcia
Jean Maninger
Michele Salomone

Some of our donated items:



Blooming Lilies by
Victoria Volkman
Thank You for your donation



Cozumel Sunset by
Jean Maninger
Thank You for your donation



One of our happy winners – Cindy Terrazas. Cindy won this beautiful handmade quilt. The quilt was handmade by Judy Pace of the Pacific Northwest Chapter. Thank you so much Judy for your donation and thank you Cindy for participating in our raffle.

50/50 Raffle

This year's 50/50 take-home purse was \$725, and the winner was Donald Herrity, husband of Society member Gloria Herrity. Congratulations to Donny and all the winners of our gift bag raffle.

Congratulations Donny!!



FOUNDATION OF FBI ALUMNI EDUCATION GRANTS

Deadline: March 15, 2026

Each spring, the Foundation of FBI Alumni, Inc., awards education grants to members and students in the immediate family of a member. Members and their children, grandchildren, stepchildren, step grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews are now eligible to apply. The grants are for applicants who (1) are already enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution such as a two- or four-year college, a community college, or a technical/trade school; (2) have **at least** a 3.0 grade point average; and (3) are carrying at least 12 credit hours or a minimum of 6 credit hours and working 35-40 hours a week. Individuals are eligible for no more than two grants and graduate students will not be considered.

Interested and qualified applicants must complete and submit an application form no later than March 15, 2026. Grants are awarded at the Spring Foundation Board Meeting based on a review and evaluation of the information furnished. Applications from Society members are given consideration over those of family members.

The Education Grant Application is now available on our website, <https://thefbialumni.com/>. The form can be completed online and submitted electronically, or it can be printed and mailed to:

Jane McCarty, Foundation President
3834 Franklin Avenue
Western Springs, IL 60558

(applications submitted via mail must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2026)

Questions ? Contact Jane McCarty
Phone: 312-246-1732
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Buffalo Chapter

By Cheryl Molnar, Chair

Since the last Informant, we've gone from Summer to Winter in Western New York. In true Western New York fashion, we find ourselves in that brief but familiar stretch where summer lingers, autumn shines, and winter waits just around the corner. One day brings warm sunshine, the next calls for sweaters, and, before we know it, snowflakes are in the air. It's a reminder to enjoy the beauty of each season as it comes – crisp air, colorful leaves, and all the charm that make this time of year so magical.

On June 18, 2025, the Buffalo Chapter hosted a happy hour to soak up the sunshine, sip some summer cocktails, and enjoy good vibes with great company at the Diamond Hawk Golf Course & Pub. We were excited to share this event with the Retired Agents Association. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, meet new faces, and listen to live music by the Midnight Recovery Band – they played classic rock and country music.

In August several members and significant others of the Society of FBI Alumni and Retired Agents Association hopped aboard the Big Kahuna Tiki Boat for a cruise on the Buffalo River. What a beautiful night - calm waters, sunny skies, music, Hawaiian cocktails, and a boatload of laughs with the best crew around. It was a relaxing and fun way to enjoy the water and scenic views. A perfect day on the water!

The Buffalo Chapter held elections during the month of August. The following individuals will serve during the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027:

- Chair: Cheryl Molnar
- Vice Chair: Mary Beth Vanlew
- Secretary: Ellen Olson
- Treasurer: Mary Hillery

I would like to extend my heartfelt THANK YOU to Judy Davidson as she stepped down from Vice Chair – a position she has held since 2019. Your commitment, time, and efforts have made a lasting impact and we are truly grateful for all you've done over the years. I also want to THANK all the officers for their dedication and commitment to running the Buffalo Chapter. I sincerely appreciate the time you have given to the Society, along with the guidance and thoughtful suggestions you have shared with me. It truly takes a TEAM to run a successful Chapter, and I am fortunate to work alongside such supportive and amazing people. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and I am grateful for all that you do.

On September 6, 2025, members and their significant others had dinner at Skoob's Village Grille and attended the play "Once In My Lifetime: A Buffalo Football Fantasy" at the Lancaster Opera House. The play written by Donna Hoke, a local playwright, is set in a bar called Miracle Bar, which has been waiting for the Bills to win the Super Bowl for 18 years. The play focused on the hopes, dreams, and unwavering faith of Bills Fans, rather than the actual game. Just a side note... Here's hoping the Buffalo Bills punch their ticket to the playoffs and go all the way! A Super Bowl win would mean so much to the team, the fans, and all of Western New York. Go Bills!

The Buffalo Chapter held its Fall luncheon on October 22, 2025, at Eagle House Restaurant. Fourteen members attended the luncheon. Unfortunately, the guest speaker from Wings of Flights of Hope cancelled. Therefore, the members discussed future events, volunteering in the community, membership drives, and the Holiday luncheon. It may have been a small group, but it was wonderful to reconnect with friends and spend time chatting!

On November 17, 2025, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) hosted a Health Fair and several members of Buffalo Chapter attended this event. Health plan representatives provided updated information on each of their insurance plans for 2026. Health plan representatives were from Aetna, American Postal Workers Union, Highmark, Independent Health, Mail Handlers Benefit Plan, and National Association of Letter Carriers. Information was also available on various federal dental and vision plans. In addition, New Buffalo Group which offers Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage was available as well. It was a great opportunity to speak to an insurance representative about the changes in their plans.

Each year the Buffalo Chapter chooses an organization to sponsor during the holiday season. This year we selected Senior Wishes, a non-profit organization operating as a program under the United Church Home Society. It is based in Orchard Park, New York, and grants wished to low-income seniors and those in care facilities in the following five counties – Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, and Wyoming. The goal of the program is to honor and recognize the lifelong contributions of Seniors and promote their quality of life by granting them a wish that brings them joy. Senior Wishes has been operating since 2013 and has granted close

to 500 wishes by reconnecting someone with a loved one, engaging them in a passion from long ago, or just providing them with something they are in need. Some of the wishes granted have included taking a WWII veteran to sit in the cockpit of a C-130 plane at the Niagara Falls airbase, taking a woman on a sleigh ride, teaching guitar and photography lessons, horseback riding, fishing trips, going to a Bills game, or reuniting the elderly with their family.

During the holiday season, Senior Wishes adopted two nursing home – Schoellkopf Health Center in Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and Humboldt House in Buffalo. Every resident will receive a gift bag containing cozy new pajamas, a warm cozy throw blanket, a cuddly stuffed animal, a puzzle book and essential toiletries. Senior Wishes anticipated they would be delivering over 300 bags this year. During the month of November, the Buffalo Chapter collected men's and women's pajamas and throw blankets. Because of our donations, many seniors in our community will feel a little more comfort, care, and joy this season. It's easy to forget how much a simple act of giving can mean, but all of our support makes a real difference. The warmth we've shared will brighten the days of those who need it most.

The Buffalo Chapter also organized a Holiday food collection for the St. Luke's Mission of Mercy food pantry located in Lancaster, New York. Their mission is to ensure everyone has access to nutritious food in our community and serve

our neighbors with care and compassion. Buffalo Chapter members donated non-perishable items such as canned vegetables, soups, pasta, rice, peanut butter, and holiday treats. The food pantry brings some much needed relief to the families who are struggling during these difficult times and hopefully makes their holiday season brighter.

On December 3, 2025, the Buffalo Chapter hosted a Holiday Luncheon at the Columns Banquets located in Elma, New York. We had an awesome member turn out plus a number of retired Special Agents also dropped by to join in the fun. The room was buzzing with laughter and chatter – from catching up with familiar faces, to trying your luck on a number of raffle baskets/door prize, and listening to our wonderful guest speaker, FBI Buffalo Division SAC Philip Tejera. SAC Tejera provided us with an overview of what is happening in Western New York and opened the floor to questions. Everyone enjoyed the food and raffle baskets but most of all the time spent with friends.

As you are reading the Informant, the Buffalo Chapter hoped your holiday season was filled with joy, laughter, and happiness with family and friends. Cheers to a New Year full of wonderful adventures! Remember January 1st is the first page of a blank book - so write a phenomenal story and make it a page-turner!



Big Kahuna: Paul Bellitto, Steve Halter, Kathy Bellitto



Big Kahuna: Ellen & Donnie Olson, Kathleen Cerami, Mark & Anna Fried, Mark & Cheryl Molnar, Wayne & Nancy Felle, Cheryl & John Pace



Big Kahuna: Kathy Bellitto, Steve Halter, Paul Bellitto, Holly Hubert, Fred Falkowski, Mike Hubert



Big Kahuna: Jennifer & Jeanne & Bob, Cornell, Judy & Dennis Davidson



Lancaster Opera House: Dennis Davidson, Mary & Drew Hillery, Donnie & Ellen Olson, Jeanne & Bob Cornell, Jane & William Ross



Senior Wishes: Point of Contact Wendy Bachman, Mary Beth Vanlew, Cheryl Molnar



Fall Luncheon: Randy Jones, Donnie Becker, Dennis & Judy Davidson, Kathleen Cerami, Mary Hillery, Christine Rejewski, Mary Beth Vanlew, Ellen Olson, Anna Fried, Nancy Wilcox, Andrea Schwartz, Cheryl Molnar



Holiday Luncheon: Randy Jones, Cheryl Pace, Ida Tripoli, Diane Buzy



Holiday Luncheon: Peter & Laura Galley, Terry & Candi Bull, Rose Mariani



Holiday Luncheon: Donnie & Ellen Olson, Andrea Schwartz, Anna & Mark Fried, Christina Wrobel



Holiday Luncheon: Christine Rejewski, Judy & Dennis Davidson, Jeanne & Bob Cornell



Holiday Luncheon: Mike & Holly Hubert, Mary Beth Vanlew, Rick Kruss, Kathy & David Todtenhagen



Holiday Luncheon: Brian Shields, Nancy Wilcox, Mary & Erin Hillery, Gary Dickson, Glen & Nancy Reukauf, Toni Robak



Informant Coordinator: Cynthia Yates
 Photographer: Cynthia Yates

After our Christmas luncheon last year at Venuti's in Addison, IL, the Chicago Chapter of the Society of FBI Alumni said we would definitely come back....and we did! Our members, guests, and some new faces, enjoyed greeting one another as we gathered for a social hour before the meeting and lunch. The halls of Venuti's were decked in such festive decorations, making for a very merry atmosphere.

Our Chairperson, Pat Scalzetti, took to the podium and got the meeting started with a warm greeting to all. She then introduced our special guests Dino Medina and Rita Kollias, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, 2nd Battalion, 224th Marine Corps. Rita and Dino head up the local chapter of the DuPage County Toys for Tots Program. Members and guests were asked to bring a new, unwrapped present in support of this great charitable organization. (See photo)

Of course the man wearing the Santa hat needed no introduction. Our very own J. Edgar Hoover cardboard cutout has become an expected guest at all our luncheons, thanks in large part to Vicki Busse, who resurrected the long-standing tradition of his presence in the Chicago Office.

Pat continued by telling everyone about the annual 2025 Society Conference, which was held in Nashville, TN, November 13-16. She, along with several other members from Chicago, was in attendance. A special raffle was held wherein the winner would receive \$1,500 to donate to the charity of their choice. The big winner was Pat and she graciously donated it to Toys For Tot, her favorite charity. At the conference, Pat was nominated for National Secretary. She accepted the nomination, and we, here in the Chicago Chapter, are proud to say Pat is now the new National Secretary of the Society.

Pat announced that although most chapters' memberships are in a decline, Chicago is still the largest chapter, with a total of 117 alumni members. The Board is going to talk about ways to bring that number up through recruitment at the Chicago Office.

Pat revealed a few changes to the Board of Directors. Darlene Wingard, long-time Board member, is stepping down after many years of dedicated service to the chapter. Darlene was so vital to the Board and her contributions will surely be missed. Thank you, Darlene. Also, Paulette Rebeck, Corresponding Secretary for the Chicago Chapter for 16 years, will be taking a 2-year hiatus to tend to family commitments. Paulette has been such an integral part of all our luncheons. Her table decorations for every event...57 luncheons to be exact.... have been so beautiful and professionally displayed. Paulette received a huge round of applause. And to you as well, Paulette....thank you! Pat then introduced two new board members: Joe Cervantes and Nick Concepcion. With that introduction came the swearing in of all current and new board members. They are as follows: Chairperson, Pat Scalzetti; Treasurer, Eileen O'Grady; Board of Directors Vicki Busse, Joe Cervantes, Nick Concepcion, Wanda Davis; Informant Coordinator, Cynthia Yates.

Paulette was then called up to the podium to say 'grace' before the meal. As we bowed our heads, she asked for God's blessing as we all enjoy the beauty of Christmas and for the meal we were about to receive. She wished us all good health, joy, and peace.

While waiting for lunch to be served, Rita Kollias, supra, presented Pat with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the Toys for Tots Foundation. She thanked us all for our contributions and especially thanked Pat for the very generous \$1,500 donation.

The microphone was then handed to Char Spee Dyer, long-time society member and former squad secretary in the Chicago Division. She was seated with two other former Chicago support members, Ceil McGarry Kelly

and Laura Cleary, who met and became friends in 1969 in the Chicago steno pool. They are still, to this day, the best of friends. Char brought up the fact that the Bureau brought them all together and that they are more than just friends, they are family. That's just one of the many stories that were heard as we all sat around in fellowship and shared our experiences.

Lunch was served. Attendees had a choice of chicken breast marsala, orange roughy francese, or spinach lasagna. Everyone raved about their choices. Dessert was ice cream sundaes with chocolate and caramel sauce.

While everyone was enjoying each other's company, Eileen and Paulette went from table to table with playing cards. Each attendee picked a card and whoever got the highest card went home with one of the centerpieces

made by Paulette. They were so elegant. I jokingly said that the centerpiece would look nice on my dining room table and as luck would have it, that's exactly where it is....winner, winner!

As usual, everyone lingered and enjoyed conversations long after lunch ended. It was time to bid farewell and exchanges of Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanza and Happy Holidays resonated through the banquet hall.

From our chapter to yours....we wish you all the best during this holiday season and into the new year. Peace.







Chris Maurer, Chair
Stanley Drozell, Co-Chair

Our September Luncheon was held at Slyman's in Independence, Ohio, with 23 members attending. Stan Drozell, who has been our Chairperson for 6 years, advised he will be stepping down. We want to Thank Stan for being our leader and for his hard work in making our Chapter a huge success. He won't be going far, as a current member we will see him at our meeting and outside events.

With that being said, our new Chairperson is Chris Maurer, who has served as Co-Chair for the 6 year period. Our new Co-Chair going forward will be Thalia Ventouris.

At our meeting, we had the pleasure of the current AO Thomas Owens as our guest speaker. He talked about some of the current positions in the office, upgrades to the office. We enjoyed having him take the time out of his busy schedule to join us. We also discussed our upcoming Christmas Party and ideas for Bus Trips. A great time was had by all!

“The job brought us together...but the Friendships are FOREVER”



Our Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 6th, at JBellas Italian Restaurant in Strongsville Ohio. We had 28 attendees, Stan led us in a prayer, we enjoyed a delicious buffet meal, lots of laughs and a game of Left Right Center (LRC) with lottery tickets. We played 2 games and the winners were Jim Szell and Gayle Rubin (wife of Ken Rubin). We had prizes of Poinsettia's for first to rsvp and pay for party (Linda Decredico), last to rsvp and pay (Todd Platt) first to arrive the day of party(Gigi Friedman) and for most festive dressed person (Gigi Friedman).

We collected \$90.00 for the Strongsville Food Bank.

Great time was had by all!





By: Ann Marie DeChello, Connecticut Chapter Chair

The holidays are barreling towards us once again. It has been a very busy time since last June. Most challenging was the shutdown of the Federal Government. The status of this significant action was followed closely by the Chapter, thanks to our National Executive Board members, National Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI (SFSAF), their Connecticut (CT) Chapter Representatives and contact with the local FBI Field Office. With constant updates provided by these entities, we have been able to share this critical information with our Chapter members and communicate with the Field Office in a more knowledgeable, supportive way.

Chapter Executive Board elections took place this summer for service during period beginning October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027. Incumbents, Chair Ann Marie DeChello, Secretary Linda Granito, Treasurer Jackie Cole, Arlene Lombardi and Florence Thibodeau were re-elected in their positions. Two Chapter members were elected to serve on the CT Board for the next two years. Patricia Boudreau and Kathleen Luciani will bring creative ideas, thoughtfully contribute to Society activities in support of our mission and have already become involved in joint collaborative efforts as our Society moves forward and evolves. Patty and Kate filled the vacancies left by Mary Ellen Johnson and Karen Barletta, who stepped down from the CT Chapter Board after having served more than twenty years each.

For a small state and chapter, CT membership impressively stands at 56 including seven Associate members, thanks to FBI New Haven Executive Management team and CT Chapter members for their continued recruitment efforts. The CT Chapter continues to maintain a strong relationship with the local FBI. They provide information to all personnel who are separating through retirement or resignation. Applications are sent out as soon as this information is received. New Haven FBI Administrative Officer (AO) Judie Driscoll, an Associate member, is extremely aggressive in the recruitment of Society members. AO Driscoll frequently reminds employees of the Associate Member Program, keeps all employees informed on the Connecticut Chapter's events, and includes the topic in her meetings.

It is a pleasure to announce new CT Chapter member Michael Pappalardo, Retired FBI Special Agent, and two new Associate members, Supervisory Special Agent Alexandra Sevillano and Agnieszka Garlick, both currently assigned

to the New Haven FBI Division. There are currently two National members from Connecticut, No Chapter Affiliation, including one retired Special Agent. It is the first time that retired and current FBI Special Agents have become members in CT. With several applications pending, the CT Chapter looks forward to many more members who will have the opportunity to bring fresh ideas and new leadership to our Society while learning and understanding the importance of the Society's foundation, mission and goals from long-standing current members.

The year brought many challenges and losses to CT Chapter members, their families and friends. Several long-time members of the CT Chapter have faced medical struggles and hardships. Sadly, Eric Gannon, brother of member Ann Sivori passed away on September 12, 2025. Edward Basquill, brother of member Sherrie Furtak and brother-in-law of Dave Furtak (SFSAF) passed away on October 12, 2025.

On behalf of our CT Chapter members, we extend our deepest sympathy and sadness to the families, friends and SFSAF CT Chapter members for the recent great losses of Al Ouimet and Marty McCullough, retired FBI Special Agents. Both were co-workers, friends and men who gave so much to others in so many ways. Their services were testaments to their gracious, kind lives. We will miss them.

The CT Chapter Executive Board meets a minimum of twice a year, usually several weeks before the Chapter's semi-annual business luncheons. On August 20, 2025, a Board meeting was held at which time the transition of the two newly elected CT Board members Patty Boudreau and Kathleen Luciani was made while Board members Mary Ellen Johnson and Karen Barletta ended their tenure on the Board. Patty and Kate were welcomed, congratulated and briefed on Society policies and practices. They were encouraged to fully participate and bring their ideas, suggestions and comments to the table. There was a lot to catch up on, including preparing for the Autumn luncheon meeting, administrative matters, continuing an aggressive membership drive, as well as recruitment and how to best support our Chapter and Society. An ongoing and important topic has been the continuity of the CT Chapter and its future. Transitioning new members to fill Chapter Board vacancies was discussed and how to best and most effectively make these changes as they occur. Details for the Autumn luncheon meeting agenda were drafted, followed by the financial status of the Chapter's account.

The CT Chapter continues a strong relationship with the Richard P. Horan CT Chapter, SFSAF. Invitations to many events are extended by the SFSAF to the CT Chapter, and the Chairs of both communicate often, sharing mutual information of interest.

On October 6, 2025, the CT Chapter SFSAF Annual Golf Outing was held at Farmington Woods Golf Club, Avon, CT. The day started with lunch and a group photo, tee off at one pm, followed by a great dinner and visiting. The SFSAF extended the invitation to the CT Chapter members, stressing that all levels of the sport were welcome! Several members attended, and all enjoyed the day.

CT Chapter members were also invited to attend the annual SFSAF holiday luncheon meeting held on December 6, 2025, at the historical Elm City (Graduate) Club, New Haven. The Club is a beautifully decorated venue during the holidays that serves delicious meals. It is always a great opportunity to visit with our Society's counterpart and its members. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SFSAF Secretary Steve Shiner, and our CT Chapter Treasurer Jackie Cole was invited to lead us in prayer. Updates of the SFSAF Chapter and National news were shared. Special Agent in Charge (SAC) P.J. O'Brien, FBI, New Haven, was the guest speaker. Many CT Chapter members attended and enjoyed the afternoon catching up with former co-workers and friends. It was great way to kick off the holiday season.

The CT Chapter's Autumn luncheon on November 8, 2025, with 38 attendees was, of course, held at Brazi's Restaurant in New Haven. Brazi's staff once again went above and beyond in their service, tending to every need of the guests. The restaurant even "threw in" extras, i.e. appetizers and wine, always appreciated and enjoyed with their delicious meals. Ice cream and goodie bags of chocolate ended the day sweetly.

CT Chapter Board Members Patricia Boudreau and Kathleen Luciani facilitated the meeting and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, respectively. This was a perfect way to announce their new positions. Thank you, Patty and Kate!

Topics included recruitment efforts, financial status, updates on members and their families, and reminders of Society programs. Veterans were recognized and thanked for their service. FBI New Haven SAC P.J. O'Brien, AO Judie Driscoll, and Chair of the local SFSAF Michael O'Reilly were welcomed and offered time to update our group on their programs, events and related topics. SFSAF Chapter Chair Michael O'Reilly discussed their involvement in the support of FBI employees during the Federal Government Shutdown. He expressed his pleasure at the success of the Annual Golf Tournament and appreciated those who attended. Chair O'Reilly was travelling to the Annual Conference in Nashville the following week and promised to keep us informed on items of mutual interest.

The agenda was kicked off with an update from SAC O'Brien on the status of the Federal Government Shutdown and its impact on employees. In the unprecedented months of no pay for our FBI friends, it was a unanimous decision by the CT Chapter to support those who were without paychecks and financially struggling. As always, the generosity of the Chapter members was overwhelming. Voluntary monetary donations, grocery and gas gift cards were delivered to the FBI New Haven FBIRA who, in turn, provided all donations to those in need, using complete privacy and discretion. A personal note of deep appreciation from New Haven SAC O'Brien was received and shared with CT Chapter members. In addition to the donations, there was the hope of reminding the employees they are family and will always be supported by our Society. We are not surprised and are so very proud of our former co-workers who continued to accomplish all that they were trained to do and for which they are responsible, regardless of the most difficult circumstances. We salute and thank them for continuing to protect our country and its citizens.

Our relationship with the FBI has developed into a mutually supportive one. SAC O'Brien has encouraged collaborative efforts between the FBI Citizens' Academy and Citizens' Academy Alumni and our Society in developing joint community service activities. It was a privilege to hear from the Citizens' Academy Representative and Community Outreach Specialist JoAnn Benson and Cindy Gartland, President of the FBI New Haven Citizens' Academy Alumni. They provided the history and purpose of the FBI Citizens' Academy, always working toward the goals of serving the community, Veterans and those in need. JoAnn and Cindy invited the CT Chapter to meet in the future to discuss possible programs and service to the community. An appropriate start was sharing links to two organizations – Wreaths Across America and Flower Power Season Gifting – both worthy causes. We look forward to the opportunity to serve the community in a joint effort.

CT Chapter Treasurer Jackie Cole presented the financial status of the CT Chapter, including balances and transactions during the previous six-months period.

The floor was then opened to anyone for items of interest or questions. The business part of the agenda is kept very informal throughout the luncheon.

A last reminder to attendees was the upcoming 250th birthday of our country on July 4, 2026. The United States has started a year of festivities, ceremonies and celebrations. Everyone was asked to share details of events and special observances being held in their towns, churches, and by organizations as they are advertised. In honor of the 250th birthday of America, the CT Chapter will dedicate its June, 2026, luncheon to our great nation.

A very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all. And always, God Bless America.



Mary Ellen Johnson, Bev Liggins, Rosemary Calamo, Sherrie Furtak, Florence Thibodeau



Kate Luciani, CT Chair Annie DeChello, Patty Boudreau



Arlene Lombardi and Agnes Garlick



Lorraine Fiore and Barbara Hagy



SSA Alexandra Sevillano and Retired SA Michael Pappalardo



New Haven FBI SAC Patrick O'Brien



SFSAF CT Chair Michael O'Reilly



SAC O'Brien and SFSAF Chair Michael O'Reilly



AO Judie Driscoll and SAC O'Brien



Cindy Gartland, President, Citizens' Academy Alumni, and JoAnn Benson, FBI Community Outreach Specialist



Front: Tom Calamo, Rick and Patty Barletta, Karen Barletta, Janet Ciarleglio, SSA Sevillano,
Back: Josh Goldberg, Alicia Hannan, Arlene Lombardi, Maria and John Sereno



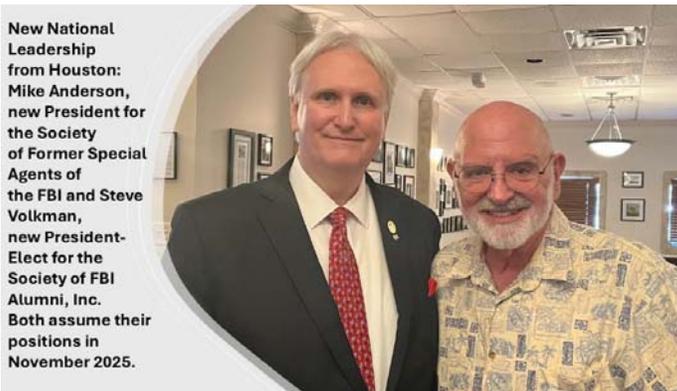
Houston Chapter News from September 2025 Luncheon

The Houston Chapter held its first Chapter Meeting/Luncheon with their colleagues of the Houston Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents (SOCXFBI) of the new fiscal year at Christie's Seafood and Steak Restaurant on Wednesday, September 10th. There was a total of 43 attendees combined between the organizations! It was a great opportunity to catch up with our friends and their activities over the summer. Here are a couple of highlights:

- The Chapter welcomed new members, Eccleston Delroy and Lorena Taracena. Both were present at the luncheon, and we couldn't have been happier to see them. Bobbie Orr also thanked our Society Alumni members for their donations to our Foundation's Scholarship Fund. Bobbie's granddaughter, Renee Landreneau was the recipient of one of the Society's Foundation scholarships!
- Houston Chapter President of the SOCXFBI Phil Sprick recognized:
 - Former Special Agent Mike Anderson's election as the next President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI and Alumni Chapter Chair Steve Volkman's designation as the next President Elect (Vice President) of the Society of FBI Alumni, Inc. Steve Also noted that Mike Mostofi has also accepted the position as Treasurer at the National level and has already begun work in that position. Steve and Mike will both assume these new roles and be sworn in at the Annual Conference being held in Nashville, Tennessee in November. He congratulated all and noted how impressive it is that Houston Chapter members will impact the leadership of both organizations.
 - Noted the 24th Anniversary of the attack on America on September 11, 2001, and called for a moment of silence for the FBI employees who have died as a result of supporting this case.
 - Retired Special Agent Ron Davenport who is a member of the FBI's 9/11 Peer Support Group spoke briefly on the work of that group. The group has approximately 240 members who meet quarterly via video conferences.
- Houston Special Agent in Charge Doug Williams provided an update on what's going on in the Division:
 - A lot of the Division's work has been focused on supporting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations. With the attacks in Iran, the Division was able to rededicate itself to supporting the National Security mission. However, it is slowly edging back to supporting ICE. With the announcement of the ICE hiring blitz, he believes the Division can return to normal operations and investigations across all programs.
 - With the downsizing of FBI Headquarters, Houston has received additional personnel resources of 10 special agents and five professional staff positions. However, because of the current budget cuts, Houston cannot fill 40% of its current vacancies brought on by retirements or resignations. The Bureau will have 2000 special agent vacancies as of September 30th.
 - Addressing a rumor of a change in hiring requirements, he clarified that a pilot program will be initiated in November to "fast track" special agent trainees who can pass the physical fitness test and weapons qualification during the first week of training. Those who are successful will then go through a nine-week program. Those who are unsuccessful will go through the normal program which may be reduced by a week or two from the existing 20-week training. He also emphasized there is no change to the existing requirements for employment with the FBI, i.e., successful background check, Phase 1 and 2 requirements, college degree, etc.
- Our guest speaker was Special Agent Nick Bludworth of Houston's FBI Cyber Task Force. You may recall Nick was the 2025 Special Agent of the Year for our joint chapters inaugural Employee of the Year Program. He focused his presentation on the Chinese cyber threat specifically in Houston to our Nation's infrastructure (transportation, public utilities, defense, etc.) and briefly on the cyber-criminal threat which focus is money. He added that Artificial Intelligence will enable more sophisticated fraud. It's extremely important to ensure all your electronic devices are up to date on all security upgrades your system(s) provide.

There were a few announcements ...

- Each year at the National Conference, our Foundation conducts a raffle. All proceeds raised go to the educational scholarship fund. Last year, our chapter donated a \$50 Home Depot gift card. We have budgeted \$50 dollars for this with the plan to make another donation this year, and we solicit your suggestions for the type of gift card we should purchase. In addition to our Chapter donation, again, individuals can make their own donations. Anyone wishing to purchase a gift card to donate was to let Steve or Mike Mostofi know and they can give you information on where to send it, or you can give it to them as they both plan on attending the conference this year and will deliver it in person.
- Last year the Chapter successfully supported the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. He asked for recommendations for another endeavor we could consider supporting but have heard nothing from the membership. So, unless anyone has any other suggestions, we'll go with Toys for Tots again this year. He will also invite our SOCXFBI Chapter to participate with us. We will capture our donations in photos to be included in the Spring edition of The Informant.
- Chapter membership currently sits at 40 members. Increasing Chapter membership helps us do a little more for our Chapter. Steve will continue reaching out to new retirees each month with a notice he gets from the field office. Steve also encouraged members to reach out to their retired friends or former employees (you only have to have one consecutive year of FBI service to qualify) to join us. He set a goal for us to get another four new members this fiscal year in order make our Chapter stronger and more vibrant. Member efforts in reaching out to potential new members are invaluable. He encouraged all to work as a team to achieve this goal and continue to support each other in our shared mission. He thanked all for their dedication and commitment.



New National Leadership from Houston:
Mike Anderson, new President for the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI and Steve Volkman, new President-Elect for the Society of FBI Alumni, Inc. Both assume their positions in November 2025.



Houston Special Agent in Charge Doug Williams



September 10, 2025. Front Row (L to R): Mike Mostofi, Chill Suh, Vernetta Weary, Yvonne Kmlecl, Loren Feast, Diane Gradassi, Bobbie Orr, and Martha Noukas. Back Row (L to R): Steve Volkman, Lorena Taracena, Frank Agraz, Delroy Eccleston, Andrea Brown, Liz Norwood, Patricia Bean, and Margaret Samuel.

Houston Chapter News from October 2025 Luncheon

The Houston Chapter held its October Chapter Meeting/Luncheon with their colleagues of the Houston Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents (SOCXFBI) at Christie's Seafood and Steak Restaurant on Wednesday, October 8th. Here are a couple of highlights:

- We welcomed former Intelligence Analyst Joan Cipriana as our newest member. Welcome Joan! This brings our membership up to 41 members!
- Special guests in attendance were SAC Doug Williams, Violent Crimes ASAC Ryan Whalen and White Collar ASAC Amanda Culver.
- Chapter Chair Steve Volkman was not in attendance as he continues his mentorship under our National President, Jane Reagan McCarty who brought him with her to San Diego to help that chapter celebrate its 50th Anniversary. Steve briefed the assembled group on the role and activities of our National Foundation.
- Our guest speaker was Jim Mcingvale, known throughout Houston as "Mattress Mack." Jim, a big-hearted, long-time supporter of the FBI Houston Division, is constantly involved in many charitable causes in the Houston area. A highly successful entrepreneur, Jim shared with us why he works such long hours. It's because he loves his job. His wish is that everybody in this country could find a job that they love to do, because, if that were to happen then people will never have to "work" a day in their life – they will feel it's only a joy. And he added, "just like you all love your jobs, and I love mine." He thanked FBI Agents and Professional Staff employees, present and past, for all we do to keep us safe "in this quite often insane world." He also shared his life-time passions to support those who have mental health issues, principally those with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Among the many examples he shared, he talked about his daughter Elizabeth who, thanks to the many years of care at Meninger Clinic, now presently, still with OCD, has earned a PhD from the University of Houston. She is a leading OCD mental healthcare practitioner with nationwide practice. Finally, he shared his avid support of the Houston Astros and detailed his promotions during their World Series runs to include providing free furniture when they won it all in 2022.

There were a few announcements ...

- Our joint meeting November 14, 2025, will be held at the Houston/Conroe FBI Firearms Training Range where the former agents will qualify for their required annual TCOLE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement) certificate. While we cannot shoot with them, Alumni are also invited to join the agents for the usual BBQ lunch which will be served after the scores are tallied and, of course, after all the brass is cleared from the range.
- We will again this year conduct a drive for the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. Last year was our first year doing this and we were very successful in providing 33 items for the cause. Those of us who wish to participate this year should bring a new, unwrapped toy to our meeting on December 14th.
- Membership is important for Chapter success. We set a goal to get four new members this year and with Joan Cipriana now on board, we need three more new members by June 2026 to reach 45 members! Steve encouraged all to invite former colleagues to join us. It's a great way to keep up with and support each other. If you or our colleagues have questions, reach out to either Steve Volkman or Mike Mostofi.

Enjoy the photo!



October 8, 2025 (Left to Right): Mike Mostofi, (Guest Speaker) Jim 'Mattress Mac' Mcingvale, Loren Feast, Yvonne Kmiecik, Momtaz Louka, Lorena Taracena, Bobbie Orr, Joan Cipriana, James Morrison, and Frank Agraz.



Jacksonville Chapter

Tom Farmer, Chair

By: Pam Farmer, Secretary/Treasurer

The Jacksonville Chapter held their summer meeting Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the St. Mary's Seafood Restaurant in Jacksonville, Florida. We had a total of fifteen (15) members and fifteen (15) guests in attendance.

Chair, Tom Farmer, called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. He introduced guests of members and special guests Retired SA's Al Weikel and Marty Wood.

Tom shared information regarding the passing of Craig Marshall, longtime member, on February 15; Rick Fricke, husband of member MaryAnn Fricke, on May 14; and Ree Unterspan, sister of member Karolyn McKoy, on June 8.

The Jacksonville Chapter held their 16 th Annual Food Drive. Tom thanked everyone for their continued participation in bringing food items and donating funds. Food items and money are being donated, to a local foodbank, for distribution to those in need.

Our charity donation, Haven Hospice of Jacksonville, was selected and approved by members for this meeting.

Election of Officers were held for FY26 and FY27. Officers in the current position will remain, as there were no volunteers or quorum.

Members enjoyed lunch and fellowship with each other, remembering the "old days" and new life experiences.

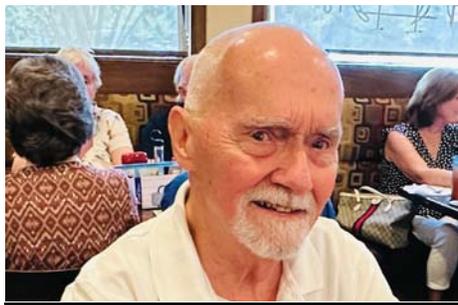
Our next meeting will be held January 10, 2026.



Seated left to right Mike and Dotty Collins



Seated left to right Denise, Bill and Charlotte Turner



Retired SA Marty Wood



Seated left to right Barbara and Russell Snell



Seated left to right Tim and Karen McCrohn



Seated left to right Richard and Martha Medley



Retired SA Al Weikel



Seated left to right Debbie and John Harvey



Seated left to right Lynn and Gene Usher



Seated left to right Lynn and Gene Usher, Sally Keeble, Jane Uren



Seated left to right Fred and Gail Baker



Seated left to right Barbara and Thad Powell



Seated left to right Mike and Diane Mitchell



Seated left to right Thad Powell and Randy Belyew



Seated left to right Pam and Tom Farmer



Seated left to right Connie Craven and Carol Walters



Louisville Chapter - Mary Lou Andres, Chair
Becky Giles, Informant Coordinator

December 14, 2025

The Louisville Chapter met in June, August, October, and December 2025.

Our chapter has been losing members due to members aging out or becoming unable to attend for health reasons. We have averaged about 12 members and guests at all our meetings. Two members lost their husbands in August. Recruitment of new members remains a priority.

Our October meeting was a costume party. We were happy to welcome Louisville Division ASAC Nathan Head and AO Stephanie Penrod. Chapter Co-Chair Paula Hardin entertained us with two games. One involved holding a paper plate on your head and drawing a design one piece at a time, removing your pencil from the drawing each time before hopefully finding the right spot for each new addition to the drawing. It was quite challenging but lots of fun. The other game involved tossing October themed items (ears, fingers, candy corn, rubber duckies and ghosts) into different sized containers to win points. The winners of the toss game were 1st place Nathan Head, 2nd place Bridget Lampton and 3rd place Mary Beth Porter. The winners of the paper plate design contest were 1st place Stephanie Penrod and 2nd place Bridget Lampton. Competition was strong but everyone had lots of fun.

Our Christmas Party was held at Wildwood Country Club on December 3, 2025. We had a buffet lunch followed by a holiday-themed trivia game, candy jar guessing game and Dirty Santa. Gifts were stolen! Some were not happy to give up their gift! Everything was all in fun and everyone went home with prizes and lots of candy!

Chapter Chair Mary Lou Andres and Co-Chair Paula Hardin attended the Society of Former Special Agents Christmas Party on December 12, 2025, at the home of Louisville retired Special Agent and Chair of the Louisville Society Bob Novotny and his wife Amy Hess, retired SAC and former Executive Assistant Director of the FBI's Criminal Cyber Services Branch. It was fun catching up with so many past co-workers. Amy and Bob's dog Shelby enjoyed all the attention!

Our first meeting in 2026 will be February 27. The chapter will be celebrating our 35th Anniversary in April. We're looking forward to celebrating this milestone with an event to honor members past and present.





Members of the Newark Chapter of FBI Alumni were invited to a joint Spring Luncheon by the Central Jersey and Jersey Shore Chapters of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI (SFSAFBI) on June 6, 2025, at River Rock restaurant, Brick, NJ.. Jersey Shore host Bob Bendetson greeted everyone at the scenic waterside restaurant, and introduced Mike Clark, National President, SFSAFBI, who spoke of meetings at headquarters with new Director Kash Patel, and the Society's current membership drive. Alumni members attending were Chair Orsola Burnette, Treasurer Barbara Heuston, and Secretary Marilyn Straley.

Renewal letters were sent in May to 18 members, along with an invitation to lunch June 18 at Ferraro's Pizza & Pub, Middlesex, NJ. Ferraro's was a favorite restaurant near the home of our beloved long-time Chapter Chair Judy Martorano (RIP 9/14/2024). Her husband Joe and daughter Janice joined us for lunch 6/18, along with 4 members and guests: Bobby Kurtz, Tom Moriarty and John Straley.

Friday, Sept. 26, the joint Central Jersey/Jersey Shore, SFSAFBI, again included us to lunch at Tommy's Tavern, Freehold, NJ.. A brief business meeting was held with Alumni members: Chair Orsola, Treasurer Barbara, and Secretary Marilyn. With Orsola planning to attend the national conference in Nashville in Nov., we discussed the possibility of future dissolution of the Newark Chapter because of decline in membership (loss of some member renewals) and lack of attendees to any function, amidst aging/health issues.

We are grateful to the Central Jersey/Jersey Shore Society who again included us for their festive Christmas Luncheon, Friday, Dec. 12, at Huddy's Inn, Colts Neck, NJ.. The historic venue was beautifully decorated, and everyone had a great time renewing old friendships and sharing memories. Alumni members attending were Chapter Chair Orsola and husband Bobby Kurtz, Treasurer Barbara Heuston and daughter Linda, and Secretary Marilyn Straley and husband John, SA ret..

We wish EACH of you a Safe and Blessed Christmas, and a Joyful and Happy New Year!



New Mexico Chapter
By: Carmen Felan, Chair

“And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.” – Oscar Wilde

Fall is in the air in the Land of Enchantment. The days are cooler, the mornings are crisp, and the days are dimming earlier. New Mexico Society of FBI Alumni members congregated on September 17, 2025, on a beautiful, sunny, moderately cool day, for its scheduled luncheon.

Chair Carmen Felan called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone, and a special and amicable greeting was extended to Sandy Moore, who attended our meeting. It was so nice to see her!

Carmen provided the latest news regarding leadership at the Albuquerque Field Office. We have a new Special Agent in Charge (SAC), Justin A. Garris. There are also two new ASACs: Kurt Mininger, who is leading the National Security Branch; and Terrance Frank, who is managing the Intel Branch. ASAC Philip Russell, who was the Acting SAC, is overseeing the Criminal Branch. On the professional staff side of the house, Jessica Sanchez was recently selected as the Administrative Officer. She is no longer serving in an acting capacity.

This is an election year. As such, Carmen articulated that if anyone wanted a change in leadership, this was the opportunity to do so. After a brief discussion, everyone concurred that the current leadership should remain as is.

Secretary Jeanie Ochoa then related that it may be time to find a new venue for our meetings, as our membership has increased. We were over capacity at our last luncheon. She had researched different venues and found that there are locations that charge a fee to use their large rooms (\$500.00 at one venue she contacted). She proffered that the best location would be the Weck's located northeast of the city. The capacity of their conference room is thirty. Members in attendance agreed that it would be best to move to this locale. Jeanie will make contact with a representative to see if they can accommodate our next meeting, scheduled for November 19, 2025, as well as future luncheons. Thanks, Jeanie for your research and always ensuring we have a place to meet.

Carmen communicated that the New Mexico Chapter of Former Agents has recently and robustly grown their membership. Because they are now a larger entity, and due to space limitations at meeting venues, either I or someone in my stead will attend their meetings to represent our alumni group. In reciprocation, we will extend an invitation to their President to attend our meetings, and she will either attend or send someone in her stead. We will continue to hold our joint Christmas luncheon.

Treasurer Pat Velarde provided information regarding membership and our current bank balance. Pat did a wonderful job in meeting the deadline regarding sending our dues to the National Society, as well as a membership list! He also let us know that we received two monetary donations to our Chapter. He dispatched thank you notes to those individuals. Thanks for going above and beyond, Pat!

Carmen articulated that the San Diego Chapter will be celebrating their 50th anniversary! Quite a milestone! Sincere congratulations are extended to their Chapter!

Carmen also gave a brief overview pertinent to the Foundation's role regarding donations, annual scholarships, and the Members in Need Fund. It is a vital part of our organization. She advised that the Foundation is still in need of donations for the upcoming raffle to be held at the November convention. All proceeds go to the educational scholarship fund.

Carmen provided that a change in the National leadership will occur at the beginning of the fiscal year. Michele Salomone will retire after serving six years as the Society President and six years as the Foundation President. Jane Reagan McCarty will become the Foundation President. Carole Lee will be the new Society President. Steve Volkman will be the new President Elect.

Carmen related that Member Bernie Duran's obituary was sent to the National Society and will appear in the next issue of the Informant. She also dispatched a Memorial Notification Form. In doing so, Bernie's wife will receive a Condolence Letter.

Carmen let everyone know that two of our members, who are experiencing health issues, are making good progress. Hopefully, they will be able to join us soon.

The meeting was closed, and fond farewells were exchanged.



New Mexico alumni members met at a new location for our November 19, 2025 meeting, as we had outgrown our previous location. There were nine members, and four guests present on this chilly November day. Everyone enjoyed the new venue. It was bright, cheery, and gave us more “elbow room.”

Guests included Cindy West, a recent FBI retiree, and Ronda Crollett, a previous FBI employee. They were both provided with membership applications. Everyone was pleased to see them, and they were welcomed most amicably. They will be great additions to our alumni group. Tom Farr, a former agent, and Sonya Chavez, the President of the New Mexico Chapter of Former Agents of the FBI, also attended the luncheon.

As Veteran’s Day had been recently observed, a moment of gratitude was taken to honor all veterans for their service and sacrifice. Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude.” — Harry Truman

Chair Felan provided the following updates:

A welcome letter was sent to the new Albuquerque Division Special Agent (SAC) in Charge Justin Garris, via email. SAC Garris responded and related that he looks forward to meeting us all in person once the shutdown subsides. We hope to coordinate a meet and greet soon.

Regarding the shutdown, in collaboration with the New Mexico Chapter of the Former Agents’ leadership, we provided a variety of pastries to the Albuquerque Field Office to show our support and to thank them for their stalwart commitment to duty. SAC Garris was thankful for the backing and representation of both chapters’ retired colleagues.

Our annual Holiday Party will be held at Mimi’s Restaurant, on December 10, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. It will be a joint gathering with the former agents’ group. We will be holding a raffle this year, with a few festive gifts in store!

The Society of Former Agents have scheduled a Community Service Project with the Roadrunner Food Bank in Albuquerque, on the same day as the Holiday Party, December 10, 2025. The volunteer shift will commence at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 10:00 a.m. This will be a joint volunteer objective.

Traditionally, our November’s meeting agenda is to accept donations for our annual charity drive. This year, our alumni group unanimously agreed to donate our contributions in the memory of two of our members who passed away this summer: Bernie C. Duran and Shirley Prince. Donations will be presented to the Roadrunner Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, and Locker 505. Members were more than generous!

We are looking forward to getting together again, soon, for our upcoming Holiday Party.

Our next meeting will be held on January 21, 2026!



Back row - Left to right: Lorraine Farrell, Tom Farr, Ronda Crollett, Sonya Chavez, Sylvia Maruffi, Lisa Baughman, Jeanie Ochoa, Carmen Felan, Cindy West.

Front Row - Left to right: Mary Chavira, Maria Nunez, Sherry Jobe, Debbie Humphrey (standing in red).

December - It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

The New Mexico Chapter held a joint holiday luncheon on December 10, 2025, with the Society of Former Agents. The venue was aglow with candlelight and was festively decorated. Various holiday mugs were raffled off and presented to raffle winners. Good company, goodwill, and holiday cheer, it was an enjoyable afternoon spent with friends!

Earlier that morning a Community Service Project was held at the Roadrunner Food Bank, as scheduled by the former agents. The Roadrunner Food Bank is the largest food bank in the state, and they play a major role in distributing a variety of donated and purchased food items to people struggling to cover all their nutritional needs. Volunteers happily worked a two hour shift.

On December 10th and on December 16th, officers of the New Mexico Chapter of the Society of FBI Alumni presented monetary donations to the Roadrunner Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, and Locker 505: Students Clothing Bank. It was a heartwarming and humbling experience to witness how diligently the charities we donate to work to feed and clothe New Mexico residents and children in need. Representatives from each charity expressed their sincere gratitude.

It has been a good year. Our alumni group continues to enjoy our meetings, the fellowship, and support that it offers. We are ready for a new year!





Loretta Fox, Correspondence Secretary
Sharon Adrian, Chapter Chair

The NOVA Chapter holiday luncheon was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at the Silverado Restaurant in Annandale, Virginia, with 45 members and guests in attendance.

Chapter Chair, Sharon Adrian, welcomed everyone highlighting, by name, member's spouses, other relatives and friends in attendance. An especially warm welcome was given to the Mid-Atlantic Regional (MAR) Vice President (VP), Calvin Walbert, and to new member, Matt Rasnake. Good wishes were relayed by Sharon to all attending from our distant members, Pam and Robert Watson, as well as Kathleen Logan. Recognition was given to those currently dealing with health issues. The Chapter wishes them all the best for a speedy recovery.

Every year the Chapter contributes to various charitable organizations, based on recommendations from members. This year, the Chapter is providing donations of \$100 each to three separate organizations, in addition to its customary \$100 donation to the Society's Foundation. The three organizations are: Capital Area Food Bank, which provides food and a multitude of services to those in need throughout the Metropolitan Area; AARP Wish of a Lifetime, which grants wishes to older Americans such as reuniting them with long-lost relatives, visiting places previously unable to due to financial constraints, helping them achieve a life-long dream once thought unable to do, which in turn promotes healthy and purposeful aging; and the Armed Services YMCA, which is dedicated to helping all military service members and their families facing unique challenges during deployments, providing food assistance, affordable childcare and community programs to bring stability and relief during difficult times.

The Chapter held their election of officers for the 2025-2027 term, which was delayed from June due to the Chapter's 20th anniversary. The current officers were once again nominated. The slate included Chair: Sharon Adrian; Vice-Chair: Janice Berglin; Correspondence Secretary: Loretta Fox; and Treasurer: Sharon Adrian. Calvin Walbert, MAR-VP, administered the oath of office.

After a delicious lunch, the 50/50 raffle was held with each recipient receiving \$40. The winners were: Linda Habenstreit-Schiff, Rosemary Mears and Loretta Fox. Non-monetary gifts were received by: Gloria Herrity, Jewell Boyd, Joyce Lee, Linda Habenstreit-Schiff, Veena Sharma, Donnie Herrity, Nora O'Toole, Stephanie Bowen, Carmella Repaci and Mabel Reynolds.

A big thank you once again given to Carmella Repaci for the treat bags provided to everyone in attendance and to all who provided the numerous gifts for the raffle. Everyone was wished a Happy, Healthy Holiday and New Year.



L - R --Carmella Repaci, Johna Gagnon, Cheryl Davis, Patricia Elder



L-R -- Bob Dunn, Jan Berglin, Rosemary Mears, Matt Rasnake



L-R -- Linda Habenstreit-Schiff, Cathy Makara



L-R -- Donnie & Gloria Herrity, Donna Murphy, Diana & Robin Dinerman



L-R -- Marge Tremblay & Albertha Johnson



L-R -- Mary Bowen, Andy Nocero, Harry Bowen, Stephanie Bowen



L-R -- Melinda Scott, Mary Ann Doggett, Sharon Diefendorf



L-R -- Michael Boyd, Jo & Mabel Reynolds, Jewell Boyd



L-R -- Pat Kaloudis, Jim Bourke, Chris Kaloudis, Joyce Lee



L-R -- Nancy Savage & Dorothy Sauer



L-R -- Nora O'Toole, Sharon Adrian, Cal Walbert



L-R -- Veena Sharma & Lisa Browning



L-R -- Myra Garland, Minnie John, Bernie Lozano



L-R -- Sarah Burkwit & Loretta Fox



The St. Louis Chapter held its October meeting / luncheon at Defiance Winery located in the wine country 45 minutes outside St. Louis. We have been doing this for several years due to its location with beautiful scenery in the fall. Although the weather wasn't nice enough to sit outside and enjoy the beautiful fall colors we were inside where it was comfortable and still having a view of the outside. We had 22 members and guest including several retired agents and we shared many memories and stories.

We held our Christmas luncheon in conjunction with the retired agent's association on December 6rd at Syberg's restaurant. We had a total of forty in attendance including fourteen members along with guests and the retired agents. It was a wonderful afternoon visiting with old friends and enjoying a delicious lunch.

We made tentative reservations for our 2026 luncheons which are held every other month. We also approve a Christmas donation to the Backstoppers, a local organization that assists families when law enforcement officers or firefighters are killed or wounded in the line of duty.

As we close out another year we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Safe travels and good health to all in 2026.



Day at the winery



Christmas group photo



Group members



Christmas group photo



By: Lynn Robertson, Chair

On 7/26/25 our annual picnic was once again hosted by Alumni member Woodeen Zeisse and her husband, Dennis. Among the attendees were two special guests – former Milwaukee Division employee Bernie Mycynek from Tucson, Arizona, and Bill Martin, husband of Sue Martin. Sue is dearly missed as a long-time Chapter President, past National Alumni President, and a beloved friend. Regarding Bernie, she had stopped to ask directions to the Zeisse residence due to construction everywhere, and it just happened to be Dennis Zeisse's cousin who helped her get to the picnic. Small world!

Chair Lynn Robertson and Treasurer Margaret Coonan held a meeting before everyone enjoyed laughter, stories, and tasty food. The following topics were discussed:

Margaret Coonan gave a treasury report, and dues were collected by her, along with an additional \$1 from each attendee to be sent to the Foundation, as is our usual practice at all of our functions. Margaret specifically wanted to thank those who have generously given more than the required \$35.00 for dues, as the extra money goes into our Chapter treasury and is very much appreciated. Also, it was agreed upon to use treasury money to purchase two \$100 gift cards, namely Home Depot and Amazon, for the upcoming National Convention raffle in November. It was also mentioned that Margaret Coonan, her husband, Tom, and Chapter Recording Secretary Kathy Eckstein will be attending this Convention in Nashville, TN and will represent our Chapter.

Besides being our Chapter Treasurer, Margaret is also the Regional Representative for the Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland, and Wisconsin Chapters. She has agreed to serve another term; however, it was mentioned that if any other Chapter member is interested in this position after her next term ends, to please feel free to contact Margaret in this regard.

Chair Lynn Robertson advised that our Chapter received thank you notes from the Honor Flight organization in regard to our donations in memory of retired Agent Dick Carr and Stanley Raclaw, husband of Chapter member Penny Raclaw. It was also mentioned that Bernie Mycynek (mentioned above) contributed a \$300 check to the Foundation (\$200 for the Member-in-Need Fund and \$100 for the General Fund). This donation was in memory of Chapter members Sue Martin and Bonnie Chalonder. We are very grateful for her generosity. Everyone raised their glasses to toast these two special women, whom we miss very much.

Our Fall meeting/luncheon will be held in October, and once again there will be beautiful theme baskets to raffle off, with the funds collected to be donated to a chosen charity. Four picnic attendees volunteered to provide the baskets, one being Chapter

Chair Lynn Robertson, whose husband quickly volunteered her to provide one of the raffle items! In regard to our get-togethers during the year, we are always looking for new members, and the Madison, WI retired Agent group keeps our Recording Secretary apprised of their Chapter events and any additions to their group. In fact, several members of their group have joined our Chapter and have attended some functions in the past.

Before we sat down to eat, member Dottie Korpela said a prayer, which we think is worthwhile to include here:

As we gather together with our FBI family today, we thank you God for all your blessings and pray for good health, happiness, and safety along the way. Bless all those less fortunate. May you give them hope to face each new day. Guide government officials to do your work in the best way possible for all. A great big thank you to our hosts, Woodeen and Dennis Zeisse. Bless them for their friendship and bless this delicious meal before us. Amen.

After everyone had their fill of great food, it was time for Bernie Mycynek to conduct a lively auction of items she brought with her from Tucson, along with some other items contributed by Bill Martin. The men really get involved in the bidding, and total amount collected was \$350, which monies will be donated to the chosen charity this year, the Fisher House. This organization provides free temporary housing for family of Veterans receiving care at VA medical centers.

All in all, the picnic was a great day to get together with fellow retirees as it is so important to maintain our long-time friendships and keep our Chapter intact.

Our Fall luncheon was held on 10/23/25 at the Open Flame Restaurant. A short meeting was presided over by Chair Lynn Robertson, with the following items discussed:

Treasurer Margaret Coonan gave a report regarding our Chapter's current bank balance, and as usual, \$1 was also collected from each attendee to be sent to the Foundation's Education Fund. In that regard, Margaret mentioned she received a thank you from the Foundation conveying how much our continuous monetary contributions are appreciated by them. She also advised a thank you note was received from the Fisher House regarding our previous \$350 charitable donation to them.

Recently contact was made with several of our members, who due to medical issues, etc. cannot easily attend our get-togethers, but who are still dues paying members of our Chapter. We will periodically reach out to those members we have not seen in a while to find out if our Chapter can help in any way.

Looking ahead to the 25th anniversary of our Chapter in the Fall of next year, it was suggested a committee be formed to help with planning the celebration. When we gather for our Spring

luncheon, we will again discuss this at length. Meanwhile, everyone was advised to keep this in mind so we will have suggestions to take into consideration when we meet in Spring and hopefully be able to have enough participants to make this a wonderful celebration of our Chapter.

The Chapter is also looking for suggestions on how to keep in touch with the local FBI office to let them know what our Chapter is all about and how to contact us. Hopefully in the future we will be able to add new members upon their retirement or have them join as Associates.

After the conclusion of the meeting and a delicious lunch, a raffle was held of four beautiful baskets, donated by members Mary Sather, Sandy Bowman, Lynn Robertsoon, and Dottie Korpela. A total of \$65 was received from this raffle, and it was decided the money would be donated to the All Saints Lutheran Church food pantry as there is a dire need these days to help those struggling to put food on their table. Our Treasurer is a member of this Church, and she knows it will be greatly appreciated by them.

The National Alumni Convention was held in Nashville, TN from 11/12-16/25. As previously mentioned in this article, the Wisconsin Chapter was represented by Treasurer and North Central Representative Margaret Coonan, her husband, Tom, and Chapter Recording Secretary Kathy Eckstein. In addition to the two gift cards donated to the raffle from Wisconsin, the Chapter also donated a beautiful quilt made by Margaret's friend.

During the Chapter meeting held during the Convention, various ways to contact local FBI offices were discussed by the various Chapter representatives. Wisconsin is adopting one of those suggestions, namely sending a letter on behalf of our Chapter to the newly appointed Special Agent in Charge to introduce ourselves and keep in touch with the office.

The Convention is well worth attending to connect with former co-workers, meet new people, participate in very interesting seminars, and be able to sightsee in a new city every year.

May everyone have a blessed Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.



Picnic guest Bernie Mycnek from Tucson displaying one of the raffle items she brought with her



Left to right - Ray Korpela, Mark Sather, Bernie Mycnek, and Lynn Robertson at picnic



Back row Left to right - Dottie Korpela, Margaret Coonan, Donna Roemer, Bernie Mycnek, Lynn Robertson, Mary Sather; Front row Left to right - Woodeen Zeisse, Sandy Bowman



Raffle baskets at our Fall luncheon



Luncheon: starting left clockwise - Mary Sather, Margaret Coonan, Judy Neureuther, Dottie Korpela, Woodeen Zeisse, Lynn Robertson, Dave Bowman, Sandy Bowman, Kathy Eckstein.



Luncheon: left to right - Mary Sather, Margaret Coonan, Judy Neureuther, Dottie Korpela



Luncheon: left to right - Mary Sather, Margaret Coonan, Judy Neureuther, Dottie Korpela



Picnic: (seated) Lynn Robertson with Bernie Mycnek.



Picnic: left to right - Terry Robertson, Dennis Zeisse

Tribute to Paul Robert “Bob” Wehr



Paul Robert “Bob” Wehr, 88, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2025, in Pasadena, MD. He spent the last 3 years living at Brightview Senior Living in Annapolis, MD. Bob spent his early years in Shamokin, PA. After graduating from high school in 1954, he moved to Washington, DC to begin his career at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Bob worked first in the Identification Division and then moved to the Administrative Division where he worked night shift on the Security Patrol. During the day, he worked for SAMBA (Special Agents Mutual Benefits Association). In 1962, Bob received permission from J. Edgar Hoover to resign from the FBI and become General Manager for SAMBA (Special Agents Mutual Benefits Association). During that time, he graduated from Benjamin Franklin University with an ABA degree in Accounting. After many successful years, Bob retired from SAMBA in 1990.

He began working for the Boy Scouts of America (National Capital Area Council) and retired from BSA after 12 years. Bob’s greatest passion was the Boy Scouts of America. He became active as a Scoutmaster for Troop 403 in Bowie, MD when his son Paul became a Scout. When Paul received his Eagle, Bob continued to be an active Scouter for the rest of his life. Through Scouting he learned a new skill in teaching Scouts how to scuba dive, and a new hobby began. Bob completed 100 dives in various locations from the Caribbean to Hawaii.

Bob was an active member of the Society of FBI Alumni, Inc. He held many positions with the Society and was a founding member of the Northern Virginia chapter of the Society. Publishing “The Informant” for 4 years was one of his biggest achievements. Retiring to Frederick, MD in 2005, Bob was very active serving on the Worman’s Mill Conservancy and the Worman’s Mill Civic Association. A few qualities that Bob most admired were common sense, adaptability, empathy, honesty, and volunteering. He was truly a giving and compassionate man, always trying to be kind and helpful to everyone. Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Judith, whom he married on August 24, 1991; his brother, Harry Wehr; his sister, Jeannie Szcpekowski; as well as his sons, Paul H. Wehr and Mark R. Wehr; and his daughter, Barbara Mervine as well as two stepdaughters, Pamela A. Golden and Mindy Palleija Siegel. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Evelyn Gauntlett, Ainsley Mervine, Thomas Golden, Jessie Kohout, Sarah Kirasack, Tyler Golden, Donovan Wehr, and one great-grandson, Caspian Gauntlett.

Thank you Bob for your unwavering support and service to the Society of FBI Alumni. R.I.P.

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VIGGIANI, Chicago Chapter

Sherri S. Viggiani passed away at the age of 61 on July 30, 2025. She was born on December 2, 1963 to the late Perry Viggiani and the late Sandra Viggiani. Sherri worked for the FBI as an Investigative Analyst for many years and retired in She and her dear friend Dawn Shoemaker enjoyed going to Four Winds Casino together. They watched out for each other. Beloved sister to Alan (Diane), and Michael (Christine); Loving aunt to Tiffany, Tracy, Phillip (Nicki), Anthony (Maci), Alexandra (Eddie) Moore, and Nikki; Great Aunt of Nicholas, Christopher, Emily, Jordan, Francesca, Luca, Oliva, Matthew, Scarlett and Lorcan.



DURAN, New Mexico Chapter

Bernie Clarence Duran, Jr, 70, of Bernalillo, New Mexico, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 9, 2025, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

He is preceded in death by his father, Bernabe Duran, as well as other extended family. He is survived by his wife, Juanita; son, Robert Scott and wife Kryss; grandsons, Andrew (Hope) and Zachary; as well as his mother, Viola; sister, Linda; brother, Clifford (Judy); brother, Ronald (Juliet); sister, Donna (Johnathan); and many nieces/nephews, aunts/uncles, cousins, and friends.

Bernie was born and raised in Placitas, NM and spent his adult years close by in Bernalillo. He was a loving son, brother, uncle, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He cherished these roles and excelled in each. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

He had great pride in his fulfilling and exciting career with the FBI, spanning more than three decades. Upon retirement, he enjoyed visiting family, friends and working in his yard and garden. He continued his professional connections as the Treasurer of the New Mexico Society of FBI Alumni. He enjoyed hosting parties with family/friends, good food, fun, music and dancing. From his infectious laugh to all-encompassing friendship, to know him was to love him.

His grandsons were his pride and joy; his love for them was more than anyone could imagine. He spent much of his free time throughout the years watching them play baseball, and other sports. Regardless of the outcome, he was always there to provide love and support. Rest easy Bernie your job here is done.



KNEBEL, NCA (formerly Phoenix Chapter Chair & Western RVP)

Marie was born on December 11, 1947, in Silver City, New Mexico. She graduated from Cobre High School in 1965 and soon after moved to Washington, D.C., where she began her career at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Not long after, she transferred to the Phoenix office, where she trained as a paralegal specialist in forfeiture.

While working at the FBI, Maria met her husband, William, and together they raised their family on Palm Lane in downtown Phoenix. Their home quickly became a gathering place for neighbors, family, and friends, always filled with delicious home-cooked meals and lively conversation.

Marie was deeply devoted to her daughters. She volunteered often at their schools and at their family parish, St. Mary's Basilica. After 30 years of service, she retired from the FBI in 2008. She went on to found the Phoenix chapter of The Society of Former

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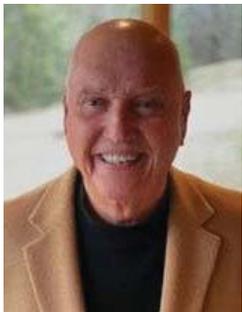
Women of the FBI (later renamed The Society of FBI Alumni) and chaired the group for many years. As part of the Society of FBI Alumni she served as the Phoenix Chair and served nationally as the Regional Vice President for the Western Region. Rest in Peace Marie and thank you for your dedication to our Society.

A gifted seamstress and quilter, Marie never met a craft she couldn't master—from crocheting to card making. After retirement, she continued her passion for service by volunteering with the Questers, researching and preserving Arizona history.

Marie found joy in walking her beloved dog, Oscar, around the neighborhood and catching up with neighbors on her block. She treasured her time traveling to visit her daughters and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William J. Knebel, and her mother, Carmen G. Barajas.

Maria is survived by her daughters, Carmen Marci Buchanan and Micaela “Kayla” Knebel; and her four grandchildren: Emilia Buchanan, William Buchanan, Luna Marie Punsal, and Arsenio Joseph Punsal.



BAKER, East Tennessee

A. Wayne Baker was born September 19, 1939, in Powder Springs, TN, to Coy William Baker and Julia Mae Baker. The family moved to the “Burlington” area of Knoxville, where Wayne spent his early years. He enjoyed little league, fishing, and eating watermelon. He graduated from Holston High School, where he met and later married his high school sweetheart, Barbara (Bobbie) Easterday. Wayne went to East Tennessee State University, where he obtained his Bachelor's in both Political Science and Psychology. He would later go on to also earn a graduate degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Tennessee. During undergrad, he went home to Knoxville on the weekends, where he worked on the Southern Pacific Railroad. Wayne and Barbara also started a family during this time. Upon finishing his undergraduate studies, Wayne taught college courses and sold insurance before starting his impressive career in the FBI on March 17, 1969. The FBI sent Wayne and his family to Omaha, NE, for his first assignment as a Special Agent. A year later, they headed further west to San Francisco, CA, due to the increasing need for more Special Agents in the California field offices. Wayne worked on many bank robberies, in addition to several high-profile cases, such as the Patty Hearst kidnapping case, as well as one of the convictions of longtime Hells Angels President Sonny Barger. He also did several 3-month stints of teaching new Agents at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. Eventually, Wayne found himself moving into undercover work with the FBI. He became the lead agent in a large undercover sting operation concerning white-collar crime in Gadsden, AL, called “Gadrip” from 1981–1982, netting 25 suspects and a “Big Fish” featured in several national publications. While in California, Wayne made many longtime friends and had many adventures with his family exploring the area, enjoying trips to Yosemite, Carmel, Twain Harte, Tahoe, and hiking Mt. Diablo. Wayne liked to stay active; he ran, played basketball, racquetball, and some softball. Wayne purchased a commercial fishing boat with a fellow agent and took his kids fishing. He was also a private pilot and was proud to share that with his family. Quite often, he would have them down at the hangar to help wash the plane. He also loved to go to air races, something he continued to enjoy throughout life with his family. Wayne also liked to ride motorcycles and made several trips with family. He circled back to this hobby throughout life. Wayne returned to his hometown of Knoxville, TN, to finish out his FBI career, where he continued to be a valued undercover agent working sting operations in the Gatlinburg area. He also obtained his pilot instrument rating to fly surveillance flights. He was an instrumental player in the FBI's Drug Demand Reduction program, aiming to steer children away from drugs. Towards the end of his FBI career, Wayne was on the FBI task force for the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995. Shortly after retiring from the FBI, Wayne founded and ran a successful private investigator business in the Knoxville area for many years. Wayne continued to stay active in retirement, playing Senior Olympic Basketball with the same teammates until his passing. He loved cruises and exploring many different countries. Wayne also loved the beach and spent many fun family times on 30A at Seagrave Beach, FL. He was an avid hunter

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and enjoyed many hunting trips with friends at what they deemed “The Ponderosa.” Wayne elevated his interest in boating in retirement, earning his Captain’s license alongside his neighbor and creating countless cherished memories of boating with his family. He tried his hand at pickleball and continued regular workouts at his gym in Maryville. True to Tennessee spirit, he spent many hours volunteering with his friends at UT Hospital, the senior center, and hospice. Also in retirement, Wayne dabbled in gardening, something he had done periodically throughout his life. He was happy to share his produce, always organic, staying true to his belief in health. Another lifelong passion of Wayne’s was trains. He took many excursions through different states, admiring the scenery, as well as local trips with family. Wayne was definitely “One of a Kind.” He was steadfast in his beliefs, an adventurer, and inquisitive till the end. Wayne’s legacy of service, adventure, and love for his family will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him. Wayne has been a member of the East Tennessee Chapter since 2017. Rest in Peace Wayne – tend that garden in heaven.



WICKER, Boston Chapter

Margaret (Noyes) Wicker, 87, of Longs (Myrtle Beach), SC, passed away on Thursday, August 21, 2025. Margaret went by Peggy for all of those who knew her.

Formerly of Charlestown, MA, Springfield, VA, and Hudson, MA, Peggy was born in Boston, MA on November 10, 1937, at 11:55 p.m.--just five minutes shy of Veterans/Armistice Day--to Margaret I. Noyes of Charlestown, MA. The move to Longs, SC was precipitated by a record-breaking snowstorm in 2006.

Peggy retired from the FBI Boston Field Office in March 2001 and was asked to return for two more years after September 11th. While living in Virginia, Peggy volunteered for the National Park Service, the White House, and learned sign language to help the hearing impaired. Peggy was active in Our Lady

Star of the Sea Ladies Guild and volunteered in the gift shop. Peggy’s hobbies included dancing, especially Zumba, traveling, painting, reading, and politics.

Peggy and her late husband, Jim, loved to travel which included all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and South America. One of Peggy’s favorite trips was Alaska, where they flew in several helicopters, seaplanes (viewing the bears eating salmon), riding and driving dog sleds on top of a glacier, and flying in a Piper Cub, glider, and balloons. The only ride Peggy did not have the opportunity to experience was to go up in a blimp. Believe us! If she had the opportunity, Peggy would have done it.

Peggy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and dedicated her life to her family. Peggy and her late husband Jim were married for 66 years. She is survived by her six children, James, David (Debra), John, Kevin (Angelo), William, and Patricia, grandchildren; David Jr. (Abby), Natalia (Benjamin), Javier (Lorena), Phillip, Patrick (Darren), Daniel, Ryan, Brendan, Joseph, and Denise (Jacob), along with many loving great-grandchildren and many cousins. Rest in Peace Margaret and thank you for your service.



CAUZ, Newark Chapter

Frances A. Cauz was born on September 21, 1935, in Elizabeth NJ to Francisco and Concepción Artes, who immigrated from Spain to America in 1920. At home, Frances spoke Spanish and learned English as a kindergartener; she fluently and impeccably spoke read and wrote in Spanish and English throughout her life. In 1953, Frances graduated Salutatorian from Battin High School in Elizabeth, NJ. Bright, intellectually curious, and possessing a tirelessly strong work ethic, she began her career as a stenographer and thereafter a secretary with the FBI in Newark, N.J. Upon leaving the FBI to start her family, she joined the Society of FBI Alumni where she remained a contributing member until her death.

She was married to her beloved husband Frank in 1959, and together they enjoyed almost 53 years of marriage until his death in 2012. For nearly 40 years Frances and Frank made their home and raised their family in Cranford, NJ, until 1999, when they moved to Chester, N.J. In 2012, Frances moved to Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge New Jersey. Throughout

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her children's elementary and junior high school years, Frances volunteered extensively with the Parent Teacher Association and her children's recreational organizations while she worked from home as a transcriber for US District Court of New Jersey court reporters. When not caring for her husband, children, and parents, working, or volunteering, Frances enjoyed arts and crafts, sewing, cooking and baking, refinishing furniture, listening to music on the radio, and reading. Frances later went on to be a legal secretary at Lerner, David, Littenberg, Krumholz & Mentlik until her retirement in 1999. Embracing retirement, Frances and Frank delighted in their children and grandchildren – babysitting, hosting sleepovers, and cheering them on at every milestone and activity. When not at home in Chester, they enjoyed river cruises throughout the United States and Europe; and annually vacationed in Ogunquit, Maine.

In Cranford, Frances and her family were parishioners at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. In Chester, Frances and Frank were parishioners at St. Lawrence Church where Frances volunteered administratively with weekly collections and by sewing baptismal gowns. And while residing at Fellowship, she attended Mass and received Communion through St. James Church. Within Fellowship's independent living community Frances enjoyed dear friendships, volunteering administratively collating monthly newsletters, and placing them in residents' mailboxes, working the register at Fellowship's store, and dispensing water daily to residents in the Health Center. Frances will be remembered as a bright and gracious lady, a generously loving and devoted daughter, wife, sister-in-law, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend.

Frances' light is carried within the grateful hearts of her children Laura C. Laurita and her husband James of Mendham, NJ, and Martin A. Cauz and his wife Kathleen of Kinnelon, NJ; and her adored and cherished grandchildren: Anne Catherine and Mary Caroline Laurita, Benjamin A. and Daniel J. Cauz, Mary's husband Karl Sarier, and Anne's fiancé Sam Pastoriza. Frances is survived by her sister-in-law, Angeles C. Lopez of Sharon M.A., as well as nieces and nephews and their families.

Frances has been a member of the Newark Chapter of the Society of FBI Alumni for many years and will be dearly missed. Rest in Peace Frances.



WILLIAMS, NCA (Clermont, FL)

Joan Scott Williams was born November 1945 and passed away on May 29, 2025. Joan served 42 years of dedicated service. She retired January 3, 2007.

Joan began her distinguished career as a stenographer in the Newark Office. She made history as the first Black woman hired in a non-custodial position at that location. In 1970 she transferred to the New York Office and three years later returned to Newark. Beginning in 1982, Joan accepted international assignments with Legat Offices in Montevideo, Uruguay, Bern, Switzerland and Madrid. She returned to Washington, DC in October 1993 to serve at FBI Headquarters in the Policy, Administrative and Liaison

Branch of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division. Never one to stop learning, Joan furthered her education at Strayer University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, graduating magna cum laude in 2004.

On May 29, 2025, God called His daughter home, welcoming her into eternal peace after a life of purpose, service and love. Joan lived a vibrant and meaningful life. She enjoyed traveling the globe, attending the theater, watching movies, walking and volunteering. She stayed connected with her colleagues and friends both locally and abroad and was an avid collector of Lladro porcelain figurines. She also loved experimenting with new recipes and testing them out on family and friends. She is survived by 5 siblings, multiple nieces and nephews, and five grandnieces and grandnephews. She is also survived by numerous colleagues and friends.

There are so many stories to be told, each one a testament to her grace, her strength, her dedication, her love for family and friends, and the indelible mark she left on every life she touched. Joan has been a member of the Society of FBI Alumni since 2014. Rest in Peace Joan. Thank you for your service.

Memoriam Relatives



JOHN L. HOGAN

John L. Hogan of Chicago passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on August 4, 2025, at the age of 89. He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Virginia (née Gribbon), his children Virginia (Rusty) Wright, Mary Ellen (Ken) Soch, Maureen (Rob) Burnie, Gerard (Karen) Hogan, and Eileen (Frank) Paparone. He was a loving grandfather of eleven and great-grandfather of three. John was born on September 1, 1935, in New York and grew up on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx with his parents William and Matilda, and siblings Tillie, Mary, Tessie, and Bill. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and graduated from St. Peter's College. John had an illustrious 30-year career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, starting as a mail clerk in the NY office and rising to become an agent in DC, Charlotte, Chicago, Special

Agent in Charge of the New Rochelle and Philadelphia Offices before being appointed Assistant Director In Charge of the New York Office, where he concluded his public service career. He continued his professional journey as Vice President of Corporate Security with Kraft Foods and Philip Morris International. In retirement, John found pleasure in volunteering at the Lincoln Park Zoo, especially enjoying sharing the small animals with children visiting the Farm in the Zoo.

John was known for his faith in God, dedication to Country and love of Family and Friends. He loved his Cubbies and cherished attending many games and celebrating the World Series win in 2016. John never met a cookie or donut he didn't like! His greatest joy came from spending time with Virginia and the family they built. RIP Mr. Hogan. He is the loving father of FBI Alumni Chicago Chapter member Virginia (Ginny) Wright.



DENNIS J. HAUSER

Dennis P. Hauser, 75, of Clarence Center, NY passed away on January 1, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. He was completely devoted to his family, and his warm heart and generosity will be remembered and missed by all who were lucky enough to know him. Survived by his lifelong love and wife of 55 years, Barbara (Cichy); daughters Heather Brown (Steven) and Megan (Griffin); and his adored grandson, Dr. Jonas Hauser. Dennis also leaves behind his older siblings, James Hauser and Lorelee Piotrowski. He worked in Information Security at M & T Bank for more than 40 years and spent his well-earned retirement traveling with Barbara and gardening with his beloved Goldendoodle, Sadie. The family would like to thank the staff at the VNA for their compassionate and loving support of Dennis while in their care. Dennis is

the loving husband of Barbara Hauser, member of the Buffalo Chapter.



JAMES VADEN

James M. Vaden of Cambridge passed away on April 4, 2025, surrounded by his loving family at the age of 75. Devoted husband of Susan (Schaefer) Vaden, a member of the Society of FBI Alumni Boston Chapter. He is the loving father of Andrea Vaden and Max Vaden. Rest in Peace.

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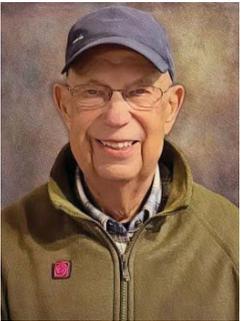


MELVIN ALFORD

Melvin H. Alford, age 81, of Sellersburg, Indiana, returned to his eternal rest and passed away peacefully at home on the evening of August 7, 2025, in the loving presence of family.

Melvin was the epitome of the head of the family, and he handled the different nuances of that role spectacularly. From guiding the spiritual life of his family, disciplining when necessary, giving advice on all things from autos, home repairs, and financial decisions to making sure that fun was always a part of it by being a traveling partner for vacations, days on the lake, campfires, gravy making for huge family breakfasts, and storytelling, Melvin made every gathering special.

Grandpa Mel is a title he wore proudly, and his grandchildren were absolutely lights in his life. He loved going to their activities, whether that be church events, school plays, or whatever sport was in season - his favorite team was always whichever one his grandchildren were playing at the time. Melvin is survived by his beloved wife, Brenda Alford, a member of the Society of FBI Alumni Louisville Chapter; children, Becky Kears, Michael (Diane) Alford, Phillip (Lottie) Wathen, Suzanne (Jeremy) Jefferson, Karen (Clayton) Hattabaugh, and Steven (Tiffany) Wathen; 16 Grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; siblings, Stoy Alford, Roger (Jocelyn) Alford, Juanita (Billy) Lawrence, and Larry (Bonnie) Alford. Rest in Peace



WARREN SCHAD

Warren "Parke" Schad Sr., age 81, of Clarksville, Indiana passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. Warren was born in New Albany, Indiana on February 11, 1944, to the late William H. Schad and Opal Amy Schad. He was a graduate of New Albany High School and Louisville Technical School. Parke was a retired purchasing agent with The Merrick Company and was a member of Southeast Christian Church. He was a founding member of the Ohio Valley Bass Fishing Club and enjoyed golfing, fishing and spending time with family.

Parke was survived by his wife, Shannon Schad, member of the Society of FBI Alumni Louisville Chapter; two children, Parke Schad Jr. (Melanie) and Kim Dues (David); grandchildren, Ian Schad, Aidan

Schad, Avery Schad, Abigail Dues, Samantha Dues, Trevor Grady, Evan Grady and Bryce Grady; a great grandson, Jaxon Grady. Rest in Peace



MARY BEN ROLAND

Mary Ben Roland was born in Penfield, Georgia on September 9, 1934 to the late Bertha and John Grimes. Mary had seven siblings – 3 sisters and 3 brothers who preceded her in death. Her youngest brother, John Grimes, is still with us.

Mary only had a 5th grade education, but she could definitely count money. Mary accepted Christ at a young age & was very active in church. During her 91 years of life, she was a member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Benson, singing in the choir & a member at Normal Park Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Vonadoor as the Pastor's Nurse. After the death of Pastor

Vonadoor, she became a member of Sweet Holy Spirit, under the leadership of Bishop Larry D. Trotter, where she was a proud and faithful member of the bench crew.

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Mary married Fleming Roland (who preceded her in death) May 1952 and to this union they had 8 children – 3 sons (Michael, Anthony, & Robert who preceded her in death) and 5 daughters.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory daughters, Mary Ann, Catherine (Daryle), Alene (Willie), Betty and Lisa (Andre). Brother, John (Lauren), 28 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, 12 great great grand children and her Godchildren, the Townsend family along with a host of relatives and friends.

Mary is the beloved mother of Alene Roland, a Society member of the Chicago Chapter.

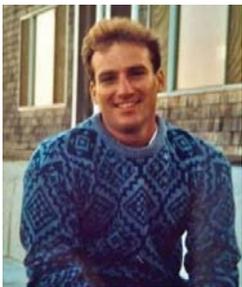


EDWARD BASQUILL

Edward P. Basquill, 69, passed away peacefully with family by his side on October 1st in Boca Raton, FL after a brief illness. Ed was born in New Haven, on February 24, 1956, to Francis X. and Lois Baker Basquill. He graduated from Eli Whitney High School and worked as an electrician at the Hospital of St. Raphael. Soon thereafter, Ed started his own business, Astra Services, and moved to Florida in 1986. He enjoyed working in the national telecommunications market for over two decades before his retirement in 2006.

Ed is survived by his sons Kevin (Kaitlin) and Edward (Camyla), sisters Sharon (David) Furtak and Patricia (Timothy) Pickering; brother Michael and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Ed's sister Sharon Furtak is a member of the Society's Connecticut Chapter.

Ed enjoyed boating, fast cars, horses, country music and a good steak. Rest in Eternal Peace.



ERIC GANNON

Eric Gannon, 63, of North Haven, passed away on September 12, 2025, from frontotemporal dementia and progressive supranuclear palsy. Eric was an outdoorsman at heart with a love of hiking, camping out under the stars and fishing whether at a local pond or on a deep-sea fishing boat. His curiosity of the natural world led him to become a certified scuba diver making numerous dives along the New England coast. An avid skier he spent countless hours every winter traversing diamond trails at various ski slopes. A carpenter and welder by trade, he worked with a variety of builders over several decades. Eric won the genetic lottery accompanied by an easy charm. He reminisced often about days gone by and had a fondness for the social aspect of a pub where he felt the freedom to commiserate with other patrons about life, love and loss. Those tavern exchanges would sometimes lead to a brief brawl in the parking lot, always making for a good story the next day over breakfast when asked about a cut or bruise. Eric's journey of sobriety and finding faith became his proudest era in the latter part of his life. The strength of his Irish American family ties was one of fierce resilience, deep loyalty and a sense of humor that he will be remembered for most.

He is survived by his five siblings: Daniel Gannon, Tracey Rogers, Maureen DeRose, Mary Catherine Degnan and Ann Sivori. Ann is a member of the Society Connecticut Chapter.

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